

NOTICE OF SALE
 BOROUGH OF SHIP BOTTOM, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY
 \$875,000* GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2017A AND \$2,113,000*WATER-
 SEWER UTILITY BONDS, SERIES 2017B

(Book-Entry-Only) (Bank-Qualified) (Callable)

ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS will be received and announced by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Ship Bottom, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey located in the County of Ocean, New Jersey (the "Borough"), at the Municipal Building located at 1621 Long Beach Boulevard, Ship Bottom, New Jersey, through the PARITY Electronic Bid System ("PARITY") of IPREO LLC, as described herein, on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 (unless postponed and rescheduled as provided herein) until 11:00 a.m., prevailing local time, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-27, for the purchase of the following described bonds:

\$875,000* General Improvement Bonds, Series 2017A and \$2,113,000* Water-Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 2017B maturing on September 15 in the years and in the amounts set forth below (the "Bonds"):

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Improvement Bonds, Series 2017A*</u>	<u>Water-Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 2017B*</u>	<u>Total*</u>
2018	\$40,000	\$63,000	\$103,000
2019	40,000	60,000	100,000
2020	60,000	90,000	150,000
2021	65,000	95,000	160,000
2022	65,000	95,000	160,000
2023	70,000	100,000	170,000
2024	70,000	100,000	170,000
2025	75,000	100,000	175,000
2026	75,000	110,000	185,000
2027	75,000	110,000	185,000
2028	80,000	110,000	190,000
2029	80,000	120,000	200,000
2030	80,000	120,000	200,000
2031	-	120,000	120,000
2032	-	120,000	120,000
2033	-	120,000	120,000
2034	-	120,000	120,000
2035	-	120,000	120,000
2036	-	120,000	120,000
2037	-	120,000	120,000
TOTAL	\$875,000	\$2,113,000	\$2,988,000

*Preliminary, subject to change as described herein.

All Bids (as defined below) must be submitted in their entirety through PARITY until 11:00 a.m., New Jersey time on September 13, 2017 (see "Bidding Details"). To bid, Bidders (as defined below) must submit either (i) a certified, treasurer's or cashier's check

or (ii) complete a wire transfer, in either case in the amount of \$59,760 (the check or wire transfer being hereinafter referred to as the “Deposit”), to secure the Borough from any loss resulting from a failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of its bid. The Deposit must be submitted to the Borough prior to the time for submission of bids, and if in the form of a certified, treasurer’s or cashier’s check, at the following address:

**Kathleen Flanagan, Chief Financial Officer
Borough of Ship Bottom
1621 Long Beach Boulevard
Ship Bottom, New Jersey 08008**

If a wire transfer is used for the Deposit, it must be sent according to the wire instructions provided by the Borough's municipal advisor, Phoenix Advisors, LLC, 4 West Park Street, Bordentown, NJ 08505, telephone number 609-291-0130, Attention: Anthony Inverso (please contact the Municipal Advisor for wire instructions) and if the bid is not accepted, the Borough shall promptly return the Deposit amount to the unsuccessful bidder. **EACH BIDDER MUST PROVIDE THEIR RETURN WIRE INSTRUCTIONS.**

The use of PARITY shall be at the Bidder’s risk and expense, and the Borough shall have no liability with respect thereto.

Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the award of the Bonds. Any bidder that does not have a representative present at the bid announcement is requested to include with its good faith deposit overnight packaging or other return envelope for the return of its Deposit (if not the successful bidder). In the absence of other arrangements, the check of any unsuccessful bidder will be returned by certified first class mail to such name and return address as specified by such bidder when such Deposit was provided. By submitting a proposal for the Bonds, each bidder shall be deemed to have accepted any and all risks of loss associated with the return of its Deposit. Upon return of its Deposit, each such unsuccessful bidder shall acknowledge same by signing and returning a receipt to such effect provided by the Borough. If a wire transfer is used, such transfer must be completed and confirmed received by the Borough prior to the opening of the bids.

The Deposit of the winning bidder will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds. In the event the winning bidder fails to comply with the terms of its accepted bid, the Deposit will be retained by the Borough as liquidated damages. The winning bidder shall not be entitled to any interest earnings in respect of the Borough.

The Bonds are to be issued in book-entry form only and all bidders for the Bonds must be participants of the Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") or affiliated with its participants. The Bonds will be issued in the form of one certificate for the aggregate principal amount of Bonds maturing in each year and will be payable as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America. Each certificate will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, which will act as Securities Depository. The certificate will be deposited with DTC which will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants and the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of the individual purchasers. Individual

purchases may be made in the principal amount of \$1,000 or more through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants.

The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery, and will bear interest at the rate or rates per annum specified by the successful bidder therefor in accordance herewith, payable semi-annually on March 15 and September 15 in each year commencing March 15, 2018, until maturity, to DTC or its authorized nominee. DTC will credit payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds to the participants of DTC as listed on the records of DTC.

The Bonds of each series maturing prior to September 15, 2026 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity. The Bonds of each series maturing on or after September 15, 2026 are subject to redemption, at the option of the Borough, prior to their stated maturity and upon notice as hereinafter provided, at any time on or after September 15, 2025, in whole or part from such maturities as the Borough shall determine and by lot within a single maturity, at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed together with unpaid interest accrued to the redemption date.

In the event (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as Securities Depository for the Bonds or (b) the Borough determines that continuation of the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Bonds would adversely affect the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds, the Borough will discontinue the book-entry system with DTC. If the Borough fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the Borough will deliver replacement bonds in the form of fully registered certificates.

The Bonds are general obligations of the Borough and are secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Borough for the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The Bonds are payable, if not paid from other sources, from ad valorem taxes to be levied upon all the real property taxable within the Borough without limitations as to rate or amount.

Each proposal submitted must name the rate or rates of interest per annum to be borne by the Bonds and the rate or rates named must be multiples of one-eighth or one-twentieth of one per centum. Not more than one rate may be named for the Bonds of the same maturity. There is no limitation on the number of rates that may be named. The difference between the lowest and the highest rates named in the proposal shall not exceed three per centum (3%). The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder on whose bid the total loan may be made at the lowest true interest cost ("TIC"). Such TIC cost shall be computed by determining the interest rate, compounded semi-annually, necessary to discount the debt service payments to the date of the bonds and to the price bid, excluding interest accrued to the delivery date. **Each proposal submitted must be for all of the Bonds and the purchase price specified in the proposal must be not less than \$2,988,000 nor more than \$3,286,800 .** No proposal shall be considered that offers to pay an amount less than the principal amount of the Bonds offered for sale or under which the total loan is made at a TIC higher than the lowest TIC to the Borough under any legally acceptable proposal, and if two or more such bidders offer to pay the lowest TIC, then the Bonds will be sold to one of such bidders selected by lot from among all such bidders. The purchaser must also pay an amount equal to the interest (if any) on the Bonds accrued to the date of payment of the purchase price. The right is reserved to reject all bids and to reject any bid not complying with this Notice.

It is requested that each proposal be accompanied by a computation of the TIC to the Borough under the terms of the proposal in accordance with the method of calculation described

in the preceding paragraph (computed to six decimal places), but such computation is not to be considered as part of the proposal for Bonds. Determinations of TIC by the Borough shall be final.

The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough may determine to postpone, upon not less than 24 hours' notice, the date and time established for receipt of Bids. **ANY SUCH POSTPONEMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THOMSON MUNICIPAL MARKET MONITOR ("TM3") (www.tm3.com) AND/OR PARITY, BEFORE 4:00 P.M. ON THE DAY BEFORE THE SALE.** If any date fixed for the receipt of Bids and the sale of the Bonds is postponed, an alternative sale date will be announced through TM3 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such alternative sale date. On any such alternative sale date, any Bidder may submit a Bid for the purchase of the Bonds in conformity in all respects with the provisions of the Notice of Sale, except for the date of sale and except for the changes announced on TM3 at the time the sale date and time are announced.

Each electronic proposal must be submitted through PARITY. No bidder will see any other bid, nor will any bidder see the status of its bid relative to other bids—i.e., whether its bid is a leading bid. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth on PARITY conflict with this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY, potential bidders may call PARITY at IPREO at (212) 849-5021. The Borough may, but is not obligated to, acknowledge its acceptance in writing of any bid submitted electronically through PARITY. In the event that a bid for the Bonds is submitted through PARITY, the bidder further agrees that the Borough may regard the electronic transmission of the bid through PARITY (including information about the purchase price of the Bonds, the interest rate or rates to be borne by the Bonds, the initial public offering price of each maturity of the Bonds and any other information included in such transmission) as though the same information were submitted on the official "Proposal for Bonds" provided by the Borough and executed by a duly authorized signatory of the bidder. If a bid submitted electronically through PARITY is accepted by the Borough, the terms of the official "Proposal for Bonds" and this Notice of Sale and the information that is electronically transmitted through PARITY shall form a contract, and the successful bidder shall be bound by the terms of such contract.

The Borough may and expects to, after the receipt and opening of bids, adjust the maturity schedule of the Bonds, provided however, that (i) no maturity schedule adjustment shall exceed 10% upward or downward of the principal for any maturity as specified herein, and (ii) the aggregate adjustment to the maturity schedule shall not exceed 10% upward or downward of the aggregate principal amount of bonds as specified herein and as adjusted will not exceed the amount authorized by the Ordinances. The dollar amount bid by the successful bidder shall be adjusted to reflect any adjustments in the aggregate principal amount of bonds to be issued. The adjusted bid price will reflect changes in the dollar amount of the underwriter's discount and the original issue premium or discount, but will not change the per bond underwriter's discount as calculated from the bid and the Initial Public Offering Prices required to be delivered to the Borough as stated herein. The Borough shall notify the successful bidder of the final maturity schedule and the resulting adjusted purchase price no later than 5:00 p.m., New Jersey time, on the day of the sale and award of the Bonds. The interest rate or rates specified by the successful bidder for each maturity will not be altered.

PARITY is not an agent of the Borough, and the Borough shall have no liability whatsoever based on any bidder's use of PARITY, including but not limited to any failure by

PARITY to correctly or timely transmit information provided by the Borough or information provided by the bidder.

The Borough may choose to discontinue use of electronic bidding through PARITY by issuing a notification to such effect through TM3, or by other available means, no later than 4:00 p.m., New Jersey Time, on the last business date prior to the bid date.

Once the bids are communicated electronically through PARITY to the Borough, each bid will constitute an official "Proposal for Bonds" and shall be deemed to be an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale. For purposes of submitting all "Proposals for Bonds," whether electronically or sealed, the time as maintained on PARITY shall constitute the official time.

Each bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access PARITY for purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the Borough nor IPREO shall have any duty or obligation to any bidder, or be responsible for the proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by PARITY. The Borough is using PARITY as a communication mechanism, and not as the Borough's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. By using PARITY each bidder agrees to hold the Borough harmless for any harm or damages caused to such bidder in connection with its use of PARITY for bidding on the Bonds.

Bidders should be aware of the following bidding details ("Bidding Details") associated with the sale of the Bonds:

1. BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT GOOD FAITH CHECK OR WIRE TRANSFER (PLEASE CONTACT THE MUNICIPAL ADVISOR FOR WIRE INSTRUCTIONS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,760 PAYABLE TO THE BOROUGH NO LATER THAN 11:00 A.M. ON THE DAY OF SALE. HOWEVER, BIDDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT CHECKS OR WIRES (CONTACT THE MUNICIPAL ADVISOR FOR WIRE INSTRUCTIONS) THE DAY PRIOR TO THE SALE TO ASSURE RECEIPT OF PAYMENT BY THE BOROUGH AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

**Kathleen Flanagan, Chief Financial Officer
Borough of Ship Bottom
1621 Long Beach Boulevard
Ship Bottom, New Jersey 08008**

BIDDERS SUBMITTING GOOD FAITH CHECKS SHOULD ALSO ENCLOSE A RETURN ENVELOPE FOR USE BY THE BOROUGH.

2. All Bids must be submitted through PARITY. No telephone, telefax, telegraph or personal delivery Bids will be accepted.

3. All Bids for the Bonds must be submitted on an "All or None" ("AON") basis.

4. Each proposal submitted must name the rate or rates of interest per annum to be borne by the Bonds and the rate or rates named must be multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%. Not more than

one rate may be named for the Bonds of the same maturity. There is no limitation on the number of rates that may be named. The difference between the lowest and the highest rates named in the proposal shall not exceed three per centum (3%). Each proposal submitted must state the purchase price, which must be not less than \$2,988,000 or more than \$3,286,800. The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder on whose bid the total loan may be made at the lowest TIC (as such term is defined herein). No proposal shall be considered that offers to pay an amount less than the principal amount of the Bonds offered for sale or under which the total loan is made at an interest cost higher than the lowest TIC to the Borough under any legally acceptable proposal. The purchaser must also pay an amount equal to the interest on the Bonds accrued to the date of payment of the purchase price, if any.

5. Bidders are only permitted to submit Bids for the Bonds during the bidding period.

Definitions

“Bid” any confirmed purchase offer received by PARITY on or before the proposal submission deadline.

“Bidder” any firm registered and approved for participation in sale.

“Winning Bid” any purchase offer made by a Bidder and received by PARITY that, at the end of the bidding time period, results in the lowest TIC that is acceptable to the Borough.

“True Interest Cost” or “TIC” computed by determining the interest rate, compounded semi-annually, necessary to discount the debt service payments to the date of the Bonds and to the price bid, excluding interest accrued to the delivery. The TIC serves as the basis for awarding bonds to winning Bidders.

The successful bidder may, at its option, refuse to accept the Bonds if prior to their delivery any income tax law of the United States of America shall provide that the interest thereon is includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, or shall be so includable at a future date. In such case the deposit made by the bidder shall be returned and it will be relieved of its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its proposal.

The Borough reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and any bids not complying with provisions hereof or New Jersey law will be rejected. The Borough also reserves the right to waive any and all irregularity in any bid, to take any action adjourning or postponing the sale of the Bonds or to take any other action the Borough may deem to be in the best interest of the Borough.

Establishment of Issue Price

(a) The winning bidder shall assist the Borough in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the Borough at Closing an “issue price” or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the Public or the sales price or prices of the Bonds, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, substantially in the forms reflected as Exhibits A, B or C, which are incorporated by reference herein and are available from Bond Counsel and shall be posted with the Notice of Sale on Parity, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the

reasonable judgment of the winning bidder, the Borough and Bond Counsel. All actions to be taken by the Borough under this Notice of Sale to establish the issue price of the Bonds may be taken on behalf of the Borough by the Borough's municipal advisor identified herein and any notice or report to be provided to the Borough may be provided to the Borough's municipal advisor or Bond Counsel.

(b) The Borough intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the "competitive sale requirements") because:

(1) the Borough shall disseminate this Notice of Sale to potential Underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential Underwriters;

(2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;

(3) the Borough may receive bids from at least three Underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and

(4) the Borough anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid.

(c) If the successful bidder is purchasing for its own account without a present intention to reoffer the Bonds, it must complete Exhibit A, and the provisions of paragraphs (d)-(i) below shall not apply.

(d) In the event that paragraph (c) does not apply and the Competitive Sale Requirements are satisfied, the winning bidder must complete Exhibit B, and the provisions of paragraphs (e)-(i) below shall not apply.

(e) In the event that paragraph (c) does not apply and the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied, the Borough shall so advise the winning bidder and the winning bidder must complete Exhibit C. The Borough may determine to treat (i) the first price at which 10% of a Maturity of the Bonds (the "10% test") is sold to the Public as the issue price of that Maturity and/or (ii) the initial offering price to the Public as of the Sale Date of any Maturity of the Bonds as the issue price of that Maturity (the "hold-the-offering-price rule"), in each case applied on a Maturity-by-Maturity basis (and if different interest rates apply within a Maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that Maturity). Immediately following the award of the Bonds, the winning bidder shall advise the Borough if any Maturity of the Bonds satisfies the 10% test. Any Maturity (and if different interest rates apply within a Maturity, any separate CUSIP number within that Maturity) of the Bonds as to which the winning bidder has not so advised the Borough that the 10% test has been satisfied shall be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the hold-the-offering-price rule applies to any Maturity of the Bonds. Bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that some or all of the maturities of the Bonds will be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule in order to establish the issue price of the Bonds.

(f) By submitting a bid, the winning bidder shall (i) confirm that the Underwriters have offered or will offer the Bonds to the Public on or before the date of award at the offering price or prices (the “initial offering price”), or at the corresponding yield or yields, set forth in the bid submitted by the winning bidder and (ii) agree, on behalf of the Underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the Underwriters will neither offer nor sell unsold Bonds of any Maturity to which the hold-the-offering-price rule shall apply to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the Public during the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of the following:

- (1) the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date; or
- (2) the date on which the Underwriters have sold at least 10% of that Maturity of the Bonds to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public.

The winning bidder shall promptly advise the Borough when the Underwriters have sold 10% of that Maturity of the Bonds to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public, if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date.

(g) If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, then until the 10% test has been satisfied as to each Maturity of the Bonds, the winning bidder agrees to promptly report to the Borough the prices at which the unsold Bonds of that Maturity have been sold to the Public. That reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that Maturity or until all Bonds of that Maturity have been sold.

(h) The Borough acknowledges that, in making the representation set forth above, the winning bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each Underwriter to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in an agreement among Underwriters and the related pricing wires, (ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (iii) in the event that an Underwriter is a party to a retail distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in the retail distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The Borough further acknowledges that each Underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with its agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule and that no Underwriter shall be liable for the failure of any other Underwriter, or of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to comply with its corresponding agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule as applicable to the Bonds.

(i) By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each Maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder that either the 10% test

has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that Maturity or all Bonds of that Maturity have been sold to the Public and (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, and (ii) any agreement among Underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each Maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such Underwriter that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that Maturity or all Bonds of that Maturity have been sold to the Public and (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or such Underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

(j) Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a related party to an Underwriter shall not constitute sales to the Public for purposes of this Notice of Sale. Further, for purposes of this Notice of Sale:

(i) "Public" means any person other than an Underwriter or a related party,

(ii) "Underwriter" means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Borough (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public),

(iii) a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a "related party" to an Underwriter if the Underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) at least 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other), and

(iv) "Sale Date" means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the Borough to the winning bidder.

The purchaser shall be obligated to furnish to the Borough, when and if requested prior to the delivery of the Bonds, such information requested by the Borough as shall be necessary to enable the Borough to determine the "issue price" of the Bonds as defined in Section 1273 and 1274 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

A Preliminary Official Statement has been prepared and is available for viewing in electronic format on www.munihub.com and may also be obtained from the Borough's municipal

advisor identified in the last paragraph of this Notice. The Preliminary Official Statement is deemed to be a final official statement, as of its date, within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, but is subject to (a) completion with certain pricing and other information to be made available by the successful bidder for the Bonds and (b) amendment. The Preliminary Official Statement, as so revised, will constitute the final "Official Statement". By the submission of a bid for the Bonds, the successful bidder contracts for the receipt, within seven (7) business days of the award of the Bonds, of one hundred (100) copies of the final Official Statement at the expense of the Borough, with any additional copies of the final Official Statement that the successful bidder shall reasonably request to be provided at the sole cost and expense of the successful bidder. In order to complete the final Official Statement, the successful bidder must furnish the following information to the Borough's municipal advisor and Bond Counsel by email or facsimile transmission or overnight delivery received by the Borough's municipal advisor and Bond Counsel within twenty-four (24) hours after the award of the Bonds: (a) initial offering prices (expressed as a price, exclusive of accrued interest, or yield per maturity), and (b) any other material information necessary for the final Official Statement but not known to the Borough (such as the bidder's purchase of credit enhancement). In addition, the successful bidder must, if requested by the Borough, furnish a written confirmation of its bid.

The Borough will undertake to provide certain continuing disclosure in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. A description of this undertaking is contained in the Preliminary Official Statement under the heading "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE".

Award of the Bonds to the successful bidder or rejection of all bids is expected to be made within two (2) hours after announcement of the bids, but such successful bidder may not withdraw its proposal until after 5:30 p.m. of the day of such bid-opening and then only if such award has not been made prior to the withdrawal. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in immediately available funds by wire transfer to the Borough on the delivery date of the Bonds.

If a proposal is accepted but the Borough shall fail to deliver the Bonds to the successful bidder in accordance with the terms and conditions of its proposal, the Deposit shall be returned to such bidder. If a proposal is accepted but the successful bidder shall default in the performance of any of the terms and conditions of its proposal, the Deposit shall be retained by the Borough as and for liquidated damages.

The Bonds will be delivered through DTC on or before September 21, 2017, or such other date agreed to by the Borough and the successful bidder. **PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS AT THE TIME OF THE CLOSING SHALL BE IN IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDS.**

If the Bonds qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance, the purchaser of the Bonds may, at its sole option and expense, purchase such insurance. Any failure of the Bonds to be so insured shall not in any way relieve the purchaser of its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its proposal for the purchase of the Bonds.

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such number on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall

constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds. The CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser.

The obligation hereunder to deliver and accept the Bonds shall be conditioned on the availability and the delivery at the time of delivery of the Bonds of: (a) the approving opinion of the law firm of GluckWalrath LLP, Trenton, New Jersey, Bond Counsel, which will be furnished without cost to the successful bidder, substantially to the effect set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement referred to below; (b) certificates in form satisfactory to said law firms evidencing the proper execution and delivery of the Bonds and receipt of payment therefor, and compliance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") necessary to preserve the tax exemption us to the Bonds; (c) a certificate, in form and tenor satisfactory to said law firm and dated as of the date of such delivery, to the effect that there is no litigation pending or, to the knowledge of the signer or signers thereof, threatened affecting the validity of the Bonds; and (d) the Borough's Continuing Disclosure Certificate substantially in the form described in the Preliminary Official Statement.

In order to assist bidders in complying with SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), the Borough will undertake, pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, to provide certain annual information and notices of the occurrence of certain events, if material. A description of this undertaking is set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement and will also be set forth in the final Official Statement.

The successful bidder is advised of its responsibility to file an annual disclosure statement on political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("ELEC") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13 (P.L. 2005, c.271, s.3) if the successful bidder enters into agreements or contracts, such as its agreement to purchase the Bonds, with a public entity, such as the Borough and receives compensation or fees in excess of \$50,000 in the aggregate from public entities, such as the Borough, in a calendar year. It is the successful bidder's responsibility to determine if filing is necessary. Failure to do so can result in the imposition of financial penalties by ELEC. Additional information about this requirement is available from ELEC at 888-313-3532 or at www.elec.state.nj.us.

Copies of the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from the Borough's municipal advisor, Phoenix Advisors, LLC, 4 West Park Street, Bordentown, NJ 08505, telephone number 609-291-0130, Attention: Anthony Inverso.

Dated: September 6, 2017

BY: /s/ Kathleen Flanagan
Chief Financial Officer
Borough of Ship Bottom
County of Ocean, New Jersey

The following Exhibits are incorporated by reference in the Notice of Sale:

EXHIBIT A

**BOROUGH OF SHIP BOTTOM,
IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY**

\$ _____ **GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2017A**
and
\$ _____ **WATER-SEWER UTILITY BONDS, SERIES 2017B**

**CERTIFICATE OF THE PURCHASER
(NO REOFFERING PURCHASER)**

The undersigned, on behalf of _____ (the “Purchaser”), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the purchase of the above-captioned obligations (the “Bonds”).

1. ***Purchase of the Bonds.*** On the date of this certificate, the Purchaser is purchasing the Bonds for the amount of _____. The Purchaser is not acting as an Underwriter with respect to the Bonds. The Purchaser has no present intention to sell, reoffer, or otherwise dispose of the Bonds (or any portion of the Bonds or any interest in the Bonds). The Purchaser has not contracted with any person pursuant to a written agreement to have such person participate in the initial sale of the Bonds and the Purchaser has not agreed with the Borough pursuant to a written agreement to sell the Bonds to persons other than the Purchaser or a related party to the Purchaser.

2. ***Defined Terms.***

(a) ***Public*** means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party. The term “related party” for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.

(b) ***Underwriter*** means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Borough (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Purchaser’s interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Borough with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax or Arbitrage Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by GluckWalrath LLP, Bond Counsel to the Borough, in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and

other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Borough from time to time relating to the Bonds.

[PURCHASER]

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Dated: _____

EXHIBIT B

**BOROUGH OF SHIP BOTTOM,
IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY**

\$ _____ **GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2017A**
and
\$ _____ **WATER-SEWER UTILITY BONDS, SERIES 2017B**

ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

(Competitive Sale Requirement Satisfied)

The undersigned (the “Representative”), on behalf of itself and each member of the underwriting group (if any) (collectively, the “Underwriter”) hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale of the above-captioned obligations (the “Bonds”).

1. *Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price.*

(a) As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices and yields of the Bonds to the Public by the Underwriter are the prices and yields listed in Schedule A (the “Expected Offering Prices”). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the Bonds used by Underwriter in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds. Attached as Schedule B is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by the Underwriter to purchase the Bonds.

(b) The Underwriter was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.

(c) The bid submitted by the Underwriter constituted a firm offer to purchase the Bonds.

[(d) The Underwriter has obtained a bond insurance policy from _____ (“Insurer”) in respect of the Bonds. Based on our experience with bonds similar to the Bonds (i) the bond insurance was an important factor in marketing the Bonds and (ii) the absence of the insurance would have materially affected in an adverse manner the interest rates at which the Bonds could have been sold. The insurance policy will be issued for a premium of \$ _____, which is net of any credits or rating agency fees. No portion of the premium represents the indirect payment of costs of issuance, including rating agency fees or the provision of additional services by Insurer. The present value of the insurance is less than the present value of the interest reasonably expected to be saved as a result of using the insurance to secure the Bonds, using as a discount rate the yield on the Bonds, calculated with treating the premiums as interest.]

2. *Defined Terms.*

(a) *Borough* means _____.

(b) *Maturity* means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same Maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate maturities.

(c) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term “related party” for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.

(d) *Sale Date* means the first day on which the Bonds are awarded by the Borough to the winning bidder. The Sale Date of the Bonds is _____, 2017.

(e) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Borough (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Underwriter’s interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Borough with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Borough’s Tax or Arbitrage Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by GluckWalrath LLP, bond counsel to the Borough, in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Borough from time to time relating to the Bonds.

[REPRESENTATIVE, on behalf of itself and each member of the underwriting group]

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Dated: _____

SCHEDULE A

EXPECTED OFFERING PRICES AND YIELDS

EXHIBIT C

**BOROUGH OF SHIP BOTTOM,
IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY**

**\$_____ GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2017A
and
\$_____ WATER-SEWER UTILITY BONDS, SERIES 2017B**

ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

(Hold the Price for all or some maturities)

The undersigned (the “Representative”), on behalf of itself and each member of the underwriting group (if any) (collectively, the “Underwriter), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale and issuance of the above-captioned obligations (the “Bonds”). Select appropriate provisions below:

1. [Alternative 1¹ – All Maturities Use General Rule: *Sale of the Bonds*. As of the date of this certificate, for each Maturity of the Bonds, the first price at which at least 10% of such Maturity of the Bonds was sold to the Public is the respective price listed in Schedule A.]

[Alternative 2² – Select Maturities Use General Rule: *Sale of the General Rule Maturities*. As of the date of this certificate, for each Maturity of the General Rule Maturities, the first price at which at least 10% of such Maturity of the Bonds was sold to the Public is the respective price listed in Schedule A.

2. Initial Offering Price of the [Bonds][Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities].

(a) [Alternative 1³ – All Maturities Use Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule: The Underwriter offered the Bonds to the Public for purchase at the respective initial offering prices listed in Schedule A (the “Initial Offering Prices”) on or before the Sale Date. A copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Bonds is attached to this certificate as Schedule B.]

[Alternative 2⁴ – Select Maturities Use Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule: The Underwriter offered the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities to the Public for purchase at the respective initial offering prices listed in Schedule A (the “Initial Offering Prices”) on or before the Sale Date. A

¹ If Alternative 1 is used, delete the remainder of paragraph 1 and all of paragraph 2 and renumber paragraphs accordingly.

² If Alternative 2 is used, delete Alternative 1 of paragraph 1 and use each Alternative 2 in paragraphs 2(a) and (b).

³ If Alternative 1 is used, delete all of paragraph 1 and renumber paragraphs accordingly.

⁴ Alternative 2(a) of paragraph 2 should be used in conjunction with Alternative 2 in paragraphs 1 and 2(b)

copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Bonds is attached to this certificate as Schedule C.]

(b) [Alternative 1 – All Maturities use Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule: As set forth in the Notice of Sale and bid award, the Underwriter has agreed in writing that, (i) for each Maturity of the Bonds, it would neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of such Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity during the Holding Period for such Maturity (the “hold-the-offering-price rule”), and (ii) any selling group agreement shall contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any retail distribution agreement shall contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the retail distribution agreement, to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule. Pursuant to such agreement, no Underwriter (as defined below) has offered or sold any Maturity of the Bonds at a price that is higher than the respective Initial Offering Price for that Maturity of the Bonds during the Holding Period.]

[Alternative 2 - Select Maturities Use Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule: As set forth in the Notice of Sale and bid award, the Underwriter has agreed in writing that, (i) for each Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities, it would neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of such Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity during the Holding Period for such Maturity (the “hold-the-offering-price rule”), and (ii) any selling group agreement shall contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any retail distribution agreement shall contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the retail distribution agreement, to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule. Pursuant to such agreement, no Underwriter (as defined below) has offered or sold any Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities at a price that is higher than the respective Initial Offering Price for that Maturity of the Bonds during the Holding Period.]

[(c) The Underwriter has obtained a bond insurance policy from _____ (“Insurer”) in respect of the Bonds. Based on our experience with bonds similar to the Bonds (i) the bond insurance was an important factor in marketing the Bonds and (ii) the absence of the insurance would have materially affected in an adverse manner the interest rates at which the Bonds could have been sold. The insurance policy will be issued for a premium of \$_____, which is net of any credits or rating agency fees. No portion of the premium represents the indirect payment of costs of issuance, including rating agency fees or the provision of additional services by Insurer. The present value of the insurance is less than the present value of the interest reasonably expected to be saved as a result of using the insurance to secure the Bonds, using as a discount rate the yield on the Bonds, calculated with treating the premiums as interest.]

3. *Defined Terms.*

(a) *General Rule Maturities* means those Maturities of the Bonds listed in Schedule A hereto as the “General Rule Maturities.”

(b) *Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities* means those Maturities of the Bonds listed in Schedule B hereto as the “Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities.”

(c) *Holding Period* means, with respect to a Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity, the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date _____]), or (ii) the date on which the Underwriter has sold at least 10% of such

Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity.

(d) *Borough* means _____.

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(f) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term “related party” for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.

(g) *Sale Date* means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is _____.

(h) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Borough (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

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The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Borough with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax or Arbitrage Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by GluckWalrath LLP, bond counsel, in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice it may give to the Borough from time to time relating to the Bonds.

[REPRESENTATIVE, on behalf of itself and each member of the underwriting group]

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Dated: _____

SCHEDULE [B][C]

PRICING WIRE OR EQUIVALENT COMMUNICATION
(Attached)