

TOWNSHIP OF ELSINBORO

COUNTY OF SALEM

REPORT OF AUDIT

DECEMBER 31, 2022

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COUNTY OF SALEM
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TOWNSHIP OF ELSINBORO

COUNTY OF SALEM

PART I

ROSTER OF OFFICIALS IN OFFICE AND SURETY BONDS

REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

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>
Sean Elwell	Mayor	\$ 5,000 (1)
Joseph McAllister	Deputy Mayor	5,000 (1)
Douglas Hogate	Committeeman	5,000 (1)
Elizabeth Wallender	Tax Collector and Tax Search Officer	1,000,000
Ida Forrest	Deputy Collector	\$1,000 Deductible
John Willadsen	Chief Financial Officer	25,000 (A)
Marty Uzdanovics	Township Clerk, Officer for Municipal Improvement Searches and Registrar of Vital Statistics	5,000 (1)
Marie Procacci	Assessor	
Andy Hoglen	Construction Code Official and Zoning Officer	5,000 (1)
Niki Arbittier	Solicitor	
Michel Khairzada	Emergency Management Coordinator	
George May	Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	
Albert Fralinger, Jr.	Engineer	
Ned Shimp, Jr.	Dog License Registrar	5,000 (1)

(A) Henry D. Young Inc. Insurance Agency
(1) Public Employee Dishonesty Bond

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Township Committee
Township of Elsinboro
County of Salem
Salem, New Jersey 08079

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance - regulatory basis of the various funds of the Township of Elsinboro, in the County of Salem, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and 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, statement of expenditures - regulatory basis, and statement of general fixed asset group of accounts - regulatory basis for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance - regulatory basis of the various funds of the Township of Elsinboro, in the County of Salem, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the results of its operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis of such funds for the years then ended, and the revenues - regulatory basis and expenditures - regulatory basis of the various funds, and general fixed asset group of accounts - regulatory basis, for the year ended December 31, 2022, in conformity with accounting principles and practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, as described in note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township of Elsinboro, in the County of Salem, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, or the results of its operations and changes in fund balance for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Township on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the State of New Jersey.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (Cont'd)

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.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Cont'd)

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 Township's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplemental statements and schedules presented for the various funds, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying supplemental statements and schedules presented for the various funds are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare 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 accompanying supplemental statements and schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 28, 2023, on our consideration of the Township of Elsinboro's, in the County of Salem, State of New Jersey, internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. The report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Township of Elsinboro's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Registered Municipal Accountant
June 28, 2023

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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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Township Committee
Township of Elsinboro
County of Salem
Salem, New Jersey 08079

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in **Government Auditing Standards** issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the financial statements prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey of the Township of Elsinboro, County of Salem, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 28, 2023. Our report disclosed that, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Township of Elsinboro's financial statements were not prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, but were prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Township of Elsinboro's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine our auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township of Elsinboro's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township of Elsinboro'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 combination of significant deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or combination of control 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 over financial reporting 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 significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any material deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

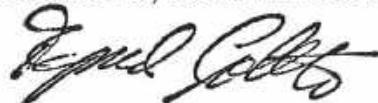
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township of Elsinboro's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and 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** and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

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 Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with **Government Auditing Standards** and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

NIGHTLINGER, COLAVITA & VOLPA, P.A.



Raymond Colavita, C.P.A.
Registered Municipal Accountant
June 28, 2023

CURRENT FUND

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

REGULATORY BASIS

	Ref.	Balance December 31, 2022	Balance December 31, 2021
ASSETS			
Regular Fund:			
Cash - Chief Financial Officer	A-4	\$ 1,836,714.83	\$ 1,658,330.61
		<u>1,836,714.83</u>	<u>1,658,330.61</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:			
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-6	38,558.65	51,132.44
Tax Title Liens Receivable	A-7	157,780.99	136,190.20
Property Acquired for Taxes -			
Assessed Valuation	A-9	131,400.00	131,400.00
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-10	228.08	156.19
Interfunds Receivable	A-11	11,913.37	10,790.11
		<u>339,881.09</u>	<u>329,668.94</u>
		<u>2,176,595.92</u>	<u>1,987,999.55</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Amount Due from Current Fund	A-11	129,188.51	98,344.17
State Grants Receivable	A-17	7,401.20	7,843.67
		<u>136,589.71</u>	<u>106,187.84</u>
		<u>\$ 2,313,185.63</u>	<u>\$ 2,094,187.39</u>

CURRENT FUND

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

REGULATORY BASIS

	Ref.	Balance December 31, 2022	Balance December 31, 2021
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Regular Fund			
Liabilities			
Appropriation Reserves	A-3,13	\$ 89,117.58	\$ 91,706.18
Encumbrances Payable	A-20	11,688.80	10,370.09
Prepaid Taxes	A-5	61,743.94	51,744.45
Due to State of New Jersey For Senior Citizen And Veterans Tax Exemptions	A-8	4,979.33	4,979.33
Amount Due to Grant Fund	A-11	129,188.51	98,344.17
Amount Due to General Capital Fund	A-11	402,082.97	347,448.59
Amount Due to Trust Other Fund	A-11	11,003.29	10,965.32
Due to LAC Township	A-12		565.50
Tax Overpayments	A-14	893.77	8,069.55
Local District School Taxes Payable	A-15	477,831.68	477,831.68
County Tax Payable	A-16		9.99
Reserve for Sale of Municipal Assets		2,000.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable	A-1		74.43
Total Liabilities		1,190,529.87	1,104,109.28
Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets	A	339,881.09	329,668.94
Fund Balance	A-1	646,184.96	554,221.33
		2,176,595.92	1,987,999.55
<u>Federal and State Grant Fund</u>			
Reserve for State Grants - Unappropriated	A-18	58,201.48	3,123.97
Reserve for State Grants - Appropriated	A-19	76,742.23	101,417.87
Encumbrances Payable	A-20	1,646.00	1,646.00
		136,589.71	106,187.84
	\$	<u>2,313,185.63</u>	<u>\$ 2,094,187.39</u>

CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

REGULATORY BASIS

	Ref.	Year 2022	Year 2021
Revenue and Other Income Realized			
Fund Balance Utilized	A-2	\$ 237,100.00	\$ 241,710.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-2	126,934.59	226,302.94
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	A-2	48,869.95	67,227.42
Receipts from Current Taxes	A-2	3,288,872.95	3,236,856.26
Non-Budget Revenue	A-2	65,818.10	58,695.01
Other Credits to Income			
Statutory Excess in Animal Control Fund	A-11	1,117.00	686.88
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	A-13	91,706.18	71,806.57
Cancellation of Miscellaneous Payable	A-12	74.43	
Total Income		<u>3,860,493.20</u>	<u>3,903,285.08</u>
Expenditures			
Budget and Emergency Appropriations			
Appropriations Within "CAPS":			
Operations:			
Salaries and Wages	A-3	99,196.00	97,223.84
Other Expenses	A-3	499,430.00	491,564.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	A-3	12,898.00	11,069.84
Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS":			
Operations:			
Other Expenses	A-3	8,304.59	105,644.86
Capital Improvements	A-3	45,600.00	45,000.00
Interfund Advanced			888.68
Cancellation of Grants			928.95
Local District School Taxes	A-15	1,553,736.00	1,553,736.00
County Taxes	A-16	1,306,880.44	1,283,775.97
County Taxes - Added	A-16	4,261.28	1,300.65
Interfund Advanced	A-11	1,123.26	
Refund of Prior year Revenue			9,370.63
Total Expenditures		<u>3,531,429.57</u>	<u>3,600,503.42</u>
Excess in Revenue		329,063.63	302,781.66
Fund Balance, January 1	A	<u>554,221.33</u>	<u>493,149.67</u>
		<u>883,284.96</u>	<u>795,931.33</u>
Decreased by			
Utilization of Anticipated Revenue	A-2	237,100.00	241,710.00
Fund Balance, December 31	A	<u>\$ 646,184.96</u>	<u>\$ 554,221.33</u>

CURRENT FUNDSTATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS

	Ref.	Anticipated Budget	Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
Fund Balance Anticipated	A-1	\$ 237,100.00	\$ 237,100.00	\$
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Licenses - Alcoholic Beverage	A-10	1,104.00	1,104.00	
Energy Receipts Tax (P.L. 1987 Ch. 162 & 167)	A-10	114,917.00	114,917.00	
Garden State Trust	A-10	4,609.00	4,609.00	
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	A-17	2,304.59	2,304.59	
Clean Communities Program	A-17	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	A-1	126,934.59	126,934.59	
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	A-2(2)	35,000.00	48,869.95	13,869.95
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget				
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	A-2	478,353.53	635,954.76	157,601.23
Budget Totals	A-3	\$ 877,388.12	\$ 1,048,859.30	\$ 171,471.18
Non-budget Revenue	A-1		65,818.10	
			\$ 1,114,677.40	

CURRENT FUNDSTATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS

<u>Analysis of Realized Revenues</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	
Allocation of Current Tax Collections		
Revenue from Collections	A-6,2	\$ 3,288,872.95
Allocated to		
County and School Taxes	A-15,16	2,864,877.72
Balance for Support of Municipal		
Budget Appropriations		423,995.23
Add: Appropriation "Reserve		
for Uncollected Taxes"	A-3	211,959.53
Amount for Support of Municipal		
Budget Appropriations	A-2	\$ 635,954.76
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		
Delinquent Tax Collections	A-6,2	\$ 48,869.95
Tax Title Lien Collections	A-7	-
	A-1,2	\$ 48,869.95

Analysis of Non-Budget Revenue

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:
Revenue Accounts Receivable:

Treasurer	A-10	\$ 52,144.23
Tax Collector	A-10	13,667.61
Interest Earned - Interfunds	A-11	6.26
	A-1	\$ 65,818.10

EXHIBIT A-3
(1)

CURRENT FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS

<u>OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"</u> <u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged		Reserved
			\$	\$	
General Administration:					
Other Expenses	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,135.22	\$ 1,364.78	
Financial Administration (Treasury):					
Salaries and Wages	11,987.00	11,987.00	11,977.00	10.00	
Other Expenses	900.00	900.00	850.00	50.00	
Township Clerk:					
Salaries and Wages	1,000.00	1,000.00			1,000.00
Other Expenses	23,500.00	23,500.00	22,516.22	983.78	
Mayor and Committee:					
Salaries and Wages	17,966.00	17,966.00	17,955.00	11.00	
Other Expenses	7,500.00	7,500.00	2,399.22	5,100.78	
Audit Services:					
Other Expenses	27,500.00	29,900.00	29,900.00		
Assessment of Taxes:					
Salaries and Wages	12,882.00	12,882.00	12,871.00	11.00	
Miscellaneous Other Expenses					
Revenue and Administration (Tax Collection):					
Salaries and Wages	1,500.00	1,500.00	22,393.78	1,500.00	
Other Expenses	7,500.00	7,500.00	6,756.86	743.14	
Liquidation of Tax Title Liens and Foreclosed Property					
Other Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,525.22	1,342.00	
Legal Services and Costs:					
Other Expenses	8,000.00	8,000.00	3,732.00	4,268.00	
Engineering Services and Costs:					
Other Expenses	6,500.00	6,500.00	2,420.10	4,079.90	
Liabilities and Worker's Compensation Insurance - (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3)					
Other Expenses	40,170.00	40,170.00	38,331.00	1,839.00	
Municipal Land Use Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:55D-1):					
Planning Board:					
Salaries and Wages	1,211.00	1,211.00	300.00	911.00	
Other Expenses	6,000.00	6,000.00	618.47	5,381.53	

CURRENT FUNDSTATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS

	<u>OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"</u> (Continued)		Paid or Charged	Reserved
	Budget	Budget After Modification		
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u> (Continued)				
Zoning Commission:				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,891.00	\$ 2,891.00	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 11.00
Other Expenses	50.00	50.00		50.00
Public Building and Grounds:				
Salaries and Wages	4,109.00	4,109.00	1,250.43	2,858.57
Other Expenses	20,000.00	20,000.00	11,636.19	8,363.81
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>				
Fire:	36,110.00	36,110.00	36,110.00	
Aid to Volunteer Fire Company				
Police:				
Salaries and Wages	2,420.00	2,420.00	2,379.00	41.00
Other Expenses - Contractual	115,000.00	115,000.00	110,761.00	4,239.00
Emergency Management:				
Salaries and Wages	4,786.00	4,786.00	4,776.00	10.00
Other Expenses	700.00	700.00	243.36	456.64
<u>STREET AND ROADS</u>				
Road Repairs and Maintenance:				
Other Expenses	22,000.00	19,600.00	8,093.72	11,506.28
Street Lighting:				
Other Expenses	21,500.00	21,500.00	21,500.00	
<u>SANITATION</u>				
Sanitary Landfill:				
Other Expenses	34,100.00	34,100.00	29,766.30	4,333.70
Solid Waste Collection:				
Other Expenses - Contractual	68,000.00	68,000.00	53,515.67	14,484.33
Recycling Program:				
Other Expenses	37,000.00	37,000.00	30,772.99	6,227.01

CURRENT FUNDSTATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS

<u>OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"</u> (Continued)	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved
<u>HEALTH AND WELFARE</u>				
Board of Health:				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 663.00	\$ 663.00	\$ 603.00	\$ 60.00
Other Expenses				
Dog Regulation - Animal Control:				
Salaries and Wages	8,400.00	8,400.00	6,560.00	1,840.00
Other Expenses				
Uniform Construction Code - Appropriations Offset by Dedicated Revenues (N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.17):				
State Uniform Construction Code				
Construction Code Official:				
Salaries and Wages	15,362.00	15,362.00	15,351.00	11.00
Other Expenses	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,535.05	964.95
Total Operations Within "CAPS"	\$ 598,626.00	\$ 598,626.00	\$ 513,047.58	\$ 85,578.42

CURRENT FUNDSTATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASISOPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS" (Continued)

	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved
Detail:				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 99,196.00	\$ 99,196.00	\$ 92,736.21	\$ 4,923.57
Other Expenses (Incl. Contingent)	499,430.00	499,430.00	420,311.37	79,118.63
DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES - <u>MUNICIPAL WITHIN "CAPS"</u>				
Deferred Charges:				
Statutory Expenditures:				
Contribution to:				
Public Employees' Retirement System	4,276.00	4,276.00	4,276.00	
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	8,622.00	8,622.00	7,082.84	1,539.16
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal Within "Caps"	12,898.00	12,898.00	11,358.84	1,539.16
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"	\$ 611,524.00	\$ 611,524.00	\$ 524,406.42	\$ 87,117.58

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<u>CURRENT FUND</u>		<u>STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS</u>	
<u>OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>		Budget	Budget After Modification
		Paid or Charged	Reserved
Declared State of Emergency Costs for Snow Removal - NJUSA 40A:4-45.45(b) and NJSA 40A:4-45.3(bb)			
Other Expenses	\$	\$	\$
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:			
Local Matching Share for State and Local Grants	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Clean Communities Grant - Contractual	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Municipal Alliance for Drug Free N.J.	2,304.59	2,304.59	2,304.59
Total Public and Private Programs Offset By Revenues	8,304.59	8,304.59	6,304.59
Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS":	8,304.59	8,304.59	6,304.59
Detail:			
Other Expenses	8,304.59	8,304.59	6,304.59
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"			
Capital Improvement Fund	45,600.00	45,600.00	45,600.00
Total Capital Improvements - Excluded from "CAPS"	45,600.00	45,600.00	45,600.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures			
Deferred Charges:			
Special Emerg. Auth-5 years (NJS 40A:4-55)	\$	\$	\$
Total Deferred Charges			

CURRENT FUNDSTATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS

	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved
Total General Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS"	\$ 53,904.59	\$ 53,904.59	\$ 51,904.59	\$ 2,000.00
Subtotal General Appropriations	665,428.59	665,428.59	576,311.01	89,117.58
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	211,959.53	211,959.53	211,959.53	
Total General Appropriations	\$ 877,388.12	\$ 877,388.12	\$ 788,270.54	\$ 89,117.58
	A-2	A-1	A:A-1	
<u>Paid or Charged</u>				
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes			\$ 211,959.53	
Disbursed			\$ 512,717.62	
Capital Improvement Fund			45,600.00	
Federal and State Grants			6,304.59	
Encumbrances Payable			11,688.80	
			\$ 788,270.54	
<u>Ref.</u>				
A-2(2)				
A-4				
A-11				
A-19				
A-20				

TRUST FUNDCOMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCEREGULATORY BASIS

ASSETS	Ref.	Balance December 31, 2022		Balance December 31, 2021	
		\$		\$	
Animal Control Fund					
Cash - Dog Registrar Due from State of NJ	B-1	\$ 1,909.32	\$ 5,979.29	\$ 1,214.31	\$ 5,979.29
				7,888.61	7,193.60
Trust Other Fund					
Cash	B-1	70,344.49		26,652.76	
Amount Due from Current Fund	B-2	11,003.29		10,965.32	
				81,347.78	37,618.08
		\$ 89,236.39	\$	\$ 44,811.68	

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

Animal Control Fund					
Due to Current Fund	B-2	\$ 6,041.61	\$	4,922.20	
Due to NJ Dept. of Health	B-5	195.00		115.20	
Reserve for Dog License Fund Expenditures	B-3	1,652.00		2,156.20	
				7,888.61	7,193.60
Other Trust Funds					
Reserve for Unemployment Compensation Insurance Benefits	B-4	1,919.73		1,969.61	
Reserve for Planning Board Escrow Deposits	B-6	10,360.53		10,360.53	
Tax Title Lien Redemptions	B-7	9,688.34		400.00	
Reserve for Tax Sale Premium Account	B-8	57,250.00		22,750.00	
Reserve for Donations	B-9	2,129.18		2,137.94	
				81,347.78	37,618.08
		\$ 89,236.39	\$	\$ 44,811.68	

GENERAL CAPITAL FUNDCOMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCEREGULATORY BASIS

	Ref.	Balance December 31, 2022	Balance December 31, 2021
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Amount Due from Current Fund	C-4	\$ 402,082.97	\$ 347,448.59
N.J. Transportation Trust Authority Act Receivable	C-6	179,302.49	113,146.87
		<u>\$ 581,385.46</u>	<u>\$ 460,595.46</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Fund Balance	C-1	\$ 7,843.25	\$ 7,843.25
Accounts Payable	C-2	675.00	675.00
Capital Improvement Fund	C-3	231,750.02	151,658.83
Improvement Authorizations - Funded	C-5	341,117.19	300,418.38
		<u>\$ 581,385.46</u>	<u>\$ 460,595.46</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF FUND BALANCE

Ref.

Balance, December 31, 2022 and 2021	C	\$ 7,843.25
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PAYROLL ACCOUNT
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	Ref.	Balance December 31, 2022	Balance December 31, 2021
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	E-1	\$ 22,887.01	<u>\$ 28,480.65</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Amount Due To Current Fund	E-1	5,871.76	5,867.91
Payroll Deductions Payable	E-1	17,015.25	<u>22,612.74</u>
		<u>\$ 22,887.01</u>	<u>\$ 28,480.65</u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETSDECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

	Balance December 31, 2022	Balance December 31, 2021
<u>General Fixed Assets:</u>		
Land	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Building	148,826.76	148,826.76
Furnishings and Equipment	41,059.62	41,059.62
Total General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 199,886.38</u>	<u>\$ 199,886.38</u>
Investments in General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 199,886.38</u>	<u>\$ 199,886.38</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

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

The Township has a 3 member committee form of government, as defined by revised statutes 40:142-1 as appealed by New Jersey Statutes Annotated 40A:63-1. The Mayor is separately appointed each year by the existing elected committee members.

The financial statements do not contain any component units of the Township of Elsinboro, as defined by Governmental Accounting Standard Board State No. 14, since none exist at December 31, 2022.

B. Description of Funds

The accounting policies of the Township of Elsinboro 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 Township accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate funds, which differs from the funds required by generally accepted accounting principles:

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.

Public Assistance Fund - receipt and disbursement of funds that provide assistance to certain residents of the Township pursuant to Title 44 of New Jersey statutes. The activities of the public assistance office were transferred to Salem County in early 1999.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(CONTINUED)

1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** - Continued

B. Description of Funds - Continued

Account Group - In addition to the funds listed above, the Township maintains one account group, which is as follows:

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

C. Basis of Accounting

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

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. Receipts from Federal and State grants are realized as revenue when anticipated in the Township budget. Receivables for property taxes are recorded with offsetting reserves on the balance sheet of the Township's Current Fund; accordingly, such amounts are not recorded as revenue until collected. Other amounts that are due the Township which are susceptible to accrual are also recorded as receivables with offsetting reserves and recorded as revenue when received.

Expenditures - are to be recorded on the "budgetary" basis of accounting. Generally, expenditures are required to be recorded when an amount is encumbered for goods and services through the issuance of a purchase order in conjunction with the Encumbrance Accounting System. Outstanding encumbrances at December 31 are required to be reported as a cash liability in the financial statements as encumbrances payable. Appropriation reserves covering unexpended appropriation balances are automatically created at December 31 of each year and recorded as liabilities, except for amounts, which may be canceled by the governing body. Appropriation reserves are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year. Lapsed appropriation reserves are recorded as income. Appropriations for principal payments on outstanding general capital bonds and notes are provided on the cash basis; interest on general capital indebtedness is on the cash basis.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(CONTINUED)

1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** - Continued

C. **Basis of Accounting** - Continued

Property Tax Revenue - Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied annually and are payable in quarterly installments on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 of each year. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectable and, therefore, no allowance for uncollectable taxes is provided. Property taxes unpaid on April 1 of the year following their final due date are subject to tax sale in accordance with statutes. The amount of tax levied includes not only the amount required in support of the Township's annual budget, but also the amounts required in support of the budgets of the entities that follow.

School Taxes - The municipality is responsible for levying, collecting and remitting school taxes for the Elsinboro Township school district. Operations are charged for the full amount required to be raised from taxation to operate the school district for the period from January 1 to December 31.

County Taxes - The municipality is responsible for levying, collecting and remitting County taxes for the County of Salem. Operations are charged for the amount due the County for the year, based upon the ratables required to be certified to the County Board of Taxation by January 10 of the current year. In addition, operations are charged for the County share of added and omitted taxes certified to the County Board of Taxation by October 10 of the current year and due to be paid to the County by February 1 of the following year.

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

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

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(CONTINUED)

1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** - Continued

C. Basis of Accounting - Continued

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

General Fixed Assets - In accordance with Technical Directive No. 85-2, Accounting for Governmental Fixed Assets, as promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services, which differs in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles, the Township has developed a fixed asset accounting and reporting system.

Fixed assets used in governmental operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, such as roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks and drainage systems are not capitalized. All fixed assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available, in accordance with the State of New Jersey's Technical Accounting Directive 85-2. However, land and improvements are recorded at their assessed value, which is a departure from the aforementioned directive.

Property acquired for taxes (foreclosed property) and by purchase are recorded in the Current Fund at the assessed valuation when such property is acquired or purchased and concurrently fully reserved.

No depreciation has been provided for in the financial statements.

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

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

The construction of the building and the initial purchase of the furniture and equipment were provided through an emergency management grant from the State of New Jersey.

Tax Appeals and Other Contingent Losses - Losses, which arise from tax appeals, and other contingent losses are recognized at the time an unfavorable decision is rendered by an administrative or judicial body.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(CONTINUED)

1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** - Continued

D. Departures from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

The accounting principles and practices followed by the Township of Elsinboro differ in some respects, which in some instances may be material, from generally accepted accounting principles applicable to local government units. The more significant differences are as follows:

- Taxes and other receivables are fully reserved.
- Interfund receivables in the Current Fund are fully reserved.
- Unexpended and uncommitted appropriations are reflected as expenditures.
- Over expended appropriations and emergency appropriations are deferred to the succeeding year's operations.
- Undetermined contributions to state-administered pension plans applicable to the six months ended December 31 are not accrued.
- Estimated losses arising from tax appeals and other contingencies are not recorded when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated.
- No provision is made for accumulated vested vacation and sick leave.

It was not practicable to determine the effect of such differences.

E. Use of Estimates

In order for preparation of general-purpose financial statements to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

F. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Township of Elsinboro must adopt an annual budget in accordance with the **N.J.S.A. 40A: et al. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5** requires the governing body to introduce and approve the annual municipal budget no later than February 10 of each year. At introduction, the governing body shall fix the time and place for public hearing on the budget and must advertise the time and place in a newspaper published and circulated in the municipality at least 10 days prior to the hearing. The public hearing must not be held less than twenty-eight days after the date the budget was introduced. After the hearing has been held, the governing body may, by majority vote, adopt the budget or may amend the budget in accordance with **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-9**.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(CONTINUED)

1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** - Continued

F. **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting** - Continued

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

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

After November 1, budget transfers can be made in the form of a resolution and approved by the Township Committee. There were no material budget transfers in 2022.

The municipality may make emergency appropriations, after the adoption of the budget, for a purpose, which was not foreseen at the time the budget was adopted or for which adequate provision was not made therein. This type of appropriation shall be made to meet a pressing need for public expenditure to protect or promote the public health, safety, morals or welfare or to provide temporary housing or public assistance prior to the next succeeding fiscal year. Emergency Appropriations, except those classified as a Special Emergency, must be raised in the budget of the succeeding year. Special Emergency Appropriations are permitted to be raised in the budgets of the succeeding three or five years. There were no emergency appropriations approved in 2021.

G. **Cash and Investments**

New Jersey municipal units are required by **N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14** to deposit public funds in a bank or trust company having its place of business in the State of New Jersey and organized under the laws of the United States or of the State of New Jersey or the New Jersey Cash Management fund. **N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1** provides a list of securities, which may be purchased by New Jersey municipal units.

The Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act, P.L. 1970, Chapter 236, was passed to afford protection against bankruptcy or default by a depository. C.17:9-42 provides that no governmental unit shall deposit funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with this act. C.17:9-44 provides that every public depository having public funds on deposit shall, as security for such deposits, maintain eligible collateral having a market value at least equal to either (1) 5% of the average daily period ending on the next preceding valuation date (June 30 or December 31) or (2) at the election of the depository, at least equal to 5% of the average balance of collected public funds on deposit on the first, eighth, fifteenth and twenty-second days of each month in the 6 month period ending on the next preceding valuation date (June 30 or December 31).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(CONTINUED)

1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** - Continued

G. Cash and Investments - Continued

No public depository shall be required to maintain any eligible collateral pursuant to this act as security for any deposit or deposits of any governmental unit to the extent such deposits are insured by F.D.I.C. or any other U.S. agency which insures public depository funds.

No public depository shall at any time receive and hold on deposit for any period in excess of 15 days public funds of governmental unit(s) which, in the aggregate, exceed 75% of the addition to the security required to be maintained under the paragraph above, secure such excess by eligible collateral with a market value at least equal to 100% of such excess.

In the event of a default, the Commissioner of Banking, within 20 days after the default occurrence, shall ascertain the amount of public funds on deposit in the defaulting depository and the amount covered by Federal Deposit Insurance, then certify the amounts to each affected governmental unit. Within 10 days after receipt of this certification, each unit shall furnish to the Commissioner verified statements of its public deposits. The Commissioner shall ascertain the amount derived or to be derived from the liquidation of the collateral maintained by the defaulting depository and shall distribute such proceeds pro rata among the governmental units to satisfy the net deposit liabilities to such units. If the proceeds of the sale of the collateral are insufficient to pay in full the liability to all affected governmental units, the Commissioner shall assess the deficiency against all other public depositories having public funds on deposit determined by a formula determined by law. All sums collected by the Commissioner shall be paid to the governmental units having deposits in the defaulting depository in the proportion that the net deposit liability to each such governmental unit bears to the aggregate of the net deposit liabilities to all such governmental units.

All public depositories are required to furnish information and reports dealing with public funds on deposit every six months, June 30 and December 31, with the Commissioner of Banking. Any public depository which refuses or neglects to give any information so required may be excluded by the Commissioner from the right to receive public funds for deposit until such time as the Commissioner shall acknowledge that such depository has furnished the information requested.

Upon review and approval of the Certification Statement that the public depository complies with statutory requirements, the Commissioner issues forms approving the bank as a municipal depository. The Township should request copies of these approval forms semiannually to assure that all depositories are complying with requirements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(CONTINUED)

2. **Cash**

Custodial Credit Risk

All bank deposits and investments as of the balance sheet date are entirely insured or collateralized by a pool maintained by public depositories as required by the Governmental Unit Protection Act and are classified as credit risk.

Custodial Credit Risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the districts deposits may not be returned to it. Although the district does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, as described in Note 1: **N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et. Seq.** requires that governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Protection Act.

The Township Committee designates and approves a list of authorized depository institutions based on an evaluation of solicited responses and presentation of GUDPA certifications provided by the financial institutions. As of December 31, 2022, the Township's bank balance of \$1,921,908.93 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Insured - FDIC	\$ 500,000.00
Collateralized with securities held by pledging financial institutions	1,421,908.93
	<hr/> <u>\$ 1,921,908.93</u>

3. **Pension Plans**

Description of Plans – Eligible employees of the Township can be covered by Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS), or Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP). PERS and PFRS are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits (NJDPA) and the DCRP is jointly administered by Prudential and NJDPA. The NJDPA issues publicly available financial reports that include financial statements and required supplementary information for the systems. These reports may be obtained online at <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>.

Public Employees' Retirement System

The PERS is a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that was established in 1955. The PERS provides retirement, death and disability, and medical benefits to qualified members. The vesting and benefit provisions for PERS are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits that vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(CONTINUED)

3. **Pension Plans** - Continued

Public Employees' Retirement System (Continued)

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 with 25 years or more of service credit before age 62, and tier 5 with 30 years or more of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

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

Contributions - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. The PERS member total contribution rate as of July 1, 2020 was 7.5% of base salary. The Township employee's contributions for the year ended December 31, 2022 were \$2,057. Employers in PERS are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate which includes funding for cost-of-living adjustments, noncontributory death benefits, and post-retirement medical premiums. The PERS employer rate due in 2022 is 15.98% of covered payroll. The Township is billed annually for its normal contribution plus any accrued liability. These contributions were paid by the Township and equal to the required contributions for each year. The Township's contributions to PERS for the years ended December 31, 2022, and 2020 were \$4,276 and \$2,600 respectively.

The total payroll for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$92,586. Payroll covered by PERS was \$27,420.

Components of Net Pension Liability - At December 31, 2022, the Township's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability was \$43,254. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021. The Township's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Township's actual contributions to the plan relative to the total of all participating employers' contributions for the year ended June 30, 2021. The Township's proportion measured as of June 30, 2021 was 0.000365% which was an increase of 0.000127% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(CONTINUED)

3. Pension Plans - Continued

Public Employees' Retirement System (Continued)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources - The Township's 2022 PERS pension expense, with respect to GASB 68, was (\$17,704). The Township's 2022 deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources were from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 682	\$ 310
Changes of assumptions	225	15,399
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		11,394
Changes in proportion	26,129	34,911
Total	\$ 27,036	\$ 62,014

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in future periods pension expense as follows:

Year	PERS
2022	\$ (18,469)
2023	(5,154)
2024	(3,807)
2025	615
2026	(8,163)
Thereafter	
Total	\$ (34,978)

Additional Information - Collective Balances at December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

Year	2022	2021
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$ 27,036	\$ 8,828
Collective deferred inflows of resources	\$ 62,014	\$ 70,281
Collective Net Pension Liability	\$ 43,254	\$ 38,758
Township's Proportion	0.000365%	0.000238%

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(CONTINUED)

3. **Pension Plans** - Continued

Public Employees' Retirement System (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability for the June 30, 2021 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2021. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

	PERS
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Salary Scale (Based on Age):	
Through 2026	2.00% - 6.00%
Thereafter	3.00% - 7.00%
Inflation Rate – Price	2.75%
Inflation Rate – Wage	3.25%

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, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return – In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2021) 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(CONTINUED)

3. **Pension Plans** - Continued

Public Employees' Retirement System (Continued)

Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	PERS	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. Equity		27.00%	8.09%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity		13.50%	8.71%
Emerging Markets Equity		5.50%	10.96%
Private Equity		13.00%	11.30%
Real Estate		8.00%	9.15%
Real Assets		3.00%	7.40%
High Yield		2.00%	3.75%
Private Credit		8.00%	7.60%
Investment Grade Credit		8.00%	1.68%
Cash Equivalents		4.00%	0.50%
U.S. Treasuries		5.00%	0.95%
Risk Mitigation Strategies		3.00%	3.35%
Total		<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2021. 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(CONTINUED)

3. **Pension Plans** – Continued

Public Employees' Retirement System (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Collective Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate -

The following presents the collective net pension liability of the participating employers as of June 30, 2021, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the collective net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 59,531	\$ 43,254	\$ 30,293

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about each pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits financial report. Information on where to obtain the report is indicated at the beginning of this note.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
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3. Pension Plans - Continued

SUPPLEMENTARY PENSION INFORMATION
Schedule of the Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

	Last Ten Fiscal Years*									
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	
Township's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.000365%	0.000238%	0.000375%	0.000333%	0.000581%	0.000579%	0.000737%	0.000725%	0.000734%	
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 43,254	\$ 38,758	\$ 67,613	\$ 66,313	\$ 135,239	\$ 171,191	\$ 165,331	\$ 135,654	\$ 140,268	
Township's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 27,420	\$ 26,896	\$ 26,896	\$ 27,012	\$ 34,846	\$ 40,322	\$ 39,843	\$ 45,221	\$ 50,762	
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	157.75%	144.10%	251.39%	245.49%	388.10%	424.56%	414.96%	299.98%	276.32%	
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a percentage of the Total Pension Liability	70.33%	58.32%	56.27%	53.60%	48.10%	40.14%	47.93%	52.08%	48.72%	

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year end measurement date.

* This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a 10-year trend is compiled, this presentation will include information for those years for which information is available.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(CONTINUED)

3. Pension Plans - Continued

SUPPLEMENTARY PENSION INFORMATION
Schedule of Township Contributions
Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)
Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 4,276	\$ 2,600	\$ 3,650	\$ 3,350	\$ 5,382	\$ 5,135	\$ 6,332	\$ 5,973	\$ 5,530
Contributions in relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(4,276)	(2,600)	(3,650)	(3,350)	(5,382)	(5,135)	(6,332)	(5,973)	(5,530)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ <u><u> </u></u>								
Township's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 27,420	\$ 26,896	\$ 26,896	\$ 27,012	\$ 34,846	\$ 40,322	\$ 39,843	\$ 45,221	\$ 50,762
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	15.59%	9.67%	13.57%	12.40%	15.45%	12.73%	15.89%	13.21%	10.89%

* This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a 10-year trend is compiled, this presentation will include information for those years for which information is available.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
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4. Long-Term Debt

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 no net debt.

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
General Debt	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
Equalized Valuation Basis:			
2020	\$ 104,217,757		
2021	105,742,074		
2022	<u>113,749,458</u>		
Average	\$ <u>107,903,096</u>		

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

3 1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$ 3,776,608
Net Debt	<u>- 0 -</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	\$ <u>3,776,608</u>

Summary of Municipal Debt

	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>	<u>Year 2020</u>
<u>Issued:</u>			
General:			
Bonds and Notes	None	None	None
<u>Authorized but Not Issued:</u>			
General:			
Bonds and Notes	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
Net of Bonds and Notes Issued and Authorized but Not Issued	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>

5. Deferred Charges to be Raised in Succeeding Budgets

Certain expenditures are required to be deferred to budgets of succeeding years. At December 31, 2022, there were no deferred charges on the balance sheet.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
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6. Fund Balances Appropriated

Of the \$646,184.96 Current Fund balance at December 31, 2022, \$250,675.00 was appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in the adopted budget for the year ending December 31, 2023.

7. Taxes Collected in Advance

Taxes collected in advance, set forth as cash liabilities in the financial statements, are as follows:

	Balance December <u>31, 2021</u>	Balance December <u>31, 2022</u>
Prepaid Taxes	<u>\$51,744.45</u>	<u>\$61,743.94</u>

8. Leases

The Township has not entered into any long-term lease agreements.

9. Accrued Sick and Vacation Benefits

The Township does not accrue unused vacation and sick pay for financial statement and budget purposes. Employees are, however, allowed to carry unused sick and vacation benefits. Each November, employees generally are reimbursed for their respective unused sick time. The sick and vacation pay accrual for the current period, which relates to the remaining unfunded sick and vacation pay after November is not considered material.

10. Contingent Liabilities

As per confirmation from the Township's solicitor, no contingent liabilities of a material amount were noted.

The responsibility to maintain a dike that is located on private property does not appear to be the Township's.

There is a verified complaint against the Township as co-defendant, regarding a dispute concerning a boat ramp which the Township does not own but regulates its use through local ordinance. The likely outcome is not known at this time, but a Case Management Conference has been requested with the Judge and participation of all parties. The Joint Insurance Fund is handling this matter.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(CONTINUED)

11. Comparative Schedule of Operations and Change in Fund Balance in Current Fund

	Year 2021		Year 2022	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
<u>Revenue and Other Income</u>				
Fund Balances Utilized	\$ 241,710.00	6.19%	\$ 237,100.00	6.14%
Miscellaneous - From Other than Local Property Tax Levies	357,491.40	9.16%	285,650.30	7.40%
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	67,227.42	1.72%	48,869.95	1.27%
Collection of Current Tax Levy	3,236,856.26	82.93%	3,288,872.95	85.19%
Total Income	<u>3,903,285.08</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>3,860,493.20</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Budget Expenditures:				
Municipal Purposes	761,690.80	21.16%	665,428.59	18.84%
County Taxes	1,285,076.62	35.69%	1,311,141.72	37.13%
Local School Taxes	1,553,736.00	43.15%	1,553,736.00	44.00%
Other Expenditures		0.00%	1,123.26	0.03%
Total Expenditures	<u>3,600,503.42</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>3,531,429.57</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Excess in Revenue	302,781.66		329,063.63	
Fund Balance, January 1	<u>493,149.67</u>		<u>554,221.33</u>	
	795,931.33		883,284.96	
Less:				
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	<u>241,710.00</u>		<u>237,100.00</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 554,221.33</u>		<u>\$ 646,184.96</u>	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
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12. Local District School Tax

Regulations provide for the deferral of not more than 50% of the annual levy when school taxes are raised for a school year and have not been requisitioned by the school district. In the case of Elsinboro Township, \$776,868 is the maximum amount permitted to be deferred as of December 31, 2022, under those regulations. The Township, in prior years, elected to defer school taxes and the accumulation of such deferrals is \$299,185.50. As of December 31, 2022, the Township committee elected to keep the balance at \$299,185.50.

Local District School Tax has been raised and liabilities deferred by statute, resulting in the school taxes payable set forth in the Current Fund liabilities as follows:

Local District School Tax Balance, December 31			
	2021	2022	
Balance of Tax	\$ 777,017.18	\$ 777,017.18	
Deferred	299,185.50		299,185.50
Taxes Payable	\$ 477,831.68	\$ 477,831.68	

13. Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections Currently

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

Year	Currently		
	Tax Levy	Cash Collections	Percent of Collections
2022	\$ 3,347,374.85	\$ 3,288,872.95	98.25%
2021	3,307,277.83	3,236,856.26	97.87%
2020	3,273,946.62	3,180,345.38	97.14%
2019	3,241,088.29	3,155,587.15	97.36%

14. Comparative Schedule of Tax Rate Information

	2021	2022
Tax Rate	\$ 2.856	\$ 2.883
Appportionment of Tax		
Rate:		
Municipal	0.403	0.412
County	1.110	1.129
Local School	1.343	1.342
Assessed Valuation	\$ 116,234,741	\$ 115,835,295

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
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15. Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

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

Year	Amount of Tax Title Liens	Amount of Delinquent Taxes	Total Delinquent	Percentage of Tax Levy
2022	\$ 157,780.99	\$ 38,558.65	\$ 196,339.64	5.94%
2021	136,190.20	51,132.44	187,322.64	5.66%
2020	130,880.36	53,005.38	183,885.74	5.62%

16. Property Acquired by Tax Title Lien Liquidation

The value of property acquired by liquidation of tax title liens on December 31, on the basis of the last assessed valuation of such property, was as follows:

Year	Amount
2022	\$ 131,400
2021	131,400
2020	131,400

17. Comparative Schedule of Fund Balance

Year	Balance		Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year
		December 31	
Current Fund	2022	\$ 646,184.96	\$ 250,675.00
	2021	554,221.33	237,100.00
	2020	493,149.67	241,710.00
	2019	459,760.12	226,710.00
	2018	431,677.27	214,375.00

18. Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Township maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability and surety bonds.

19. Subsequent Events

There were no material events between December 31, 2022 and June 28, 2023 affecting the financial status of the Township of Elsinboro.

TOWNSHIP OF ELSINBORO

COUNTY OF SALEM

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

There were no Federal Awards in 2022.

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

TOWNSHIP OF ELSINBORO

COUNTY OF SALEM

State Grantor/ Program Title	State Grant Award No.	Grant Award Local	Grant Period From	Grant Period To	Balance December 31, 2021		Receipts or Revenue Recognized	Receipts Revenues	2022 Budget Appropriations	Disbursements/ Expenditures	Balance December 31, 2022	
					A/R	Reserve					A/R	Reserve
Department of Community Affairs			1/1/22	12/31/22	\$ 6,354.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,021.62	\$ 5,021.62	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Clean Communities Program	N/A	\$ 4,000.00	1/1/20	12/31/20					2,650.88	2,650.88	1,332.38	1,332.38
Clean Communities Program	N/A	\$ 4,000.00	1/1/19	12/31/19					1,519.80	1,519.80	557.53	557.53
Municipal Alliance on Alcohol & Drugs	N/A	2,304.59	1/1/22	12/31/22					2,304.59	1,747.06	240.63	240.63
Municipal Alliance on Alcohol & Drugs	N/A	1,843.67	460.95	1/1/21	12/31/21	1,843.67	240.63				1,843.67	784.79
NJ Forest Service Community: Forestry Grant	N/A	3,000.00	1/1/15	12/31/15					3,000.00		3,000.00	
NJ Small Business Program	N/A	1,000.00	1/1/13	12/31/13					1,130.76		1,130.76	
REA Grant Program	N/A	4,000.00	1/1/11	12/31/11					547.00		547.00	
American Rescue Plan	N/A	50,659.58	1/1/21	12/31/22					50,659.58		32,112.28	32,112.28
Sustainable Communities Grant	N/A	10,000.00	1/1/21	12/31/21	5,000.00	10,000.00					10,000.00	10,000.00
Reserve for Community Foundation	N/A	20,000.00	1/1/21	12/31/21					20,000.00		20,000.00	
Salem Co. Health & Wellness Fund	N/A	1,000.00	1/1/21	12/31/21	1,000.00	1,000.00					1,000.00	1,000.00
Salem Co. Cultural & Heritage Commission Historical Grant	N/A											
					\$ 7,843.67	\$ 95,582.85	\$ 6,304.59	\$ 6,747.06	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 30,980.23	\$ 7,401.20	\$ 70,907.21

TOWNSHIP OF ELSINBORO

COUNTY OF SALEM

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

NONE

CURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF CASH - CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2021	A		\$ 1,658,330.61
Increased by Receipts			
Collector	A-5	\$ 3,342,984.22	
State's Share of Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions Allowed	A-8	11,250.00	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-10	172,774.23	
Interfunds Receivable	A-11	102,867.17	
Amount Due from LAC Township	A-12	710.00	
Total Receipts		<hr/>	<hr/> 3,630,585.62
		<hr/>	5,288,916.23
Decreased by Disbursements			
2022 Appropriations	A-3	512,717.62	
Interfund Payable	A-11	62,950.48	
Amount Due to LAC Township	A-12	1,275.50	
Local District School Taxes	A-15	1,553,736.00	
County Taxes	A-16	1,311,151.71	
Encumbrance Payable	A-20	10,370.09	
Total Disbursements		<hr/>	<hr/> 3,452,201.40
Balance, December 31, 2022	A	<hr/>	<hr/> \$ 1,836,714.83

CURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF CASH - COLLECTOR

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021	A	\$ -
Increased by:		
Taxes Receivable	A-6	\$ 3,267,572.67
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-10	13,667.61
2023 Taxes Prepaid	A	61,743.94
		<hr/> 3,342,984.22
		<hr/> 3,342,984.22
Decreased by:		
Payments to Chief Financial Officer	A-4	\$ 3,342,984.22
Balance, December 31, 2022	A	\$ -
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CURRENT FUND

SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY

CURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF TAX TITLE LIENS

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2021	A	\$	136,190.20
Increased by:			
Interest and Cost on Tax Sale of March 29, 2022		\$	
Transfer from Taxes Receivable	A-6	21,590.79	
		<hr/>	21,590.79
Decreased by:			157,780.99
Cash Collections	A-5		
Balance, December 31, 2022	A	\$	<hr/> 157,780.99

CURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE FROM STATE OF NEW JERSEYPER CHAPTER 1, P.L. 1971SENIOR CITIZEN AND VETERANS DEDUCTIONS

	Ref.		
Balance, December 31, 2021	A	\$	4,979.33
Increased by:			
Cash Received from the State	A-4		11,250.00
			<hr/> 16,229.33
Decreased by:			
Deductions per Original Billing:			
Senior Citizens	\$	1,000.00	
Veterans		10,250.00	
			<hr/> 11,250.00
Senior Citizens Deduction Allowed by Collector	A-6		11,250.00
			<hr/> 11,250.00
Balance, December 31, 2022	A	\$	<hr/> 4,979.33

CURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR TAXES - ASSESSED VALUATION

	Ref.		
Balance, December 31, 2022 and 2021	A	\$	<hr/> 131,400.00

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Ref.	Balance December 31, 2021		Accrued in 2022	Collector	Collected by Treasurer	Balance December 31, 2022
	Ref.	Amount				
<u>Anticipated Revenues:</u>						
Clerk - Liquor License	A-2	\$ 1,104.00	\$ 1,104.00		\$ 1,104.00	\$ 1,104.00
Energy Receipts Tax	A-2	114,917.00	114,917.00			
Garden State Trust	A-2	4,609.00	4,609.00		4,609.00	
Total Anticipated Revenues			120,630.00		120,630.00	
<u>Miscellaneous Revenue not Anticipated:</u>						
Planning Fees		300.00			300.00	
Vendor and Other Licenses		370.00			370.00	
Zoning Fees		320.00			320.00	
Cable Television Franchise Fee		15,499.73			15,499.73	
Construction Code Fees		13,845.00			13,616.92	
Homestead Rebate Admin. Fee		63.60			63.60	
Municipal Relief Act		5,994.53			5,994.53	
Interest on Deposits		1,698.59			1,672.29	
Prior Year Refund		7,007.00			7,007.00	
Interest and Costs on Taxes		13,641.31			13,641.31	
Senior Citizen Administration Fees		225.00			225.00	
Housing Fees		547.00			660.00	
Registrar of Vital Statistics		722.00			722.00	
Trash Stickers		722.00			722.00	
Prior Year Refund		2,262.44			2,262.44	
Miscellaneous		2,665.53			2,708.72	
A-2	156.19	65,883.73	13,667.61		52,144.23	228.08
Ref.	A				A-5	
					A-4	
						A

CURRENT FUND **SCHEDULE OF INTERFUND**

CURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF DUE TO LAC TOWNSHIP

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021	A	\$ 565.50
Increased by:		
Receipt	A-4	710.00
		<hr/>
		1,275.50
Decreased by:		
Payment	A-4	1,275.50
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Balance, December 31, 2022	A	\$ -
		<hr/>

CURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - 2021

	Balance December 31, 2021	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed
Other Expenses:			
Other Accounts no Changes	\$ 91,706.18	\$	\$ 91,706.18
	<u>\$ 91,706.18</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 91,706.18</u>
	<u>Ref.</u>	A	A-1

CURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

	Ref.	
Balance, December 31, 2021	A	\$ 8,069.55
Increased by:		
2022 Tax Overpayments	A-6	81.73
		<u>81.73</u>
		<u>8,151.28</u>
Decreased By:		
Tax Overpayments Applied	A-6	7,257.51
		<u>7,257.51</u>
Balance, December 31, 2022	A	\$ 893.77
		<u>893.77</u>

CURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		
School Tax Payable	A	\$ 477,831.68
School Tax Deferred		299,185.50
		<hr/> \$ 777,017.18
Increased by		
Levy - School Year July 1, 2022 to		
June 30, 2023.	A-1,2,6	1,553,736.00
		<hr/> 2,330,753.18
Decreased by		
Payments	A-4	<hr/> 1,553,736.00
Balance, December 31, 2022		
School Tax Payable	A	\$ 477,831.68
School Tax Deferred		299,185.50
		<hr/> \$ 777,017.18

2022 Liability for Local District School Tax

Taxes Paid	\$ 1,553,736.00
Taxes Payable December 31, 2022	<hr/> 477,831.68
	\$ 2,031,567.68
Less: Tax Payable December 31, 2021	<hr/> 477,831.68
Amount Charged to 2022 Operations	<hr/> \$ 1,553,736.00

CURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF COUNTY TAXES

	Ref.	
Balance, December 31, 2021	A	\$ 9.99
Increased by		
2022 County Taxes:		
General County Taxes		\$ 1,285,565.60
County Open Space Prevention		21,314.84
	A-1	<u>1,306,880.44</u>
Due County on Added and Omitted Taxes	A-1	<u>4,261.28</u>
	A-2,6	<u>1,311,141.72</u>
		1,311,151.71
Decreased by		
Payments	A-4	<u>1,311,151.71</u>
Balance, December 31, 2022	A	<u>\$ -</u>

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF STATE GRANTS RECEIVABLE

	Balance December 31, 2021	2022 Revenue	Received	Balance December 31, 2022
Purpose				
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse:				
2022	\$	\$	\$	\$
2021		1,843.67	2,304.59	1,747.06
Clean Communities Program			4,000.00	4,000.00
Salem County Cultural and Heritage Commission Historical Grant:	1,000.00			1,000.00
Sustainable Communities Grant	5,000.00			5,000.00
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 7,843.67	6,304.59	\$ 6,747.06	\$ 7,401.20
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Ref.	A	A-2	A-11	A

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FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUNDS

<u>Grant</u>	Balance December 31, 2021		Balance December 31, 2022	
	Receipts			
JIF Health and Wellness Incentive	\$ 623.97	\$		\$ 623.97
JIF Safety Incentive Grant-2022		3,250.00		3,250.00
JIF Safety Incentive Grant-2021	2,500.00			2,500.00
Community Foundation of NJ - Salem Health and Wellness Progeam - 2022		340.01		340.01
JIF Cyber Risk Program-2022		827.92		827.92
American Rescue Plan		50,659.58		50,659.58
	\$ 3,123.97	\$ 55,077.51	\$	58,201.48

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL, STATE AND OTHER GRANTS - APPROPRIATED**

Grant Period	Grant	Balance December 31, 2021	Appropriation	Expended	Transferred from 2022 Budget	Balance December 31, 2022
2021	Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	\$ 240.63	\$ 2,304.59	\$ 240.63	\$ 1,519.80	\$ 784.79
2022	Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	2,650.88		2,650.88		
2019	Clean Communities Program	6,354.00	4,000.00	5,021.62	1,332.38	4,000.00
2020	Clean Communities Program					
2022	Clean Communities Program					
2013	New Jersey Smalls Grant Program	1,130.76				1,130.76
2011	REA Grant Program	547.00				547.00
2016	NJ Forest Service Community: Forestry Grant	3,000.00				
2021	American Rescue Plan	50,659.58				
2021	Sustainable Communities Grant	10,000.00				
2021	Reserve for Community Foundation of New Jersey:	20,000.00				
2021	Salem County Health & Wellness Fund					
2021	Salem County Cultural and Heritage Commission Historical Grant	1,000.00				1,000.00
	Total State Grants	95,582.85	6,304.59	30,980.23		70,907.21
2019	Jif Safety Incentive Program	314.02				314.02
2021	Reserve for JIF Safety Incentive Grant	5,005.00				5,005.00
2021	Reserve for JIF Cyber Risk Program	516.00				516.00
	Total Local Grants	5,835.02				5,835.02
	Ref..	\$ 101,417.87	\$ 6,304.59	\$ 30,980.23	\$ 76,742.23	
	A			A-11		A
	Grant Share	\$ 6,304.59	\$ 30,980.23			
	Expended					
		\$ 6,304.59	\$ 30,980.23			

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF ENCUMBRANCES PAYABLE

	Ref.	Current Fund	Grant Fund
Balance, December 31, 2021	A	\$ 10,370.09	\$ 1,646.00
Increased by:			
2022 Budget Encumbrances	A-3	11,688.80	
		<u>22,058.89</u>	<u>1,646.00</u>
Decreased by:			
Paid	A-4	10,370.09	
		<u>10,370.09</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2022	A	\$ 11,688.80	\$ 1,646.00

TRUST FUNDSCHEDULE OF CASH - CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

	Ref.	Animal Control Fund Dog Registrar	Trust Other CFO
Balance, December 31, 2021	B	\$ 1,214.31	\$ 26,652.76
Increased by Receipts			
Interest Earned	B-2,4	2.41	
Dog License Fees	B-3	776.00	
Unemployment	B-4		0.12
Tax Sale Premiums Received	B-8		54,100.00
Tax Title Lien Deposit	B-7		37,565.64
Donation	B-9		6.24
Total Receipts and Balances		1,992.72	118,324.76
Decreased by Disbursements			
New Jersey Dept. of Health Fees	B-3	47.40	
Animal Control Expenditures	B-3	36.00	
Unemployment	B-4		87.97
Tax and Title Lien Redemptions	B-7		28,277.30
Tax Premium Account	B-8		19,600.00
Donations	B-9		15.00
Total Disbursements		83.40	47,980.27
Balance, December 31, 2022	B	\$ 1,909.32	\$ 70,344.49

TRUST FUNDSCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE FROM (TO) CURRENT FUND

	<u>Ref.</u>	Trust Other Fund	Animal Control Fund
Balance, December 31, 2021	B	\$ 10,965.32	\$ (4,922.20)
Increased by:			
Payment	A-11	28.22	
Escrow Receipts in Current Fund	B-6,A-11	480.00	
		<u>11,473.54</u>	<u>(4,922.20)</u>
Decreased by:			
Interest Earned	B-1		2.41
Statutory Excess due Current Fund	B-3		1,117.00
Escrow Payments in Current Fund	B-6	470.25	
		<u>470.25</u>	<u>1,119.41</u>
Balance, December 31, 2022	B	\$ 11,003.29	\$ (6,041.61)

SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FUND EXPENDITURESANIMAL CONTROL FUND

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2021	B		\$ 2,156.20
Increased by:			
Dog License Fees Collected	B-1		<u>776.00</u>
			<u>2,932.20</u>
Decreased by:			
Statutory Excess due to Current Fund Expenditures	B-2	\$ 1,117.00	
Due to NJ Department of Health	B-1	36.00	
	B-5	127.20	
		<u>1,280.20</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2022	B		\$ <u>1,652.00</u>

License Fees Collected

2020	\$ 870.00
2021	782.00
	<u>\$ 1,652.00</u>

TRUST FUNDSCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATIONTRUST OTHER FUND

	Ref.		
Balance, December 31, 2021	B	\$	1,969.61
Increased by:			
Interest on Bank Deposits	B-1		0.12
			<hr/> 1,969.73
Decreased by:			
Disbursements	B-1		50.00
Balance, December 31, 2022	B	\$	<hr/> 1,919.73
			<hr/>

TRUST FUNDSCHEDULE OF DUE TO NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHANIMAL CONTROL FUND

	Ref.		
Balance, December 31, 2021	B	\$	115.20
Increased by:			
Receipts	B-1		127.20
			<hr/> 242.40
Decreased by:			
Disbursements			47.40
Balance, December 31, 2022	B	\$	<hr/> 195.00
			<hr/>

TRUST FUNDSCHEDULE OF PLANNING BOARD ESCROW DEPOSITS

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2021	B	\$	10,360.53
Increased by:			
Receipt in Current Fund	B-2		480.00
			<hr/> 10,840.53
Decreased by:			
Payment in Current Fund	B-2		480.00
Balance, December 31, 2022	B	\$	<hr/> 10,360.53
			<hr/>

TRUST FUNDSCHEDULE OF RESERVES FOR TAX TITLE LIEN REDEMPTIONS

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2021	B	\$	400.00
Increased by:			
Receipts	B-1		37,565.64
			<hr/> 37,965.64
Decreased by:			
Payment	B-1		<hr/> 28,277.30
Balance, December 31, 2022	B	\$	<hr/> 9,688.34
			<hr/>

TRUST FUNDSCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS RECEIVED AT TAX SALE

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021	B	\$ 22,750.00
Increased by:		
Receipts		54,100.00
		76,850.00
Decreased by:		
Payment	B-1	19,600.00
Balance, December 31, 2022	B	\$ 57,250.00

Analysis of Balance:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	
4	8.00	\$ 14,200.00
4	10.00	300.00
5	4.00	500.00
11	20.00	300.00
4	8 Q	11,900.00
16	14.00	1,200.00
22	5.00	8,200.00
28	6.00	12,200.00
28	11.00	900.00
34	30.00	7,500.00
32	13.00	50.00
		\$ 57,250.00

TRUST FUNDSCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR DONATIONS

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021	B	\$ 2,137.94
Increased by Receipts	B-1	6.24
		2,144.18
Decreased by Expenditures	B-1	15.00
Balance, December 31, 2022	B	\$ 2,129.18

GENERAL CAPITAL FUNDANALYSIS OF CASH

<u>Description</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	Balance December 31, 2022
Accounts Payable	C	\$ 675.00
Fund Balance	C-1	7,843.25
Capital Improvement Fund	C-3	231,750.02
Amount Due to Current Fund	C-4	(402,082.97)
Unexpended Improvement Authorizations - Funded	C-5	341,117.19
NJ Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act Receivable	C-6	(179,302.49)
Total		\$ -

GENERAL CAPITAL FUNDSCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021	C	\$ 151,658.83
Increased by:		
2022 Budget Appropriation	C-4	\$ 45,600.00
Cancellation of Capital Ordinances	C-5	73,491.19
		119,091.19
		270,750.02
Decreased by:		
Appropriated to finance Improvement Authorization	C-5	39,000.00
Balance, December 31, 2022	C	\$ 231,750.02

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE FROM/TO CURRENT FUND**

		Ref.	
Balance, December 31, 2021		C	\$ 347,448.59
Increased by:			
2022 Budget - Capital Improvement Fund	C-3	\$ 45,600.00	
Road Aid Received in Current Fund	C-6	40,534.38	
			86,134.38
			433,582.97
Decreased by:			
Expenditures	C-5		31,500.00
Balance, December 31, 2022	C		\$ 402,082.97

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS**

Ord No.	Improvement Description	Ordinance Date	December 31, 2021 Funded	Authorizations	Expended	Cancelled	December 31, 2022 Funded
12-05	Purchase of Trash Containers	8/6/12	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000.00	\$	\$ 35,000.00	\$
14-04	Acquisition of Server, Driveway Repairs and Veterans Memorial	6/2/14	40,000	16,274.30		16,274.30	
16-04	Acquisition of Computer, Carpet Paint, Finance Software and Trash Can Lids	3/7/16	40,000	19,641.89		19,641.89	
17-04	Reconstruction of South Locust Avenue	8/7/17	185,000	24,627.20		24,627.20	
18-01	Purchase of Capital Equipment for Streets and Roads	9/13/18	1,000	2,575.00		2,575.00	
18-04	Reconstruction of South Locust Avenue - Section II	6/4/18	14,000	10,682.80		10,682.80	
19-04	Reconstruction of Delaware Ave. II	6/3/19	19,100	17,320.28			17,320.28
19-05	Emergency Repairs and Various Other Capital Improvements for the Municipal Building	12/2/19	25,000	1,351.29			1,351.29
20-3	Reconstruction of North Locust Avenue	4/9/20	177,000	137,147.75			137,147.75
21-4	Reconstruction of North Locust Avenue	3/1/21	183,000	35,797.87			35,797.87
22-3	Reconstruction of Shad Roe Lane, Yerkes Lane and Schrier Avenue	3/7/22	181,000	181,000.00	31,500.00		149,500.00
			\$ 300,418.38	\$ 181,000.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 108,801.19	\$ 341,117.19
			Ref.	C	C-3,5	C-4	C
	Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act Capital Improvement Fund		C-6	\$ 142,000.00		\$ 35,310.00	
			C-3	39,000.00		73,491.19	
				\$ 181,000.00		\$ 108,801.19	

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE FROM STATE OF NEW JERSEY

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021	C	\$ 113,146.87
Increased by:		
2022 Transportation Trust Authority Act Grant:	C-3	142,000.00
		<hr/> 255,146.87
Decreased by:		
Received in Current Fund	C-4	\$ 40,534.38
Cancelled		<hr/> 35,310.00
		75,844.38
Balance, December 31, 2022	C	<hr/> \$ 179,302.49
		<hr/> <hr/>

PAYROLL ACCOUNT
SCHEDULE OF CASH - CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021	E	\$ 28,480.65
Increased by:		
Receipts		103,948.20
		<hr/>
		132,428.85
Decreased by:		
Disbursements		109,541.84
Balance, December 31, 2022	E	<hr/> \$ 22,887.01
		<hr/>

Analysis of Balance

Due to Current Fund	\$ 5,871.76
Pension and Benefits	17,015.25
	<hr/>
	\$ 22,887.01
	<hr/>

TOWNSHIP OF ELSINBORO

COUNTY OF SALEM

PART II

INTERNAL CONTROL COMMENTS

GENERAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

GENERAL COMMENTS

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

N.J.S. 40A:11-4 states "every contract awarded by the contracting agent for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold of \$17,500, shall be awarded only by resolution of the governing body of the contracting unit to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this act or specifically by any other law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or furnished for a sum exceeding in the aggregate of \$17,500, except by contract or agreement."

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

The minutes indicate that no bids were required to be requested by public advertising in 2022.

N.J.S. 40A:11-5 provides for exceptions to the above-mentioned statutory bidding requirements for various stipulated areas of expenditures. Included in these areas of exception are all professional services, which include but are not limited to solicitors, engineers, land surveyors and accountants. However, in lieu of recording formal bidding procedures for these categories of expenditures, in awarding contracts to fill these positions, certain other statutory requirements must be adhered to by the governing body. These requirements include the following stipulation (**N.J.S.** 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (I)):

"The governing body shall, in each instance, state supporting reasons for its action in the resolution awarding each contract and shall forthwith cause to be printed once, in a newspaper authorized by law to publish its legal advertisements, a brief notice stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract, and that the resolution and contract are on file..."

Our examination indicated that the Township complied with the requirements when soliciting professional services.

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.

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

Our examination of expenditures did not reveal any individual payments, contracts or agreements in excess of statutory requirements "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies" other than those where bids had been previously adopted under the provisions of **N.J.S. 40A:11-6**.

**AWARD OF PURCHASES, CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS BY QUOTATIONS
PER N.J.S. 40A:11-6.1**

Prior to the award of any purchase, contract or agreement, the contracting agent shall, except in the case of the performance of professional services, solicit quotations, whenever practicable, on any purchase, contract or agreement, the estimated cost or price of which is \$2,625, and the award thereof shall be made, in accordance with Section 3 (C.40A:11-3) or Section 4 (C.40A:11-4), as the case may be, of the Local Public Contracts Law, on the basis of the lowest responsible quotation received, which quotation is most advantageous to the contracting unit, price and other factors considered; provided, however, that if the contracting agent deems it impractical to solicit competitive quotations in the case of extraordinary, unspecifiable services, or, in the case of such or any other purchase, contract or agreement awarded hereunder, having sought such quotation received, the contracting agent shall file a statement of explanation of the reason or reasons therefore, which shall be placed on file with said purchase, contract or agreement.

Our examination indicated that, for individual payments, contracts or agreements, made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies" in excess of or \$2,625, solicitation for quotations was done for the appropriate purchases in accordance with the provisions of **N.J.S. 40A:11-6.1b**.

COLLECTION OF INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

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

The governing body, on January 1, 2022, adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the rate of interest to be charged on nonpayment of taxes or assessment shall be eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 which interest is to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment."

COLLECTION OF INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS (Cont'd)

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to waive any year end penalty from any property that may have a delinquent balance of more than \$10,000."

DELINQUENT TAXES AND TAX TITLE LIENS

The last tax sale was held on March 29, 2022, and was complete.

An inspection of Tax Sale Certificates revealed that all were on file.

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Liens</u>
2022	16
2021	16
2020	18

It is essential to good management that all means provided by statute be utilized to liquidate tax liens by seriously undertaking foreclosure proceedings on appropriate properties in order to get such properties back on a taxpaying basis.

There were no foreclosures completed during 2022.

VERIFICATION OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND OTHER CHARGES

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

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number Mailed</u>
Payments of 2023 Taxes	58
Payments of 2022 Taxes	58
Delinquent Taxes	3
Tax Title Liens	3

The result of the test, which was made as of November 30, 2022 and December 31, 2022, did not reveal any irregularities based upon inspection and evaluation of the test results.

GENERAL COMMENTS

MUNICIPAL COURT

The municipal court activities of Elsinboro Township are maintained through an interlocal government agreement with Lower Alloway Creek. Therefore, no court report is prepared or submitted by Elsinboro Township.

ASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES

Due to the limited number of Township employees, there is no segregation of duties in the maintenance of accounting records, cash receipts, cash disbursements, preparation of bank reconciliation's, and the review, approval, and distribution of payroll checks. The Township Committee, however, does not believe that the potential benefit of hiring additional employees would outweigh the cost of doing so at this time.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

During the course of the audit, it was noted that payments of claims contained the required supporting detail, required signatures and minute approval.

INTERFUND BALANCES

The following interfund balances should be cleared by cash transfer:

<u>Due From</u>	<u>Due To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Current Fund	Trust Other Fund	\$ 11,003.29
Animal Control Fund	Current Fund	6,041.61
Current Fund	Federal & State Grant Fund	129,188.51
Current Fund	General Capital Fund	402,082.97
Payroll	Current Fund	5,871.76

ANIMAL CONTROL FUND

The Township issued 71 licenses during the year versus 72 in 2021. Collections of animal control license fees were not always deposited within forty-eight hours. In addition, the reports to the New Jersey Department of Health were not remitted on a timely basis, as there were no collections during the given month.

PAYROLL FUND

The examination of the payroll fund determined that the detailed computation of various deductions and other credits were properly made and withholdings were always disbursed to the proper agencies on a timely basis.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND

The Township had one public assistance trust fund bank account. The public assistance operations, however, were turned over to Salem County as of May 1, 1999. The account was closed in 2012.

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

There exist three improvement authorizations that are currently being reviewed for proper disposition and Ordinance #22-3 for Reconstruction of Shad Roe Lane as follows:

- Reconstruction of North Locust Avenue
- Reconstruction of Delaware Ave II
- Emergency Repairs & Other Capital Improvements of the Municipal Building

TAX OFFICE

The tax office maintains a computerized tax accounting system, which appeared to provide proper reports and balances. The tax office appeared to be maintained very well during 2022. This included analysis of prior year balances, which have been cleared from the records.

TAX TITLE LIEN REDEMPTION

The tax title lien redemptions account and the tax premium account each have their own bank account in 2022.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY - TECHNICAL ACCOUNTING DIRECTIVES

The Division has mandated that specific accounting procedures be adopted and operative for the following: use of general ledger, general fixed asset ledger and an encumbrance purchase order system. A form of general ledger record was established in the previous year and a selective encumbrance purchase order system was operative in the year under audit. Encumbrances payable were provided and tested as part of the audit and reported as of December 31, 2022.

GRANT FUND RESERVE BALANCES

The grant fund contained several reserve balances totaling \$76,742.23, which will be further reviewed for expenditure or other proper disposition in 2022. In addition, there were three Unappropriated Reserve balances that will require further analysis for proper appropriation in the budget.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS ESCROW FUNDS

An in-house computer is currently being used to maintain the accounting records as well as provide related internal controls for planning and zoning board escrow funds. A trial balance of open escrow accounts was not available as of December 31, 2022, which would agree with supporting detail.

Schedule of Comments and Recommendations

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Schedule of Financial Statement Comments

This section identifies the instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported in accordance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Finding 2022-1

Criteria - Bank deposits are required, by statute, to be made within 48 hours of receipt.

Condition - Various Current Fund receipts were not recorded and deposited in a timely manner.

Cause - Limited Personnel

Effect - Additional audit procedures were necessary to verify the accuracy of various cash balances reflected in the Current Fund General Ledger.

Recommendation - Procedures and resources should be reviewed and revised, in order to assure that bank deposits are made and recorded in a timely manner.

Finding 2022-2

Criteria – For internal control and balancing purposes, a proper accounting of money held by the planning and zoning board will facilitate the correct and efficient operation of the board.

Condition – An analysis of planning and zoning board escrow funds was not available for audit.

Cause - Oversight

Effect – The Township does not have an up to date analysis of funds on hand.

Recommendation - Procedures and resources should be reviewed and revised, in order to assure that related internal controls for planning and zoning board escrow funds are adequate, including completion of an up to date list of deposits on hand.

FOLLOW-UP ON PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS

In accordance with governmental auditing standards, our procedures included a review of the prior year findings and resulted in the following conclusion:

Finding 2021-1

Condition - Various Current Fund receipts were not recorded and deposited in a timely manner.

Current Status - Unresolved

Finding 2021-2

Condition – Records were not available for audit in a timely manner.

Current Status – Resolved

Finding 2021-3

Condition – An analysis of planning and zoning board escrow funds was not available for audit.

Current Status – Unresolved

Finding 2021-4

Condition – The Schedule 40A:5-5 is a required part of the audit.

Current Status – Resolved

The problems and weaknesses noted in our review were not of such magnitude that they would affect our ability to express an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole.

Should any questions arise as to our comments or recommendations, or should you desire any assistance in implementing our recommendations, please do not hesitate to call us.

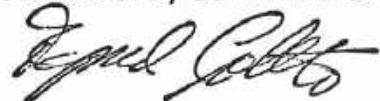
APPRECIATION

We wish to express our appreciation for the assistance and courtesies rendered to us by the officials during the course of the audit.

Should any questions arise as to our comments and recommendations, or should you desire assistance in implementing our recommendations, please do not hesitate to call us.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond Colavita".

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Registered Municipal Accountant