BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COUNTY OF MORRIS REPORT OF AUDIT 2023

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<u>2023</u>

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PART I

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023





Independent Auditors' Report

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the Borough Council Borough of Rockaway Rockaway, New Jersey

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements – regulatory basis - of the various funds and account group of the Borough of Rockaway, in the County of Morris (the "Borough") as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each fund and account group of the Borough as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of operations and changes in fund balance, where applicable, of such funds and account group, thereof for the years then ended in accordance with the accounting practices prescribed or permitted, as described in Note 1, by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division").

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 section of our report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund and account group of the Borough as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, or the changes in financial position or where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended.

Basis for Opinions

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

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the Borough Council Borough of Rockaway Page 2

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 Borough on the basis of the financial reporting provisions prescribed or permitted by the Division, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the Division's regulatory basis of accounting and the budget laws of New Jersey.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the Borough Council Borough of Rockaway Page 3

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements of the various funds and account group that collectively comprise the Borough's financial statements. The supplementary data schedules listed in the table of contents and the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ("Uniform Guidance") and New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 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 various fund and account group financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the various fund and account group financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the various fund and account group financial statements or to the various fund and account group financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary data schedules and the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the various fund and account group 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 May 13, 2024 on our consideration of the Borough's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Borough's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Borough's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mount Arlington, New Jersey May 13, 2024

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BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COUNTY OF MORRIS 2023 CURRENT FUND

$\frac{\text{BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY}}{\text{CURRENT FUND}}$ $\frac{\text{COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS}}{\text{COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS}}$

		Decemb	ber 31,	
	Ref.	2023	2022	_
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Regular Fund:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents:				
Treasurer	A-4	\$ 7,631,940.67	\$ 7,221,304.08	
Change Fund		100.00	100.00	
		7,632,040.67	7,221,404.08	
Receivables and Other Assets With Full Reserves:				
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-7	249,890.75	239,860.23	
Sewer User Fees Receivable	A-10	52,550.91	63,414.34	
Tax Title Liens Receivable	A-8	1,357,756.94	1,285,098.06	
Property Acquired for Taxes at Assessed Valuation		961,500.00	961,500.00	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-9	1,248.82	1,016.74	
Grants Receivable	A-14	48,329.53	64,570.93	
Total Receivables and Other Assets With Full Reserves		 2,671,276.95	2,615,460.30	_
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 10,303,317.62	\$ 9,836,864.38	

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY CURRENT FUND

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

			Decem	ber 3	1,
	Ref.		2023		2022
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE					
Regular Fund:					
Appropriation Reserves:					
Encumbered	A-3;A-11	\$	317,293.26	\$	292,984.47
Unencumbered	A-3;A-11	· <u></u>	778,343.53		814,083.47
		1	,095,636.79		1,107,067.94
Accounts Payable - Vendors			26,905.35		34,345.10
Sewer User Fee Overpayments			6,542.20		
County Added and Omitted Taxes Payable			817.96		4,848.26
Due to State of New Jersey:					
Senior Citizens' and Veterans' Deductions			11,731.28		11,731.28
Marriage License Fees			125.00		
Lead Fees			120.00		
Construction Code Surcharge Fees			2,598.00		1,923.00
Prepaid Taxes			161,348.84		119,310.49
Due to Other Trust Funds	В		77,541.18		
Due to General Capital Fund	C				34,646.00
Reserve for Appropriated Grants:					
Encumbered	A-16		88,554.80		38,430.80
Unencumbered	A-16		86,637.57		498,383.94
Reserve for Unappropriated Grants	A-15		7,356.22		1,359.48
Reserve for:					
Revaluation of Real Property			2,160.00		2,160.00
Master Plan			2,130.00		6,095.00
Sale of Municipal Assets			559,311.00		559,311.00
Pending Tax Appeals			750,000.00		650,000.00
Sewer Maintenance		1	,062,851.43		943,263.86
Municipal Relief Fund Aid			57,054.90		28,533.38
-		3	,999,422.52		4,041,409.53
Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets	A	2	2,671,276.95		2,615,460.30
Fund Balance	A-1		,632,618.15		3,179,994.55
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANC	<u>CE</u>	\$ 10	,303,317.62	\$	9,836,864.38

$\frac{\text{BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY}}{\text{CURRENT FUND}} \\ \underline{\text{COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE -}}{\text{REGULATORY BASIS}}$

		Year Ended 1	December 31,
	Ref.	2023	2022
Revenue and Other Income Realized			
Fund Balance Utilized		\$ 575,000.00	\$ 550,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated		2,163,333.17	2,093,101.05
Receipts from:			
Delinquent Taxes		239,831.14	201,011.04
Current Taxes		25,435,151.30	25,223,881.99
Nonbudget Revenue		360,152.76	434,117.50
Other Credits to Income:			
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves		375,060.72	420,227.65
Decrease in Grants Receivable		16,241.40	25,105.48
Cancellation of Appropriated Grant Reserves			8,529.78
Total Income		29,164,770.49	28,955,974.49
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Budget and Emergency Appropriations:			
Municipal Purposes		9,579,990.13	9,422,527.40
Local School District Taxes		9,255,675.00	9,385,515.00
County Taxes		2,337,348.54	2,228,716.66
County Share of Added Taxes		817.96	4,848.26
Regional School District Taxes		6,790,887.00	6,710,059.00
Cancellation of Grants Receivable		0,1,1,0,0,1,00	11,682.84
Reserve for Pending Tax Appeals		172,428.26	,
Total Expenditures		28,137,146.89	27,763,349.16
Excess in Revenue/Statutory Excess to Fund Balance		1,027,623.60	1,192,625.33
Fund Balance			
Balance January 1		3,179,994.55	2,537,369.22
		4,207,618.15	3,729,994.55
Decreased by:		, ., .	, - , -
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue		575,000.00	550,000.00
Balance December 31	A	\$ 3,632,618.15	\$ 3,179,994.55

187,212.08

2,163,333.17

144,145.13

1,831,975.96

Total Miscellaneous Revenues

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BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY

STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budget	ASI	Added by NJSA 40A:4-87		Realized		Excess or Deficit *	ī
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 575,000.00			⇔	575,000.00			
Miscellaneous Revenue:								
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	20,000.00				20,460.00	\$	460.00	
Other Licenses	18,000.00				61,527.21		43,527.21	
Fees and Permits	64,500.00				73,092.49		8,592.49	
Municipal Court - Fines and Costs	40,000.00				22,201.90		17,798.10	*
Interest and Costs on Taxes	48,219.00				77,349.56		29,130.56	
Energy Receipts Tax (P.L. 1998, Chapters 162 & 167)	550,776.00				550,776.02		0.02	
Reserve for Municipal Relief Funds	28,533.38				28,533.38			
Uniform Construction Code Fees	125,000.00				159,169.00		34,169.00	
Shared Service Agreement:								
Morris Hills Regional School Resource Officer	77,500.00				77,500.00			
Uniform Fire Safety Fees	30,000.00				30,893.25		893.25	
Sewer User Fees	680,000.00				768,237.65		88,237.65	
General Capital Fund Balance	80,314.10				80,314.10			
Reserve for Sewer Maintenance	31,000.00				31,000.00			
Recycling Tonnage Grant	5,825.00	S	4,084.66		99.606'6			
Clean Communities	11,500.00				11,500.00			
Body Armor Replacement	1,359.48				1,359.48			
Safe and Secure Communities Grant	15,228.00				15,228.00			
Municipal Alliance Grant	4,221.00		2,000.00		6,221.00			
NJDEP/JEDA Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation			123,060.47		123,060.47			
NJ Stormwater Management Planning Assistance Grant			15,000.00		15,000.00			
								1

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

		Budget	NJS	Added by NJSA 40A:4-87		Realized	Excess or Deficit *
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	8	200,000.00			\$	239,831.14 \$ 39,831.14	\$ 39,831.14
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget: Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Minimum Library Tax		7,070,647.04				7,292,145.80	221,498.76
		7,373,924.04				7,595,422.80	221,498.76
Budget Totals		9,980,900.00	↔	\$ 144,145.13		10,573,587.11	448,541.98
Nonbudget Revenue						360,152.76	360,152.76
	\$	9,980,900.00	\$	\$ 144,145.13	\$ 1	\$ 10,933,739.87	\$ \$ 808,694.74

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY CURRENT FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

18,384,728.50
Polones for Cumport of Municipal Dudget
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget 7,050,422.80
Add: Appropriation "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes" 545,000.00
Realized for Support of Municipal Budget \$ 7,595,422.80
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes:
Delinquent Tax Collections \$ 239,831.14
Analysis of Nonbudget Revenue: Treasurer: Cable Television Franchise Fees \$ 87,639.31 Prior Year Police Outside Duty Administrative Fees 165,849.19 Hotel Tax 29,250.06 NJ Senior Citizens & Veterans Deductions - Admin. Fee 665.00 Construction Code Penalties 145.00 Interest on Investments 19,460.41
Cannabis Fees 5,000.00
Cannabis Quarterly Tax Payments 20,859.28
Prior Year Refunds 14,891.43
Other Miscellaneous 7,952.94
\$ 351,712.62
Tax Collector - Other Miscellaneous Revenue 125.00
Interest Earned in Other Trust Funds 2,962.88
Interest Earned in Animal Control Fund 54.71
Interest Earned in General Capital Fund 5,297.55
\$ 360,152.76

CURRENT FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Approp	Appropriations			Expended By	ed By		Unexpended
		Buc	Budget After	Paid or	or			Balance
	Budget	Mo	Modification	Charged	ged	Reserved	pa.	Cancelled
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:								
General Administration:								
Salaries & Wages	\$ 42,550.00	S	42,550.00	\$ 42	42,550.00			
Other Expenses	32,375.00		32,375.00	29	29,484.11	\$ 2,8	2,890.89	
Mayor & Council:								
Salaries & Wages	32,000.00		32,000.00	32	32,000.00			
Other Expenses	1,800.00		1,800.00	1	1,161.25	9	638.75	
Municipal Clerk:								
Salaries & Wages	58,800.00		58,800.00	34	34,326.98	24,4	24,473.02	
Other Expenses	22,760.00		22,760.00	22	22,760.00			
Financial Administration:								
Salaries & Wages	105,000.00		105,000.00	103	103,082.00	1,9	1,918.00	
Other Expenses	24,820.00		24,820.00	13	13,163.37	11,6	11,656.63	
Audit	26,500.00		26,500.00	3	3,000.00	23,5	23,500.00	
Tax Assessment Administration:								
Salaries & Wages	22,000.00		22,000.00	21	,754.70	7	245.30	
Other Expenses	5,050.00		5,050.00	4	4,144.85	6	905.15	
Revenue Administration (Tax Collection):								
Salaries & Wages	66,500.00		66,500.00	99	66,462.45		37.55	
Other Expenses	18,025.00		18,025.00	14	14,737.19	3,2	3,287.81	
Legal Services and Costs:								
Other Expenses	121,700.00		116,700.00	73	73,652.35	43,0	43,047.65	
Engineering Services:								
Other Expenses	35,000.00		35,000.00	34	34,557.25	4	442.75	
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION:								
Municipal Land Use Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:55D-1):								
Land Use Board:								
Salaries & Wages	25,250.00		25,250.00	25	25,250.00	•		
Other Expenses	2,700.00		2,700.00		770.42	1,9	1,929.58	

CURRENT FUND

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

	Appropriations	riations	Expen	Expended By	Unexpended
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	Balance Cancelled
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION (Continued):	0		0		
Zoning Commission:					
Salaries & Wages	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,181.83	\$ 318.17	
Other Expenses	2,200.00	2,200.00	670.75	1,529.25	
Planning Board:					
Other Expenses	20,000.00	20,000.00	18,980.00	1,020.00	
Insurance:					
Employee Group Insurance	663,339.00	657,539.00	467,681.55	189,857.45	
Workers' Compensation	66,000.00	00.000,99	63,934.90	2,065.10	
General Liability Insurance	135,950.00	135,950.00	109,622.70	26,327.30	
Health Benefit Waiver	15,000.00	20,800.00	20,625.00	175.00	
Unemployment Insurance	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00		
PUBLIC SAFETY:					
Volunteer Fire/Ambulance:					
Other Expenses	92,150.00	92,150.00	88,267.60	3,882.40	
Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983, Ch. 383):					
Fire Prevention Bureau:					
Salaries & Wages	53,100.00	53,200.00	53,178.15	21.85	
Other Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,101.20	898.80	
Office of Emergency Management:					
Salaries & Wages	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,999.92	0.08	
Other Expenses	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00		
Police:					
Salaries & Wages	2,336,225.00	2,336,225.00	2,336,225.00		
Other Expenses	148,450.00	148,450.00	138,840.62	9,609.38	
Alarm System - Police and Fire:					
Other Expenses	133,600.00	133,600.00	133,593.61	6.39	
PUBLIC WORKS:					
Road Repair and Maintenance:					
Salaries & Wages	412,500.00	412,500.00	341,593.21	70,906.79	
Other Expenses	182,105.00	182,105.00	132,416.13	49,688.87	A 2 o:

CURRENT FUND

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

		Appropriations	iations			Expen	Expended By		Unexpended
	Buc	Budget	Bu	Budget After Modification		Paid or Charged	R	Reserved	Balance Cancelled
PUBLIC WORKS:))			
Other Public Works:									
Other Expenses	S	6,000.00	S	6,000.00	S	1,670.30	S	4,329.70	
Shade Tree Commission:									
Other Expenses	2	25,000.00		25,000.00		24,782.48		217.52	
Solid Waste Disposal:									
Salaries & Wages	ω,	39,500.00		39,500.00		39,346.65		153.35	
Other Expenses	27	795,950.00		810,950.00		807,431.25		3,518.75	
Sewer:									
Salaries & Wages	15	154,500.00		154,500.00		154,500.00			
Other Expenses	ω,	32,000.00		32,000.00		26,500.00		5,500.00	
Public Building and Grounds:									
Other Expenses	5	91,045.00		91,045.00		76,770.08		14,274.92	
Vehicle Maintenance:									
Other Expenses	ζ,	55,500.00		55,500.00		50,295.11		5,204.89	
HEALTH AND WELFARE:									
Board of Health:									
Salaries & Wages		3,150.00		3,150.00		3,150.00			
Other Expenses	15	154,660.00		154,660.00		143,633.73		11,026.27	
Senior Citizens' Programs:									
Other Expenses		5,000.00		5,000.00				5,000.00	
RECREATION AND EDUCATION:									
Board of Recreation Commissioners:									
Salaries & Wages	5	91,500.00		91,500.00		89,741.91		1,758.09	
Other Expenses	4	47,220.00		47,220.00		31,647.02		15,572.98	
Maintenance of Parks:									
Other Expenses	4	42,500.00		42,500.00		41,177.80		1,322.20	

CURRENT FUND

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

	Appropriations	iations	Expen	Expended By	Unexpended
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	Balance Cancelled
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE:	0		0		
Uniform Construction Code Enforcement:					
Salaries & Wages	\$ 28,700.00	\$ 28,700.00	\$ 28,700.00		
Other Expenses	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00		
Construction Code Official:					
Salaries & Wages	44,100.00	44,400.00	44,400.00		
Other Expenses	4,640.00	4,640.00	4,277.13	\$ 362.87	
UNCLASSIFIED:					
Utilities:					
Gasoline and Diesel	50,000.00	50,000.00	34,060.02	15,939.98	
Electricity	45,000.00	45,000.00	41,692.37	3,307.63	
Natural Gas	16,000.00	16,000.00	13,565.11	2,434.89	
Street Lighting	84,000.00	84,000.00	82,326.34	1,673.66	
Telephone	25,000.00	25,000.00	21,183.58	3,816.42	
Celebration of Public Events:					
Other Expenses	16,200.00	16,200.00	13,700.00	2,500.00	
Salary Adjustments	23,587.17	13,187.17	1,000.00	12,187.17	
Total Operations Within "CAPS"	6,823,501.17	6,823,501.17	6,242,119.97	581,381.20	
Contingent	500.00	500.00		500.00	
Total Operations including Contingent within "CAPS"	6,824,001.17	6,824,001.17	6,242,119.97	581,881.20	
Detail:					
Salaries & Wages	3,560,462.17	3,550,462.17	3,438,442.80	112,019.37	
Other Expenses	3,263,539.00	3,273,539.00	2,803,677.17	469,861.83	

CURRENT FUND

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

		Appropriations	iations		Expended By	By	Unexpended
	B	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged		Reserved	Balance Cancelled
DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES: Statutory Expenditures: Public Employee's Retirement System Contribution to Social Security System (O.A.S.I.) Police and Fireman's Retirement System of NJ Defined Contribution Retirement Plan	₩.	177,234.00 135,500.00 596,624.00	\$ 177,234.00 135,500.00 596,624.00	\$ 16	4,263.62 \$ 1,301.09 6,624.00	12,970.38 4,198.91	
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal Within "CAPS"		919,358.00	919,358.00		6.61	19,101.39	
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"	7,7	7,743,359.17	7,743,359.17	7,142,376.58	6.58	600,982.59	
OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS": Length of Service Awards Program ("LOSAP") Aid to Library (N.J.S.A. 40:54-35) Employee Group Insurance (P.L. 2007, C.62) Sewerage Processing and Disposal (RVRSA)	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	20,000.00 303,277.00 21,961.00 330,000.00	20,000.00 303,277.00 21,961.00 330,000.00	297,887.06 21,961.00 330,000.00	7.06 1.00 0.00	20,000.00	
SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENTS: Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills - Municipal Court Morris Hills Regional High School District - Resource Officers: Police:		85,000.00	85,000.00		4.00	2,196.00	
Salaries & Wages		77,500.00	77,500.00	77,500.00	0.00		
STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFFSET BY REVENUES: Clean Communities Grant Municipal Alliance Grant (N.J.S.A 40A:4-87, + \$2,000.00) Municipal Alliance Grant - Local Match Safe and Secure Communities Grant: Police: Salaries & Wages		11,500.00 4,221.00 1,055.25 15,228.00	11,500.00 6,221.00 1,055.25 15,228.00		1,500.00 6,221.00 1,055.25 5,228.00		

CURRENT FUND

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

(Continued)

		Appropriations	riations			Expended Bv	led Bv		Unexpended
		Budget	Bud	Budget After Modification		Paid or Charged	Reserved	p;	Balance Cancelled
STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFFSET BY REVENUES: Body Armor Grant Recycling Tonnage Grant (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, + \$4,084.66)	⊗	1,359.48 5,825.00	∽	1,359.48	↔	1,359.48 9,909.66		 	
NJ Stormwater Management Planning Assistance Grant (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, + \$15,000.00)				15,000.00		15,000.00			
NJDEP/NJEDA - Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, + \$123,060.47)				123,060.47		123,060.47			
Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		876,926.73	1,	1,021,071.86		993,485.92	\$ 27,58	27,585.94	
Detail: Salaries & Wages Other Expenses		92,728.00 784,198.73		92,728.00 928,343.86		92,728.00 900,757.92	27,58	27,585.94	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS": Capital Improvement Fund Fire Fauitment		32,000.00		32,000.00		32,000.00			
Sewer Capital Improvements		125,000.00		125,000.00			125,000.00	00.00	
Administration Technology Equipment Recreation Equipment/Improvements		8,000.00		8,000.00		3,225.00	4,77	4,775.00	
Total Capital Improvements - Excluded from "CAPS"		200,400.00		200,400.00		50,625.00	149,775.00	75.00	
MUNCIPAL DEBT SERVICE - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS": Payment of Bond Principal Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes and Capital Notes Interest on Bonds Interest on Notes		310,000.00 80,314.10 205,000.00 19,900.00		310,000.00 80,314.10 205,000.00 19,900.00		310,000.00 80,314.10 205,000.00 19,845.00			\$ 55.00
Total Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from "CAPS"		615,214.10		615,214.10		615,159.10			55.00

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CURRENT FUND

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

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	Approp	Appropriations	Expended By	led By	Unexpended
		Budget After	Paid or		Balance
	Budget	Modification	Charged	Reserved	Cancelled
Total General Appropriations - Excluded from "CAPS"	\$ 1,692,540.83	\$ 1,836,685.96	\$ 1,659,270.02	\$ 177,360.94	\$ 55.00
Subtotal General Ameromistions	9 435 900 00	9 580 045 13	8 801 646 60	778 343 53	95.00
	00.007,004,7	0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000	00.010,100,0		
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	545,000.00	545,000.00	545,000.00		
Total General Appropriations	\$ 9,980,900.00	\$ 10,125,045.13	\$ 9,346,646.60	\$ 778,343.53	\$ 55.00

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BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY CURRENT FUND

$\frac{\text{STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS}}{\text{YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023}}$

	Ref.	Analy	ysis of	•
		Budget After		Paid or
		Modification		Charged
Adopted Budget Added by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87		\$ 9,980,900.00 144,145.13		
		\$ 10,125,045.13		
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes Reserve for Encumbrances Reserve for Sewer Maintenance Transferred to Federal and State Appropriated Grants Cash Disbursed	A		\$	545,000.00 317,293.26 25,587.57 183,333.86 8,523,588.64 9,594,803.33
Less: Appropriation Refunds				248,156.73
			\$	9,346,646.60

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COUNTY OF MORRIS 2023 TRUST FUNDS

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - TRUST FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS

			Decem	ber 31	,
	Ref.		2023		2022
ASSETS Animal Control Fund: Cash and Cash Equivalents:	D 4	¢	15 404 05	¢	20 145 07
Cash - Treasurer	B-4	\$	15,494.05	\$	20,145.87
Due From State of New Jersey: Board of Health			7.20		
			15,501.25		20,145.87
Other Trust Funds:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	B-4		1,535,292.69	:	1,592,045.44
Due from Current Fund	A		77,541.18		
			1,612,833.87		1,592,045.44
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	1,628,335.12	\$	1,612,191.31
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANG</u> Animal Control Fund:	<u>CE</u>				
Due to State of New Jersey:					
Board of Health				\$	57.60
Prepaid Animal Licenses				*	810.60
Reserve for Animal Control Expenditures	B-6	\$	15,501.25		19,277.67
			15,501.25		20,145.87

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - TRUST FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS

		Decen	nber 3	31,
	Ref.	2023		2022
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE (C	Cont'd)			
Other Trust Funds:				
Reserve for:				
Tax Sale Premiums		\$ 28,900.00		
Council on Affordable Housing		120,120.20	\$	120,120.20
State Unemployment Insurance		154,069.19		144,893.14
Accumulated Absences		242,673.40		225,793.66
Trust Escrow		219,998.81		157,359.34
Addison Hills Escrow		9,582.17		9,568.54
Forfeited Assets		31,546.58		31,468.92
Recycling		44,518.37		40,807.02
Tree Replacement		11,409.12		11,409.12
Parking Offenses Adjudication Act		1,066.90		1,028.90
Public Defender		20,114.96		19,482.96
D.A.R.E.		1,407.75		1,575.75
Vital Life		1,000.00		1,000.00
State of NJ Housing		772.77		772.77
Police Donations		5,195.00		5,195.00
National Night Out		2,835.42		4,361.38
Fire Prevention		27,800.38		25,506.79
Police Outside Duty		67,081.84		164,501.37
Recreation		72,137.64		68,698.50
Storm Recovery	,	550,603.37		558,502.08
		1,612,833.87	_	1,592,045.44
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		\$ 1,628,335.12	\$	1,612,191.31

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY ASSESSMENT TRUST FUND STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOT APPLICABLE

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY ASSESSMENT TRUST FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOT APPLICABLE

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BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY ASSESSMENT TRUST FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOT APPLICABLE

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COUNTY OF MORRIS 2023 GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

			Decem	iber 3	1,
	Ref.		2023		2022
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	C-2	\$	2,223,951.98	\$	2,535,213.78
Due from Current Fund	A				34,646.00
Grant Receivable:					
NJ Department of Transportation			123,403.75		457,961.31
Local Recreation Improvement Grant					75,000.00
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:					
Funded			4,440,000.00		4,750,000.00
Unfunded	C-4		993,202.00		468,227.00
TOTAL ASSETS		¢	7 700 557 72	¢	9 221 049 00
TOTAL ASSETS		D	7,780,557.73	\$	8,321,048.09
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE					
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	C-7	\$	993,202.00	\$	468,227.00
Serial Bonds Payable	C-8		4,440,000.00		4,750,000.00
Improvement Authorizations:					
Funded	C-5		1,177,041.00		1,888,228.44
Unfunded	C-5		777,883.95		320,991.75
Capital Improvement Fund	C-6		277,728.39		628,262.14
Reserve to Pay Debt Service	C-3		1,033.63		
Fund Balance	C-1		113,668.76		265,338.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANC	E	\$	7,780,557.73	\$	8,321,048.09

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

	Ref		
Balance December 31, 2022	C		\$ 265,338.76
Decreased by: Anticipated Revenue in 2023 Budget Reinstate to Reserve to Pay Debt Service		\$ 80,314.10 71,355.90	151,670.00
Balance December 31, 2023	C		\$ 113,668.76

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COUNTY OF MORRIS 2023 WATER UTILITY FUND

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

		Dece	ember 31
	Ref.	2023	2022
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Operating Fund:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Treasurer	D-4	\$ 946,521.53	\$ 859,454.74
Change Fund		100.00	100.00
		946,621.53	859,554.74
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:			
Consumer Accounts Receivable	D-6	238,238.88	244,728.56
Total Operating Fund		1,184,860.41	1,104,283.30
Capital Fund:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	D-4	1,902,833.41	1,870,763.68
Due From County of Morris:			
Community Development Block Grant Receivable		125,000.00	
Fixed Capital	D-7	9,208,947.42	9,202,066.83
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	D-8	5,577,125.42	4,784,725.42
Total Capital Fund		16,813,906.25	15,857,555.93
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 17,998,766.66	\$ 16,961,839.23

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

			Decen	nber 3	1
	Ref.		2023		2022
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE					
Operating Fund:					
Appropriation Reserves:					
Unencumbered	D-3; D-9	\$	177,293.59	\$	88,887.12
Encumbered	D-3; D-9	Ψ	81,577.97	Ψ	138,159.36
Elicumocica	D-3, D-9		258,871.56		227,046.48
Accounts Payable			14,103.13		14,103.13
Accrued Interest on Bonds			56,898.98		59,108.25
Water Rent Overpayments			12,235.32		1,096.90
Reserve for Carbon Filter Replacement			60,000.00		60,000.00
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Reserve for Receivables	D		238,238.88		244,728.56
Fund Balance	D-1		544,512.54		498,199.98
Tuna Balance	Б 1		3 : 1,5 12.5 1		1,50,155.50
Total Operating Fund			1,184,860.41		1,104,283.30
Capital Fund:					
Serial Bonds Payable	D-14		4,235,000.00		4,435,000.00
Improvement Authorizations:					
Funded	D-10		1,779,342.11		1,568,272.38
Capital Improvement Fund	D-11		121,112.04		135,112.04
Reserve for Water Capital Improvements			110,063.08		150,063.08
Deferred Reserve for Amortization	D-12		1,152,400.00		360,000.00
Reserve for Amortization	D-12A		9,398,672.84		9,191,792.25
Fund Balance	D-1A		17,316.18		17,316.18
Total Capital Fund		1	6,813,906.25		15,857,555.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALAN	<u>NCE</u>	\$ 1	7,998,766.66	\$	16,961,839.23

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

		Year Ended 1	Dece	ember 31,
	Ref.	2023		2022
Revenue and Other Income Realized				
Fund Balance Utilized		\$ 250,000.00	\$	250,000.00
Water Rents		2,248,175.36		2,258,807.45
Miscellaneous		20,266.45		20,838.98
Reserve for Carbon Filter Replacement		60,000.00		
Nonbudget Revenue		13,751.67		13,571.66
Other Credits to Income:				
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves		 29,409.49		41,256.31
Total Income		2,621,602.97		2,584,474.40
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Budget Expenditures:				
Operating		1,688,011.00		1,587,945.00
Capital Improvements		204,000.00		283,000.00
Debt Service		339,499.41		344,679.33
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures		 93,780.00		91,500.00
Total Expenditures		 2,325,290.41		2,307,124.33
Excess in Revenue		296,312.56		277,350.07
Fund Balance				
Balance January 1	D	498,199.98		470,849.91
		794,512.54		748,199.98
Decreased by:				
Utilized by Water Utility Operating Budget		 250,000.00		250,000.00
Balance December 31	D	\$ 544,512.54	\$	498,199.98

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND STATEMENT OF CAPITAL FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

	Ref.	
Balance December 31, 2022	D	\$ 17,316.18
Balance December 31, 2023	D	\$ 17,316.18

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Anticipated	Realized	Excess or Deficit*
Fund Balance Anticipated Rents Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated Reserve for Carbon Filter Replacements Nonbudget Revenue	\$ 250,000.00 2,000,000.00 17,500.00 60,000.00 2,327,500.00	\$ 250,000.00 2,248,175.36 20,266.45 60,000.00 2,578,441.81 13,751.67	\$ 248,175.36 2,766.45 250,941.81 13,751.67
ronouaget revenue	\$ 2,327,500.00	\$ 2,592,193.48	\$ 264,693.48
Analysis of Revenue - Rents Collections Overpayments Applied		\$ 2,247,078.46 1,096.90 \$ 2,248,175.36	
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated: Treasurer: Water Allocation Fees Hydrants Miscellaneous		\$ 8,455.00 7,755.00 4,056.45	
Nonbudget Revenue:		\$ 20,266.45	
Collector: Interest and Penalties Treasurer: Interest on Investments Water Utility Capital Fund:		\$ 7,731.48 2,117.05	
Interest on Investments		\$ 13,751.67	

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

		Appro	Appropriation	Expe	Expended by	_		
	I		Budget After	Paid or			Un	Unexpended Balance
		Budget	Modification	Charged		Reserved	0	Cancelled
Operating:								
Salaries and Wages		\$ 611,100.00	\$ 611,100.00	\$ 593,327.15	S	17,772.85		
Other Expenses		1,076,911.00	1,076,911.00	930,023.90		146,887.10		
Capital Improvements:								
Capital Improvement Fund		200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00				
Capital Outlay		4,000.00	4,000.00	2,400.12		1,599.88		
Debt Service:								
Payment of Bonds		200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00				
Payment of Bond Interest		141,709.00	141,709.00	139,499.41			S	2,209.59
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures:								
Statutory Expenditures:								
Contribution to:								
Public Employees' Retirement System		31,280.00	31,280.00	31,276.34		3.66		
Unemployment Insurance		7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00				
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	I	55,000.00	55,000.00	43,969.90		11,030.10		
	I	\$ 2,327,500.00	\$ 2,327,500.00	\$ 2,147,996.82	S	177,293.59	S	2,209.59
	Ref.					О		
Cash Disbursed				\$ 1,938,803.16				
Accrued Interest on Bonds				139,499.41				
Encumbrances Payable	D			81,577.97	ı			
				2,159,880.54	i			

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

\$ 2,147,996.82

11,883.72

Less: Appropriation Refunds

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COUNTY OF MORRIS 2023 GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

	December 31,		
	2023	2022	
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Land	\$ 9,428,100.00	\$ 9,428,100.00	
Buildings	4,580,140.12	4,562,116.37	
Equipment and Vehicles	8,909,493.28	8,134,566.54	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 22,917,733.40	\$ 22,124,782.91	
<u>RESERVES</u>			
Investment in Fixed Assets	\$ 22,917,733.40	\$ 22,124,782.91	
TOTAL RESERVES	\$ 22,917,733.40	\$ 22,124,782.91	

Note 1: <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

A. Reporting Entity

Except as noted below, the financial statements of the Borough of Rockaway include every board, body, officer or commission supported and maintained wholly or in part by funds appropriated by the Borough of Rockaway, as required by N.J.S. 40A:5-5. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Borough of Rockaway do not include the operations of the Library or Volunteer Fire and First Aid Squads.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board publication Codification of Government Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards ("GASB"), Section 2100 "Defining the Financial Reporting Entity" establishes standards to determine whether a governmental component unit should be included in the financial reporting entity. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. In addition, component units can be other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with a primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and (1) it is able to impose its will on that organization or (2) there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government. A legally separate, tax-exempt organization should be reported as a component unit of a reporting entity if all of the following criteria are met: (1) The economic resources received or held by the separate organization are entirely or almost entirely for the direct benefit of the primary government, its component units, or its constituents. (2) The primary government, or its component units, is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, a majority of the economic resources received or held by the separate organization. (3) The economic resources received or held by an individual organization that the specific primary government, or its component units, is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, are significant to that primary government. As the financial reporting entity was established in accordance with New Jersey statutes, the requirements of GASB Codification Section 2100 were not followed and, accordingly, the reporting entity could be different from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

B. Description of Funds

The accounting policies of the Borough of Rockaway conform to the accounting practices applicable to municipalities which have been prescribed or permitted by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"). Such 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 Borough of Rockaway accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate funds:

<u>Current Fund</u> - Resources and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature, including federal and state grant funds.

<u>Trust Fund</u> - Receipt, custodianship and disbursement of funds in accordance with the purpose for which each reserve was created.

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Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

B. Description of Funds (Cont'd)

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

Water Utility Operating and Capital Fund - Account for the operations and acquisition of capital facilities of the municipally owned water utility.

General Fixed Assets Account Group – Estimated values of land, buildings and certain fixed assets of the Borough as discussed in Note 1E – "Basis of Accounting".

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenue and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies.

Revenue is recorded when received in cash except for certain amounts which may be due from the State of New Jersey and for the prepayment of future years' revenue. Grant revenue is realized in the operating funds when it is budgeted and in the capital funds when improvements are authorized. The amounts recorded as property taxes and consumer accounts receivable have not been included in revenue. Amounts that are due to the municipality, which are susceptible of accrual, are recorded as receivables with offsetting reserves in the Current Fund.

Expenditures are charged to operations generally based on budgeted amounts. Exceptions to this general rule include:

- Accumulated unpaid vacation, sick pay and other employee amounts are not accrued.
- Prepaid expenses, such as insurance premiums applicable to subsequent periods, are charged to current budget appropriations in total.
- Principal and interest on long-term debt are recognized when due.

Expenditures, if any, in excess of appropriations, appropriation reserves or ordinances become deferred charges which must be raised by future taxes. Outstanding encumbrances at December 31 are reported as a cash liability in the financial statements and constitute part of the statutory appropriation reserve balance. 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 cancelled 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.

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Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

C. Basis of Accounting (Cont'd)

Had the Borough's financial statements been prepared under generally accepted accounting principles, encumbrances would not be considered as expenditures; appropriation reserves would not be recorded; revenue susceptible to accrual would have been reflected without offsetting reserves; Federal and State grants and assistance would be recognized when earned, not when received; inventories would not be reflected as expenditures at the time of purchase; fixed assets purchased by the Water Utility Capital Fund would be depreciated, investments would generally be stated at fair value, lease assets and payable as well as the related expense would be recorded for leases for which the Borough is a lessee, lease receivables and deferred lease resources as well as the related revenue would be recorded for leases for which the Borough is a lessor, a financed purchases payable would be recorded for financed purchases agreements under which the Borough acquires and owns a fixed asset and the Borough's net pension liability and related deferred inflows and outflows would be recorded.

The cash basis of accounting is followed in the Trust and Capital Funds.

D. Deferred Charges to Future Taxation

The General Capital Fund balance sheet includes both funded and unfunded deferred charges. Funded deferred charges represent improvement authorizations where permanent financing has been obtained. Unfunded deferred charges represent improvement authorizations where no or temporary financing has been obtained. A municipality can permanently finance unfunded deferred charges through budget appropriation, grant funds, or by issuing bonds, loans or financed purchases agreements.

E. Other significant accounting policies include:

<u>Management Estimates</u> – The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures/expenses during the period reported. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u> – Amounts include petty cash, change funds, amounts on deposit, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Investments – Investments are stated at cost.

<u>Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts</u> – No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been recorded as all amounts are considered collectible.

<u>Compensated Absences</u> - Expenditures relating to unused vested accumulated vacation and sick pay are not recorded until paid.

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

<u>Interfunds</u> - 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.

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Note 1: <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Cont'd)

E. Other significant accounting policies include: (Cont'd)

<u>Inventories of Supplies</u> - The cost of inventories of supplies for all funds are recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The cost of inventories is not included on the various balance sheets.

<u>Grants Receivable</u> - Grants receivable represent the total grant awards less amounts collected to date. Because the amount of grant funds to be collected are dependent on the total costs eligible for reimbursement, the actual amount collected may be less than the total amount awarded.

<u>General Fixed Assets</u> – General fixed assets are recorded at cost or estimated historical cost. Infrastructure assets are not included in general fixed assets, as per state directive. Major renewals and betterments are charged to the asset accounts; maintenance and minor repairs and replacements, which do not improve or extend the lives of the respective assets, are expensed currently. Donated fixed assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Fixed assets are reviewed for impairment.

The total value recorded for general fixed assets is offset by an "Investment in Fixed Assets". When properties are retired or otherwise disposed of, the asset and the reserve are adjusted accordingly. Assets recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group may also be recorded in the Current Fund, General Capital Fund and Water Utility Fund. The values recorded in the general fixed assets account group and the capital funds may not always agree due to differences in valuation methods, timing of recognition of assets, and the recognition of infrastructures.

Property and equipment purchased by the Water Utility Fund are recorded in the capital account at cost and does not purport to represent replacement costs or current value. Contributions in aid of construction are not capitalized and depreciation is not recorded. The balances in the Reserve for Amortization and Deferred Reserve for Amortization accounts in the Water Utility Capital Fund represent charges to operations for the acquisition cost of property, equipment and improvements.

F. <u>Budget/Budgetary Control</u> – Annual budgets are usually prepared in the first quarter for the Current and Water Utility Operating Funds. Budgets are prepared on the cash basis of accounting and are submitted to the governing body and the Division of Local Government Services. The legal level of budgetary control is established at the line-item accounts within each fund and are defined as the lowest (most specific) level of detail as established pursuant to the flexible chart of accounts referenced in N.J.S.A. 40A. All budget amendments/transfers must be approved by the Borough Council during the year.

Note 2: Long-Term Debt

The Local Bond Law governs the issuance of bonds to finance general Borough capital expenditures. All bonds are retired in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness. All bonds issued by the Borough are general obligation bonds. The Borough's full faith and credit and taxing power have been pledged to the payment of the general obligation debt principal and interest.

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Note 2: <u>Long-Term Debt</u> (Cont'd)

Summary of Municipal Debt

	December 31,				
	2023	2022	2021		
<u>Issued</u>					
General:					
Bonds and Notes	\$ 5,433,202.00	\$ 5,218,227.00	\$ 5,513,227.00		
Water Utility:					
Bonds and Notes	4,235,000.00	4,435,000.00	4,635,000.00		
	9,668,202.00	9,653,227.00	10,148,227.00		
<u>Less:</u>					
General:					
Reserve to Pay Debt Service	1,033.63				
	1,033.63				
Net Bonds and Notes Issued and					
Authorized but not Issued	\$ 9,667,168.37	\$ 9,653,227.00	\$ 10,148,227.00		

<u>Summary of Statutory Debt Condition – Annual Debt Statement</u>

The summarized statement of debt condition, which follows, is prepared in accordance with the required method of setting up the Annual Debt Statement and indicates a statutory net debt of .591%.

	Gross Debt	Gross Debt Deductions	
Local School Debt	\$ 13,714,175.00	\$ 13,714,175.00	
Regional School Debt	1,195,619.55	1,195,619.55	
Water Utility Debt	4,235,000.00	4,235,000.00	
General Debt	5,433,202.00	1,033.63	\$ 5,432,168.37
	\$ 24,577,996.55	\$ 19,145,828.18	\$ 5,432,168.37

Net Debt: \$5,432,168.37 divided by Average Equalized Valuations of \$918,761,504 of Real Property = 0.591%.

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Note 2:	Long-Term Debt	(Cont'd)	

Borrowing Power Under N.J.S. 40A:2-6 As Amended		
3-1/2% Average Equalized Valuation of Real Property Net Debt		\$ 32,156,652.64 5,432,168.37
The Beat		 3,132,100.37
Remaining Borrowing Power		\$ 26,724,484.27
Calculation of "Self-Liquidating Purpose", Water Utility Per	N.J.S.40A:2-45	
Cash Receipts from Fees, Rents or Other Charges for Year		\$ 2,592,193.48
Deductions:		
Operating and Maintenance Cost	\$ 1,781,791.00	
Debt Service	339,499.41	
		 2,121,290.41
Excess in Revenue		\$ 470,903.07

Footnote: If there is an "excess in revenue", all such utility debt is deductible. If there is a "deficit", then utility debt is not deductible to the extent of 20 times such deficit amount. The foregoing debt information is in agreement with the Annual Debt Statement filed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Summary of Municipal Debt Issued and Outstanding - Current Year

	Balance			Balance	
Fund	12/31/2022	Additions	Retirements	12/31/2023	
Serial Bonds: General Capital Fund Water Utility Capital Fund Bond Anticipation Notes:	\$ 4,750,000.00 4,435,000.00		\$ 310,000.00 200,000.00	\$ 4,440,000.00 4,235,000.00	
General Capital Fund	468,227.00	\$ 993,202.00	468,227.00	993,202.00	
•	\$ 9,653,227.00	\$ 993,202.00	\$ 978,227.00	\$ 9,668,202.00	
Summary	Summary of Municipal Debt Issued and Outstanding - Prior Year				
Fund	Balance 12/31/2021	Additions	Retirements	Balance 12/31/2022	
Serial Bonds: General Capital Fund Water Utility Capital Fund Bond Anticipation Notes:	\$ 5,045,000.00 4,635,000.00		\$ 295,000.00 200,000.00	\$ 4,750,000.00 4,435,000.00	
General Capital Fund	468,227.00	\$ 468,227.00	468,227.00	468,227.00	

\$ 10,148,227.00 \$ 468,227.00 \$ 963,227.00 \$ 9,653,227.00

Note 2: <u>Long-Term Debt</u> (Cont'd)

<u>Analysis of Debt Issued and Outstanding:</u> <u>General Capital Serial Bonds</u>

Purpose	Final Maturity	Rate	Amount
General Improvement Bond Series 2021	8/1/2034	3.00%-5.00%	\$ 4,440,000.00
General Capital -	Bond Anticipation No	otes Payable	
Purpose	Final Maturity	Rate	Amount
Various Capital Improvements	10/22/2024	5.25%	\$ 993,202.00
Wat	er Utility Serial Bonds		
Purpose	Final Maturity	Rate	Amount
Water Utility Refunding Bonds of 2021 Water Utility Bonds of 2021	2/1/2036 8/1/2040	0.571%-2.444% 3.00%-5.00%	\$ 1,095,000.00 3,140,000.00
			\$ 4,235,000.00
Total Debt Issued and Outstanding			\$ 9,668,202.00

Schedule of Annual Debt Service for Principal and Interest for the Next Five Years and Thereafter for Bonded Debt Issued and Outstanding

	Ger	neral	Water	· Utility	
Calendar Year	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 192,600.00	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 136,329.16	\$ 858,929.16
2025	335,000.00	179,800.00	210,000.00	130,597.38	855,397.38
2026	345,000.00	166,400.00	220,000.00	124,526.40	855,926.40
2027	360,000.00	152,600.00	225,000.00	118,065.60	855,665.60
2028	380,000.00	134,600.00	235,000.00	109,733.20	859,333.20
2029-2033	2,200,000.00	372,600.00	1,320,000.00	405,028.40	4,297,628.40
2034-2038	500,000.00	15,000.00	1,340,000.00	178,964.70	2,033,964.70
2039-2040			475,000.00	21,450.00	496,450.00
	\$ 4,440,000.00	\$ 1,213,600.00	\$ 4,235,000.00	\$ 1,224,694.84	\$ 11,113,294.84

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Note 3: Fund Balances Appropriated

Fund balances at December 31, 2023 which were included in the introduced budget as appropriated and as anticipated revenue for the year ending December 31, 2024 budget were as follows:

Current Fund	\$ 775,000.00
Water Utility Operating Fund	226,791.00

Note 4: School District Taxes

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. The Borough of Rockaway has not elected to defer school taxes.

Note 5: <u>Deferred Charges to be Raised in Succeeding Years</u>

Certain expenditures are required to be deferred to budgets of the succeeding years. At December 31, 2023, the Borough did not have any deferred charges on the various balance sheets that need to be raised in the succeeding year's budget.

Note 6: Pension Plans

Borough employees participate in one of the two contributory, defined benefit public employee retirement systems: the State of New Jersey Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS) or the State of New Jersey Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS); or the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP), a tax-qualified defined contribution money purchase pension plan under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) 401(a).

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Plan Description

The State of New Jersey, Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about the PERS, please refer to the Division's annual financial statements which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annual-reports.shtml.

Benefits Provided

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

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

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

5 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

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Note 6: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Cont'd)

Benefits Provided (Cont'd)

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

Contributions

The contribution policy for PERS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing members. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the funded accrued liability. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years, beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and are adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. Borough contributions to PERS amounted to \$199,279.68 for 2023. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the State of New Jersey contributed \$5,250 to the PERS for normal pension benefits on behalf of the Borough.

The employee contribution rate was 7.50% effective July 1, 2018.

Special Funding Situation

Under N.J.SA. 43:15A-15, local participating employers are responsible for their own contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed that legally obligated the State if certain circumstances occurred. The legislation, which legally obligates the State, is Chapter 366, P.L. 2001 and Chapter 133, P.L. 2001. The amounts contributed on behalf of the local participating employers under the legislation is considered to be special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under the legislation directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statement of the local participating employers related to the legislation. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the nonemployer contributing entity's total proportionate share of the collective net pension liability that is associated with the local participating

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Note 6: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Cont'd)

Pension Liabilities and Pension Expense

employer. In addition, each local participating employer must disclose pension expense associated with the employers in an amount equal to the nonemployer contributing entity's total proportionate share of the collective pension expense associated with the local participating employer. At June 30, 2022, the Borough's liability was \$2,495,296 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The Borough's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Borough's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the Borough's proportion was 0.0165%, which was an decrease of 0.0027% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021. The Borough has rolled forward the net pension liability as of June 30, 2022 with no adjustments. The State of New Jersey Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)' valuation cycle is July 1 instead of December 31. The roll forward methodology puts them a year in arrears in terms of valuation. The Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is permitting municipalities and counties to include the June 30, 2022 information in the Notes to the Financial Statements as the June 30, 2023 information has not been released as of the date of this audit.

There was no state proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Borough as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Borough recognized actual pension expense in the amount of \$199,279.68.

Actuarial Assumptions

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

Inflation Rate

Price 2.75% Wage 3.25%

Salary Increases: 2.75 - 6.55% based on years of service

Investment Rate of Return 7.00%

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee Mortality Table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and a 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

Note 6: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Cont'd)

Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)

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

Long Term Expected Rate of Return

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

		Long-Term
	Target	Expected Real
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return
U.S. Equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real Estate	8.00%	11.19%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.60%
High Yield	4.00%	4.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.10%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	3.38%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	1.75%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	4.91%

Note 6: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Cont'd)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be based upon 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 in determining the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Borough's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Borough's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability as of June 30, 2022 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed below, as well as what the Borough's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	Jui	ne 30, 2022				
		1%	Current			1%
	Decrease		Discount Rate			Increase
	(6.00%)		(7.00%)		(8.00%)	
Borough's proportionate share	Φ.	2 205 524	Φ.	2 405 206	Φ	1 000 602
of the Net Pension Liability	\$	3,205,724	\$	2,495,296	\$	1,890,693

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

Note 6: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

B. Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)

Plan Description

The State of New Jersey Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS), is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about the PFRS, please refer to the Division's annual financial statements which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annual-reports.shtml.

Benefits Provided

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A. The PFRS provides retirement as well as death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except disability benefits which vest after 4 years of service.

The following represents the membership tiers for PFRS:

<u>Tier</u> <u>Definition</u>

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

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

Contributions

The contribution policy for PFRS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A and requires contributions by active members and contributing members. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's contribution amount is based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal costs and unfunded accrued liability. For fiscal year 2022, the State contributed an amount more than the actuarially determined amount. The Local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PFRS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual amounts over a period of 15 years, beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of the assets.

Note 6: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

B. Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Cont'd)

Special Funding Situation

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

Borough contributions to PFRS amounted to \$596,624 for the year ended December 31, 2023. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the State of New Jersey contributed \$116,343 to the PFRS for normal pension benefits on behalf of the Borough, which is more than the contractually required contribution of \$107,819.

The employee contributions for PFRS are 10.00% of employees' annual compensation, as defined.

Pension Liabilities and Pension Expense

At June 30, 2022, the Borough's liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability was \$5,250,973. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The Borough's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Borough's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the Borough's proportion was 0.046%, which was an decrease of 0.0014% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021. The Borough has rolled forward the net pension liability as of June 30, 2022 with no adjustments. The State of New Jersey Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)' valuation cycle is July 1 instead of December 31. The roll forward methodology puts them a year in arrears in terms of valuation. The Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is permitting municipalities and counties to include the June 30, 2022 information in the Notes to the Financial Statements as the June 30, 2023 information has not been released as of the date of this audit.

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Note 6: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

B. Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Cont'd)

Pension Liabilities and Pension Expense (Cont'd)

Additionally, the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Borough is \$934,519 as of June 30, 2022. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the Borough was based on a projection of the Borough's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the State's proportion was 0.046%, which was an increase of 0.0014% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021 which is the same proportion as the Borough's.

Borough's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$	5,250,973
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated		
with the Borough		934,519
Total Net Pension Liability	s	6.185.492

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Borough recognized total pension expense of \$596,624.

Actuarial Assumptions

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

Inflation Rate

Price 2.75% Wage 3.25%

Salary Increases:

Through all future years 3.25 - 16.25% based on years of service

Thereafter Not Applicable

Investment Rate of Return 7.00%

Note 6: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

B. Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Cont'd)

Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)

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

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

Long Term Expected Rate of Return

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

		Long-Term
	Target	Expected Real
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return
U.S. Equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.60%
Real Estate	8.00%	11.19%
High Yield	4.00%	4.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.10%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	3.38%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	1.75%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	4.91%

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Note 6: <u>Pension Plans</u> (Cont'd)

B. Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Cont'd)

Discount Rate – PFRS

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

Sensitivity of the Total Net Pension Liability (including the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Borough) to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total net pension liability (including the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Borough) as of June 30, 2022 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 or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

Ju	ne 30	, 2022				
		1%		Current	1%	
		Decrease	D	iscount Rate	Increase	
		(6.00%)	(7.00%)		 (8.00%)	
Borough's proportionate share of the NPL and the						
State's proportionate share of the Net Pension						
Liability associated with the Borough	\$	8,487,164	\$	6,185,492	\$ 4,269,340	

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position - PFRS

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

Note 6: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

C. Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)

Prudential Financial jointly administers the DCRP investments with the NJ Division of Pensions and Benefits. If an employee is ineligible to enroll in the PERS or PFRS, the employee may be eligible to enroll in the DCRP. DCRP provides eligible members with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting is immediate upon enrollment for members of the DCRP.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of the DCRP. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625-0295.

Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. Employee contributions are based on percentages of 5.50% for DCRP of employees' annual compensation, as defined. The DCRP was established July 1, 2007, under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 and expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2008. Employee contributions for DCRP are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

For DCRP, the Borough recognized pension expense of \$8,067.90 for the year ended December 31, 2023. Employee contributions to DCRP amounted to \$10,956.58 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Note 7: Accrued Sick and Vacation Benefits

The Borough permits employees to accrue a limited amount of unused vacation and sick pay, which may be taken as time off or paid at a later date at an agreed-upon rate. It is estimated that the current cost of such unpaid compensation would approximate \$253,899.95 at December 31, 2023. This amount is not reported either as an expenditure or a liability. It is expected that the cost of such unpaid compensation would be included in the Borough's budget operating expenditures in the year in which it is used. The Borough has reserved \$242,673.40 for Accumulated Absences on the Trust Fund balance sheet at December 31, 2023.

Note 8: Selected Tax Information

Property taxes are levied as of January 1 on property values assessed as of the previous calendar year. The tax levy is divided into two billings. The first billing is an estimate of the current year's levy based on the prior year's taxes. The second billing reflects adjustments to the current year's actual levy. The final tax bill is usually mailed on or before June 14th, along with the first half estimated tax bills for the subsequent year. The first half estimated taxes are divided into two due dates, February 1 and May 1. The final tax bills are also divided into two due dates, August 1 and November 1. A ten-day grace period is usually granted before the taxes are considered delinquent and the imposition of interest charges. A penalty may be assessed for any unpaid taxes in excess of \$10,000 at December 31 of the current year. Unpaid taxes of the prior year may be placed in lien at a tax sale held after April 1 and through December 31. Unpaid taxes of the current year may be placed in lien at a tax sale held after December 10.

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Note 8: <u>Selected Tax Information</u> (Cont'd)

	 2023	2022		2021			
Tax Rate	\$ 3.25	\$	3.23	\$		3.20	
Apportionment of Tax Rate							
Municipal	0.93		0.91			0.90	
County	0.29		0.28			0.28	
Local School	1.17		1.19			1.17	
Regional School	0.86		0.85			0.85	
Assessed Valuations							
2023	\$ 792,615,487.00						
2022	 	\$ 791,462	,992.00				
2021			,	\$	789,747,59	92.00	

Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections Currently

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

		Currently				
Year	Tax Levy	Cash Collections	Percentage of Collections			
2022	\$ 25,768,983.57	\$ 25,435,151.30	98.70%			
2021	25,611,852.30	25,223,881.99	98.48%			
2020	25,331,781.37	24,972,995.34	98.58%			

Also, increases in future tax levies can also be warranted if revenue sources outside of those directly generated by the municipality, such as federal or state aid, should decline without corresponding decreases in budgeted expenditures.

Note 9: Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include change funds, amounts on deposit, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Investments are stated at cost. The Borough classifies certificates of deposit which have original maturity dates of more than three months but less than twelve months from the date of purchase, as investments.

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Note 9: Cash and Cash Equivalents (Cont'd)

GASB require disclosure of the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the Borough in its cash, cash equivalents and investments, if those items are uninsured or unregistered. Custodial risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned.

Interest Rate Risk – In accordance with its cash management plan, the Borough ensures that any deposit or investments matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds, deposited or invested, so that there is not a risk to the market value of such deposits or investments.

Credit Risk – The Borough limits its investments to those authorized in its cash management plan which are permitted under state statutes as detailed in the Investments section of this note.

Custodial Credit Risk – The Borough's policy with respect to custodial credit risk requires that the Borough ensures that Borough funds are only deposited in financial institutions in which New Jersey municipalities are permitted to invest their funds.

Deposits:

New Jersey statutes require that municipalities deposit public funds in public depositories located in New Jersey which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or by any other agency of the United States that insures deposits made in public depositories. Municipalities are also permitted to deposit public funds in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed insurance limits as follows:

The market value of the collateral must equal 5% of the average daily balance of public funds on deposit, and

In addition to the above collateral requirement, if public funds deposited exceed 75% of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value at least equal to 100% of the amount exceeding 75%.

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000.

Note 9: Cash and Cash Equivalents (Cont'd)

Investments

New Jersey statutes permit the Borough to purchase the following types of securities:

- (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
- (2) Government money market mutual funds;
- (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
- (4) Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the local unit is a part or within which the school district is located;
- (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, issued by New Jersey school districts, municipalities, counties, and entities subject to the "Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law" P.L. 1983, c. 313 (C.40A:5A-1 et seq.) Other bonds or obligations having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase may be approved by the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs for investment by local units;
- (6) Local government investment pools;
- (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4); or
- (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
 - (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a. or are bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, issued by New Jersey school districts, municipalities, counties and entities subject to the "Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law", P.L. 1983 c.313 (C.40A:5A-1 et seq.);
 - (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
 - (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); and
 - (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

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Note 9: Cash and Cash Equivalents (Cont'd)

<u>Investments</u> (Cont'd)

As of December 31, 2023, cash and cash equivalents of the Borough of Rockaway consisted of the following:

Fund	Change Funds	Checking Acounts	NJ Cash Management Fund	Total
Current Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ 7,628,858.21	\$ 3,082.46	\$ 7,632,040.67
Animal Control Trust Fund		15,494.05		15,494.05
Other Trust Funds		1,535,292.69		1,535,292.69
General Capital Fund		2,223,951.98		2,223,951.98
Water Utility Operating Fund	100.00	941,876.78	4,644.75	946,621.53
Water Utility Capital Fund		 1,902,833.41		1,902,833.41
	\$ 200.00	\$ 14,248,307.12	\$ 7,727.21	\$ 14,256,234.33

During the period ended December 31, 2023, the Borough did not hold any investments. The carrying amount of the Borough's cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2023, was \$14,256,234.33 and the bank balance was \$14,458,546.67. The \$7,727.21 invested with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund is uninsured and/or unregistered.

Note 10: Risk Management

The Borough is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Health benefits are provided to employees through the State of New Jersey health benefits plan.

The Borough of Rockaway is a member of the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. This fund is both an insured and self-administered group of municipalities established for the purpose of providing certain low-cost insurance coverage for member municipalities in order to keep local property taxes at a minimum.

The following coverages are offered by these funds to its members:

- a.) Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability
- b.) Liability Other Than Motor Vehicles
- c.) Property Damage Other Than Motor Vehicles
- d.) Motor Vehicle
- e.) Environmental

As a member of this Fund, the Borough could be subject to supplemental assessments in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Funds were to be exhausted, members would become responsible for their respective shares of the Fund's liabilities.

Note 10: Risk Management (Cont'd)

This Fund can declare and distribute dividends to members upon approval of the State of New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. These distributions are divided amongst the members in the same ratio as their individual assessment relates to the total assessment of the membership body. In accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, these distributions are used to reduce the amount recorded for membership expense in the year in which the distribution was declared.

The December 31, 2023 financial statements were not available as of the date of this report. Selected financial information for the Fund as of December 31, 2022 is as follows:

	Morris County		
	ľ	Municipal Joint	
	I	nsurance Fund	
Total Assets	\$	35,928,978.00	
Net Position	\$	10,500,044.00	
Total Revenue	\$	21,851,847.00	
Total Expenditures	\$	27,577,728.00	
Change in Net Position	\$	(5,725,881.00)	
Members Dividends	\$	- 0 -	

Financial statements for the Fund are available at the offices of the Fund's Executive Director:

PERMA Risk Management Services 9 Campus Drive, Suite 216 Parsippany, NJ 07054 (201) 881-7632

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance

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

On following page is a summary of Borough and employee contributions, interest earned and reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and the ending balance of the Borough's trust fund for the current and previous two years.

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Note 10: Risk Management (Cont'd)

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance (Cont'd)

Year	Borough Contributions		nterest Earned		mployees ontributions	Amount Reimbursed	Ending Balance
2023	\$ 15,000.00	\$	375.95	-\$	6,850.19	\$ 13,050.09	\$154,069.19
2022	15,000.00	Ψ	338.57	Ψ	5,883.61	2,946.71	144,893.14
2021	15,000.00		433.46		5,269.20	3,541.89	126,617.67

Note 11: <u>Deferred Compensation Plans</u>

The Borough offers its employees deferred compensation plans (the "plans") created in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code. The plans, which are administered by AXA Equitable and Nationwide, are available to all Borough employees and permit participants to defer a portion of their salary. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, unforeseeable emergency or upon death to their beneficiaries.

Note 12: Economic Dependency

The Borough of Rockaway receives a substantial amount of support from federal and state governments. A significant reduction in the level of support, if this were to occur, may have an effect on the Borough's programs and activities.

Note 13: Contingent Liabilities

The Borough is periodically involved in various lawsuits arising in the normal course of business, including claims for property damage, personal injury, and various contract disputes. The Borough vigorously contests all lawsuits and believes the ultimate resolution would not have a material adverse effect on its financial position.

Amounts received or receivable from grantors, principally the federal and state governments are subject to regulatory requirements and adjustments by the agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts previously recognized by the Borough as revenue would constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantors cannot be determined at this time, although Borough officials expect such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Various tax appeals on assessed valuations have been filed against the Borough and are awaiting tax court decisions. The ultimate outcome and effect of such appeals have not been determined; however, the Borough Tax Assessor will aggressively defend the Borough's assessments. The Borough has established a reserve in the amount of \$750,000.00 which it feels should be sufficient to cover these tax appeals.

Note 14: Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan Description

The State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (the Plan) is a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan with a special funding situation. It covers employees of local government employers that have adopted a resolution to participate in the Plan. For additional information about the Plan, please refer to the State of New Jersey (the State), Division of Pensions and Benefits' (the Division) annual financial statements, which can be found at https://www.state.nj.us./treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml.

Benefits Provided

The Plan provides medical and prescription drug coverage to retirees and their covered dependents of the participating employers. Under the provisions of Chapter 88, P.L. 1974 and Chapter 48, P.L. 1999, local government employers electing to provide postretirement medical coverage to their employees must file a resolution with the Division. Under Chapter 88, local employers elect to provide benefit coverage based on the eligibility rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission. Chapter 48 allows local employers to establish their own age and service eligibility for employer paid health benefits coverage for retired employees. Under Chapter 48, the employer may assume the cost of postretirement medical coverage for employees and their dependents who: 1) retired on a disability pension; or 2) retired with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 3) retired and reached the age of 65 with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 4) retired and reached age 62 with at least 15 years of service with the employer. Further, the law provides that the employer paid obligations for retiree coverage may be determined by means of a collective negotiations agreement.

In accordance with Chapter 330, P.L. 1997, which is codified in N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.32i, the State provides medical and prescription coverage to local police officers and firefighters, who retire with 25 years of service or on a disability from an employer who does not provide postretirement medical coverage. Local employers were required to file a resolution with the Division in order for their employees to qualify for State-paid retiree health benefits coverage under Chapter 330. The State also provides funding for retiree health benefits to survivors of local police officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty under Chapter 271, P.L. 1989.

Contributions

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

Note 14: Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) (Cont'd)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (Cont'd)

Special Funding Situation

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

Therefore, these employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 75 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. For New Jersey local governments who report under the regulatory basis of accounting, the net OPEB liability and related deferred inflows are not recorded in the financial statements and there is only note disclosure of this information. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under this legislation directly to the plan, there is no net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, or deferred inflows of resources to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to this legislation. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the nonemployer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability that is associated with the local participating employer.

Allocation Methodology

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the Plan to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective inflows of resources, and collective OPEB (benefit) expense. The special funding situation's and nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense are based on separately calculated total OPEB liabilities. The nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB (benefit) expense are further allocated to employers based on the ratio of the plan members of an individual employer to the total members of the Plan's nonspecial funding situation during the measurement period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Employer and nonemployer allocation percentages were rounded for presentation purposes; therefore, amounts presented in the schedule of OPEB amounts by employer and nonemployer may result in immaterial differences.

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Note 14: Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) (Cont'd)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (Cont'd)

OPEB Expense

The Borough has rolled forward the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 with no adjustments. The Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, is permitting municipalities and counties to include the June 30, 2022 OPEB information in the Notes to the Financial Statements as the June 30, 2023 information has not been released as of the date of this report.

The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022.

The State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability attributable to the Borough at June 30, 2022 was \$4,925,256. At June 30, 2022, the State's proportion related to the Borough was .1459% which was an increase of .0044% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021. This is the percentage of the total State Share of the net OPEB liability of the Plan. During the year ended June 30, 2022, the State of New Jersey's OPEB benefit related to the Borough was \$807,845.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

Salary Increases*:

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Rate for all future years

2.75% - 6.55% based on years of service

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)

Rate for all future years

3.25% to 16.25% based on years of service

Mortality:

PERS Pub-2010 General classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational

mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021

PFRS Pub-2010 Safety classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational

mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of the PFRS and PERS experience studies prepared for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. 100% of active members are considered to participate in the Plan upon retirement.

^{* -} Salary increases are based on years of service within the respective plan.

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Note 14: Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) (Cont'd)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (Cont'd)

Health Care Trend Assumptions

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate is 6.25% for fiscal year 2023 and decreases to a 4.50% long term trend rate in 2030. For PPO post 65 medical benefits, the trend rate is -1.89% in fiscal year 2023 and increases to a 4.50% trend rate starting with fiscal year 2033 and later. For HMO Post 65 medical benefits, the trend rate is -1.99% in fiscal year 2023 and increases to a 4.50% trend rate starting with fiscal year 2033 and later. For prescription drug benefits, the trend rate is 8.00% for fiscal year 2023 and decreases to a 4.50% trend rate in 2030 and later.

Discount Rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2022 was 3.54%. This represents the municipal bond rate as chosen by the State. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

Note 15: Fixed Assets

The following is a summarization of general fixed assets for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2023.

	Balance 12/31/21	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/22
Land Buildings Equipment and Vehicles	\$ 9,407,660.00 4,269,606.00 7,891,047.27	\$ 20,440.00 292,510.37 243,519.27		\$ 9,428,100.00 4,562,116.37 8,134,566.54
	\$21,568,313.27	\$ 556,469.64	\$ -0-	\$22,124,782.91
	Balance 12/31/22	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/23
Land Buildings Equipment and Vehicles	\$ 9,428,100.00 4,562,116.37 8,134,566.54	\$ 18,023.75 774,926.74		\$ 9,428,100.00 4,580,140.12 8,909,493.28
	\$22,124,782.91	\$ 792,950.49	\$ -0-	\$22,917,733.40

Note 16: Interfund Receivables and Payables

The following interfund balances remain on the balance sheet at December 31, 2023:

	Interfund		Interfund		
<u>Fund</u>	Receivable			Payable	
Current Fund			\$	77,541.18	
Other Trust Funds	\$	77,541.18			
	\$	77,541.18	\$	77,541.18	

The interfund payable in the Current Fund is the amount payable to Other Trust Funds for a Current Fund expenditure paid by Other Trust Funds and receipts for Other Trust Funds held received in Current Fund.

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY OFFICIALS IN OFFICE AND SURETY BONDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Schedule 1

Amount of	Bond								(A)	(A) (A)
·	Title	Mayor	Council President	Councilman	Councilman	Councilman	Councilman	Councilman	Borough Clerk	Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer/Administrator Tax Collector Water Clerk
;	Name	Thomas Mulligan	Melissa Burnside	Robert Smith	Patrick McDonald	Thomas Haynes	James Hurley	Thomas Slockbower	Kimberly Cuspilich	Patricia Reiche Susan Pfeil Robyn Lance

All bonds were examined and were properly executed.

(A) All employees are covered under \$50,000 and \$950,000 Faithful Performance Bonds provided by the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, respectively.

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COUNTY OF MORRIS 2023 CURRENT FUND

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF CASH

Ref.

Balance December 31, 2022	A	\$ 7,221,304.08
Increased by Receipts:		
Tax Collector	\$ 25,790,145.35	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	995,619.87	
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	351,712.62	
Due Animal Control Trust Fund:	,.	
Interest Due Current Fund	54.71	
Due Other Trust Funds:		
Interest Due Current Fund	2,962.88	
Due General Capital Fund	<i>7</i>	
Anticipated Revenue - Capital Fund Balance	80,314.10	
Interest Due Current Fund	5,297.55	
Due Water Utility Operating Fund:	,	
Sewer User Fees	763,249.98	
Sewer Overpayments	6,542.20	
Interest on Delinquent Sewer User Fees	4,987.67	
Due State of New Jersey:	,	
Marriage License Fees	125.00	
Lead Fees	120.00	
DCA Training Fees	675.00	
Veterans and Senior Citizens' Deductions	33,250.00	
Appropriation Refunds	248,156.73	
Grants Receivable	197,160.53	
Reserve for Municipal Relief Fund Aid	57,054.90	
Unappropriated Grant Reserves	7,356.22	
	 _	28,544,785.31
		35,766,089.39
Decreased by Disbursements:		
2023 Appropriation Expenditures	\$ 8,523,588.64	
2022 Appropriation Reserves	548,898.28	
Local School Taxes	9,255,675.00	
Regional High School Taxes	6,790,887.00	
County Taxes	2,342,196.80	
Due General Capital Fund:		
Prior Year Interfund Returned	34,646.00	
Due Water Utility Capital Fund	400,750.00	
Reserve for Pending Tax Appeals	72,428.26	
Reserve for Master Plan	3,965.00	
Appropriated Grant Reserves	144,206.23	
Accounts Payable	16,907.51	
		 28,134,148.72
Balance December 31, 2023	A	\$ 7,631,940.67

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF CASH - COLLECTOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Increased by Receipts:

Taxes Receivable	\$ 25,522,421.95
Interest and Costs on Taxes	77,349.56
2023 Prepaid Taxes	161,348.84
Tax Sale Premiums - Due Other Trust Funds	28,900.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	125.00

\$ 25,790,145.35

Decreased by Disbursements:

Paid to Treasurer \$ 25,790,145.35

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BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY
SCHEDULE OF CASH - GRANT FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOT APPLICABLE

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY

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SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY

	Balance			Colle	Collections		State Vetera Senior	State of NJ Veterans' and Senior Citizens'		Transferred to Tax	Balance
Year	Dec. 31, 2022	2023 Levy		2022	2(2023	Dedu	Deductions	Cancelled	Title Liens	Dec. 31, 2023
2022 2023	\$ 239,860.23	\$ 25,768,983.57	8	119,310.49	\$ 2,28	240,581.14 25,281,840.81	\$ 34	(750.00)	\$ 29.09 14,095.77	\$ 69,845.75	\$ 249,890.75
	\$ 239,860.23	\$ 25,768,983.57	\$	119,310.49	\$ 25,52	25,522,421.95	\$ 33	33,250.00	\$ 14,124.86	\$ 69,845.75	\$ 249,890.75
Ref.	A										Α
Analy Tax	Analysis of 2023 Property Tax Levy: Tax Yield:	' Tax Levy:									
B A	General Purpose Tax Added and Omitted Taxes	axes			\$ 25,70	25,760,000.50 8,983.07					
					\$ 25,70	25,768,983.57					
Tax Levy: Local Sc	ax Levy: Local School District Taxes Regional High School District Taxes	axes District Tayes			\$ 9,2:	9,255,675.00					
Cou	County Taxes County Added and Omitted Taxes	fied Taxes	\$	\$ 2,337,348.54							
					2,3.	2,338,166.50 18,384,728.50					
Loc Min	Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Levied Minimum Library Tax	il Purposes Levied	(-	7,070,647.04 303,277.00							
YAY.	i. Additivitat 142 L.			0.100	7,38	7,384,255.07					
					\$ 25,70	25,768,983.57					

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF TAX TITLE LIENS

	Ref.		
Balance December 31, 2022	A		\$ 1,285,098.06
Increased by:			
Transfer from Taxes Receivable		\$ 69,845.75	
Interest and Costs - Tax Sale		2,813.13	
			 72,658.88
Balance December 31, 2023	A		\$ 1,357,756.94

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY
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SCHEDULE OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	Dec	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	4	Accrued In 2023	O .	Collected by Treasurer	B Dec.	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
Municipal Clerk: Alcoholic Beverage Licenses Fees and Permits Other Licenses Construction Code Official:			↔	20,460.00 73,092.49 61,527.21	↔	20,460.00 73,092.49 61,527.21		
Municipal Court: Fines and Costs Energy Receipts Taxes Uniform Fire Safety Fees Morris Hills Regional -	∽	1,016.74		22,433.98 550,776.02 30,893.25		22,201.90 550,776.02 30,893.25	↔	1,248.82
School Resource Officer	\$ Ref.	1,016.74 A	€	995,851.95	↔	\$ 995,619.87	↔	1,248.82 A

\$ 52,550.91

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF SEWER USER FEES RECEIVABLE

	Ref.				
Balance December 31, 2022	A				\$ 63,414.34
Increased by:					
Sewer User Fees Levied			\$	752,386.55	
Interest on Delinquent Sewer User Fees				4,987.67	
					757,374.22
					820,788.56
Decreased by:					
Collections in Current Fund:					
Sewer User Fees		\$ 741,158.85			
American Rescue Plan Act - Low Income Househ	ıold				
Water Assistance Program	_	22,091.13	_		
	•			763,249.98	
Interest on Delinquent Sewer User Fees				4,987.67	
					 768,237.65

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Balance December 31, 2023

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SCHEDULE OF 2022 APPROPRIATION RESERVES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Balance After Modification	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
General Administration:				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 49.60	\$ 49.60		\$ 49.60
Other Expenses	2,319.93	2,319.93	\$ 2,212.83	107.10
Mayor & Council:				
Salaries & Wages	21.20	21.20		21.20
Other Expenses	225.00	225.00	20.00	205.00
Clerk:				
Salaries & Wages	29,524.96	29,524.96	29,524.96	
Other Expenses	930.30	930.30	279.94	650.36
Financial Administration:				
Salaries & Wages	1,153.04	1,153.04	273.20	879.84
Other Expenses	8,898.42	8,898.42	7,714.38	1,184.04
Audit Fees	20,350.00	20,350.00	20,350.00	
Assessment of Taxes:				
Salaries & Wages	224.00	224.00		224.00
Other Expenses	1,143.13	1,143.13		1,143.13
Revenue Administration (Tax Collection):				
Salaries & Wages	100.08	100.08		100.08
Other Expenses	2,800.69	2,800.69		2,800.69
Legal Services and Costs:				
Other Expenses - Fees	48,778.67	48,778.67	26,375.47	22,403.20
Engineering Services:				
Other Expenses	27,577.16	27,577.16	1,282.50	26,294.66
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION:				
Land Use Board:				
Salaries & Wages	30.96	30.96		30.96
Other Expenses	5,503.94	5,503.94	4,915.00	588.94
Zoning Enforcement:				
Salaries & Wages	2,001.03	2,001.03		2,001.03
Other Expenses	579.51	579.51		579.51
Insurance:				
Employee Group Insurance	185,989.45	185,989.45	28.00	185,961.45
Workers' Compensation	1,114.36	1,114.36		1,114.36
General Liability Insurance	29,331.44	29,331.44		29,331.44
Health Benefit Waiver	583.33	583.33		583.33
PUBLIC SAFETY:				
Office of Emergency Management:				
Salaries & Wages	0.08	0.08		0.08
Other Expenses	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,330.95	469.05
Volunteer Fire/Ambulance Department:				
Other Expenses	35,490.39	35,490.39	21,186.14	14,304.25

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY CURRENT FUND

SCHEDULE OF 2022 APPROPRIATION RESERVES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

(Continued)

	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Balance After Modification	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed
PUBLIC SAFETY:				
Fire Prevention/Uniform Fire Code:				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 26.99	\$ 26.99		\$ 26.99
Other Expenses	1,136.03	1,136.03	\$ 1,135.21	0.82
Police:				
Salaries & Wages	13,812.82	13,812.82	13,812.82	
Other Expenses	37,609.39	37,609.39	20,724.38	16,885.01
Alarm System - Police and Fire:				
Other Expenses	134,800.00	134,800.00	134,793.61	6.39
PUBLIC WORKS:				
Road Repairs and Maintenance:				
Other Expenses	35,844.20	35,844.20	35,844.20	
Other Public Works Functions:	,	,	,	
Salaries & Wages	2,107.00	2,107.00	2,107.00	
Shade Tree Commission:	,	,	,	
Other Expenses	1,518.52	1,518.52	1,518.52	
Sewer:	1,610.62	1,610.62	1,610.62	
Other Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Public Building and Grounds:	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Other Expenses	11,945.09	11,945.09	11,945.09	
Vehicle Maintenance:	11,5 15.05	11,5 15.05	11,5 15.05	
Other Expenses	15,769.31	15,769.31	15,769.31	
HEALTH AND WELFARE:	13,707.31	15,767.51	13,707.31	
Board of Health:				
Salaries & Wages	6.48	6.48		6.48
Other Expenses	4,593.03	4,593.03	448.00	4,145.03
Senior Citizens' Programs:	4,575.05	4,575.05	440.00	4,145.05
Salaries & Wages	20.00	20.00		20.00
RECREATION AND EDUCATION:	20.00	20.00		20.00
Recreation Commission:				
Other Expenses	16,880.29	16,880.29	7,579.29	9,301.00
Maintenance of Parks:	10,000.29	10,000.29	1,319.29	9,301.00
Other Expenses	12,605.55	12,605.55	8,385.00	4,220.55
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE:	12,005.55	12,003.33	6,363.00	4,220.33
Construction Code Official:				
Other Expenses	351.50	351.50	173.00	178.50
Uniform Construction Code Enforcement:	331.30	331.30	1/3.00	170.50
Other Expenses	1,107.00	1,107.00		1,107.00
UNCLASSIFIED:	1,107.00	1,107.00		1,107.00
Utilities:				
Gas (Natural or Propane)	4,500.17	4,500.17	4,500.17	
Street Lighting	15,071.36	15,071.36	9,983.18	5,088.18
Electricity	1,155.32	1,155.32	1,155.32	3,000.10
Gasoline and Diesel	1,785.39	1,785.39	10,120.11	1 665 20
Telephone	2,194.12	2,194.12	1,414.02	1,665.28 780.10
receptione	2,197.12	2,197.12	1,717.02	700.10

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY CURRENT FUND

$\frac{\text{SCHEDULE OF 2022 APPROPRIATION RESERVES}}{\text{YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023}}$

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		Balance Dec. 31, 2022		alance After Iodification		Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed
UNCLASSIFIED:				_			1
Celebration of Public Events:							
Other Expenses		\$ 2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	
Solid Waste Disposal:							
Salaries & Wages		1,455.02		1,455.02			\$ 1,455.02
Other Expenses		71,197.00		71,197.00		68,767.82	2,429.18
Contingent		500.00		500.00			500.00
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES:							
Public Employees Retirement System		13,587.52		13,587.52		3,739.72	9,847.80
Contribution to Social Security System (OASI)		8,218.30		8,218.30			8,218.30
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan		2,740.76		2,740.76			2,740.76
Aid to Municipal Library		2,442.31		2,442.31		2,442.31	
Length of Service Awards Program		20,000.00		20,000.00		13,600.00	6,400.00
SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENTS:							
Parsippany-Troy Hills - Municipal Court		3,818.00		3,818.00			3,818.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:							
Fire Department Equipment		15,424.60		15,424.60		15,424.60	
Police Department Equipment		80,000.00		80,000.00		80,000.00	
Park Maintenance Capital Improvements		6,045.20		6,045.20		852.17	5,193.03
Sewer Capital Improvements		125,000.00		125,000.00		125,000.00	-,-,-,-
John Street Improvement		17,279.00		17,279.00		17,279.00	
John Street Improvement		17,279.00		17,275.00		17,275.00	
		\$ 1,107,067.94	\$ 1	,107,067.94	\$	732,007.22	\$ 375,060.72
Balance December 31, 2022							
Unencumbered	A	\$ 814,083.47					
Encumbered		•					
Encumbered	A	292,984.47					
		\$ 1,107,067.94					
Analysis of Paid or Charged							
Cash Disbursed					\$	548,898.28	
Reserve for Sewer Maintenance					•	125,000.00	
Accounts Payable						9,467.76	
Due Other Trust Funds:						,	
Accumulated Absences						29,524.96	
Storm Recovery						19,116.22	
<i>,</i>						,- 10.22	
					\$	732,007.22	

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY <u>CURRENT FUND</u>

SCHEDULE OF LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES PAYABLE

Balance December 31, 2022	Ref. A	\$	- 0 -
Increased by: Levy - Calendar Year 2023			55,675.00 55,675.00
Decreased by: Payments to Local School District			55,675.00
Balance December 31, 2023	A	\$	- 0 -
<u>CURRENT FUND</u> SCHEDULE OF REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DIST	<u>RICT TAXES PA</u> <u>Ref.</u>	<u>AYABLE</u>	A-13
Balance December 31, 2022	A	\$	- 0 -
Increased by: Levy - Calendar Year 2023			90,887.00
Decreased by: Payments to Regional High School District		6,79	90,887.00
Balance December 31, 2023	A	\$	- 0 -

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY

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CURRENT FUND

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS RECEIVABLE

	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	nce 2022	Ϋ́ X	Revenue Realized	Rece	Cash Received	Transfe Unappre Rese	Transfer from Unappropriated Reserves	H Dec	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
Recycling Tonnage Grant	\$ 5,8	5,825.52	∽	9,909.66	\$	9,909.66			8	5,825.52
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant	1,7	1,735.98			•					1,735.98
Body Armor Replacement	7.70	08 912 20		1,359.48	7.0	08 912 20	~	1,359.48		
Safe and Secure Communities Grant:	7,17	10.00			1	,,10.00				
2022	5,4	5,413.60			5	5,413.60				
2023	`			15,228.00	4	4,560.00				10,668.00
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	1,4	1,479.03								1,479.03
Municipal Alliance Grant				6,221.00						6,221.00
Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant:	;	6								
Fox's Brook Culvert Project	22,4	22,400.00								22,400.00
NJDEP/NJEDA Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation NJ Stormwater Management Planning Assistant Grant				123,060.47 15,000.00	123	123,060.47 15,000.00				
	\$ 64,5	64,570.93	\$	182,278.61	\$ 197	\$ 197,160.53	\$	1,359.48	S	48,329.53
Ref.	A									A
Adopted Budget			∽	38,133.48						
Added by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87				144,145.13						
			\$ 1	182,278.61						
			Stat	State Awards	\$ 197,160.53	,160.53				
					\$ 197,160.53	,160.53				A-14

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF UNAPPROPRIATED GRANT RESERVES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

							Budget		
			Balance		Cash		Revenue		Balance
	-	Dec	c. 31, 2022	I	Received]	Realized	Dec	c. 31, 2023
Body Armor Grant Lead Assistance Grant Clean Communities		\$	1,359.48	\$	1,651.79 2,200.00 3,504.43	\$	1,359.48	\$	1,651.79 2,200.00 3,504.43
	=	\$	1,359.48	\$	7,356.22	\$	1,359.48	\$	7,356.22
	Ref.		A						A

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY <u>CURRENT FUND</u> SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATED GRANT RESERVES

		Balance c. 31, 2022	Prior Encum Retu		202	from 3 Budget ropriations	Paid or Charged	Balance ec. 31, 2023
Body Armor Grant Clean Communities:	\$	2,563.13			\$	1,359.48	\$ 3,922.61	
2022		12,767.34					12,767.34	
2023		55.00				11,500.00	645.31	\$ 10,854.69
Distracted Driving Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund		55.00 18,190.46						55.00 18,190.46
Trolley 2018 - Local Match		8,065.50						8,065.50
Municipal Alliance:		-,						-,
2023						6,221.00	5,103.80	1,117.20
Municipal Alliance 2023 - Local Match						1,055.25	1,053.75	1.50
Recycling Tonnage:		1 277 20					1 277 20	
2020 2021		1,277.30 5,700.06					1,277.30 5,700.06	
2022		14,067.73					4,371.59	9,696.14
2023		,				9,909.66	,	9,909.66
Safe and Secure Communities:								
2023		2 22 4 22				15,228.00	15,228.00	2 22 4 22
Local Safety Improvement NJDEP/NJEDA Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation		3,224.08			1	23,060.47	122 060 47	3,224.08
NJ Stormwater Management Planning Assistant Grant						15,000.47	123,060.47	15,000.00
American Rescue Plan Act Grant		432,473.34	\$ 38,	430.80		13,000.00	460,380.80	10,523.34
	\$ 4	498,383.94	\$ 38,	430.80	\$ 1	83,333.86	\$ 633,511.03	\$ 86,637.57
Ref.		A	A	A				A
Adopted Budget					\$	38,133.48		
Local Match						1,055.25		
Added by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87					1	44,145.13		
					Φ 1	02 222 06		
					\$ 1	83,333.86		
			Cash D	isbursem	ents		\$ 144,206.23	
			Due to	Water Ca	pital	Fund	400,750.00	
			Encum	orances P	ayabl	e	 88,554.80	
							\$ 633,511.03	
							_	
					Fede	ral	\$ 460,380.80	
					State		172,076.48	
					Loca	1	 1,053.75	
							\$ 633,511.03	

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COUNTY OF MORRIS 2023 TRUST FUNDS

| BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY | TRUST FUNDS | SCHEDULE OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS - TREASURER |

	Ref.	Animal Control Fund	Other Trust Funds
Balance December 31, 2022	В	\$ 20,145.87	\$ 1,592,045.44
Increased by Receipts:			
Due Current Fund:			
Interfund	\$	70.00	
License Fees		9,050.60	
Interest on Investments		54.71	
State Registration Fees		653.40	
Miscellaneous Fees		1,483.00	
Trust Escrow			\$ 166,200.57
Addison Hills Escrow			13.63
Parking Offense Adjudication Act			38.00
Unemployment Insurance Deposits			22,226.14
Forfeited Assets			77.66
Recycling			13,277.24
Public Defender			632.00
National Night Out			3,300.00
Fire Prevention			6,150.00
Outside Police Services			481,010.74
Recreation Deposits			8,969.86
		11,311.71	701,895.84
			2,293,941.28

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY TRUST FUNDS SCHEDULE OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS - TREASURER

	Ref.	Animal Control Fund	Other Trust Funds
Decreased by Disbursements: Due Current Fund:			
Interfund - Current		\$ 70.00	
Interest on Investments		54.71	
State of New Jersey Board of Health		718.20	
Expenditures Under R.S. 4:19-15.11		15,120.62	
Unemployment Insurance Expenditures			\$ 13,050.09
			168.00
National Night Out			4,825.96
Fire Prevention			3,856.41
Outside Police Services			578,430.27
			9,565.89
			103,561.10
Accumulated Absences			12,645.22
Storm Recovery			27,014.93
Recreation Expenditures	•		5,530.72
		\$ 15,963.53	\$ 758,648.59
	ţ		
Balance December 31, 2023	B	\$ 15,494.05	\$ 1,535,292.69

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY ASSESSMENT TRUST FUND ANALYSIS OF CASH YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOT APPLICABLE

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY ANIMAL CONTROL FUND SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FUND EXPENDITURES

	Ref.		
Balance December 31, 2022	В		\$ 19,277.67
Dog and Cat License Fees		\$ 9,050.60	
Prior Year Prepaid Licenses Applied		810.60	
Miscellaneous Fees		 1,483.00	
			11,344.20
			30,621.87
Decreased by:			
Expenditures Under R.S. 4:19-15.11		 15,120.62	
			 15,120.62
Balance December 31, 2023	В		\$ 15,501.25
<u>License Fees Collected</u>		Amount	
<u>Year</u>			
2021		\$ 11,465.20	
2022		 10,658.80	
Maximum Allowable Reserve		\$ 22,124.00	

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COUNTY OF MORRIS 2023 GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF CASH

	Ref.		
Balance December 31, 2022	C		\$ 2,535,213.78
Increased by:			
Budget Appropriation:			
Capital Improvement Fund		\$ 32,000.00	
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes		80,314.10	
Grants Receivable:			
NJ Department of Transportation		418,740.82	
Local Recreation Improvement Grant		75,000.00	
Serial Bonds Proceeds			
Premium on Serial Bonds			
Community Development Block Grant			
Bond Anticipation Note Proceeds		993,202.00	
Due Current Fund:			
Prior Year Expenditure Due to Fund		34,646.00	
Interest Earned		5,297.55	
Reserve to Pay Debt Service:			
Premium on Bond Anticipation Notes		1,033.63	
-	-	,	1,640,234.10
			4,175,447.88
Decreased by:			
Improvement Authorizations		1,397,657.25	
Bond Anticipation Notes		468,227.00	
Due to Current Fund:			
Budget Anticipated Revenue - Capital Fund Balance		80,314.10	
Interest Earned		5,297.55	
	-	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	1,951,495.90
Balance December 31, 2023	C		\$ 2,223,951.98

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND ANALYSIS OF CASH

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BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - UNFUNDED

Analysis of Balance December 31, 2023	Bond Anticipation Notes	\$ 316,557.00 676,645.00	\$ 993,202.00		\$ 777,883.95	(101,238.95)	-0-
	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	\$ 316,557.00 676,645.00	\$ 993,202.00	Ü			
	Reserve to Pay Debt Service	\$ 71,355.90	\$ 71,355.90		es Issned:		
	Paid by Budget Appropriation	\$ 80,314.10	\$ 80,314.10		nprovement Authorizations - Unfunded Less: Unexnended Proceeds of Rond Anticination Notes Issued:	1 Improvements)	
	2023 Authorizations	\$ 676,645.00	\$ 676,645.00		Improvement Authorizations - Unfunded Less: Unexpended Proceeds of Bond A	Ordinance 14-21 (Various Capital Improvements) Ordinance 23-13 (Various Capital Improvements)	
	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	\$ 468,227.00	\$ 468,227.00	O	Improvement Auti	Ordinance 23	
				Ref.			
	Improvement Description	14-21 Various Capital Improvements 23-13 Various Capital Improvements					
	Ord. No.	14-21					

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

				þź								8.95		5.00		3.95	
		nce	31, 2023	Unfunded								\$ 101,238.95		676,645.00	t t	\$ ///,883.95	Ö
		Balance	December 31, 2023	Funded		\$ 2,689.48	2,753.41	34,646.00	72,838.68	40,486.31	314,156.96		217,579.52	491,890.64		\$ 1,177,041.00	S
		Improvement	Authorizations	Cancelled							198,437.99					\$ 198,437.99	
			Paid or	Charged	62 050 6 8		1,457.08		179,462.86		149,796.32 \$	219,752.80	664,873.54	173,264.36		\$ 1,397,657.25	
sı	Deferred	Charges to	Future Taxation	Unfunded										\$ 676,645.00		\$ 199,815.00 \$ 6/6,645.00 \$ 1,597,657.25	
2023 Authorizations	New Jersey	Department of	Transportation	Grant										\$ 465,340.00 \$ 199,815.00 \$ 676,645.00	0000	\$ 199,815.00	
2		Capital	Improvement	Fund										\$ 465,340.00	6 6	\$ 465,340.00	
		nce	31, 2022	Unfunded								\$ 320,991.75			00000	\$ 320,991.75	Ö
		Balance	December 31, 2022	Funded	60050 6	2,689.48	4,210.49	34,646.00	252,301.54	40,486.31	662,391.27		882,453.06		0000	3 1,888,228.44 \$ 320	Ö
			Ordinance	Amount	\$ 400 000 00	129,000.00	1,543,200.00	2,361,600.00	789,790.00	123,600.00	1,025,000.00	754,871.00	899,600.00	1,341,800.00		II	Ref.
			0	Date	07/25/13	07/10/14	08/19/15	09/08/16	07/11/19	05/14/20	06/11/20	06/10/21	05/12/22	06/08/23			
				Improvement Description	2-13 Road Immovements	Maple Avenue Improvements	Various Capital Improvements	Various Capital Improvements	Various Capital Improvements	Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation	Various Capital Improvements	Various Capital Improvements	Various Capital Improvements	Various Capital Improvements			
			Ord.	No.	12-13	08-14	12-15	14-16	12-19	05-20	06-20	14-21	10-22	23-13			

Capital Improvement Fund \$ 82,806.25

New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant 115,631.74

198,437.99

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

	Ref.		
Balance December 31, 2022	C		\$ 628,262.14
Increased by:			
Improvement Authorization Cancelled		\$ 82,806.25	
Current Fund Budget Appropriation		32,000.00	
			 114,806.25
			 743,068.39
Decreased by:			
Appropriated to Finance Improvement Authorizations			 465,340.00
Balance December 31, 2023	C		\$ 277,728.39
Appropriated to Finance Improvement Authorizations	C		\$ 743,068.39 465,340.00

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES PAYABLE

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	\$ 316,557.00	676,645.00	\$ 993,202.00	۲)				
	Matured	\$ 468,227.00		\$ 468,227.00 \text{\$ 993,202.00} \text{\$ 468,227.00} \text{\$ 993,202.00}			\$ 316,557.00	80 314 10	71,355.90	\$ 468,227.00
	Issued	\$ 316,557.00	676,645.00	\$ 993,202.00			\$ 316,557.00	676,645.00		\$ 993,202.00 \$ 468,227.00
	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	\$ 468,227.00		\$ 468,227.00	۲)		Issued for Cash	or Cash	
	Interest Rate	4.25% 5.25%	5.25%		\mathbf{p}_{ef}	Wei.	Renewed	Issued for Cash	Redeemed for Cash	
	Maturity	10/24/23 10/22/24	10/22/24							
Date of	Issue		10/23/23							
	Original Issue	10/26/21	10/26/21							
	Improvement Description	14-21 Various Capital Improvements 10/26/21	23-13 Various Capital Improvements 10/26/21							
	Ord. No.	14-21	23-13							

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF SERIAL BONDS PAYABLE

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	Balance	Dec. 31, 2023											\$4,440,000.00	\$4,440,000.00	C
		Matured											\$ 310,000.00	\$ 310,000.00	
	Balance	Dec. 31, 2022											\$4,750,000.00	\$ 4,750,000.00	C
	Interest	Rate	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	4.00%	4.00%	3.00%		Ref.
Maturities of Bonds Outstanding	December 31, 2023	Amount	\$ 320,000.00	335,000.00	345,000.00	360,000.00	380,000.00	400,000.00	420,000.00	440,000.00	460,000.00	480,000.00	500,000.00		
Maturiti Outs	Decemb	Date	08/01/24	08/01/25	08/01/26	08/01/27	08/01/28	08/01/29	08/01/30	08/01/31	08/01/32	08/01/33	08/01/34		
	Original	Issue	\$ 5,390,000.00												
	Date of	Issue	01/19/21												
		Purpose	General Improvement Bonds 01/19/21 \$ 5,390,000.00												

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED

Balance Dec. 31, 2023		-0-
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Reserve to Pay Debt Service	71,355.90	71,355.90
R Pay	\$	8
Bond Anticipation Notes Issued	676,645.00	676,645.00
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Bond Anticipation Notes Redeemed	71,355.90	71,355.90
A X	↔	8
2023 Authorizations	676,645.00	676,645.00
Au	€	8
Balance Dec. 31, 2022		-0-
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Improvement Description	06/10/21 Various Capital Improvements 06/08/23 Various Capital Improvements	
Ord. Date	06/10/21 06/08/23	
Ord. Number	14-21 23-13	

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COUNTY OF MORRIS 2023 WATER UTILITY FUND

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY FUNDS SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

	Ref.	Operating		Capital	al
Balance December 31, 2022	D	€9	859,454.74		\$ 1,870,763.68
Increased by Receipts: Water Utility Collector	\$ 3,041,82.	5.11			
Interest on Investments Water Allocation Fees	2,117.05	7.05			
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	4,056.45	6.45			
Private Hydrants	7,755.00	5.00			
Appropriation Refunds	11,883.72	3.72			
Budget Appropriation: Capital Improvement Fund				\$ 200,000.00	
American Rescue Plan Act Grant				400,750.00	
Due Water Utility Capital Fund:					
Interest Earned	3,903.14	3.14			
Due Water Utility Operating Fund:					
Interest Earned			3,079,995.47	3,903.14	604,653.14
Decreased by Disbursements:		,	17.00,400.61		7,1,7,110.02
2023 Budget Appropriations	1,938,803.16	3.16			
2022 Appropriation Reserves	137,636.99	6.99			
Accrued Interest on Bonds	141,/08.68	89.8			

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY
WATER UTILITY FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

	Ref.	Operating	Capital
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Improvement Authorizations Expenditures Due Current Fund:			\$ 568,680.27
Sewer Collector	\$	774,779.85	
Due Water Utility Operating Fund			
Interest Earned			3,903.14
		\$ 2,992,928.68	\$ 572,583.41
Balance December 31, 2023	D	\$ 946,521.53	\$ 1,902,833.41

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND SCHEDULE OF CASH - COLLECTOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Increased by Receipts:		
Water Rents	\$ 2,247,078.46	
Water Overpayments	12,235.32	
Interest on Delinquent Accounts	7,731.48	
Total Consumer Accounts Receivable		\$ 2,267,045.26
Due Current Fund:		
Sewer User Fees	741,158.85	
American Rescue Plan Act - Low Income Household		
Water Assistance Program	22,091.13	
Sewer Overpayments	6,542.20	
Interest on Delinquent Sewer User Fees	4,987.67	
•		774,779.85
Decreased by Disbursements:		_
Paid to Treasurer		\$ 3,041,825.11

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND ANALYSIS OF WATER CAPITAL CASH

			Reco	Receipts	Disbursements	ements			
	•	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Budget Appropriation	Miscellaneous	Improvement Authorizations	Miscellaneous	Transfers	sfers To	Balance/ (Deficit) Dec. 31, 2023
Capital Fu	Capital Fund Balance Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 17,316.18 135,112.04	\$ 200,000.00	2 002 14		000 6	\$ 214,000.00		\$ 17,316.18 121,112.04
Due Current Fund	Due Water Current Fund			4			413,400.00	\$ 12,650.00	
Reserve for Communi	Reserve for Capital Improvements Community Development Block Grant Receivable	150,063.08					40,000.00		110,063.08 (125,000.00)
Ord.									
No.	Improvement Description								
15-16	Various Water Utility Improvements	137,129.52			\$ 81,706.72				55,422.80
09-17	Various Water Utility Improvements	52,920.00			25,476.50				27,443.50
07-18	Various Water Utility Improvements	271,279.68			49,731.96				221,547.72
10-19	Acquisition and Installation of Generator	36,754.19			10,791				25,963.09
11-19	Various Water Utility Improvements	42,051.91			24,899.91				17,152.00
07-20	Various Water Utility Improvements	21,327.50			13,402.00				7,925.50
14-20	Water Main Improvements	39,270.85							39,270.85
12-21	Various Water Utility Improvements	171,694.93			1,694.93				170,000.00
20-21	Installation of Water Meters & Equipment	435,843.80							435,843.80
09-22	Installation of Water Main	360,000.00			85,905.89				274,094.11
12-23	Various Water Utility Improvements				275,071.26		12,650.00	792,400.00	504,678.74
		\$ 1,870,763.68	\$ 1,870,763.68 \$ 200,000.00 \$ 404,653.14	\$ 404,653.14	\$ 568,680.27	\$ 3,903.14	\$ 805,050.00	\$ 805,050.00	\$ 1,902,833.41

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND SCHEDULE OF CONSUMER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	Ref.		
Balance December 31, 2022	D		\$ 244,728.56
Increased by: Water Rents Levied			 2,241,685.68 2,486,414.24
Decreased by: Collections Overpayments Applied		\$ 2,247,078.46 1,096.90	2,248,175.36
Balance December 31, 2023	D		\$ 238,238.88

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF FIXED CAPITAL

		Additions By	
	Balance	Budget	Balance
	Dec. 31, 2022	Capital Outlay	Dec. 31, 2023
Fixed Capital Prior to 1970	\$ 32,512.50		\$ 32,512.50
Pumping Station Land	2,700.00		2,700.00
Storage System Land	400.00		400.00
Springs and Wells	445,846.92		445,846.92
Pumping Station Structures	22,848.54		22,848.54
Electric Pumping Station Equipment	31,401.51		31,401.51
Storage Reservoirs and Tanks	767,359.38		767,359.38
Distribution Mains and Accessories	2,820,197.43		2,820,197.43
Service Pipes and Stops	83,753.92		83,753.92
Fire Hydrants and Cisterns	78,470.36		78,470.36
General Structures	71,837.61		71,837.61
Meters, Meter Boxes and Vaults	384,623.86		384,623.86
Engineering	11,004.96		11,004.96
General Equipment	314,938.79		314,938.79
Shoring Unit	5,961.50		5,961.50
Booster Pump	1,736.67		1,736.67
Pumping Equipment	28,091.31		28,091.31
Water Line and Reservoirs	84,562.63		84,562.63
Sewer Lines	16,651.20		16,651.20
Water Treatment Facility	788,753.37		788,753.37
Altitude Valve	4,000.00		4,000.00
Trucks	125,984.60		125,984.60
Purification Equipment	273,279.87		273,279.87
Loader Replacement	153,601.91		153,601.91
Woodside Transit Pipeline	213,373.95		213,373.95
Water Utility Vehicles	679,408.33		679,408.33
Improvement to Hillside Water Tank	80,000.00		80,000.00
Portable Radios	2,760.00		2,760.00
Hillside Water Tank Replacement	58,000.00		58,000.00
Redevelop/Repair Well 6A	55,104.00		55,104.00
Potable Water Improvements	80,000.00		80,000.00
Land Acquisition	31,515.10		31,515.10
Pressure Valve Replacement	75,410.18		75,410.18
Air Stripper Insulation	9,465.00		9,465.00
Air Stripper Repairs	125,000.00		125,000.00
Siding and Infrastructure Upgrades	100,000.00		100,000.00
Hydrants and Valves Replacement	108,411.38		108,411.38

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF FIXED CAPITAL

	Additions By					
		Balance		Budget		Balance
	De	c. 31, 2022	Cap	ital Outlay	De	ec. 31, 2023
Computer Equipment	\$	3,922.41	\$	5,400.12	\$	9,322.53
Security Upgrades		10,700.00				10,700.00
Replacement of Water Meters		37,857.00				37,857.00
Well House Repairs		8,200.00				8,200.00
Vehicle Accessories		4,357.55				4,357.55
Water Tank Site Improvements		16,445.00				16,445.00
Chlorinator Analyst		6,803.56				6,803.56
Fire Door and Security Camera		6,000.00				6,000.00
Signage		798.00				798.00
Improvements to Fox Lake Dam		307,518.41				307,518.41
Police Station Bridge Repairs		15,427.12				15,427.12
Well Rehabilitation		102,000.00				102,000.00
Generator for Well 6 and Well 6A		48,383.00				48,383.00
Main Street Booster Station Rehabilitation		40,938.00				40,938.00
Various Water Utility Improvements		417,000.00				417,000.00
Borough Hall Renovation		6,750.00		1,480.47		8,230.47
	\$ 9,	202,066.83	\$	6,880.59	\$ 9	,208,947.42
		D				D
Water Bud	get An	propriations	\$	2,400.12		
Water Approp			•	4,480.47		
			\$	6,880.59		

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF FIXED CAPITAL AUTHORIZED AND UNCOMPLETED

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	2023 Authorizations	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
15-16	Various Water Utility Improvements	\$ 694,000.00		\$ 694,000.00
09-17	Various Water Utility Improvements	731,255.42		731,255.42
07-18	Various Water Utility Improvements	936,586.00		936,586.00
10-19	Acquire and Install Generator	55,000.00		55,000.00
11-19	Various Water Utility Improvements	587,942.00		587,942.00
07-20	Various Water Utility Improvements	43,460.00		43,460.00
14-20	Water Main Improvements	500,000.00		500,000.00
12-21	Various Water Utility Improvements	280,000.00		280,000.00
20-21	Install Water Meters and Equipment	596,482.00		596,482.00
09-22	Installation of Water Main	360,000.00		360,000.00
12-23	Various Water Utility Improvements		\$ 792,400.00	792,400.00
		\$4,784,725.42	\$ 792,400.00	\$5,577,125.42
		D		D

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND SCHEDULE OF 2022 APPROPRIATION RESERVES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

		Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Balance After Modification	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed
Operating: Salaries and Wages		\$ 4,737.50	\$ 4,737.50	\$ 3,712.31	\$ 1,025.19
Other Expenses		170,858.98	189,444.21	189,444.21	Ų 1,020.19
Capital Outlay		51,250.00	32,664.77	4,480.47	28,184.30
Deferred Charges/Statutory Expenditures	s:				
Statutory Expenditures: Contribution to:					
Public Employees' Retirment Syst	em	200.00	200.00		200.00
1 we no Emprey our recommence system					
		\$ 227,046.48	\$ 227,046.48	\$ 197,636.99	\$ 29,409.49
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D.1 D. 1 21 2022	Ref.	-			
Balance December 31, 2022:	D	¢ 00 007 13			
Unencumbered Encumbered	D D	\$ 88,887.12			
Encumbered	D	138,159.36			
		\$ 227,046.48			
		<u> </u>			
	Cash	Disbursements		\$ 137,636.99	
	Rese	rve for Carbon Fi	lter Replacement	60,000.00	

\$ 197,636.99

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

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	-	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Funded	CC 55 3		27,443.50	221,547.72	25,963.09	17,152.00	7,925.50	39,270.85	170,000.00	435,843.80	274,094.1	504,678.74	\$1,779,342.11	D		
		Paid or	Charged	21 706 77	01,/00./2	25,476.50	49,731.96	10,791.10	24,899.91	13,402.00		1,694.93		85,905.89	287,721.26	581,330.27		12,650.00 568,680.27	581,330.27
				Ð	9											S		\$	\$
	Reserve	tor Water Capital	Improvements												\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00		Due Current Fund Cash Disbursed	
rizations		American Rescue													\$ 413,400.00	\$ 413,400.00		Due	
2023 Authorizations	.:	Capital Improvement	Fund												\$ 214,000.00	\$ 214,000.00			
	Community	Development Block	Grant												\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00			
	- -	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Funded	¢ 127 120 52		52,920.00	271,279.68	36,754.19	42,051.91	21,327.50	39,270.85	171,694.93	435,843.80	360,000.00		\$ 1,568,272.38	D		
		Ordinance	Amount	\$ 774 000 00	00.000,4//	740,000.00	1,206,470.00	55,000.00	1,098,000.00	360,000.00	500,000.00	280,000.00	596,482.00	360,000.00	792,400.00	П	Ref.		
		Ordi	Date	7106/80/00	07/00/7010	05/10/2017	06/28/2018	07/11/2019	07/11/2019	06/11/2020	10/22/2020	05/13/2021	06/10/2021	05/12/2022	06/08/2023				
			Improvement Description	V/ mi one Wotten I [4:1] ity I man no vous nate	various water offility improvements	Various Water Utility Improvements	Various Water Utility Improvements	Acquisition and Installation of Generator	Various Water Utility Improvements	Various Water Utility Improvements	Water Main Improvements	Various Water Utility Improvements	Installation of Water Meters and Equipment	Installation of Water Main	Various Water Utility Improvements				
		Ord	No.			09-17	07-18	10-19	11-19		14-20		20-21	09-22	12-23				

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

	Ref.	
Balance December 31, 2022	D	\$ 135,112.04
Increased by: 2023 Budget Appropriation		200,000.00 335,112.04
Decreased by: Appropriated to Finance Improvement Authorizations		214,000.00
Balance December 31, 2023	D	\$ 121,112.04

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED RESERVE FOR AMORTIZATION

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Date of Ordinance	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	2023 Authorizations	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
09-22	Installation of Water Main	05/12/2022	\$ 360,000.00		\$ 360,000.00
12-23	Various Water Utility Improvements	06/08/2023		\$ 792,400.00	792,400.00
			\$ 360,000.00	\$ 792,400.00	\$ 1,152,400.00
		Ref.	D		D

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR AMORTIZATION

	Ref.		
Balance December 31, 2022	D		\$ 9,191,792.25
Increased by: Capital Outlay: 2023 Budget Appropriations 2023 Appropriation Reserves Serial Bonds Paid by Operating Budget		\$ 2,400.12 4,480.47 200,000.00	 206,880.59
Balance December 31, 2023	D		\$ 9,398,672.84

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOT APPLICABLE

SCHEDULE OF WATER CAPITAL SERIAL BONDS WATER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY

		Balance	Dec. 31, 2023														\$1,095,000.00
			Matured														\$ 75,000.00
		Balance	Dec. 31, 2022														2.444% \$1,170,000.00
		Interest	Rate		0.571%	0.809%	0.919%	1.233%	1.473%	1.664%	1.764%	1.854%	1.994%	2.104%	2.204%	2.314%	2.444%
Bonds	ing	1, 2023	Amount		80,000.00	75,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
Maturities of Bonds	Outstanding	December 31, 2023	Date		2/1/2024	2/1/2025	2/1/2026	2/1/2027	2/1/2028	2/1/2029	2/1/2030	2/1/2031	2/1/2032	2/1/2033	2/1/2034	2/1/2035	2/1/2036
		Original	Issue		\$1,250,000.00												
		Date of	Issue		1/19/21												
			Purpose	Water Utility Refunding	Bonds of 2021												

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY

WATER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF WATER CAPITAL SERIAL BONDS

Balance	Dec. 31, 2023																	\$3,140,000.00	\$4,235,000.00	D
	Matured																	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	
Balance	Dec. 31, 2022																	\$3,265,000.00	\$4,435,000.00	D
Interest	Rate	4.000%	4.000%	4.000%	5.000%	5.000%	5.000%	5.000%	5.000%	4.000%	4.000%	3.000%	3.000%	3.000%	3.000%	3.000%	3.000%	3.000%	-	Ref.
Maturities of Bonds Outstanding December 31, 2023	Amount	\$ 130,000.00	135,000.00	140,000.00	145,000.00	155,000.00	160,000.00	170,000.00	180,000.00	185,000.00	195,000.00	200,000.00	210,000.00	215,000.00	220,000.00	225,000.00	235,000.00	240,000.00		
Maturities Outst: Decembe	Date	8/1/2024	8/1/2025	8/1/2026	8/1/2027	8/1/2028	8/1/2029	8/1/2030	8/1/2031	8/1/2032	8/1/2033	8/1/2034	8/1/2035	8/1/2036	8/1/2037	8/1/2038	8/1/2039	8/1/2040		
Original	Issue	\$3,540,000.00																		
Date of	Issue	1/19/21																		
	Purpose	Water Utility Bonds of 2021																		

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BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY WATER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOT APPLICABLE

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY

PART II

SINGLE AUDIT

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Federal	Assistance Listing	State Pass Through	Grant Period	eriod	Grant Award	Grant	Amount of	ıt of	Cumulative	Amount Paid to
Federal Funding Department/Cluster Cluster	Program	Number	Entity ID	From	To	Amount	Receipts	Expenditures	tures	Expenditures	Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Treasury: (Passed through New Jersey Department of Community Affairs)	COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan Act	21.027	100-022-8030- 687-046010	03/03/21	12/31/24	03/03/21 12/31/24 \$ 656,900.00		\$ 334,70	02.06	\$ 334,702.06 \$ 520,697.77	
Total U.S. Department of Treasury								334,70	334,702.06	520,697.77	
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: (Passed through New Jersey Department COVID-19 American Rescue Plan of Community Affairs) Act - Low Income Household Water Assistance Program	ces: COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act - Low Income Household Water Assistance Program	93.499	100-022-8050- 030-052324	3/3/2023 12/31/24	12/31/24	22,091.13	\$ 22,091.13		22,091.13	22,091.13	
Total U.S. Department of Treasury							22,091.13		22,091.13	22,091.13	
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS							\$ 22,091	22,091.13 \$ 356,793.19 \$ 542,788.90	93.19	\$ 542,788.90	-0-

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

New Jersey Agency or Department	Name of Program	State Grant Award Number	Grant Period From	Period	Grant Award	Amount Received	Amount of Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures
Department of Treasury: Passed through the County of Morris: Morris: Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	ris: Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	100-082-2000-	01/01/23	12/31/24	\$ 6,221.00		\$ 5,103.80	\$ 5,103.80
Subtotal - Department of Treasury							5,103.80	5,103.80
Department of Transportation:	Municipal Aid - Mount Pleasant Avenue	480-078- 6320-AO1-606282	01/01/22	12/31/24	293,800.00	\$ 220,350.00	276,653.06	293,800.00
	Municipal Aid - Crestwood Road and Addison Avenue	480-078- 6320-APF-606283	01/01/23	12/31/24	199,815.00	149,861.25	173,264.36	173,264.36
	Municipal Aid - Lakeside Road	480-078- 6320-AN8-606280	01/01/20	12/31/24	209,368.26	48,529.57		209,368.26
Subtotal - Department of Transportation	ion					418,740.82	449,917.42	676,432.62
Department of Environmental Protection	Clean Communities Act	765-042-4900- 004-178910	01/01/22 01/01/23 01/01/23	12/31/23 12/31/24 12/31/24	13,377.44 11,500.00 3,504.43	11,500.00	12,767.34 645.31	13,377.44
						15,004.43	13,412.65	14,022.75
	Recycling Tonnage Grant	100-042-4910- 224-238940	01/01/20 01/01/21 01/01/22 01/01/23	12/31/23 12/31/23 12/31/23 12/31/24	5,825.52 8,635.06 14,067.73 9,909.66	5,825.52 4,084.14	1,277.30 5,700.06 4,371.59	5,825.52 8,635.06 4,371.59
						99.606,6	11,348.95	18,832.17

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

New Jersey	Name of	State Grant	Grant	Grant Period	Grant	Amount	Amount of	Cumulative
Agency or Department	Program	Award Number	From	То	Award	Received	Expenditures	Expenditures
Department of Environmental Protection (Passed through NJ Economic Development Authority)	Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund	100-042-4850-	01/01/23	12/31/24	\$ 123,060.47	\$ 123.060.47	\$ 123,060.47	\$ 123,060.47
						123,060.47	123,060.47	123,060.47
	Stormwater Assistance Grant	100-042-4850- 099-290400	01/01/23	12/31/24	15,000.00	15,000.00		
						15,000.00		
Subtotal - Department of Environmental Protection	tal Protection					162,974.56	147,822.07	155,915.39
Department of Law and Public Safety	Body Armor Replacement Fund	718-066-1020- 100-090160	01/01/23 01/01/22 01/01/23	12/31/23 12/31/22 12/31/24	2,841.60 1,081.01 1,651.79	1,651.79	2,841.60	2,841.60
						1,651.79	3,922.61	3,922.61
	Safe and Secure Communities	100-066-1020- 100-090940	01/01/22 01/01/23	12/31/22	15,880.00 15,228.00	5,413.60 4,560.00	15,228.00	15,880.00 15,228.00
						9,973.60	15,228.00	31,108.00
	Body-Worn Camera Program	495-066-1020- 100-092120	01/01/21	12/31/22	34,646.00	27,716.80		34,646.00
Subtotal - Department of Law and Public Safety	blic Safety					39,342.19	19,150.61	85,285.62

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

State Grant Award Number
100-304-8020- 022-023110
495-668-8030- 022-041190

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Note 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards (the "Schedules") include the federal and state grant activity of the Borough of Rockaway under programs of the federal and state governments for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information in these schedules is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance") and New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid.* Because the schedules present only a selected portion of the operations of the Borough, they are not intended to and do not present the financial position, changes in fund balance or cash flows of the Borough.

Note 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts, if any, shown on the Schedules represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. Pass-through identifying numbers are presented where available. The Borough has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Note 3. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with the amounts reported in the related federal and state financial reports.







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 Auditors' Report

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the Borough Council Borough of Rockaway Rockaway, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey ("the Division"), and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements - regulatory basis - of the various funds of the Borough of Rockaway, in the County of Morris (the "Borough") as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 13, 2024. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Division to demonstrate compliance with the Division's regulatory basis of accounting, and the budget laws of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as Finding 2023-001, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the Borough Council Borough of Rockaway Page 2

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Borough'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 financial statements. 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*. The Borough's Response to the Finding

The Borough's Response to the Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Borough's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. The Borough's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

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

Mount Arlington, New Jersey May 13, 2024

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Certified Public Accountant

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Registered Municipal Accountant No. 447

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Summary of Auditors' Results:

- The Independent Auditors' Report expresses an unmodified opinion on the Borough's financial statements, prepared in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey to demonstrate compliance with the Division's regulatory basis of accounting and the budget laws of New Jersey.
- A significant deficiency disclosed during the audit of the financial statements is reported in the *Independent Auditors' 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*. No material weaknesses are reported.
- No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Borough which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.
- The Borough was not subject to the single audit provisions of the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08 for the year ended December 31, 2023 as both state and federal grant expenditures were less than the single audit thresholds of \$750,000 identified in the Uniform Guidance and NJOMB 15-08.

<u>Findings Relating to the Financial Statements which are required to be Reported in Accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards:</u>

- The audit disclosed the following significant deficiency required to be reported under Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards:

Finding 2023-001

Segregation of Duties

Criteria

Concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from a control point of view.

Condition

The Borough does not maintain an adequate segregation of duties with respect to the recording and treasury functions.

The various departments/offices of the Borough are responsible for the issuance of permits and licenses; collections of taxes and permit and license fees; and recording of collections. Also the deposit and recording of receipts for the various funds, the reconciliation of the bank accounts, and the preparation of the general ledger are all performed by the Chief Financial Officer. The disbursement of funds and the preparation of payroll are performed by the Finance Clerk, however; the Chief Financial Officer currently oversees and is partially involved in these duties.

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

(Continued)

Findings Relating to the Financial Statements which are required to be Reported in Accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards: (Cont'd)

- The audit disclosed the following significant deficiency required to be reported under Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards: (Cont'd)

Finding 2023-001 (Cont'd)

Segregation of Duties (Cont'd)

Cause

This is due, in part, to the limited number of personnel of the Borough and the decentralized nature of governmental collection procedures.

Effect or Potential Effect

Segregation of duties refers to separating those functions that place too much control over a transaction or class of transactions that would enable a person to perpetuate errors and prevent detection within a reasonable period of time.

Recommendation

It is recommended that an adequate segregation of duties be maintained with respect to the recording and treasury functions.

Management's Response

The finding was evaluated, however, due to budgetary constraints, no resolution can be made at this time.

Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards:

- Not Applicable since Federal expenditures were below the single audit threshold.

Findings and Questioned Costs for State Awards:

- Not Applicable since State expenditures were below the single audit threshold.

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

The Borough's prior year audit Finding 2022-001 regarding segregation of duties has not been resolved due to budgetary constraints and is included as Finding 2023-001.

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY

PART III

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

N.J.S. 40A:11-3 states:

- a. "When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the contracting agent in the aggregate does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate to the contracting unit, of the governing body of the contracting unit without public advertising for bids, except that the governing body of any contracting unit may adopt an ordinance or resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of P.L. 1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-9), the governing body of the contracting unit may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.
- b. Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 5 of P.L. 1971, c.198 (C.40A: 11-5) may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months. The Division of Local Government Services shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations concerning the methods of accounting for all contracts that do not coincide with the contracting unit's fiscal year.
- c. The Governor, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of every fifth year beginning in the fifth year after the year in which P.L. 1999 c.440 takes effect, adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the governing body is permitted to establish, as set forth in subsection a. of this section, or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in section 2 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A11-2), and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall, no later than June 1 of every fifth year, notify each governing body of the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made."
- 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, 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. The governing body of a contracting unit may, by resolution approved by a majority of the governing body and subject to subsections b. and c. of this section, disqualify a bidder who would otherwise be determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, if the governing body finds that it has had prior negative experience with the bidder."

Effective July 1, 2020 and thereafter, the bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 are \$17,500 for a contracting unit without a qualified purchasing agent and \$44,000 for a contracting unit with a qualified purchasing agent.

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

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised for N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 (Cont'd)

The minutes indicated that bids were requested by public advertising per N.J.S. 40A:11-4. The minutes also indicated that resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services," per N.J.S. 40A:11-5.

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. None were noted.

Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments

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

On January 3, 2023, the governing body adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes and utility charges:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockaway, Morris County, New Jersey, that the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes and utility charges in this Borough shall be as follows:

On all delinquents to and including December 31, 2023, at the rate or rates heretofore governing, and on all delinquents on and after January 1, 2023 at the rate of 8% per annum for and upon the first \$1,500 of the delinquency, the rate of 18% per annum for and upon any amount of the delinquency in excess of \$1,500; and the rate of 6% per annum for and upon any amount in excess of \$10,000 at year end; and that a grace period of 10 days will be allowed on taxes due February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. If taxes are not paid by the 10th, interest shall be charged from the due date.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the collector of the Borough be and hereby directed to collect interest on all taxes and utility charges accordingly.

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

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

Year	Tax Title Liens
2023	16
2022	16
2021	15

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

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

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, consisting of verification notices as follows:

Type	Number Mailed		
Payment of 2023 and 2024 Taxes	20		
Delinquent Taxes	15		
Tax Title Liens	3		
Payment of 2023 Water Rents	10		
Payment of 2023 Sewer Rents	10		
Delinquent Water Rents	10		
Delinquent Sewer Rents	10		

For items not returned, alternative procedures were performed, as appropriate.

New Jersey Administrative Code Accounting Requirements

The Division of Local Government Services has established three (3) accounting requirements which are prescribed in the New Jersey Administrative Code. They are as follows:

- 1. Maintenance of an encumbrance accounting system.
- 2. Fixed assets accounting and reporting system.
- 3. General ledger accounting system.

The Borough is in compliance with these requirements.

Segregation of Duties

The Borough does not maintain an adequate segregation of duties with respect to the recording and treasury functions. Segregation of duties refers to separating those functions that place too much control over a transaction or class of transactions that would enable a person to perpetuate errors and prevent detection within a reasonable period of time. The various departments/offices of the Borough are responsible for the issuance of permits and licenses; collection of taxes, and permit and license fees; and recording of these collections. Also the deposit and recording of receipts for the various funds, the reconciliation of the bank accounts, and the preparation of the general ledger are all performed by the Chief Financial Officer. The disbursement of funds and the preparation of payroll are performed by the Finance Clerk, however; the Chief Financial Officer currently oversees and is partially involved in these duties. This is due, in part, to the limited number of personnel of the Borough and the decentralized nature of governmental collection procedures. Accordingly, management and the Borough Council should be aware of this situation and realize that the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from a control point of view.

Management's Response

The finding was evaluated, however due to budgetary constraints no resolution can be made at this time.

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Municipal Court

The report of the Municipal Court has been forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services and the Borough's Magistrate under separate cover. Reflected below is a summary of receipts and disbursements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Balance					Balance		
	Dec. 31, 2022		Receipts		Disbursements		Dec. 31, 2023	
Municipal Treasurer:								
Fines and Costs	\$	1,016.74	\$	22,433.98	\$	22,201.90	\$	1,248.82
Parking Offense Adjudication Act		2.00		36.00		38.00		
Interest:								
Regular Account		10.67		167.60		178.27		
Bail Account				8.09		8.09		
Municipal Treasurer - Shared Court:								
Public Defender		55.00		627.00		632.00		50.00
State Treasurer		730.39		11,925.15		12,011.32		644.22
County Treasurer		321.50		8,677.50		8,425.50		573.50
Weights and Measures				14,696.00		14,240.00		456.00
Bail Account		550.00		4,500.00		5,050.00		
	\$	2,686.30	\$	63,071.32	\$	62,785.08	\$	2,972.54

Management Suggestions

Grants Receivable

During our review of federal and state grants, we noted that there are still a few grants receivable that are several years old. It is suggested that the federal and state grants receivable continue to be reviewed to identify which grants which will be collected and which grants should be canceled.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements

GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences, is effective for the year ended December 31, 2024. This statement required that the liability for compensated absences to be calculated for 1 – leave that has not been used and 2 – leave that has been used but not yet paid. The liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) – the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used or otherwise paid or settled, a government should consider relevant factors such as employment policies related to compensated absences and historical information about the use or payment of compensated absences. Leave that is more likely than not to be settled through conversion to defined benefit postemployment benefits should not be included in the liability for compensated absences. The Statement directs that for leave that has not been used then calculation should generally use an employee's pay rate as of the date of the financial statements.

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

COVID-19 Federal Funding

It is possible that the Borough will undergo some review of its COVID-19 funding by the federal government. We strongly suggest that the Borough ensures that these funds are utilized in accordance with the applicable federal requirements, especially with respect to procurement. Additionally, we strongly suggest that the Borough ensures that these funds are separately accounted for in the Borough's accounting records and that any applicable Borough policies are current with respect to federal grant requirements.

Because these are new programs, generally of a significant dollar amount, and some of which may be expended over a period of years, they may be subject to federal or state audit several years from now. It is important that the grant files maintained by local governments be complete, self-explanatory, and fully document the program(s) undertaken as part of the funding.

The American Rescue Plan funding must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and the liquidation of the obligation must be completed by December 31, 2026.

Status of Prior Year Recommendations

The Borough has initiated a corrective action plan to resolve comments and recommendations from the 2022 audit report. The recommendation regarding segregation of duties is included as current year recommendation as no resolution can be made at this time due to budgetary constraints.

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. An adequate segregation of duties be maintained with respect to the recording and treasury functions.