

**NEW ISSUE**

**RATINGS: S&P: “AA” (Bonds)  
“SP-1+” (Notes)  
(See “RATINGS” herein)**

*In the opinion of Malamut & Associates, LLC, Bond Counsel to the Township, based on certifications of the Township (as hereinafter defined) and assuming continuing compliance with their respective covenants pertaining to provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and subject to certain provisions of the Code which are described herein, under laws, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions existing on the date of the original delivery of the Obligations (as hereinafter defined), interest on the Obligations is excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and will not be treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Obligations (as hereinafter defined) and gain from the sale thereof are excludable from gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act. See “TAX MATTERS” herein for a full discussion.*

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

**\$11,360,000\***  
**GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2022**  
**(Book-Entry-Only) (Callable)**

**\$10,300,000**  
**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2022C**  
**(Book-Entry-Only) (Non-Callable)**

**Dated:** Date of Delivery  
**Due:** March 1, as shown on the inside front cover

**Dated:** Date of Delivery  
**Due:** June 6, 2023

The \$11,360,000\* General Improvement Bonds, Series 2022 (the “Bonds”) of the Township of Florence, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the “Township”), will be issued in the form of one certificate for the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of each series maturing in each year and when issued will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), which will act as securities depository. See “THE OBLIGATIONS – Book-Entry-Only System” herein.

Interest on the Bonds will be payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1 in each year until maturity or earlier redemption, commencing on March 1, 2023. Principal of and interest due on the Bonds will be paid to DTC by the Township or its designated paying agent. Interest on the Bonds will be credited to the participants of DTC as listed on the records of DTC as of each next preceding February 15 and August 15 (the “Record Dates” for the payment of interest on the Bonds). Interest on the Bonds shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day calendar months. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. See “THE OBLIGATIONS – Redemption” herein.

The Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the Township and, unless paid from other sources, are payable from *ad valorem* taxes levied upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the Bonds and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

The \$10,300,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2022C (the “Notes” and, together with the Bonds, the “Obligations”) will be issued in the form of one certificate for the aggregate principal amount of the Notes and when issued will be registered in the name of DTC, which will act as securities depository. Interest on the Notes will be credited to the participants of DTC as listed on the records of DTC as of one business day prior to the maturity date set forth above. See “THE OBLIGATIONS – Book-Entry-Only System” herein. Interest on the Notes shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day calendar months.

The Notes are valid and legally binding obligations of the Township, payable in the first instance from the proceeds of the sale of bonds in anticipation of which the Notes are issued, but, if not so paid, payable ultimately from *ad valorem* taxes that may be levied upon all the taxable real property within the Township without limitation as to rate or amount.

**This cover page contains information for quick reference only. It is not a summary of this issue. Investors must read the entire Official Statement, including the appendices, to obtain information essential to the making of an informed investment decision.**

The Obligations are offered when, as and if issued, and delivered to the Underwriters (as defined herein), subject to prior sale, to withdrawal or modification of the offer without notice and to the approval of legality by the law firm of Malamut & Associates, LLC, Cherry Hill, New Jersey and certain other conditions described herein. Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey has served as Municipal Advisor to the Township in connection with the issuance of the Obligations. Delivery is anticipated to be via DTC in New York, New York on or about June 7, 2022.

**BID PROPOSALS FOR THE BONDS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY BY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION VIA THE PARITY ELECTRONIC BID SYSTEM ON TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022 UNTIL 11:00 A.M. FOR MORE DETAILS ON HOW TO BID, VIEW THE NOTICE OF SALE POSTED AT [WWW.MUNIHUD.COM](http://WWW.MUNIHUD.COM).**

**BID PROPOSALS FOR THE NOTES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY FACSIMILE: (609) 291-9940, EMAIL: [BMORRIS@MUNIADVISORS.COM](mailto:BMORRIS@MUNIADVISORS.COM), OR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION VIA THE PARITY ELECTRONIC BID SYSTEM ON TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022 UNTIL 11:15 A.M. FOR MORE DETAILS ON HOW TO BID, VIEW THE NOTICE OF SALE POSTED AT [WWW.MUNIHUD.COM](http://WWW.MUNIHUD.COM).**

\* Preliminary, subject to change.

This is a Preliminary Official Statement complete with the exception of the specific information permitted to be omitted by Rule 15(c) 2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Township has authorized the distribution of this Preliminary Official Statement to prospective purchasers and others. In accordance with Rule 15(c) 2-12, this Preliminary Official Statement is deemed final. Upon the sale of the Obligations described herein, the Township will deliver a final Official Statement within the earlier of seven business days following such sale or in order to accompany the purchaser’s confirmations requesting payment for the Obligations.

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,  
IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

**MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, YIELDS AND CUSIPS**

**\$11,360,000\* GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2022**

<u>Year</u> <u>(March 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP**</u>
2023	\$325,000	%	%	
2024	325,000			
2025	630,000			
2026	630,000			
2027	630,000			
2028	630,000			
2029	630,000			
2030	630,000			
2031	630,000			
2032	630,000			
2033	630,000			
2034	630,000			
2035	630,000			
2036	630,000			
2037	630,000			
2038	630,000			
2039	630,000			
2040	630,000			
2041	630,000			

**\$10,300,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2022C**

**MATURITY: June 6, 2023      INTEREST RATE: \_\_\_%      YIELD: \_\_\_%      CUSIP\*\*:**

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\*\* Registered trademark of the American Bankers Association. CUSIP data herein is provided by CUSIP Global Services, which is managed on behalf of the American Bankers Association by S&P Global Market Intelligence. The CUSIP numbers listed above are being provided solely for the convenience of Bond and Note holders only at the time of issuance of the Obligations and the Township does not make any representation with respect to such numbers or undertake any responsibility for their accuracy now or at any time in the future. The CUSIP number for a specific maturity is subject to being changed after the issuance of the Obligations as a result of procurement of secondary market portfolio insurance or other similar enhancement by investors that is applicable to all or a portion of certain maturities of the Obligations.

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

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**MAYOR**

Craig H. Wilkie

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**TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR**

Stephen C. Fazekas

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**MUNICIPAL TREASURER**

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**TOWNSHIP AUDITOR**

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**MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

Phoenix Advisors, LLC  
Bordentown, New Jersey

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No broker, dealer, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the Township to give any information or to make any representations with respect to the Obligations other than those contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the foregoing. The information contained herein has been provided by the Township and other sources deemed reliable; however, no representation or warranty is made as to its accuracy or completeness and such information is not to be construed as a representation or warranty by the Underwriters or, as to information from sources other than itself, by the Township. The information and the expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale hereunder under any circumstances shall create any implication that there has been no change in any of the information herein since the date hereof or since the date as of which such information is given, if earlier.

References in this Official Statement to laws, rules, regulations, resolutions, agreements, reports and documents do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive. All references to such documents are qualified in their entirety by reference to the particular document, the full text of which may contain qualifications of and exceptions to statements made herein, and copies of which may be inspected at the offices of the Township during normal business hours.

For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, this document, as the same may be supplemented or amended by the Township from time to time (collectively, the "Official Statement"), may be treated as a "Final Official Statement" with respect to the Obligations described herein that is deemed final as of the date hereof (or of any such supplement or amendment) by the Township.

The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale hereunder shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Township since the date hereof or any earlier date as of which any information contained herein is given. This Official Statement is submitted in connection with the sale of the Obligations referred to herein and may not be used, in whole or in part, for any other purpose.

This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Obligations in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for any person to make such an offer, solicitation or sale. No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than as contained in this Official Statement. If given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Township or the Underwriters.

THE ORDER AND PLACEMENT OF MATERIALS IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING THE APPENDICES, ARE NOT TO BE DEEMED TO BE A DETERMINATION OF RELEVANCE, MATERIALITY OR IMPORTANCE, AND THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING THE APPENDICES, MUST BE CONSIDERED IN ITS ENTIRETY. THE OFFERING OF THE OBLIGATIONS IS MADE ONLY BY MEANS OF THIS ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Malamut & Associates, LLC has not participated in the preparation of the financial or statistical information contained in this Official Statement nor have they verified the accuracy or completeness thereof, and, accordingly, they express no opinion with respect thereto.

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**  
**Relating to the**  
**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,**  
**IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**  
**\$11,360,000\* GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2022**  
**and**  
**\$10,300,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2022C**

**INTRODUCTION**

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page, the inside front cover page and the appendices attached hereto, has been prepared by the Township of Florence (the “Township”), in the County of Burlington (the “County”), New Jersey (the “State”), in connection with the sale and the issuance of: (i) \$11,360,000\* General Improvement Bonds, Series 2022 (the “Bonds”); and (ii) \$10,300,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2022C (the “Notes” and, together with the Bonds, the “Obligations”). This Official Statement has been executed by and on behalf of the Township by its Municipal Treasurer and may be distributed in connection with the sale of the Obligations described herein.

This Official Statement contains specific information relating to the Obligations including their general description, certain matters affecting the financing, certain legal matters, historical financial information and other information pertinent to this issue. This Official Statement should be read in its entirety. All financial and other information presented herein has been provided by the Township from its records, except for information expressly attributed to other sources.

**THE OBLIGATIONS**

**General Description**

The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery, will mature on March 1 in the years and in the amounts set forth on the inside front cover page hereof, and will bear the interest from their dated date. Interest on the Bonds will be payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1 in each year until maturity or earlier redemption, commencing on March 1, 2023 at the rates set forth on the inside front cover page hereof. Principal of and interest due on the Bonds will be paid to DTC (as defined herein) by the Township or its designated paying agent. Interest on the Bonds will be credited to the participants of DTC as listed on the records of DTC as of each next preceding February 15 and August 15 (the “Record Dates” for the payment of interest on the Bonds). Interest on the Bonds shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day calendar months.

The Bonds are issuable as fully registered book-entry bonds in the form of one certificate for each maturity of the Bonds and in the principal amount of such maturity. The Bonds may be purchased in book-entry-only form in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple in excess thereof through book-entries made on the books and records of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”) and its participants. So long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co. (or any successor or assign), is

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\* Preliminary, subject to change.

the registered owner for the Bonds, payments of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by the Township directly to Cede & Co. (or any successor or assign), as nominee for DTC.

The Notes are dated, will mature on the date and in the amount and will bear interest payable at the interest rate as set forth on the inside front cover page hereof. Interest shall be computed on the basis of a 30-day month/360-day year. The Notes will be issued in the form of one certificate for the aggregate principal amount of the Notes and when issued may be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, which will act as securities depository. The Notes are issuable as a fully registered book-entry note. The Notes may be purchased in book-entry-only form in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple in excess thereof through book-entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants. Interest on the Notes will be credited to the participants of DTC as listed on the records of DTC as of one business day prior to maturity.

### **Book-Entry-Only System\***

DTC will act as securities depository for the Obligations. The Obligations will be issued as fully registered obligations registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully registered bond certificate will be issued for each year of maturity of the Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of each maturity, and will be deposited with DTC. One fully registered note certificate will be issued for the Notes, in the aggregate principal amount of the Notes, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com) and [www.dtc.org](http://www.dtc.org).

Purchases of the Obligations under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Obligations on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Obligation ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of

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\* Source: The Depository Trust Company.



the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Obligations are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Obligations, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Obligations is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Obligations deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Obligations with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co., or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Obligations; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Obligations are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Obligations unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Township as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Obligations are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Redemption proceeds, if any, and principal and interest payments on the Obligations will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Township or the paying agent, if any, on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and shall be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC or its nominee, the paying agent, if any, or the Township, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Township or the paying agent, if any, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants shall be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners shall be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Obligations at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Township or the paying agent, if any. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, Bond and Note certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The Township may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond and Note certificates will be printed and delivered.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the Township believes to be reliable, but the Township takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS SUBSECTION "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY DTC. THE TOWNSHIP MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS AS TO THE COMPLETENESS OR THE ACCURACY OF SUCH INFORMATION OR AS TO THE ABSENCE OF ADVERSE CHANGES IN SUCH INFORMATION SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE HEREOF.

THE TOWNSHIP WILL NOT HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO DTC PARTICIPANTS OR TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WITH RESPECT TO (I) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT; (II) ANY NOTICE THAT IS PERMITTED OR REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN TO BOND OR NOTE HOLDERS; (III) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT WITH RESPECT TO THE PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST DUE ON THE OBLIGATIONS; OR (IV) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY CEDE & CO., AS NOMINEE OF DTC AND THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE OBLIGATIONS. THE RULES APPLICABLE TO DTC ARE ON FILE WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND THE PROCEDURES OF DTC TO BE FOLLOWED IN DEALING WITH DTC PARTICIPANTS ARE ON FILE WITH DTC.

#### **Discontinuation of Book-Entry-Only System**

If the Township, in its sole discretion, determines that DTC is not capable of discharging its duties, or if DTC discontinues providing its services with respect to the Obligations at any time, the Township will attempt to locate another qualified securities depository. If the Township fails to find such a securities depository, or if the Township determines, in its sole discretion, that it is in the best interest of the Township or that the interest of the Beneficial Owners might be adversely affected if the book-entry-only system of transfer is continued (the Township undertakes no obligation to make an investigation to determine the occurrence of any events that would permit it to make such determination), the Township shall notify DTC of the termination of the book-entry-only system.

#### **Redemption**

##### *The Bonds*

The Bonds maturing prior to March 1, 2030 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Bonds maturing on or after March 1, 2030 are redeemable at the option of the Township in whole or in part on any date on or after March 1, 2029 at 100% of the principal amount outstanding (the "Redemption Price") plus interest accrued to the date of redemption upon notice as required herein.

Notice of redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of the Bonds not less than thirty (30) days, nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing shall be to the owners of such Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Township or a duly appointed Bond registrar. Any failure of the securities depository to advise any of its Participants or any failure of any Participant to notify any Beneficial Owner of any notice of redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Township determines to redeem a portion of the Bonds prior to maturity, the Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Township. The

Bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the securities depository in accordance with its regulations.

So long as Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, the Township shall send redemption notices only to Cede & Co.

If notice of redemption has been given as provided herein, the Bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the redemption price, together with unpaid accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on the Bonds after the date fixed for redemption. Payment shall be made upon surrender of the Bonds redeemed.

*The Notes*

The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to its stated maturity.

**AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE OF THE OBLIGATIONS**

**The Bonds**

The Bonds have been authorized and are being issued pursuant to the laws of the State, including the Local Bond Law (constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended) (the “Local Bond Law”), the bond ordinances adopted by the Township Council referred to in the chart below and by a resolution adopted by the Township Council on May 4, 2022 (the “Resolution”).

Proceeds from the sale and issuance of the Bonds will be used by the Township to: (i) currently refund the Township’s \$2,707,000 General Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2021B, dated June 9, 2021 and maturing June 8, 2022; (ii) currently refund the Township’s \$5,803,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2022A, dated January 12, 2021 and maturing June 8, 2022; (iii) provide funds to permanently finance \$2,850,000 of various capital improvements in and by the Township; and (iv) provide funds for the costs incurred in connection with the authorization, sale and issuance of the Bonds.

<b>Bond Ordinance</b>	<b>Description of Bond Ordinance</b>	<b>Total Amount Funded with Bond Proceeds</b>
2015-02	Acquisition of Police Vehicles	\$171,000
2015-06	Improvement to Municipal Building	190,000
2015-24	Improvement to Municipal Building	266,000
2015-25	Improvement to Municipal Parks	275,000
2018-06	Acquisition of Police Vehicles	152,000
2018-07	Acquisition of 2063 Bustelton Road	171,000
2018-31	Acquisition of Police Vehicles	152,000
2019-08	Acquisition of Police Equipment	218,500
2019-09	Replacement of Above Ground Storage Tank	760,000

<b>Bond Ordinance</b>	<b>Description of Bond Ordinance</b>	<b>Total Amount Funded with Bond Proceeds</b>
2019-18	Acquisition of Police Vehicles	161,500
2019-19	Fifth Street Rails to Trails	190,000
2015-01	2015 Road Program	554,000
2015-03	Acquisition of 791 Railroad Avenue	81,000
2015-17	Acquisition of 1476 Hornberger Avenue	221,000
2015-21	Construction of Salt Storage Building	381,000
2015-23	Repaving and Repair to Hornberger Avenue	75,000
2015-26	2016 Road Program	833,000
2015-30	Acquisition of 2135 Route 130	408,000
2015-31	Acquisition of Marconi Lodge	58,000
2019-10	2019 Road Program	2,755,000
2019-26	Acquisition of 100 Fifth Avenue	285,000
2020-09	Acquisition of Police Vehicles	152,000
2022-03	Township Road Program	2,485,000
2022-05	Acquisition of Police Vehicles	152,000
2022-01	Improvements to Wilbur Henry Drive	213,000
	Total:	\$11,360,000

### The Notes

The Notes have been authorized and are being issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law and the bond ordinances adopted by the Township Council referred to in the chart below.

Proceeds from the sale and issuance of the Notes will be used by the Township to: (i) currently refund the Township's \$7,300,000 Water/Sewer Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2021B, dated June 9, 2021 and maturing June 8, 2022; (ii) provide funds to temporarily finance \$3,000,000 of various capital improvements in and by the Township; and (iii) provide funds for the costs incurred in connection with the authorization, sale and issuance of the Notes.

<b>Bond Ordinance</b>	<b>Description of Bond Ordinance</b>	<b>Total Amount to be Issued</b>
2019-16	STP Sludge Dewatering Press	\$2,500,000
2019-17	WTP Chemical Building Upgrade	4,800,000
2022-06	Reconstruction & Replacement of Sewer Pump Stations	3,000,000
	Total:	\$10,300,000

## SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the Township, and the Township has pledged its full faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Bonds. The Township is required by law to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the real property taxable within the Township for the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Bonds without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Notes are valid and legally binding obligations of the Township, payable in the first instance from the proceeds of the sale of bonds in anticipation of which the Notes are issued, but, if not so paid, payable ultimately from *ad valorem* taxes that may be levied upon all the taxable real property within the Township without limitation as to rate or amount.

## MARKET PROTECTION

The Township does not anticipate issuing any bonds within the next ninety (90) days. The Township may issue additional bond anticipation notes or tax anticipation notes, as necessary, during calendar year 2022.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE OUTBREAK – COVID-19

The outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus (“Coronavirus” or “COVID-19”), which was first detected in China and has spread to other countries, including the United States, has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, a national emergency by the President of the United States (“President”) and a state of emergency by the Governor of the State (“Governor”).

In response, the President declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020. Additionally, on March 9, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 103, pursuant which the Governor declared a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency, thereby allowing State agencies and departments to utilize State resources to assist affected communities in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Other Executive Orders (some of which have since been modified or rescinded), limited various activities and undertook measures in an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19 throughout the State. Quarantine and other “social distancing” measures undertaken by government agencies, businesses, schools and other entities in response to the COVID-19 outbreak altered behavior and have affected commerce in a manner that has negatively affected global, national and local economies.

Notwithstanding the disruptions that have resulted from COVID-19, the State and the Township have recently seen a dramatic reduction in reported cases of COVID-19, and a corresponding reduction in hospitalization rates and fatalities. As a result, on June 4, 2021, the Governor signed legislation formally ending the Public Health Emergency declaration, while retaining certain limited Executive Orders related to public health and safety until January 1, 2022. The previous declaration of the State of Emergency, however, remains in effect as of the date hereof.

In an effort to provide relief to entities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, H.R. 1319 (“Plan”) was signed into law by President Biden on March 12, 2021 and provides \$1.9 trillion in financial assistance to businesses, individuals and governmental entities. In particular, the Plan includes various forms of financial relief, including up to a \$1,400 increase in direct stimulus payments to individuals and various other forms of economic relief, including extended

unemployment benefits, continued eviction and foreclosure moratoriums, an increase in the child tax credit, an increase in food and housing aid, assistance grants to restaurants and bars, and other small business grants and loans. The Plan also provides funding for state and local governments to recoup and offset costs related to COVID-19 and to encourage and re-establish economic development and certain infrastructure improvements.

Pursuant to the funding methodology under the Plan, the Township is expected to receive \$1,306,891.57 in funding (“Plan Funds”), all of which must be expended by December 31, 2024. Such funds are expected to be received in two (2) equal payments; one (1) of which has already been received by the Township and the balance to be received no earlier than 12 months from the initial payment. Pursuant to the Plan (codified as Section 603(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(c)), Plan Funds may be utilized to: (i) respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality; (ii) respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the Township that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work; (iii) provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the Township prior to the emergency; and (iv) make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure. Plan Funds may not, however, be utilized for debt service, legal settlements or judgments or financial reserves.

While the effects of COVID-19 have abated significantly in the State, the Township cannot predict, and does not predict, the duration, severity or ultimate impact of COVID-19 upon global, State-wide and local economies and operations, including that of the Township.

Moreover, the Township has provided and intends to continue to provide essential services in and for the Township including, but limited to, emergency services, core health and human services, and public works, together with certain other vital services the Township deems necessary to remain operational and responsive to public needs.

## **PROVISIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT**

### **Local Bond Law**

**General** – The Local Bond Law governs the issuance of bonds and notes by counties and municipalities for the financing of capital improvements. Among its provisions are the following: (i) the power and obligation to pay any and all bonds and notes issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law shall be unlimited; (ii) the county or municipality shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property therein for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds or notes without limitation as to rate or amount; (iii) generally, a down payment that is not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of debt obligations authorized must be appropriated in addition to the amount of debt obligations authorized; (iv) all non-special-assessment bonds shall mature within the period of usefulness or average period of usefulness of the improvements being financed; and (v) after issuance, all bonds and notes shall be conclusively presumed to be fully authorized and issued by all of the laws of the State, and all persons shall be estopped from questioning their sale, execution or delivery.

**Debt Limits** – The authorized bonded indebtedness of the Township is limited by statute, subject to the exceptions noted below, to an amount equal to three and one-half percent (3.5%) of its equalized valuation basis. The equalized valuation basis of the Township is set by statute as the average for the last

three (3) years of the equalized value of all taxable real property and improvements as annually determined by the State Board of Taxation. Certain categories of debt are permitted by statute to be deducted for purposes of computing the statutory debt limit.

Bonds, notes and long-term loans are included in the computation of debt for the statutory debt limit. As shown in Appendix “A”, the Township has not exceeded its statutory debt limit. The Township will not exceed its statutory debt limit with the issuance of the Obligations.

**Exceptions to Debt Limits - Extensions of Credit** – The Township may exceed its debt limit with the approval of the Local Finance Board, a State regulatory agency, and as permitted by other statutory exceptions. If all or any part of a proposed debt authorization would exceed its debt limit, the Township may apply to the Local Finance Board for an extension of credit. If the Local Finance Board determines that a proposed debt authorization would not materially impair the credit of the Township or substantially reduce the ability of the Township to meet its obligations or to provide essential public improvements and services, or make certain other statutory determinations, approval may be granted.

In addition, debt in excess of the statutory limit may be issued by the Township to fund certain notes, to provide for purposes in an amount not exceeding two-thirds (2/3) of the amount budgeted in such fiscal year for the retirement of outstanding obligations (exclusive of utility and assessment obligations).

**Short-Term Financing** – When approved by bond ordinance, the Township may issue bond anticipation notes to temporarily finance capital improvements. Such notes may not be issued in an aggregate amount exceeding that specified by the ordinance. The notes may not be issued for periods of more than one year, renewable with the final maturity occurring no later than the first day of the fifth month following the close of the tenth fiscal year next following the date of the original note. After the third year, the amount of the notes that may be renewed annually must be decreased by the minimum amount required for the first year’s principal payment for the bond issue in anticipation of which the notes are issued.

**Refunding Bonds** – Refunding bonds may be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law for the purpose of paying and/or funding outstanding notes, including emergency appropriations, the actuarial liabilities of a non-state administered public employee pension system and amounts owing to others for taxes levied in the local unit, or any renewals or extensions thereof, and for paying the cost of issuance of such refunding bonds.

## **Local Fiscal Affairs Law**

The Local Fiscal Affairs Law, Chapter 5 of Title 40A of the State Statutes, as amended and supplemented (“Local Fiscal Affairs Law”), governs audits, auditors, public moneys and financial statements of local governmental units, including the Township.

Each municipality is required to cause an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions to be made and completed within six (6) months after the close of its fiscal year by either a Registered Municipal Accountant or, by agreement with the Director (“Director”) of the Division of Local Government Services (“Division”) in the Department of Community Affairs, by qualified employees of the Division.

An independent examination of the Township’s books, accounts and financial transactions must be performed annually by a Registered Municipal Accountant who is licensed by the State Board of Public Accountants. The audit, conforming to the Division’s “Requirements of Audit”, includes

recommendations for improvement of the municipality's financial procedures and must be filed with the report, together with all recommendations made. A Summary of Audit, together with recommendations, must be published in a local newspaper within 30 days of its submission. The entire annual audit report for the most recent fiscal year ended is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for review during business hours.

The Local Fiscal Affairs Law also requires that the chief financial officer of the municipality file annually with the Director a verified statement of the financial condition of the municipality as of the close of the fiscal year to be made not later than February 10 for December 31 fiscal year end municipalities and August 10 for June 30 fiscal year end municipalities. The Annual Compiled Financial Statement for the most recent fiscal year ended is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for review during business hours.

### **Local Budget Law**

The Local Budget Law, Chapter 4 of Title 40A of the NJ State statutes, as amended and supplemented ("Local Budget Law"), governs the budgeting and appropriation of funds by local governmental units.

The Local Budget Law requires local governmental units to adopt a "cash basis" budget in such form that there will be sufficient cash collected to meet all debt service requirements, necessary operations of the local governmental units for the fiscal year and any mandatory payments required to be met during the fiscal year.

No budget shall be adopted unless the Director shall have previously certified their approval thereof.

Each local governmental unit must include in its budget an appropriation for the payment of debt service. The Director is required to examine such appropriation to determine whether it is properly set forth, in addition to determining whether all estimates of revenue contained in the budget are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated.

A statute passed in 1976, as amended (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq.), commonly known as the "Cap Law", imposed limitations on increases in municipal appropriations subject to various exceptions. On August 20, 1990, the Governor signed into law P.L. 1990, c. 89, which revised and made permanent the "Cap Law". Since its inception, the "Cap Law" has been amended and modified several times, most recently on July 13, 2010. While the revised "Cap Law" is more restrictive on the ability of a municipality to increase its overall appropriations, it does not limit the obligation of the Township to levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable real property within the Township to pay debt service on the Obligations. The Cap Law provides that a municipality shall limit any increase of its budget to 2.5% or the index rate, whichever is less, over the previous year's final appropriations subject to certain exceptions. The "index rate" is the rate of annual percentage increase in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases of Goods and Services computed by the United States, Department of Commerce. Among the exceptions to the limitations imposed by the Cap Law are capital expenditures; debt service; extraordinary expenses approved by the Local Finance Board for implementation of an interlocal services agreement; expenditures mandated as a result of certain emergencies; and certain expenditures for services mandated by law.

Additionally, legislation constituting P.L. 2010, c. 44, was adopted on July 13, 2010, which, among other things, imposes a two percent (2%) cap on the tax levy that municipalities, counties, fire



districts and solid waste collection districts may impose, with very limited exceptions and subject to certain adjustments.

Exclusions from the two percent (2%) tax levy cap include: (i) increases required to be raised by taxation for capital expenditures, including debt service as defined by law; (ii) increases in pension contributions and accrued liability for pension contributions in excess of two percent (2%); (iii) increases in health care costs equal to that portion of the actual increase in total health care costs for the budget year that is in excess of two percent (2%) of the total health care costs in the prior year, but is not in excess of the product of the total health care costs in the prior year and the average percentage increase of the State Health Benefits Program, P.L.1961, c.49 (C.52:14-17.25 et seq.), as annually determined by the Division of Pensions and Benefits in the Department of the Treasury; and (iv) and extraordinary costs incurred by a local unit directly related to a declared emergency, as defined by regulation promulgated by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, as appropriate. The amendments to the tax levy sections of the “Cap Law” (specifically, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45-46) in 2011 no longer permit municipalities, counties, fire districts and solid waste collection districts to request approval from the Local Finance Board for a waiver to increase the amount to be raised by taxation in excess of the two percent (2%) cap. However, counties, municipalities, fire districts and solid waste collection districts may request, through a public question submitted to the voters, an increase in the amount to be raised by taxes above the two percent (2%) tax levy cap. Such approval must be achieved by an affirmative vote in excess of fifty percent (50%) of those voting on such public question.

Neither the tax levy limitation nor the “Cap Law” limits the obligation of the Township to levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable real property within the Township to pay debt service on its bonds or notes, including the notes.

### **Miscellaneous Revenues**

N.J.S.A. 40A:4-26 provides that: “No miscellaneous revenues from any source shall be included as an anticipated revenue in the budget in an amount in excess of the amount actually realized in cash from the same source during the next preceding fiscal year, unless the Director shall determine upon application by the governing body that the facts clearly warrant the expectation that such excess amount will actually be realized in cash during the fiscal year and shall certify such determination, in writing, to the local unit.” Such determination may be made by the governing body and the chief financial officer in any year during which the municipality is subject to local examination.

No budget or amendment shall be adopted unless the Director has previously certified the approval of such anticipated revenues.

### **Real Estate Taxes**

**Receipts from Delinquent Taxes** – Revenues are permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-29 to be anticipated in the annual budget for collection of delinquent taxes of prior years. The maximum amount permitted to be anticipated is determined by applying the collection rate of the prior year’s delinquent taxes to the total amount of delinquent taxes outstanding at the beginning of the current year.

**Current Year Tax Levy and Reserve for Uncollected Taxes** – The current year’s taxes to be levied are determined by adding the sums of the cash required from taxes to support the municipal, school, county and special district budgets, if any, together with the amount of an appropriation required to be included in the annual municipal budget entitled “Reserve for Uncollected Taxes”, less the total of anticipated revenues. The inclusion of the “Reserve for Uncollected Taxes” appropriation in the current

year's budget protects the municipality from taxes currently unpaid. The "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes" is required to be, at a minimum, an amount sufficient to provide for the same percentage of uncollected taxes in the current year as was experienced in the immediately preceding year, the average of the previous three (3) years in accordance with P.L. 2000, c. 126, or the previous year collection percentage after reducing the previous year levy by tax appeal judgments of the county tax board pursuant to R.S.54:3-21 et seq., or the State tax court pursuant to R.S.54:48-1 et seq. in accordance with Chapter 56 of P.L. 2010.

### **Deferral of Current Expenses**

Emergency appropriations (i.e., those made after the adoption of the budget and determination of the tax rate for an unforeseen event or purpose) may be authorized by the governing body of the local governmental units. With minor exceptions, however, such appropriations must be included in full in the following year's budget. When such appropriations exceed three percent (3%) of the adopted operating budget, consent of the Director of Local Government Services must be obtained.

The exceptions are certain enumerated projects to cover the cost of the extraordinary expense for the repair, or reconstruction of streets, roads or bridges, or other public property damaged by snow, ice, frost or flood, where such expense was not foreseen at the time of the adoption of the budget, which may be amortized over three (3) years; and tax map preparations, revision of ordinances, revaluations, master plan preparation, studies and planning necessary for the installation and construction of a sanitary sewer system, and payments of accumulated sick and vacation time which may be amortized over five (5) years.

### **Budget Transfers**

Budget transfers provide a degree of flexibility and afford a control mechanism. Transfers between major appropriation accounts are prohibited until the last two (2) months of the year and, although subaccounts within an appropriation are not subject to the same year-end transfer restriction, they are subject to internal review and approval.

### **Capital Budget**

In accordance with the Local Budget Law, each local unit shall prepare and adopt a capital budget, in conjunction with its annual operating budget, for any year in which it proposes to undertake a capital project. Every local unit which adopts a capital budget must also adopt a three (3) year capital program unless the local unit's population exceeds 10,000 where a six (6) year capital program is required.

### **Related Constitutional and Statutory Provisions**

In the general election of January 2, 1976, as amended by the general election of January 6, 1984, the following Article 8, Section 1, Paragraph 7, with respect to a state income tax, was added to the State Constitution:

No tax shall be levied on personal incomes of individuals, estates and trusts of this State unless the entire net receipts therefrom shall be received into the treasury, placed in a perpetual fund and be annually appropriated, pursuant to formulas established from time to time by the Legislature, to the several counties, municipalities and school districts of this State exclusively for the purpose of reducing or offsetting property taxes. In no event, however, shall a tax so levied on personal income be levied on payments received under the Federal Social Security Act, the Federal Railroad Retirement Act, or any federal law which substantially reenacts the provisions of either of those laws.

A progressive state income tax is currently in effect in the State.

The State Constitution may only be amended after: (i) approval of a proposed amendment by three fifths (3/5) of all of the members of each house of the State Legislature and approval by a majority vote in a statewide referendum; or (ii) approval in two successive legislative years by a majority of all of the members of each house and approval by a majority vote in a statewide referendum. Amendments failing to receive voter approval may not be resubmitted for voter approval before the third succeeding general election after such disaffirmance.

### **Rights and Remedies of Owners of Obligations**

The State Municipal Finance Commission Act, Chapter 27 of Title 52 of the State Statutes, as amended and supplemented (“Act”), provides that when it has been established, by court proceedings, that a municipality has defaulted for over sixty days in the payment of the principal of or interest on any of its outstanding bonds or notes, the Local Finance Board of the State Department of Community Affairs (which, pursuant to the Act, is constituted the Municipal Finance Commission and shall hereinafter be referred to as the “Commission”) shall take control of the fiscal affairs of the defaulting municipality.

The Act provides that the Commission shall remain in control of the municipality until all bonds or notes of the municipality that have fallen due and all bonds or notes that will fall due within one year, and the interest thereon, have been paid, funded or refunded, or the payment thereof in cash shall have been adequately provided for by a cash reserve.

The Act empowers the Commission to direct the municipality to provide for the funding or refunding of bonds or notes of the municipality and the interest thereon, which the Commission shall have found to be outstanding and unpaid and to be due or become due. The Act further authorizes the Commission to bring and maintain an appropriate proceeding for the assessment, levy or collection of taxes by the municipality for the payment of principal or of interest on such indebtedness.

Under Article 6 of the Act, while the Commission functions in the municipality, no judgment, levy, or execution against the municipality or its property for the recovery of the amount due on any bonds, notes or other obligations of the municipality in the payment of which it has defaulted, shall be enforced unless otherwise directed by Court Order. However, Article 6 of the Act also provides that upon application of any creditor made upon notice to the municipality and the Commission, a court may vacate, modify or restrict any such statutory stay contained therein.

### **Limitation of Remedies Under Federal Bankruptcy Code**

The rights and remedies of the registered owners of the Obligations are subject to the provisions of Chapter 9 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code of the United States (“Bankruptcy Code”). In general, Chapter 9 permits, under prescribed circumstances, but only after an authorization by the applicable state legislature or by a governmental officer or organization empowered by state law to give such authorization, a political subdivision of a state to file a petition for relief in a bankruptcy court of the United States if it is insolvent or unable to meet its debts as they mature and desires to effect a plan to adjust its debts.

The State has authorized the political subdivisions thereof to file such petitions for relief under the Bankruptcy Code pursuant to and subject to Article 8 of the Act. The Act provides that such petitions may not be filed without the prior approval of the Commission and that no plan of readjustment of the municipality’s debts may be filed or accepted by the petitioner without express authority from the Commission to do so.

**THE ABOVE REFERENCES TO THE BANKRUPTCY CODE ARE NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS AN INDICATION THAT THE TOWNSHIP EXPECTS TO RESORT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUCH BANKRUPTCY CODE OR THAT, IF IT DID, SUCH ACTION WOULD BE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, OR THAT ANY PROPOSED PLAN WOULD INCLUDE A DILUTION OF THE SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF AND SECURITY OF THE OBLIGATIONS.**

**THE SUMMARIES OF AND REFERENCES TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND OTHER STATUTORY PROVISIONS ABOVE ARE NOT AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS COMPREHENSIVE OR DEFINITIVE. ALL REFERENCES TO SUCH DOCUMENTS ARE QUALIFIED IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO THE PARTICULAR DOCUMENT, THE FULL TEXT OF WHICH MAY CONTAIN QUALIFICATIONS OF AND EXCEPTIONS TO STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN.**

### **TAX MATTERS**

In the opinion of Malamut & Associates, LLC, Bond Counsel to the Township, assuming continuing compliance by the Township with its covenants pertaining to provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), pertaining to the issuance of the Obligations, and subject to certain provisions of the Code that are described below, interest on the Obligations is excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, and will not be treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations. In the opinion of Bond Counsel to the Township, interest on the Obligations and any gain from the sale thereof are excludable from gross income of the owners thereof under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act.

The Code contains a number of provisions that apply to the Obligations, including restrictions relating to the use or investment of the proceeds of the Obligations and the payment of certain arbitrate earnings in excess of the "yield" on the Obligations to the Treasury of the United States. Noncompliance with such provisions may result in interest on the Obligations being includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive on the date of issuance of the Obligations. The Township has covenanted in its non-arbitration certification to comply with these requirements. Bond Counsel has not undertaken to monitor compliance with such covenants or to advise any party as to the changes in the law after the date of issuance of the Obligations that may affect the tax-exempt status of the interest thereon.

The Code imposes an alternative minimum tax on individuals and corporations. Interest received with respect to certain types of private activity bonds issued after August 7, 1986 is considered a tax preference subject to the alternative minimum tax. As the Obligations are not private activity bonds, interest on the Obligations is not an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code for purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax.

Section 265(b) of the Code generally denies to banks, thrift institutions and other financial institutions any deduction for that portion of interest expense incurred or continued to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations.

The Obligations **will not** be designated as qualified under Section 265 of the Code by the Township for an exemption from the denial of deduction for interest paid by financial institutions to purchase or to carry tax-exempt obligations.

The opinion of Bond Counsel is based on current legal authority and covers certain matters not directly addressed by such authority. It represents Bond Counsel's legal judgment as to exclusion of interest on the Obligations from gross income for federal income tax purposes but is not a guaranty of that conclusion. The opinion is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") or any court. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion about the effect of future changes in (i) the Code and the applicable regulations under the Code or (ii) the interpretation and enforcement of the Code or those regulations by the IRS.

Bond Counsel's engagement with respect to the Obligations ends with the issuance of the Obligations, and, unless separately engaged, Bond Counsel is not obligated to defend the Township or the owners of the Obligations regarding the tax status of interest thereon in the event of an audit examination by the IRS. The IRS has a program to audit tax-exempt obligations to determine whether the interest thereon is includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes. If the IRS does audit the Obligations, under current IRS procedures, the IRS will treat the Township as the taxpayer and the beneficial owners of the Obligations will have only limited rights, if any, to obtain and participate in judicial review of such audit. Any action of the IRS, including, but not limited to, selection of the Obligations for audit, or the course or result of such audit, or an audit of other obligations presenting similar tax issues, may affect the market value of the Obligations.

Payments of interest on tax-exempt obligations, including the Obligations, are generally subject to IRS Form 1099-INT information reporting requirements. If a Bond owner is subject to backup withholding under those requirements, then payments of interest will also be subject to backup withholding. Those requirements do not affect the exclusion of such interest from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

#### *Original Issue Discount*

Certain maturities of the Obligations may be sold at an initial offering price less than the principal amount payable on such Obligations at maturity (the "Discount Obligations"). The difference between the initial public offering price of the Discount Obligations at which a substantial amount of each of the Discount Obligations was sold and the principal amount payable at maturity of each of the Discount Obligations constitutes the original issue discount. Bond Counsel is of the opinion that the appropriate portion of the original issue discount allocable to the original and each subsequent owner of the Discount Obligations will be treated for federal income tax purposes as interest not includable in gross income under Section 103 of the Code to the same extent as stated interest on the Discount Obligations. Under Section 1288 of the Code, the original issue discount on the Discount Obligations accrues on the basis of economic accrual. The basis of an initial purchaser of a Discount Obligation acquired at the initial public offering price of the Discount Obligations will be increased by the amount of such accrued discount. Owners of the Discount Obligations should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the determination for federal income tax purposes of the original issue discount properly accruable with respect to the Discount Obligations and the tax accounting treatment of accrued interest.

#### *Original Issue Premium*

Certain maturities of the Obligations may be sold at an initial offering price in excess of the amount payable at the maturity date (the "Premium Obligations"). The excess, if any, of the tax basis of the Premium Obligations to a purchaser (other than a purchaser who holds such Premium Obligations as inventory, as stock-in-trade or for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business) over the amount payable at maturity is amortizable bond premium, which is not deductible from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Amortizable bond premium, as it amortizes, will reduce the owner's tax cost of the Premium Obligations used to determine, for federal income tax purposes, the amount of gain or loss upon

the sale, redemption at maturity or other disposition of the Premium Obligations. Accordingly, an owner of a Premium Obligation may have taxable gain from the disposition of the Premium Obligation, even though the Premium Obligation is sold, or disposed of, for a price equal to the owner's original cost of acquiring the Premium Obligation. Bond premium amortizes over the term of the Premium Obligations under the "constant yield method" described in regulations interpreting Section 1272 of the Code. Owners of the Premium Obligations should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the calculation of the amount of bond premium that will be treated for federal income tax purposes as having amortized for any taxable year (or portion thereof) of the owner and with respect to other federal, state and local tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Premium Obligations.

#### *Additional Federal Income Tax Consequences of Holding the Obligations*

Prospective purchasers of the Obligations should be aware that ownership of, accrual or receipt of interest on or disposition of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Obligations, may have additional federal income tax consequences for certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, taxpayers eligible for the earned income credit, recipients of certain Social Security and certain Railroad Retirement benefits, taxpayers that may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations, financial institutions, property and casualty companies, foreign corporations and certain S corporations.

Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any federal tax consequences other than its opinion with regard to the exclusion of interest on the Obligations from gross income pursuant to Section 103 of the Code and interest on the Obligations not constituting an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code. Prospective purchasers of the Obligations should consult their tax advisors with respect to all other tax consequences (including, but not limited to, those listed above) of holding the Obligations.

#### *Changes in Federal Tax Law Regarding the Obligations*

Legislation affecting tax-exempt obligations is regularly considered by the United States Congress and may also be considered by the State. Court proceedings may also be filed, the outcome of which could modify the tax treatment of obligations such as the Obligations. There can be no assurance that legislation enacted or proposed, or actions by a court, after the date of issuance of the Obligations will not have an adverse effect on the tax status of interest on the Obligations or the market value or marketability of the Obligations. These adverse effects could result, for example, from changes to federal or state income tax rates, changes in the structure of federal or state income taxes (including replacement with another type of tax) or repeal (or reduction in the benefit) of the exclusion of interest on the Obligations from gross income for federal or state income tax purposes for all or certain taxpayers.

#### **State Taxation**

Bond Counsel is of the opinion that, based upon existing law, interest on the Obligations and any gain on the sale thereof are not included in gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act.

THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY BOND COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO THE OBLIGATIONS ARE BASED UPON EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS AS INTERPRETED BY RELEVANT JUDICIAL AND REGULATORY CHANGES AS OF THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE OBLIGATIONS, AND BOND COUNSEL HAS EXPRESSED NO OPINION WITH RESPECT TO ANY LEGISLATION, REGULATORY CHANGES OR LITIGATION ENACTED, ADOPTED OR DECIDED SUBSEQUENT THERETO. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE OBLIGATIONS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF

ANY PENDING OR PROPOSED FEDERAL OR STATE TAX LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS OR LITIGATION.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Appendix “B” contains certain unaudited financial information of the Township for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 and certain audited financial information of the Township for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. The audited financial information was extracted from the report prepared by Holt McNally & Associates, Inc., Medford, New Jersey (the “Auditor”) to the extent and for the period set forth in their report appearing in Appendix “B” to this Official Statement. The Auditor has not participated in the preparation of this Official Statement, nor has such firm verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the information contained herein (except for the financial statements appearing in Appendix “B” hereto) and, accordingly, will express no opinion with respect thereto. See “APPENDIX B – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP”.

## **LITIGATION**

Upon delivery of the Obligations, the Township shall furnish a certification of its counsel, Kelly A. Grant, Esq., Malamut & Associates, LLC, Cherry Hill, New Jersey (the “Township Counsel”), dated the date of delivery of the Obligations, to the effect that to their knowledge there is no litigation of any nature, pending or threatened, to restrain or enjoin the issuance, sale, execution or delivery of the Obligations, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Obligations or any of the proceedings taken with respect to the issuance and sale thereof or the application of moneys to the payment of the Obligations. In addition, such certification shall state that, to the Township Counsel’s knowledge and information, there is no litigation of any nature now pending or threatened by or against the Township wherein an adverse judgment or ruling could have a material and adverse impact on the Township’s ability to meet its obligations for the payment of the Obligations.

## **SECONDARY MARKET DISCLOSURE**

### **The Bonds**

The Township has agreed to undertake for the benefit of the Bondholders and the beneficial owners of the Bonds to provide certain secondary market disclosure information pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended and interpreted from time to time (the “Rule”). Specifically, for so long as the Bonds remain outstanding (unless the Bonds have been wholly defeased), the Township shall provide:

(a) not later than two hundred eighty five (285) days after the end of its fiscal year (currently December 31) commencing for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, electronically to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”) through the Electronic Municipal Market Access data port (“EMMA”), or such other repository designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be an authorized repository for filing secondary market disclosure information, if any, annual financial information with respect to the Township consisting of the audited financial statements (or unaudited financial statements if audited financial statements are not then available, which audited financial statements will be delivered when and if available) of the Township and certain financial information and operating data consisting of (i) the Township and overlapping indebtedness, including a schedule of outstanding debt issued by the Township, (ii) the Township’s most current adopted budget, (iii) property

valuation information, and (iv) tax rate, levy and collection data. The audited financial information will be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as modified by governmental accounting standards as may be required by New Jersey law;

(b) in a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, to the MSRB, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds (herein “Events”):

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security;
- (7) Modifications to rights of security holders, if material;
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) Defeasances;
- (10) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material;
- (11) Rating changes;
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person;
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Township, if material, or agreement to covenants events and default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation, any of which affect holders of the Bonds, if material; and
- (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification or terms or other similar events under a Financial Obligation of the Township, if any such event reflects financial difficulties.

For the purposes of the event identified in subparagraph (12) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for an obligated person in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person.

For purposes of subparagraphs (15) and (16), the term “Financial Obligation” shall mean a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii).



(c) in a timely manner to the MSRB, notice of failure of the Township to provide required annual financial information on or before the date specified in the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

### **The Notes**

The Township has agreed to undertake for the benefit of the Noteholders and the beneficial owners of the Notes to provide certain secondary market disclosure information pursuant to the Rule. Specifically, for so long as the Notes remains outstanding (unless the Notes has been wholly defeased), the Township will provide in a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, to the MSRB, notice of any Events with respect to the Notes.

### **The Obligations**

In the event that the Township fails to comply with the above-described undertaking and covenants, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, remedy of the beneficial owners of the Obligations being specifically limited in the undertaking to specific performance of the covenants.

The undertaking may be amended by the Township from time to time, without the consent of the holders or the beneficial owners of the Obligations, in order to make modifications required in connection with a change in legal requirements or change in law, which in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel complies with the Rule.

The Township has previously entered into continuing disclosure undertakings under the Rule. The Township appointed Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey in December of 2015 to act as continuing disclosure agent to assist in the filing of certain information on EMMA as required under its obligations.

There can be no assurance that there will be a secondary market for the sale or purchase of the Obligations. Such factors as prevailing market conditions, financial condition or market position of firms who may make the secondary market and the financial condition of the Township may affect the future liquidity of the Obligations.

## **MUNICIPAL BANKRUPTCY**

The undertakings of the Township should be considered with reference to Chapter IX of the Bankruptcy Act, 11 U.S.C. Section 901, *et seq.*, as amended by Public Law 94-260, approved April 8, 1976, and as further amended on November 6, 1978 by the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978, effective October 1, 1979, as further amended by Public Law 100-597, effective November 3, 1988, and as further amended and other bankruptcy laws affecting creditor's rights and municipalities in general. The amendments of P.L. 94-260 replace former Chapter IX and permit the State or any political subdivision, public agency, or instrumentality that is insolvent or unable to meet its debts to file a petition in a court of bankruptcy for the purpose of effecting a plan to adjust its debts; directs such a petitioner to file with the court a list of petitioner's creditors; provides that a petition filed under such chapter shall operate as a stay of the commencement or continuation of any judicial or other proceeding against the petitioner; grants priority to debt owed for services or material actually provided within three months of the filing of the petition; directs a petitioner to file a plan for the adjustment of its debts; and provides that the plan must be accepted in writing by or on behalf of creditors holding at least two-thirds in amount or more than one-half in number of the listed creditors. The 1976 Amendments were incorporated into the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 with only minor changes.

Reference should also be made to N.J.S.A. 52:27-40 et seq., which provides that a municipality has the power to file a petition in bankruptcy provided the approval of the Municipal Finance Commission has been obtained. The powers of the Municipal Finance Commission have been vested in the Local Finance Board. The Bankruptcy Act specifically provides that Chapter IX does not limit or impair the power of a state to control, by legislation or otherwise, the procedures that a municipality must follow in order to take advantage of the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act.

### **APPROVAL OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

All legal matters incident to the authorization, the issuance, the sale and the delivery of the Obligations are subject to the approval of Bond Counsel to the Township, whose approving legal opinions will be delivered with the Obligations substantially in the forms set forth in Appendix "C" attached hereto. Certain legal matters will be passed on for the Township by its Township Attorney.

The various legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Obligations express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues explicitly addressed therein. In rendering a legal opinion, the attorney does not become an insurer or guarantor of that expression of professional judgment, of the transaction opined upon, or the future performance of parties to the transaction. Nor does the rendering of an opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction.

### **NO DEFAULT**

There is no record of default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the bonds or notes of the Township.

### **UNDERWRITING**

#### **The Bonds**

The Bonds have been purchased from the Township at a public sale by \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Bond Underwriter") at a price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (consisting of the par amount of the Bonds plus a bid premium of \$\_\_\_\_\_). The Bond Underwriter has purchased the Bonds in accordance with the Notice of Sale. The Bonds are being offered for sale at the yields set forth on the inside front cover page of this Official Statement.

The Bond Underwriter intends to offer the Bonds to the public initially at the offering yields set forth on the inside front cover of this Official Statement, which may subsequently change without any requirement of prior notice. The Bond Underwriter reserves the right to join with dealers and other underwriters in offering the Bonds to the public. The Bond Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing the Bonds into investments trusts) at yields higher than the public offering yields set forth on the inside front cover of this Official Statement, and such yields may be changed, from time to time, by the Bond Underwriter without prior notice.

## **The Notes**

The Notes have been purchased from the Township at a public sale by \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Note Underwriter”) at a price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (consisting of the par amount of the Notes plus an original issue premium of \$ \_\_\_\_\_).

The Note Underwriter may offer and sell the Notes to certain dealers (including dealers depositing the Notes into investment trusts) at a yield higher than the public offering yield stated on the inside front cover of this Official Statement.

## **RATINGS**

S&P Global Ratings, acting through Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC (the “Rating Agency”) has assigned a rating of “AA” to the Bonds and a short-term rating of “SP-1+” to the Notes.

The ratings reflect only the views of the Rating Agency and an explanation of the significance of such ratings may only be obtained from the Rating Agency. The Township furnished to the Rating Agency certain information and materials concerning the Obligations and the Township. There can be no assurance that the ratings will be maintained for any given period of time or that they may not be raised, lowered or withdrawn entirely if, in the Rating Agency’s judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any downward change in or withdrawal of such ratings may have an adverse effect on the marketability or market price of the Obligations.

## **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey has served as Municipal Advisor to the Township with respect to the issuance of the Obligations (the “Municipal Advisor”). The Municipal Advisor is not obligated to undertake and has not undertaken, either to make an independent verification of, or to assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or fairness of the information contained in this Official Statement and the appendices hereto. The Municipal Advisor is an independent firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities.

## **PREPARATION OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

The Township hereby states that the descriptions and statements herein, including financial statements, are true and correct in all material respects, and it will confirm same to the purchasers of the Obligations by a certificate signed by the Mayor and Municipal Treasurer.

All other information has been obtained from sources that the Township consider to be reliable, and it makes no warranty, guaranty or other representation with respect to the accuracy and completeness of such information.

Bond Counsel has not participated in the preparation of this Official Statement, nor has such firm verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the information contained herein (except under the heading “TAX MATTERS”) and, accordingly, will express no opinion with respect thereto.

The Municipal Advisor has not participated in the preparation of the financial or statistical information contained in this Official Statement, nor have they verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness thereof and, accordingly, expresses no opinion with respect thereto.

### **CERTIFICATES OF THE TOWNSHIP**

Upon the delivery of the Obligations, the original purchaser shall receive a certificate, in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel and signed by officials of the Township, stating to the best knowledge of said officials, that this Official Statement as of its date did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact, or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and stating, to the best knowledge of said officials, that there has been no material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, of the Township from that set forth in or contemplated by this Official Statement. In addition, the original purchaser of the Obligations shall also receive certificates in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel evidencing the proper execution and delivery of the Obligations and receipt of payment therefore, and a certificate dated as of the date of the delivery of the Obligations and signed by the officers who signed the, stating that no litigation is then pending or, to the knowledge of such officers, threatened to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of the Obligations or the levy or collection of taxes to pay the Obligations or the interest thereon, or questioning the validity of the statutes or the proceedings under which the Obligations, are issued, and that neither the corporate existence or boundaries of the Township, nor the title of any of the said officers to the respective offices, is being contested.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Inquiries regarding this Official Statement, including any information additional to that contained herein, may be directed to Michelle L. Chiemiego, Municipal Treasurer, Township of Florence, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey 08518, (609) 499-2525 or to Phoenix Advisors, LLC, 625 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, New Jersey, (609) 291-0130.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the Township and the purchasers or holders of any of the Obligations. Any statements made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended merely as opinions and not as representations of fact. The information and expressions of opinion contained herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale of Obligations made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Township since the date hereof. The information contained in this Official Statement is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness.

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

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Michelle L. Chiemiego,  
Municipal Treasurer

Dated: May \_\_, 2022

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**APPENDIX A**

**CERTAIN ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION  
REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP**

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## **INFORMATION REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

The following material presents certain economic and demographic information of the Township of Florence (the “Township”), in the County of Burlington (the “County”), State of New Jersey (the “State”).

### **General Information**

The Township is located in the northern portion of the County approximately 12 miles south of Trenton and 20 miles north of Philadelphia and Camden. The Township has about 3 miles of frontage on the Delaware River and encompasses a total area of 10.17 square miles. The Township consists of three areas: Florence, the Historic Village of Roebling, and Bustleton. The Township was incorporated on March 7, 1872.

The Township provides a variety of municipal services. All municipal services performed within the Township are supervised and coordinated through a full-time Township Administrator.

### **Form of Government**

The present form of government is the Mayor-Council Plan F under the provisions of the Faulkner Act, Chapter 210 of the 1971 laws of New Jersey, as amended, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-1 et seq. Under this form of government, the voters elect a Mayor for a 4-year term and 2 Councilmen-At-Large and 3 Councilmen from the 3 Wards, for overlapping terms of 4 years. The legislative power is vested in the Council, and the executive power is vested in the Mayor. The Mayor appoints a professionally qualified Township Administrator with the advice and consent of the Council.

### **Transportation**

Major highway routes provide the primary transportation links with other parts of the State and the nation. Route 130 and Interstate Route 295 traverse the Township in a north-south direction. The Pennsylvania Extension of the New Jersey Turnpike is located within the Township, providing access to and from the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Turnpikes. The Township has been notified by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority that there has been preliminary approval of a new east-west interchange which will provide enhanced access to the Turnpike Extension and the main north-south Turnpike.

Along with the access to major highways, public transportation services are available for commuters in the Township. New Jersey Transit offers bus service to metropolitan areas in the greater Delaware Valley, such as Trenton and Philadelphia. Train services are accessible via the New Jersey Transit River Line light rail system at the Florence Station and the Roebling station. The light rail system connects the Township to Camden and the Trenton Rail Station, which then connects riders to the larger transportation networks of Amtrak, PATCO, and SEPTA. Air travel

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<sup>1</sup> Source: The Township, unless otherwise indicated.

is another transportation option that is available. Major airports, such as Philadelphia International and Newark International, are within an hour drive of the Township.

### **Public Safety**

The Township provides police protection on a 24-hour, 7 day a week basis. Additional manpower serves in an administrative, clerical and special capacity, including the staffing of the Township's detective bureau.

The Fire District consolidated all of its fire company locations and is housed in a firehouse that is located on Firehouse Lane. They are officially called the Florence Township Volunteer Fire Company #1. They sold a building (on Delaware Avenue) to a private investor who converted it into professional office space. The building in Roebling was given to the Township and was converted into a community/senior center. Ownership of the last building on West Third Street reverted back to the Township and is used for the storage of municipal equipment. First aid service is provided by the Florence Township Volunteer Fire Company #1. The Township turned over all emergency medical services to the fire company.

### **Public Utilities**

Along with trash and garbage removal and disposal, the Township supplies water and sewerage service to customers within the Florence and Roebling sections of the Township through the municipally owned Water and Sewer Department. The Township previously expended over one million dollars for the renovation of the sewerage treatment facility in order to ensure that it is in compliance with all applicable permits and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy guidelines. The plant capacity increased from 1.5 million gallons per day to 2.5 million gallons per day as a result of the upgrades. The plant is operating with more than sufficient capacity to handle daily demands and future growth.

Gas and electric service is provided by the privately-owned Public Service Electric and Gas Co. Telephone service is provided by Verizon.

### **School District**

The School District serving the Township is an independent legal entity under the laws of the State but is geographically coterminous with the Township. It provides a comprehensive program for students from kindergarten (K) to twelve grade (12) with one (1) elementary school, one (1) middle school and one (1) high school.

The School District is governed by the Board, which consists of nine (9) members who serve 3-year, staggered terms. The Board President is appointed by the members of the Board.

There is also a charter school for students in grades K to grade 3.

## **Pension and Retirement Systems**

Substantially all eligible employees participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Police and Firemen's Retirement System or the Defined Contribution Retirement Program, which have been established by State statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (the "Division"). Benefits, contributions, means of funding and the manner of administration are established pursuant to State statute. The Division annually charges municipalities and other participating governmental units for their respective contributions to the plans based upon actuarial calculations and the employees contribute a portion of the cost. Each Plan has a Board of Trustees that is primarily responsible for its administration. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information. This report may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625 or is available online at [www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml).

The Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS") is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan which was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A, to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the State or any county, municipality, school district or public agency, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another State-administered retirement system or other State pension fund or local jurisdiction's pension fund.

The Police and Firemen's Retirement System ("PFRS") is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan which was established as of July 1, 1944, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:16A, to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full-time county and municipal police and firemen or officer employees with police powers appointed after June 30, 1944.

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

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## **Employment and Unemployment Comparisons**

For the following years, the New Jersey Department of Labor reported the following annual average employment information for the Township, the County, and the State:

	<b><u>Total Labor Force</u></b>	<b><u>Employed Labor Force</u></b>	<b><u>Total Unemployed</u></b>	<b><u>Unemployment Rate</u></b>
<b><u>Township</u></b>				
2020	6,989	6,423	566	8.0%
2019	7,035	6,821	214	3.1%
2018	6,952	6,705	247	3.6%
2017	7,025	6,759	266	3.8%
2016	7,038	6,719	319	4.5%
<b><u>County</u></b>				
2020	230,784	211,788	18,996	8.2%
2019	232,247	224,918	7,329	3.2%
2018	228,342	220,071	8,271	3.6%
2017	230,628	221,396	9,232	4.0%
2016	230,481	220,255	10,226	4.4%
<b><u>State</u></b>				
2020	4,495,200	4,055,300	439,900	9.8%
2019	4,493,127	4,333,334	159,793	3.6%
2018	4,432,520	4,250,795	181,725	4.1%
2017	4,454,681	4,248,741	205,940	4.6%
2016	4,473,780	4,251,209	222,571	5.0%

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor, Office of Research and Planning, Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research, Bureau of Labor Force Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

## **Income (as of 2020)**

	<b><u>Township</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>State</u></b>
Median Household Income	\$95,128	\$90,329	\$85,245
Median Family Income	112,945	108,248	104,804
Per Capita Income	46,250	44,735	44,153

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

**Population**

The following tables summarize population increases and the decreases for the Township, the County, and the State.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Township</u>		<u>County</u>		<u>State</u>	
	<u>Population</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2020	12,812	5.81%	461,860	2.93%	9,288,994	5.65%
2010	12,109	12.68	448,734	5.98	8,791,894	4.49
2000	10,746	4.68	423,394	7.17	8,414,350	8.85
1990	10,266	13.01	395,066	8.97	7,730,188	4.96
1980	9,084	6.12	362,542	12.20	7,365,001	2.75

Source: United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

**Largest Taxpayers**

The ten largest taxpayers in the Township and their assessed valuations are listed below:

<u>Taxpayers</u>	<u>2021 Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of Total Assessed Valuation</u>
Haines Center Florence, LLC	\$59,815,800	4.69%
Christmas Tree Shops, Inc.	33,166,000	2.60%
Foxdale Properties, LLC	8,212,000	0.64%
500 Cedar Lane Burlington, LLC	7,700,000	0.60%
Individual Taxpayer #1	6,750,000	0.53%
Dean Dairy Fluid, LLC	4,834,700	0.38%
SPAF Cedar Management Co.	4,574,000	0.36%
Turnpike Crossings Urban Renewal, LLC	3,798,000	0.30%
DC Fabricators, Inc.	3,787,500	0.30%
LOL Associates	<u>3,607,000</u>	<u>0.28%</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$136,245,000</u></b>	<b><u>10.69%</u></b>

Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the School District and Municipal Tax Assessor

**Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Current Year Collection</u>	<u>Current Year % of Collection</u>
2021U	\$33,245,493	\$32,897,496	98.95%
2020	32,904,595	32,512,241	98.81%
2019	32,298,758	31,907,281	98.79%
2018	31,783,012	31,386,835	98.75%
2017	31,319,803	30,843,256	98.48%

U: Unaudited  
Source: Annual Audit Reports of the Township

**Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Tax Title Liens</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquent Tax</u>	<u>Total Delinquent</u>	<u>% of Tax Levy</u>
2021U	\$283,131	\$326,446	\$609,577	1.83%
2020	267,696	349,705	617,402	1.88%
2019	251,710	366,759	618,469	1.91%
2018	243,292	331,972	575,264	1.81%
2017	220,355	461,139	681,494	2.18%

U: Unaudited  
Source: Annual Audit Reports of the Township

**Property Acquired by Tax Lien Liquidation**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021U	\$70,240
2020	70,240
2019	70,240
2018	70,240
2017	70,240

U: Unaudited  
Source: Annual Audit Reports of the Township

## **Tax Rates per \$100 of Net Valuations Taxable and Allocations**

The table below lists the tax rates for Township residents for the past five (5) years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>Local School</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Fire District</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$0.449	\$1.547	\$0.409	\$0.183	\$2.588
2020	0.449	1.542	0.405	0.182	2.578
2019	0.449	1.536	0.405	0.165	2.555
2018	0.449	1.516	0.405	0.163	2.533
2017	0.447	1.498	0.411	0.146	2.502

Source: Abstract of Ratables and State of New Jersey – Property Taxes and the 2020 User-Friendly Budget of the Township

## **Valuation of Property**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Aggregate Assessed Value of Real Property</u>	<u>Aggregate True Value of Real Property</u>	<u>Ratio of Assessed to True Value</u>	<u>Assessed Value of Personal Property</u>	<u>Equalized Valuation</u>
2021	\$1,274,255,000	\$1,312,312,049	97.10%	\$100	\$1,312,312,149
2020	1,263,876,000	1,300,685,397	97.17	100	1,300,685,497
2019	1,251,653,100	1,268,524,476	98.67	100	1,268,524,576
2018	1,250,717,500	1,252,345,549	99.87	100	1,252,345,649
2017	1,249,273,300	1,247,775,969	100.12	100	1,247,776,069

Source: Abstract of Ratables and State of New Jersey – Table of Equalized Valuations

## **Classification of Ratables**

The table below lists the comparative assessed valuation for each classification of real property within the Township for the past five (5) years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Vacant Land</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Farm</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Apartments</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$37,092,600	\$1,027,974,700	\$11,028,200	\$50,949,900	\$135,815,000	\$11,394,600	\$1,274,255,000
2020	35,168,400	1,019,102,800	11,036,500	51,331,000	135,842,700	11,394,600	1,263,876,000
2019	28,650,000	1,008,475,400	10,818,400	52,974,800	139,339,900	11,394,600	1,251,653,100
2018	27,327,400	1,008,855,800	10,826,100	52,297,200	140,029,900	11,381,100	1,250,717,500
2017	25,253,700	1,007,111,800	11,056,200	51,904,600	142,517,900	11,429,100	1,249,273,300

Source: Abstract of Ratables and State of New Jersey – Property Value Classification and the 2021 User-Friendly Budget of the Township

## **Financial Operations**

The following table summarizes the Township's Current Fund budget for the past five (5) fiscal years ending December 31. The following summary should be used in conjunction with the tables in the sourced documents from which it is derived.

### **Summary of Current Fund Budget**

<b><u>Anticipated Revenues</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Fund Balance Utilized	\$1,818,000	\$1,826,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,716,500	\$1,875,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	4,363,527	4,830,981	5,929,879	5,511,961	6,109,417
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	424,000	300,000	290,000	364,000	300,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u>5,483,816</u>	<u>5,500,593</u>	<u>5,544,699</u>	<u>5,595,341</u>	<u>5,938,490</u>
Total Revenue:	<u>\$12,089,343</u>	<u>\$12,457,574</u>	<u>\$13,514,578</u>	<u>\$13,187,802</u>	<u>\$14,222,907</u>
<b><u>Appropriations</u></b>					
General Appropriations	\$9,042,405	\$9,389,806	\$9,537,560	\$9,858,198	\$10,213,613
Operations (Excluded from CAPS)	23,512	69,199	993,728	133,210	245,683
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	1,077,233	1,129,093	1,164,645	1,334,886	1,334,635
Judgments	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Improvement Fund	230,000	0	0	0	250,000
Municipal Debt Service	1,156,330	1,268,870	1,178,905	1,357,390	1,665,000
Transferred to Board of Education	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>519,863</u>	<u>560,606</u>	<u>599,740</u>	<u>464,118</u>	<u>473,976</u>
Total Appropriations:	<u>\$12,089,343</u>	<u>\$12,457,574</u>	<u>\$13,514,578</u>	<u>\$13,187,802</u>	<u>\$14,222,907</u>

Source: Annual Adopted Budget of the Township



## **Fund Balance**

### **Current Fund**

The following table lists the Township's fund balance and the amount utilized in the succeeding year's budget for the Current Fund for the past five (5) fiscal years ending December 31.

	<b><u>Fund Balance - Current Fund</u></b>	
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Utilized in Budget</b>
<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>12/31</u></b>	<b><u>of Succeeding Year</u></b>
2021U	\$2,551,937	\$1,875,000
2020	1,845,360	1,716,500
2019	2,379,249	1,750,000
2018	2,854,616	1,826,000
2017	3,030,150	1,818,000

U: Unaudited  
Source: Annual Audit Reports of the Township

### **Water & Sewer Utility Operating Fund**

The following table lists the Township's fund balance and the amount utilized in the succeeding year's budget for the Water & Sewer Utility Operating Fund for the past five (5) fiscal years ending December 31.

	<b><u>Fund Balance - Water and Sewer Operating Fund</u></b>	
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Utilized in Budget</b>
<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>12/31</u></b>	<b><u>of Succeeding Year</u></b>
2021U	\$3,298,390	\$1,361,657
2020	3,188,713	1,259,276
2019	2,888,166	950,000
2018	3,053,494	820,000
2017	2,755,233	566,430

U: Unaudited  
Source: Annual Audit Reports of the Township

**Township Indebtedness as of December 31, 2021**

**General Purpose Debt**

Serial Bonds	\$12,405,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	8,997,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized but Not Issued	6,430,664
Other Bonds, Notes and Loans	<u>0</u>
Total:	\$27,832,664

**Local School District Debt**

Serial Bonds	\$13,650,000
Temporary Notes Issued	0
Bonds and Notes Authorized but Not Issued	<u>0</u>
Total:	\$13,650,000

**Self-Liquidating Debt**

Serial Bonds	\$6,463,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	7,300,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized but Not Issued	0
Other Bonds, Notes and Loans	<u>0</u>
Total:	\$13,763,000

**TOTAL GROSS DEBT**

**\$55,245,664**

Less: Statutory Deductions	
General Purpose Debt	\$0
Local School District Debt	13,650,000
Self-Liquidating Debt	<u>13,763,000</u>
Total:	\$27,413,000

**TOTAL NET DEBT**

**\$27,832,664**

Source: Annual Debt Statement of the Township

**Overlapping Debt (as of December 31, 2021)<sup>2</sup>**

<b><u>Name of Related Entity</u></b>	<b><u>Related Entity Debt Outstanding</u></b>	<b><u>Township Percentage</u></b>	<b><u>Township Share</u></b>
Local School District	\$13,650,000	100.00%	\$13,650,000
County (2020)	663,186,825	2.52%	<u>16,738,539</u>
Net Indirect Debt			\$30,388,539
Net Direct Debt			<u>27,832,664</u>
Total Net Direct and Indirect Debt			<b><u>\$58,221,203</u></b>

**Debt Limit**

Average Equalized Valuation Basis (2019, 2020, 2021)	\$1,293,840,641
Permitted Debt Limitation (3 1/2%)	45,284,422
Less: Net Debt	<u>27,832,664</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$17,451,759</u>
Percentage of Net Debt to Average Equalized Valuation	2.151%
Gross Debt Per Capita based on 2020 population of 12,812	\$4,312
Net Debt Per Capita based on 2020 population of 12,812	\$2,172

Source: Annual Debt Statement of the Township

**Litigation**

The status of pending litigation is included in the Notes to Financial Statements of the Township's annual audit report.

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<sup>2</sup> Township percentage of County debt is based on the Township's share of total equalized valuation in the County.

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**APPENDIX B**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP**

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**SELECTED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**(unaudited)**

	<u>2021</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Current Fund:	
Cash	\$ 7,183,922.75
Change Funds	550.00
	7,184,472.75
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:	
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	326,445.84
Tax Title Liens Receivable	283,130.92
Other Municipal Liens	19,072.53
Property Acquired for Taxes - Assessed Valuation	70,240.01
Revenue Accounts Receivable	10,494.36
Due from Animal Control Trust Fund	2,612.54
Due from Assessment Trust Fund	23.59
Due from Other Trust Fund	68,353.85
Due from Water and Sewer Utility Operating Fund	158,982.80
Due from Water and Sewer Utility Assessment Trust Fund	55,000.00
	994,356.44
Total Assets	8,178,829.19
Federal and State Grant Fund:	
Federal and State Grants Receivable	208,330.92
Due from Current Fund	587,634.63
	795,965.55
Total Assets	\$ 8,974,794.74

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

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**(unaudited)**

	<u>2021</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>	
Current Fund:	
Appropriation Reserves	\$ 557,525.66
Reserve for Encumbrances	208,672.72
Due to State of NJ - Senior Citizens & Veterans Deductions	60,334.65
Accounts Payable	775.00
Due to County for Added Taxes	39,378.43
Prepaid Taxes	333,848.46
Local School District School Tax Payable	4.00
Municipal Open Space Tax Payable - Due to Trust	255,776.04
Special District Taxes Payable	30,809.00
Due to State of NJ - Marriage License Fees	187.00
Due to State of NJ - DCA Training Fees	13,049.00
Reserve for Library Expenditures	4,989.67
Reserve for Tax Appeals	16,560.30
Due to Federal and State Grant Fund	587,634.63
Due to Trust Other Fund	14,527.71
Due to General Capital Fund	508,463.67
Due to Water and Sewer Utility Capital Fund	<u>2,000,000.00</u>
	4,632,535.94
Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets	994,356.44
Fund Balance	<u>2,551,936.81</u>
	<u>8,178,829.19</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:	
Reserve for Encumbrances	18,348.50
Reserve for Federal and State Grants:	
Appropriated	92,007.98
Unappropriated	<u>685,609.07</u>
	<u>795,965.55</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 8,974,794.74</u></u>

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**(unaudited)**

	<u>2021</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized:	
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 1,716,499.60
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	6,064,291.34
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	350,548.31
Receipts From Current Taxes	32,897,495.89
Non-Budget Revenue	74,766.48
Other Credit To Income:	
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	683,173.19
Interfunds Liquidated	493,607.25
	42,280,382.06
Total Income	42,280,382.06
Expenditures:	
Budget and Emergency Appropriations :	
Appropriations Within "CAPS":	
Operations:	
Salaries and Wages	5,852,693.00
Other Expenses	3,746,455.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	1,344,886.40
Appropriations Excluded From "CAPS":	
Operations:	
Other Expenses	128,051.57
Municipal Debt Service	1,004,837.57
Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local School	40,000.00
County Taxes	5,197,843.93
County Share of Added and Omitted Taxes	39,378.43
Local District School Tax	19,723,181.00
Municipal Open Space Tax	128,403.33
Special District Taxes	2,323,580.00
Grant Receivables Cancelled	
Prior Years' Senior Citizens and Veterans	
Deducations Disallowed	1,156.84
Interfunds Created	326,838.65
	39,857,305.72
Total Expenditures	39,857,305.72
Excess in Revenue	2,423,076.34
Fund Balance, January 1	1,845,360.07
	4,268,436.41
Decreased By:	
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	1,716,499.60
	2,551,936.81
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 2,551,936.81

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**(unaudited)**

	<u>Budget</u>	Special N.J.S.A 40A:4-87	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess/ (Deficit)</u>
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 1,716,499.60	\$ -	\$ 1,716,499.60	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Licenses:				
Alcoholic Beverages	26,700.00	-	26,300.00	(400.00)
Fees and Permits	414,000.00	-	422,977.49	8,977.49
Fines and Costs:				
Municipal Court	220,000.00	-	122,695.94	(97,304.06)
Interest and Costs on Taxes	72,000.00	-	71,130.51	(869.49)
Interest on Investments and Deposits	27,200.43	-	3,579.39	(23,621.04)
Landfill Fees - Host Community Benefits	374,700.00	-	284,325.39	(90,374.61)
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid	124,948.00	-	124,948.00	-
Energy Receipts Tax	1,226,415.00	-	1,226,415.00	-
Uniform Construction Code Fees	378,500.00	-	896,583.00	518,083.00
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services:				
Public and Private Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:				
Recycling Tonnage Grant	105,697.57	-	105,697.57	-
Body-Worn Camera Grant	-	18,342.00	18,342.00	-
Recreation Contribution Grant	1,000.00	-	-	(1,000.00)
Other Special Items:				
General Capital Surplus	400,000.00	-	400,000.00	-
PILOT Programs	2,140,800.00	-	2,361,297.05	220,497.05
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	5,511,961.00	18,342.00	6,064,291.34	533,988.34
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	364,000.00	-	350,548.31	(13,451.69)
Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Support of Municipal Budget:				
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	5,595,341.37	-	5,949,227.20	353,885.83
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	5,595,341.37	-	5,949,227.20	353,885.83
Budget Totals	13,187,801.97	18,342.00	14,080,566.45	874,422.48
Non-Budget Revenues	-	-	74,766.48	74,766.48
	\$ 13,187,801.97	\$ 18,342.00	\$ 14,155,332.93	\$ 949,188.96

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**(unaudited)**

Analysis of Realized Revenue

## Allocation of Current Tax Collections:

Revenue From Collections	\$ 32,897,495.89
Allocated To School, County, and Municipal Open Space Taxes	<u>27,412,386.69</u>

Balance for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	5,485,109.20
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Add: Appropriation "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes"	<u>464,118.00</u>
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Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	<u>\$ 5,949,227.20</u>
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## Receipts From Delinquent Taxes:

Delinquent Tax Collections	\$ 347,843.83
Tax Title Lien Collections	<u>2,704.48</u>

	<u>\$ 350,548.31</u>
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## Fees &amp; Permits - Other:

Clerk	\$ 363,096.89
Vital Statistics	9,482.00
Recreation	1,100.00
Housing Inspections	38,045.00
Police	11,243.60
Tax Search Fees	<u>10.00</u>

	<u>\$ 422,977.49</u>
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Analysis of Non-Budget Revenue:

Gen trust-adm fees for o/s empl	\$ 23,439.25
Burl. Co. Refund of Street Opening Permit	1,250.00
Oil, metal, electrical recycling	14,176.04
State of NJ - insp fines reimb	614.40
State of NJ - hotel fee	835.50
BURLCO JIF Wellness Reimbursements	7,110.00
BOE - SRO Admin Fees	25,794.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,547.29</u>

	<u>\$ 74,766.48</u>
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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**(unaudited)**

	Appropriations		Expended			Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	
<b>OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS":</b>						
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>						
Mayor and Council						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 40,654.00	\$ 40,654.00	\$ 40,461.64	\$ -	\$ 192.36	\$ -
Other Expenses	11,075.00	11,075.00	2,916.53	304.00	3,604.47	4,250.00
Municipal Clerk						
Salaries and Wages	109,185.00	109,185.00	103,983.47	-	401.53	4,800.00
Other Expenses	23,900.00	28,900.00	19,174.34	1,508.10	8,217.56	-
Business Administration Office:						
Salaries and Wages	259,811.00	254,311.00	252,485.60	-	1,825.40	-
Other Expenses	52,155.00	46,655.00	33,868.57	355.00	12,431.43	-
Audit Services:						
Other Expenses	30,000.00	30,000.00	26,810.00	-	190.00	3,000.00
Revenue Administration (Tax Collection):						
Salaries and Wages	53,673.00	53,673.00	48,492.35	-	480.65	4,700.00
Other Expenses	12,825.00	12,825.00	9,109.71	400.00	3,315.29	-
Bureau of Assessments:						
Salaries and Wages	88,645.00	88,645.00	87,645.04	-	999.96	-
Other Expenses	24,925.00	24,925.00	15,426.25	-	4,848.75	4,650.00
Tax Map Revisions	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	-
Township Solicitor:						
Other Expenses	51,250.00	51,250.00	40,229.00	4,558.50	6,462.50	-
Special Counsel:						
Other Expenses	74,500.00	74,500.00	19,986.50	450.00	13,563.50	40,500.00
Treasurer:						
Salaries and Wages	30,580.00	30,580.00	29,272.22	-	557.78	750.00
Other Expenses	49,750.00	51,250.00	46,034.55	173.51	5,041.94	-
Cost of Registered Bonds	400.00	400.00	-	-	400.00	-
Engineering Services:						
Other Expenses	104,250.00	144,250.00	80,353.20	67.15	63,829.65	-
Industrial Development Promotion:						
Other Expenses	32,300.00	34,800.00	21,675.00	-	13,125.00	-
Expense at Participation of Free County Library						
Salaries and Wages	98,000.00	98,000.00	98,000.00	-	-	-
Other Expenses	21,200.00	21,200.00	16,550.11	3,345.57	1,304.32	-
<b>LAND USE ADMINISTRATION</b>						
Planning Board:						
Salaries and Wages	9,400.00	9,400.00	6,150.00	-	3,250.00	-
Other Expenses	44,225.00	44,225.00	27,351.46	-	16,873.54	-
Zoning Board of Adjustment:						
Other Expenses	23,945.00	23,945.00	12,756.99	-	11,188.01	-
<b>INSURANCE</b>						
General Liability Insurance	80,000.00	80,000.00	72,320.11	495.12	684.77	6,500.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	104,000.00	104,000.00	103,000.00	-	1,000.00	-
Employee Group Insurance	976,750.00	976,750.00	865,519.05	54,598.30	48,882.65	7,750.00
Health Benefit Waiver	44,000.00	37,000.00	36,025.00	-	975.00	-
Accumulated Leave Compensation	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	-
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>						
Police Department:						
Salaries and Wages	3,688,297.00	3,666,297.00	3,641,005.53	-	12,291.47	13,000.00
Other Expenses	302,180.00	302,180.00	208,113.24	41,058.68	45,008.08	8,000.00
Office of Emergency Management:						
Salaries and Wages	3,900.00	3,900.00	3,900.00	-	-	-
Other Expenses	3,200.00	3,200.00	1,250.00	-	1,950.00	-
Fire Department:						
Other Expenses	35,000.00	35,000.00	34,914.39	-	85.61	-
Municipal Prosecutor						
Other Expenses	25,000.00	25,000.00	19,780.00	-	5,220.00	-
Maintenance of Traffic Lights						
Other Expenses	3,700.00	3,700.00	2,735.38	964.62	-	-
Aid to Fire District						

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**(unaudited)**

	Appropriations		Expended			Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	
<b><u>PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS</u></b>						
Streets and Road Maintenance:						
Salaries and Wages	231,231.00	231,231.00	214,916.33	-	16,314.67	-
Other Expenses	195,010.00	182,510.00	106,498.18	15,763.26	47,248.56	13,000.00
Sanitation Department:						
Salaries and Wages	453,514.00	453,514.00	452,666.76	-	847.24	-
Other Expenses	55,420.00	55,420.00	44,637.71	2,486.42	3,295.87	5,000.00
Contractual	370,000.00	370,000.00	361,041.47	-	8,958.53	-
Buildings and Grounds:						
Salaries and Wages	161,692.00	161,692.00	159,830.50	-	1,861.50	-
Other Expenses	134,065.00	134,065.00	75,236.82	6,772.85	23,055.33	29,000.00
Parks and Playgrounds						
Salaries and Wages	74,252.00	78,252.00	68,176.78	-	6,075.22	4,000.00
Other Expenses	78,380.00	78,380.00	70,000.21	1,347.77	7,032.02	-
<b><u>LANDFILL/ SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS</u></b>						
Landfill:						
Solid Waste Disposal Fee	6,200.00	6,200.00	3,118.99	778.80	2,302.21	-
Recycling Taxes	22,500.00	22,500.00	17,595.27	-	4,904.73	-
Landfill Taxes	25,000.00	25,000.00	19,509.66	-	5,490.34	-
<b><u>HEALTH AND WELFARE</u></b>						
Board of Health:						
Salaries and Wages	4,200.00	4,200.00	3,550.00	-	650.00	-
Other Expenses	1,525.00	1,525.00	643.29	75.00	806.71	-
Animal Control Services						
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	-	-	500.00	-
Shade Tree Committee						
Other Expenses	65,150.00	70,650.00	55,323.22	6,817.50	8,509.28	-
Environmental Commission						
Other Expenses	950.00	950.00	587.46	-	362.54	-
<b><u>PARKS AND RECREATION</u></b>						
Recreation Services and Programs:						
Other Expenses	83,975.00	83,975.00	50,573.19	20,203.71	2,948.10	10,250.00
Celebration of Public Events, Anniversary or Holiday						
Other Expenses	16,600.00	16,600.00	9,993.33	-	2,606.67	4,000.00
<b><u>UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES</u></b>						
Electricity & Natural Gas	100,000.00	100,000.00	86,913.30	12,640.60	446.10	-
Street Lighting	185,000.00	185,000.00	183,972.73	1,027.27	-	-
Telephone	34,000.00	34,000.00	27,261.93	180.66	6,557.41	-
Gasoline	105,900.00	105,900.00	71,918.83	2,737.90	31,243.27	-
<b><u>UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>						
<b><u>OFFSET BY DEDICATED REVENUES (N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.17)</u></b>						
Salaries and Wages	397,039.00	397,039.00	380,688.81	2,025.00	6,325.19	8,000.00
Other Expenses	186,550.00	170,550.00	132,557.86	8,575.81	10,766.33	18,650.00
<b><u>MUNICIPAL COURT:</u></b>						
Municipal Court:						
Salaries and Wages	223,620.00	223,620.00	197,945.92	-	9,424.08	16,250.00
Other Expenses	29,250.00	29,250.00	9,788.16	-	15,461.84	4,000.00
<b><u>UNCLASSIFIED:</u></b>						
Contributions to Senior Citizens Centers :						
Florence Center	4,250.00	4,250.00	-	-	-	4,250.00
Roebing Center	4,250.00	4,250.00	-	-	-	4,250.00
Condominium Services:						
Other Expenses	108,000.00	108,000.00	19,956.70	-	35,043.30	53,000.00
Total Operations - Within "CAPS"	9,880,698.00	9,870,698.00	8,857,198.64	189,711.10	552,238.26	271,550.00
Detail:						
Salaries and Wages	5,927,693.00	5,904,193.00	5,789,170.95	2,025.00	61,497.05	51,500.00
Other Expenses (Including Contingent)	3,953,005.00	3,966,505.00	3,068,027.69	187,686.10	490,741.21	220,050.00

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**(unaudited)**

	Appropriations		Expended			Unexpended
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	Balance Cancelled
<b>DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES - WITHIN "CAPS"</b>						
Statutory Expenditures:						
Contribution To:						
Public Employees Retirement System	263,929.40	263,929.40	263,929.40	-	-	-
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	175,000.00	185,000.00	166,038.38	18,961.62	-	-
Police and Firemen's Pension Fund	889,757.00	889,757.00	889,757.00	-	-	-
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	6,200.00	6,200.00	4,924.60	-	1,275.40	-
<b>Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Within "CAPS"</b>	<b>1,334,886.40</b>	<b>1,344,886.40</b>	<b>1,324,649.38</b>	<b>18,961.62</b>	<b>1,275.40</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes - Within "CAPS"</b>	<b>11,215,584.40</b>	<b>11,215,584.40</b>	<b>10,181,848.02</b>	<b>208,672.72</b>	<b>553,513.66</b>	<b>271,550.00</b>
<b>OPERATIONS- EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</b>						
Other Operations - Excluded from "CAPS":						
Sanitation:						
SFSP Fire District Payment	4,012.00	4,012.00	-	-	4,012.00	-
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:						
Recycling Tonnage Grant	105,697.57	105,697.57	105,697.57	-	-	-
Body-Worn Camera Grant	-	18,342.00	18,342.00	-	-	-
Recreation Contribution Grant (Camp)	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00
<b>Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"</b>	<b>110,709.57</b>	<b>129,051.57</b>	<b>124,039.57</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,012.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
Detail:						
Other Expenses	110,709.57	129,051.57	124,039.57	-	4,012.00	1,000.00
<b>DEBT SERVICE- EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</b>						
Payment of Bond Principal	455,000.00	455,000.00	455,000.00	-	-	-
Interest on Bonds	179,000.00	179,000.00	178,118.20	-	-	881.80
Interest on Notes	373,390.00	373,390.00	371,719.37	-	-	1,670.63
Payment of Bond Anticipation and Capital Notes	350,000.00	350,000.00	-	-	-	350,000.00
<b>Total Debt Service - Excluded From "CAPS"</b>	<b>1,357,390.00</b>	<b>1,357,390.00</b>	<b>1,004,837.57</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>352,552.43</b>
<b>TRANSFERRED TO BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE USE OF LOCAL SCHOOLS</b>						
	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	-	-	-
<b>Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes - Excluded From "CAPS"</b>	<b>1,508,099.57</b>	<b>1,526,441.57</b>	<b>1,168,877.14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,012.00</b>	<b>353,552.43</b>
Subtotal General Appropriations	12,723,683.97	12,742,025.97	11,350,725.16	208,672.72	557,525.66	625,102.43
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	464,118.00	464,118.00	464,118.00	-	-	-
	<b>\$ 13,187,801.97</b>	<b>\$ 13,206,143.97</b>	<b>\$ 11,814,843.16</b>	<b>\$ 208,672.72</b>	<b>\$ 557,525.66</b>	<b>\$ 625,102.43</b>

Analysis of Budget after Modification:

Original Budget	\$ 13,187,801.97
Appropriation by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-47	18,342.00
	<u>\$ 13,206,143.97</u>

Analysis of Paid or Charged:

Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 464,118.00
Reserve for State & Federal Grants Appropriated	124,039.57
Refunds	(1,364,863.06)
Disbursed	12,591,548.65
	<u>\$ 11,814,843.16</u>



**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
TRUST FUND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2021  
(unaudited)**

	<u>2021</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Assessment Trust Fund	
Cash	\$ 9,365.36
	9,365.36
Animal Control Trust Fund:	
Cash	15,197.44
	15,197.44
Open Space Trust Fund	
Cash	163,060.38
Due from Current Fund	255,776.04
	418,836.42
Other Trust Funds:	
Cash	3,897,978.70
Due from Vendors	68,353.85
Due from Municipal Court	12,366.69
Due from Current Fund	14,527.71
	3,993,226.95
Total Assets	\$ 4,436,626.17

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

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
TRUST FUND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2021  
(unaudited)**

	<u>2021</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>	
Assessment Trust Fund	
Fund Balance	\$ 9,341.77
Due to Current Fund	23.59
	9,365.36
Animal Control Trust Fund:	
Reserve for Animal Control Fund Expenditures	12,416.30
Due to State of New Jersey	168.60
Due to Current Fund	2,612.54
	15,197.44
Open Space Trust Fund	
Due to Water & Sewer Utility Fund	20,568.75
Reserve for Open Space Trust Fund	398,267.67
	418,836.42
Other Trust Funds:	
Due to Current Fund	68,353.85
Reserve for Miscellaneous Trust Funds	3,924,873.10
	3,993,226.95
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance	\$ 4,436,626.17

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN RESERVE  
FOR FUTURE USE - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021  
(unaudited)**

	<u>2021</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized:	
Amounts to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 128,403.33
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	<u>123.15</u>
Total Revenue	<u>128,526.48</u>
Expenditures:	
Budget Appropriations:	
Debt Service	106,137.50
Reserve for Future Use	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>109,137.50</u>
Excess (Deficit) in Revenue	19,388.98
Fund Balance, January 1	<u>378,878.69</u>
Fund Balance, December 31	<u><u>\$ 398,267.67</u></u>

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021  
(unaudited)**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess/ (Deficit)</u>
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 127,438.00	\$ 128,403.33	\$ 965.33
Interest Income	755.00	123.15	(631.85)
	<u>\$ 128,193.00</u>	<u>\$ 128,526.48</u>	<u>\$ 333.48</u>

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021  
(unaudited)**

	Appropriations		Paid or Charged	Expended	
	Budget	Budget After Modifications		Encumbered	Reserved
Debt Service:					
Payment of Bond Principal	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	-	-
Interest on Bonds	41,137.50	41,137.50	41,137.50	-	-
	106,137.50	106,137.50	106,137.50	-	-
Reserve for Future Use	22,055.50	22,055.50	3,000.00	-	19,055.50
	22,055.50	22,055.50	3,000.00	-	19,055.50
	\$ 128,193.00	\$ 128,193.00	\$ 109,137.50	\$ -	\$ 19,055.50

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2021  
(unaudited)**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash	\$ 3,594,573.51
Grant Receivable	1,824,644.83
Due From:	
Current Fund	508,463.67
Water & Sewer Operating Fund	145,696.36
Deferred Charges To Future Taxation:	
Funded	12,405,000.00
Unfunded	15,427,663.77
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Total Assets	<u>\$ 33,906,042.14</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>	
Serial Bonds Payable	\$ 12,405,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes	8,997,000.00
Improvement Authorizations:	
Funded	1,528,829.48
Unfunded	7,636,971.50
Reserve for Encumbrances	1,028,725.66
Capital Improvement Fund	168,054.85
Due To:	
Water & Sewer Capital Fund	95,849.00
Reserve for:	
Environmental Remediation Encumbrances	687.50
Recreation Improvements - Unappropriated	198,099.98
Developer Impact Fees - Unappropriated	97,000.00
Sidewalk Improvements - Unappropriated	62,130.00
Reserve for Receivables:	
Local Aid Bikeway Program Grant	97,118.91
Transportation Trust Fund Grants	1,497,400.92
Fund Balance	93,174.34
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Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 33,906,042.14</u>

There were Bonds & Notes Authorized but not Issued on December 31, 2021 of \$6,430,663.77 and on December 31, 2020 of \$8,578,663.77.

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021  
(unaudited)**

Balance, December 31, 2020		\$ 445,104.51
Increased By:		
Premium on Bond Anticipation Notes	\$ 108,254.50	
Premium on Bonds	<u>457,315.33</u>	
		<u>565,569.83</u>
		1,010,674.34
Decreased By:		
Anticipated Revenue	400,000.00	
Funding Ordinance 2016-30	<u>517,500.00</u>	
		<u>917,500.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2021		<u><u>\$ 93,174.34</u></u>

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
WATER & SEWER UTILITY FUND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2021  
(unaudited)**

	<u>2021</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Operating Fund:	
Cash	\$ 4,664,680.35
Due From:	
Open Space Trust Fund	20,568.75
Utility Assessment Trust Fund	5,001.44
Utility Capital Fund	<u>276,745.72</u>
	<u>4,966,996.26</u>
Receivables With Full Reserves:	
Consumer Accounts Receivable	393,028.57
Utility Liens Receivable	<u>15,337.40</u>
	<u>408,365.97</u>
Total Operating Fund	<u>5,375,362.23</u>
Assessment Trust Fund:	
Cash	335,066.47
Assessments Receivable	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Assessment Fund	<u>337,066.47</u>
Capital Fund:	
Cash	3,393,438.37
Due From:	
Current Fund	2,000,000.00
General Capital Fund	95,849.00
Fixed Capital	38,223,751.55
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	<u>12,100,000.00</u>
Total Capital Fund	<u>55,813,038.92</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 61,525,467.62</u></u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**WATER & SEWER UTILITY FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**(unaudited)**

	<u>2021</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balances</u>	
Operating Fund:	
Appropriation Reserves	\$ 830,075.33
Reserve for Encumbrances	448,197.95
Accrued Interest Payable	85,643.65
Accounts Payable	10.00
Due To:	
Current Fund	158,982.80
General Capital Fund	145,696.36
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	1,668,606.09
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Reserve for Receivables	408,365.97
Fund Balance	3,298,390.17
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Total Operating Fund	5,375,362.23
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Assessment Trust Fund:	
Assessment Bonds	151,000.00
Due to Current Fund	55,000.00
Due to Utility Operating Fund	5,001.44
Fund Balance	126,065.03
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Total Assessment Fund	337,066.47
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Capital Fund:	
Serial Bonds	6,312,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes	7,300,000.00
Improvement Authorizations:	
Funded	142,084.69
Unfunded	3,111,171.63
Reserve for Encumbrances	1,181,535.15
Capital Improvement Fund	374,140.62
Reserve for Amortization	36,533,501.55
Reserve for Deferred Amortization	178,250.00
Due To:	
Utility Operating Fund	276,745.72
Reserve for Developer Contributions, Hovnanian	25,000.00
Fund Balance	378,609.56
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Total Capital Fund	55,813,038.92
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Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balances	\$ 61,525,467.62
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There were Bonds & Notes Authorized but not Issued on December 31, 2021 of \$0.00 and on December 31, 2020 of 0.00.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**WATER & SEWER OPERATING FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**(unaudited)**

	<u>2021</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized:	
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 1,259,275.60
Rents	4,878,072.98
Miscellaneous	872,453.50
Other Credits To Income:	
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	<u>702,018.55</u>
 Total Revenue	 <u>7,711,820.63</u>
 Expenditures:	
Budget Appropriations:	
Operating	4,970,072.00
Debt Service	1,042,342.19
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	<u>330,453.60</u>
 Total Expenditures	 <u>6,342,867.79</u>
 Excess (Deficit) in Revenue	 1,368,952.84
Fund Balance, January 1	<u>3,188,712.93</u>
	 4,557,665.77
Decreased By:	
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	<u>1,259,275.60</u>
 Fund Balance, December 31	 <u><u>\$ 3,298,390.17</u></u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**WATER & SEWER CAPITAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
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Balance, December 31, 2020	\$ 282,760.56
Increased By:	
Premium on Notes issued	<u>95,849.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2021	<u><u>\$ 378,609.56</u></u>

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**WATER & SEWER OPERATING FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**(unaudited)**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess/ (Deficit)</u>
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 1,259,275.60	\$ 1,259,275.60	\$ -
Water and Sewer Rents	4,800,000.00	4,878,072.98	78,072.98
Miscellaneous	588,000.00	872,453.50	284,453.50
	<u>\$ 6,647,275.60</u>	<u>\$ 7,009,802.08</u>	<u>\$ 362,526.48</u>

Analysis of Realized Revenues

Water and Sewer Rents:	
Collections	<u>\$ 4,878,072.98</u>
	<u>\$ 4,878,072.98</u>
Miscellaneous:	
Interest Earnings	\$ 2,305.36
Interest on Earnings - Due from Utility Capital	2,690.86
Interest on Assessments - Due from Utility Assessment Trust Fund	846.45
Sludge Dumping	299,062.13
Connection Fees & Taps	532,707.57
Penalties & Costs on Delinquent Accounts	14,369.20
Miscellaneous - Other	19,711.93
Miscellaneous - Due from Current	<u>760.00</u>
	<u>\$ 872,453.50</u>

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**WATER & SEWER OPERATING FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**(unaudited)**

	Appropriations		Expended			Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	
<b>Operating:</b>						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,679,617.00	\$ 1,679,617.00	\$ 1,592,789.12	\$ -	\$ 86,827.88	\$ -
Other Expenses	3,079,505.00	3,079,505.00	1,683,520.03	433,729.98	680,504.99	281,750.00
Group Insurance Plan For Employees	492,700.00	492,700.00	478,140.36	-	14,559.64	-
	<u>5,251,822.00</u>	<u>5,251,822.00</u>	<u>3,754,449.51</u>	<u>433,729.98</u>	<u>781,892.51</u>	<u>281,750.00</u>
<b>Debt Service:</b>						
Payment of Bond Principal	600,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00	-	-	-
Interest on Bonds	238,000.00	238,000.00	237,926.28	-	-	73.72
Interest on Notes	227,000.00	227,000.00	204,415.91	-	-	22,584.09
	<u>1,065,000.00</u>	<u>1,065,000.00</u>	<u>1,042,342.19</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,657.81</u>
<b>Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures:</b>						
Statutory Expenditures:						
Contributions To:						
Public Employees' Retirement System	203,453.60	203,453.60	189,009.18	-	14,444.42	-
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	127,000.00	127,000.00	78,793.63	14,467.97	33,738.40	-
	<u>330,453.60</u>	<u>330,453.60</u>	<u>267,802.81</u>	<u>14,467.97</u>	<u>48,182.82</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 6,647,275.60</u>	<u>\$ 6,647,275.60</u>	<u>\$ 5,064,594.51</u>	<u>\$ 448,197.95</u>	<u>\$ 830,075.33</u>	<u>\$ 304,407.81</u>
Cash Disbursements			\$ 4,471,469.53			
Accrued Interest			442,342.19			
Due to Current Fund			150,782.79			
			<u>\$ 5,064,594.51</u>			

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
WATER & SEWER ASSESSMENT TRUST FUND  
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021  
(unaudited)**

Balance, December 31, 2021 & 2020

\$ 126,065.03

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**WATER & SEWER UTILITY ASSESSMENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**(unaudited)**

	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Realized</u>		<u>Excess/ (Deficit)</u>
Assessment Cash	\$ 55,000.00	\$	55,000.00	\$	-
	<u>\$ 55,000.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>55,000.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**WATER & SEWER UTILITY ASSESSMENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**(unaudited)**

	Appropriations		Expended	
	<u>Budget</u>	Budget After <u>Modifications</u>	Paid or <u>Charged</u>	<u>Encumbered</u> <u>Reserved</u>
\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Debt Service:  
 Payment of Bond Principal

Due to Current Fund      \$ 55,000.00  
 \$ 55,000.00



**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP -**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**(unaudited)**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2021</u>
Land	\$ 570,986.01
Buildings & Improvements	2,535,001.96
Vehicles and Equipment	<u>4,574,214.80</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 7,680,202.77</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>	
Investment in Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 7,680,202.77</u>
Fund Balance	<u>\$ 7,680,202.77</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**PART I**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS,  
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

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**HOLT MCNALLY & ASSOCIATES**

Certified Public Accountants & Advisors

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Township Council  
Township of Florence  
County of Burlington  
Florence, New Jersey

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance - regulatory basis of the various funds and account group of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis for the years then ended, the related statements of revenues - regulatory basis, and statements of expenditures - regulatory basis for the year ended December 31, 2020 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and in compliance with audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Township's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating

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the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## **Opinions**

### **Basis for Adverse Opinion on Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America**

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

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.

### **Adverse Opinion on Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the “Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles” paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township, as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, or the results of its operations and changes in fund balance for the year then ended.

### **Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance - regulatory basis of the various funds of the Township, as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the results of its operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis of such funds for the years then ended, and the statements of revenues - regulatory basis, statements of expenditures - regulatory basis of the various funds, and general fixed assets group of accounts – regulatory basis, for the year ended December 31, 2020 in conformity with accounting principles and practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as described in Note 1.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in the Note 11 to the financial statements, the Township is presenting the most recent information available with regards to *GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 23, 2021 on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

**HOLT MCNALLY & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

*Certified Public Accountants & Advisors*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Holt". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael Holt  
Certified Public Accountant  
Registered Municipal Accountant  
RMA No. 473

Medford, New Jersey  
June 23, 2021

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

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Township Council  
Township of Florence  
County of Burlington  
Florence, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the financial statements - regulatory basis of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 23, 2021. Our report indicated that the Township's financial statements were not prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America but rather prepared in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

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deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

**HOLT MCNALLY & ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
*Certified Public Accountants & Advisors*



Michael Holt  
Certified Public Accountant  
Registered Municipal Accountant  
RMA No. 473

Medford, New Jersey  
June 23, 2021

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Current Fund:			
Cash	A-4	\$ 7,537,190.13	\$ 6,925,317.44
Change Funds	A-5	<u>550.00</u>	<u>550.00</u>
		<u>7,537,740.13</u>	<u>6,925,867.44</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:			
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-7	349,705.40	366,758.53
Tax Title Liens Receivable	A-8	267,696.46	251,710.27
Other Municipal Liens	A	19,072.53	19,072.53
Property Aquired for Taxes - Assessed Valuation	A	70,240.01	70,240.01
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-9	9,487.58	184,980.42
Due from Animal Control Trust Fund	B	1,474.25	-
Due from Assessment Trust Fund	B	18.91	-
Due from General Capital Fund	C	1,406.47	-
Due from Water and Sewer Utility Operating Fund	D	<u>492,200.78</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>1,211,302.39</u>	<u>892,761.76</u>
Total Assets		<u>8,749,042.52</u>	<u>7,818,629.20</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Federal and State Grants Receivable	A-19	191,408.90	11,044.90
Due from Current Fund	A-22	<u>193,121.15</u>	<u>188,955.69</u>
Total Assets		<u>384,530.05</u>	<u>200,000.59</u>
		<u>\$ 9,133,572.57</u>	<u>\$ 8,018,629.79</u>

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

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>			
Current Fund:			
Appropriation Reserves	A-3	\$ 799,305.47	\$ 729,855.03
Reserve for Encumbrances	A-3	149,802.50	179,841.29
Due to State of NJ - Senior Citizens & Veterans Deductions	A-6	59,444.23	59,689.44
Due to County for Added Taxes	A-11	39,878.50	52,272.70
Prepaid Taxes	A-12	295,511.87	308,925.31
Municipal Open Space Tax Payable - Due to Trust	A-14	127,372.71	-
Tax Anticipation Notes Payable	A	4,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
Due to State of NJ - Marriage License Fees	A-16	237.00	337.00
Due to State of NJ - DCA Training Fees	A-16	5,020.00	5,237.00
Reserve for Library Expenditures	A-17	3,483.67	4,944.95
Reserve for Tax Appeals	A-18	16,560.30	16,560.30
Due to Federal and State Grant Fund	A	193,121.15	188,955.69
Due to Trust Other Fund	B	2,642.66	-
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		5,692,380.06	4,546,618.71
Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets	A	1,211,302.39	892,761.76
Fund Balance	A-1	1,845,360.07	2,379,248.73
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		8,749,042.52	7,818,629.20
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Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Reserve for Encumbrances	A-20	80,710.60	1,151.00
Reserve for Federal and State Grants:			
Appropriated	A-20	303,819.45	79,296.56
Unappropriated	A-21	-	119,553.03
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		384,530.05	200,000.59
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Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		<u>\$ 9,133,572.57</u>	<u>\$ 8,018,629.79</u>

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



**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized:			
Fund Balance Utilized	A-2	\$ 1,750,000.00	\$ 1,826,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-2	5,980,025.50	5,205,223.13
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	A-2	366,692.14	321,599.80
Receipts From Current Taxes	A-2	32,512,241.03	31,907,280.87
Non-Budget Revenue	A-2	168,703.73	138,409.49
Other Credit To Income:			
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	A-10	466,652.76	262,983.30
Tax Overpayment Adjustment		-	21,119.90
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Total Income		41,244,315.16	39,682,616.49
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Expenditures:			
Budget and Emergency Appropriations :			
Appropriations Within "CAPS":			
Operations:			
Salaries and Wages	A-3	5,878,395.00	5,625,131.00
Other Expenses	A-3	3,446,965.00	3,592,345.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	A-3	1,147,945.03	1,145,923.45
Appropriations Excluded From "CAPS":			
Operations:			
Other Expenses	A-3	774,598.95	83,128.32
Capital Improvements	A-3	-	45,000.00
Municipal Debt Service	A-3	1,178,890.76	1,268,870.00
Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local School	A-3	40,000.00	40,000.00
County Taxes	A-11	5,116,966.62	5,065,399.76
County Share of Added and Omitted Taxes	A-11	39,878.50	52,272.70
Local District School Tax	A-13	19,489,182.00	19,221,292.00
Municipal Open Space Tax	A-14	127,372.71	126,165.00
Special District Taxes	A-15	2,292,771.00	2,065,227.78
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	A-4	255.00	-
Prior Years' Senior Citizens and Veterans			
Deducations Disallowed	A-6	1,308.22	1,228.77
Interfunds Created	A-4	493,675.03	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Expenditures		40,028,203.82	38,331,983.78
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Excess in Revenue		1,216,111.34	1,350,632.71
Fund Balance, January 1	A	2,379,248.73	2,854,616.02
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		3,595,360.07	4,205,248.73
Decreased By:			
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	A	1,750,000.00	1,826,000.00
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Fund Balance, December 31		<u>\$ 1,845,360.07</u>	<u>\$ 2,379,248.73</u>

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

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Budget	Special N.J.S.A 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess/ (Deficit)
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 1,750,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,750,000.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Licenses:				
Alcoholic Beverages	27,000.00	-	26,700.00	(300.00)
Other		-		-
Fees and Permits	420,500.00	-	393,004.12	(27,495.88)
Fines and Costs:				
Municipal Court	280,500.00	-	157,890.66	(122,609.34)
Interest and Costs on Taxes	82,200.00	-	72,074.54	(10,125.46)
Interest on Investments and Deposits	73,100.00	-	27,251.30	(45,848.70)
Landfill Fees - Host Community Benefits	400,000.00	-	374,768.13	(25,231.87)
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid	124,948.00	-	124,948.00	-
Energy Receipts Tax	1,226,415.00	-	1,226,415.00	-
Uniform Construction Code Fees	375,000.00	-	365,529.50	(9,470.50)
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services:				
Public and Private Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:				
N.J. Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act	231,500.00	-	-	(231,500.00)
Recycling Tonnage Grant	119,553.03	-	119,553.03	-
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	8,284.00	-	8,284.00	-
Clean Communities Program	-	26,620.85	26,620.85	-
Body Armor Fund	2,934.10	-	2,934.10	-
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant	2,944.97	-	2,944.97	-
Burlington County Parks Grant	175,000.00	-	175,000.00	-
School Public Safety Improvement Grant	430,000.00	-	430,000.00	-
Recreation Contribution Grant	-	5,250.00	5,250.00	-
Other Special Items:				
General Capital Surplus	300,000.00	-	300,000.00	-
PILOT Programs	1,650,000.00	-	2,140,857.30	490,857.30
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	5,929,879.10	31,870.85	5,980,025.50	18,275.55
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	290,000.00	-	366,692.14	76,692.14
Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Support of Municipal Budget:				
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	5,544,699.00	-	6,045,810.17	501,111.17
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	5,544,699.00	-	6,045,810.17	501,111.17
Budget Totals	13,514,578.10	31,870.85	14,142,527.81	596,078.86
Non-Budget Revenues	-	-	168,703.73	168,703.73
	\$ 13,514,578.10	\$ 31,870.85	\$ 14,311,231.54	\$ 764,782.59

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

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
CURRENT FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Analysis of Realized Revenue

Allocation of Current Tax Collections:	
Revenue From Collections	\$ 32,512,241.03
Allocated To School, County, and Municipal Open Space Taxes	27,066,170.83
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Balance for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	5,446,070.20
Add: Appropriation "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes"	599,739.97
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Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	<u>\$ 6,045,810.17</u>
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes:	
Delinquent Tax Collections	\$ 366,692.14
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	<u>\$ 366,692.14</u>
Fees & Permits - Other:	
Clerk	\$ 341,652.35
Vital Statistics	9,349.00
Recreation	200.00
Housing Inspections	36,855.00
Police	4,917.77
Tax Search Fees	30.00
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	<u>\$ 393,004.12</u>
<u>Analysis of Non-Budget Revenue:</u>	
Tax collector	\$ 7,118.02
Gen trust-adm fees for o/s empl	33,463.00
Auction proceeds	15,809.00
Oil, metal, electrical recycling	10,156.18
State of NJ - insp fines reimb	450.00
State of NJ - hotel fee	1,257.15
State of NJ-adm costs	2,032.67
IAA - py prescripton rebate	15,777.76
PY appropriation reimbursement	2,127.92
BURLCO JIF Wellness Reimbursements	4,438.41
BOE - SRO Admin Fees	75,151.54
Proceeds from February Comedy Night	602.82
Returned Check Fees	80.00
Restitution	60.50
2019 Dental Reimbursement	45.02
Police - Unclaimed Funds	73.54
Miscellaneous	60.20
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	<u>\$ 168,703.73</u>

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Appropriations		Expended			Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	
<u>OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS":</u>						
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</u>						
Mayor and Council						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 40,654.00	\$ 40,654.00	\$ 40,653.96	\$ -	\$ 0.04	\$ -
Other Expenses	11,200.00	11,200.00	6,230.40	1,075.00	3,894.60	-
Municipal Clerk						
Salaries and Wages	110,414.00	108,414.00	106,256.94	-	2,157.06	-
Other Expenses	23,225.00	23,225.00	16,859.26	111.32	6,254.42	-
Business Administration Office:						
Salaries and Wages	271,242.00	281,242.00	278,497.72	-	2,744.28	-
Other Expenses	40,230.00	56,380.00	32,150.59	7,548.30	16,681.11	-
Audit Services:						
Other Expenses	30,000.00	30,000.00	26,100.00	-	3,900.00	-
Revenue Administration (Tax Collection):						
Salaries and Wages	62,353.00	48,853.00	46,662.06	-	2,190.94	-
Other Expenses	11,510.00	11,510.00	9,610.09	155.96	1,743.95	-
Bureau of Assessments:						
Salaries and Wages	86,830.00	86,830.00	85,823.62	-	1,006.38	-
Other Expenses	24,200.00	21,700.00	15,389.24	1,980.00	4,330.76	-
Tax Map Revisions	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,148.15	-	851.85	-
Township Solicitor:						
Other Expenses	47,000.00	47,000.00	38,208.61	6,955.00	1,836.39	-
Special Counsel:						
Other Expenses	83,000.00	69,000.00	35,528.69	4,762.00	28,709.31	-
Treasurer:						
Salaries and Wages	80,135.00	68,635.00	64,598.11	-	4,036.89	-
Other Expenses	8,930.00	8,930.00	8,313.06	100.00	516.94	-
Cost of Registered Bonds	400.00	400.00	-	-	400.00	-
Engineering Services:						
Other Expenses	83,000.00	83,000.00	52,445.96	10,919.56	9,634.48	10,000.00
Industrial Development Promotion:						
Other Expenses	17,300.00	17,300.00	800.00	2,295.00	205.00	14,000.00
Expense at Participation of Free County Library						
Salaries and Wages	93,800.00	93,800.00	93,800.00	-	-	-
Other Expenses	21,180.00	21,180.00	11,722.47	4,324.52	5,133.01	-
<u>LAND USE ADMINISTRATION</u>						
Planning Board:						
Salaries and Wages	10,400.00	10,400.00	5,015.00	-	5,385.00	-
Other Expenses	37,175.00	33,175.00	22,862.43	3,800.00	6,512.57	-
Zoning Board of Adjustment:						
Other Expenses	13,570.00	13,570.00	7,509.54	300.00	5,760.46	-
<u>INSURANCE</u>						
General Liability Insurance	81,000.00	81,000.00	70,872.23	-	10,127.77	-
Workers Compensation Insurance	104,000.00	104,000.00	104,000.00	-	-	-
Employee Group Insurance	975,000.00	975,000.00	920,349.79	-	47,150.21	7,500.00
Health Benefit Waiver	43,200.00	43,200.00	36,768.32	-	6,431.68	-
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>						
Police Department:						
Salaries and Wages	3,504,770.00	3,504,770.00	3,412,617.87	-	84,152.13	8,000.00
Other Expenses	281,940.00	281,940.00	169,339.76	30,635.35	81,964.89	-
Office of Emergency Management:						
Salaries and Wages	3,670.00	3,670.00	3,670.00	-	-	-
Other Expenses	3,800.00	3,150.00	1,653.00	-	1,497.00	-
Municipal Prosecutor						
Salaries and Wages	24,700.00	24,700.00	11,868.00	3,956.00	8,876.00	-
Maintenance of Traffic Lights						
Other Expenses	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,946.18	553.53	0.29	-
Aid to Fire District	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	-

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
CURRENT FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Appropriations		Expended			Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	
<b><u>PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS</u></b>						
Streets and Road Maintenance:						
Salaries and Wages	266,140.00	266,140.00	256,954.25	-	9,185.75	-
Other Expenses	187,225.00	194,225.00	62,939.97	11,569.93	76,715.10	43,000.00
Sanitation Department:						
Salaries and Wages	475,935.00	475,935.00	441,800.81	-	28,134.19	6,000.00
Other Expenses	55,020.00	55,020.00	37,065.60	5,673.57	12,280.83	-
Contractual	357,300.00	357,300.00	355,835.74	-	1,464.26	-
Buildings and Grounds:						
Salaries and Wages	154,371.00	154,371.00	151,795.75	-	2,575.25	-
Other Expenses	98,215.00	98,215.00	75,153.80	11,253.64	11,807.56	-
Parks and Playgrounds						
Salaries and Wages	74,335.00	74,335.00	72,130.31	-	2,204.69	-
Other Expenses	69,560.00	69,560.00	46,131.45	1,320.32	22,108.23	-
<b><u>LANDFILL/ SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS</u></b>						
Landfill:						
Solid Waste Disposal Fee	6,200.00	6,200.00	-	-	2,200.00	4,000.00
Recycling Taxes	19,500.00	21,000.00	18,536.58	-	2,463.42	-
Landfill Taxes	22,300.00	24,500.00	21,997.29	-	2,502.71	-
<b><u>HEALTH AND WELFARE</u></b>						
Board of Health:						
Salaries and Wages	4,100.00	4,100.00	3,050.00	-	1,050.00	-
Other Expenses	1,490.00	1,490.00	461.84	147.00	881.16	-
Animal Control Services						
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	-	-	500.00	-
Shade Tree Committee						
Other Expenses	43,290.00	57,290.00	43,160.71	-	14,129.29	-
Environmental Commission						
Other Expenses	750.00	750.00	185.93	-	564.07	-
<b><u>PARKS AND RECREATION</u></b>						
Recreation Services and Programs:						
Other Expenses	97,635.00	97,635.00	32,752.10	4,940.20	21,742.70	38,200.00
Celebration of Public Events, Anniversary or Holiday						
Other Expenses	16,600.00	16,600.00	5,375.23	277.70	3,747.07	7,200.00
<b><u>UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES</u></b>						
Electricity & Natural Gas	100,000.00	100,000.00	44,861.75	8,471.72	28,666.53	18,000.00
Street Lighting	182,700.00	182,700.00	168,377.22	14,322.78	-	-
Telephone	33,700.00	33,700.00	26,362.39	155.38	7,182.23	-
Gasoline	109,100.00	109,100.00	49,106.11	7,328.34	52,665.55	-
<b><u>UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>						
<b><u>OFFSET BY DEDICATED REVENUES (N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.17)</u></b>						
Salaries and Wages	412,162.00	412,162.00	365,918.14	-	11,243.86	35,000.00
Other Expenses	170,600.00	164,600.00	142,851.07	4,870.38	16,878.55	-
<b><u>MUNICIPAL COURT:</u></b>						
Municipal Court:						
Salaries and Wages	219,384.00	219,384.00	200,481.91	-	11,402.09	7,500.00
Other Expenses	29,120.00	29,120.00	13,507.37	-	15,612.63	-
<b><u>UNCLASSIFIED:</u></b>						
Contributions to Senior Citizens Centers :						
Florence Center	4,250.00	4,250.00	-	-	250.00	4,000.00
Roebbling Center	4,250.00	4,250.00	-	-	250.00	4,000.00
Condominium Services:						
Other Expenses	98,000.00	98,000.00	24,846.79	-	51,153.21	22,000.00
Total Operations - Within "CAPS"	9,557,060.00	9,553,760.00	8,409,911.16	149,802.50	765,646.34	228,400.00
Detail:						
Salaries and Wages	5,895,395.00	5,878,395.00	5,641,594.45	3,956.00	176,344.55	56,500.00
Other Expenses (Including Contingent)	3,661,665.00	3,675,365.00	2,768,316.71	145,846.50	589,301.79	171,900.00

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
CURRENT FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Appropriations		Expended			Unexpended
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	Balance Cancelled
<b>DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES - WITHIN "CAPS"</b>						
Statutory Expenditures:						
Contribution To:						
Public Employees Retirement System	239,763.00	242,538.00	242,533.11	-	4.89	-
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	190,000.03	190,000.03	136,819.75	-	33,180.28	20,000.00
Police and Firemen's Pension Fund	728,682.00	729,207.00	729,183.73	-	23.27	-
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	6,200.00	6,200.00	5,749.31	-	450.69	-
<b>Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Within "CAPS"</b>	<b>1,164,645.03</b>	<b>1,167,945.03</b>	<b>1,114,285.90</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,659.13</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes - Within "CAPS"</b>	<b>10,721,705.03</b>	<b>10,721,705.03</b>	<b>9,524,197.06</b>	<b>149,802.50</b>	<b>799,305.47</b>	<b>248,400.00</b>
<b>OPERATIONS- EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</b>						
Other Operations - Excluded from "CAPS":						
Sanitation:						
SFSP Fire District Payment	4,012.00	4,012.00	4,012.00	-	-	-
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:						
N.J. Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act	231,500.00	231,500.00	-	-	-	231,500.00
Recycling Tonnage Grant	119,553.03	119,553.03	119,553.03	-	-	-
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	8,284.00	8,284.00	8,284.00	-	-	-
Bulletproof Vest Partnership	2,944.97	2,944.97	2,944.97	-	-	-
Clean Communities Program	-	26,620.85	26,620.85	-	-	-
Burlington County Parks Grant	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	-	-	-
Body Armor Fund	2,934.10	2,934.10	2,934.10	-	-	-
School Public Safety Improvement Grant	430,000.00	430,000.00	430,000.00	-	-	-
Recreation Contribution Grant (Camp)	-	5,250.00	5,250.00	-	-	-
<b>Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"</b>	<b>974,228.10</b>	<b>1,006,098.95</b>	<b>774,598.95</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>231,500.00</b>
Detail:						
Other Expenses	974,228.10	1,006,098.95	774,598.95	-	-	231,500.00
<b>DEBT SERVICE- EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</b>						
Payment of Bond Principal	450,000.00	450,000.00	450,000.00	-	-	-
Interest on Bonds	65,095.00	65,095.00	65,093.76	-	-	1.24
Interest on Notes	264,760.00	264,760.00	264,747.00	-	-	13.00
Payment of Bond Anticipation and Capital Notes	399,050.00	399,050.00	399,050.00	-	-	-
<b>Total Debt Service - Excluded From "CAPS"</b>	<b>1,178,905.00</b>	<b>1,178,905.00</b>	<b>1,178,890.76</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14.24</b>
<b>TRANSFERRED TO BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE USE OF LOCAL SCHOOLS</b>						
	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	-	-	-
<b>Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes - Excluded From "CAPS"</b>	<b>2,193,133.10</b>	<b>2,225,003.95</b>	<b>1,993,489.71</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>231,514.24</b>
Subtotal General Appropriations	12,914,838.13	12,946,708.98	11,517,686.77	149,802.50	799,305.47	479,914.24
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	599,739.97	599,739.97	599,739.97	-	-	-
	<b>\$ 13,514,578.10</b>	<b>\$ 13,546,448.95</b>	<b>\$ 12,117,426.74</b>	<b>\$ 149,802.50</b>	<b>\$ 799,305.47</b>	<b>\$ 479,914.24</b>

Analysis of Budget after Modification:

Original Budget	\$ 13,514,578.10
Appropriation by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-47	<u>31,870.85</u>

\$ 13,546,448.95

Analysis of Paid or Charged:

Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 599,739.97
Reserve for State & Federal Grants Appropriated	770,586.95
Refunds	(1,738,281.43)
Disbursed	<u>12,485,381.25</u>
	<u>\$ 12,117,426.74</u>

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
TRUST FUND  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Assessment Trust Fund			
Cash	B-3	\$ 9,360.68	\$ 9,341.77
		<u>9,360.68</u>	<u>9,341.77</u>
Animal Control Trust Fund:			
Cash	B-3	14,939.76	19,985.59
		<u>14,939.76</u>	<u>19,985.59</u>
Open Space Trust Fund			
Cash	B-3	251,505.98	371,650.57
Due from Current Fund	A	127,372.71	-
		<u>378,878.69</u>	<u>371,650.57</u>
Other Trust Funds:			
Cash	B-3	3,157,306.44	2,018,685.39
Due from Municipal Court	B	1,702.69	-
Due from Current Fund	A	2,642.66	-
		<u>3,161,651.79</u>	<u>2,018,685.39</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$ 3,564,830.92</u>	<u>\$ 2,419,663.32</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
TRUST FUND  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>			
Assessment Trust Fund			
Fund Balance	B	\$ 9,341.77	\$ 9,341.77
Due to Current Fund	A	18.91	-
		<u>9,360.68</u>	<u>9,341.77</u>
Animal Control Trust Fund:			
Reserve for Animal Control Fund Expenditures	B-4	13,460.11	19,975.39
Due to State of New Jersey	B-5	5.40	10.20
Due to Current Fund	A	1,474.25	-
		<u>14,939.76</u>	<u>19,985.59</u>
Open Space Trust Fund			
Reserve for Open Space Trust Fund	B-7	378,878.69	371,650.57
		<u>378,878.69</u>	<u>371,650.57</u>
Other Trust Funds:			
Reserve for Miscellaneous Trust Funds	B-6	3,161,651.79	2,018,685.39
		<u>3,161,651.79</u>	<u>2,018,685.39</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		<u>\$ 3,564,830.92</u>	<u>\$ 2,419,663.32</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND  
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN RESERVE  
FOR FUTURE USE - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized:			
Amounts to be Raised by Taxation	B-2	\$ 127,372.71	\$ 126,165.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	B-2	755.83	1,895.70
BAN Premium	B-7	-	7,784.19
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Revenue		128,128.54	135,844.89
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Expenditures:			
Budget Appropriations:			
Debt Service	B-3	120,900.42	105,186.50
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Expenditures		120,900.42	105,186.50
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Excess (Deficit) in Revenue		7,228.12	30,658.39
Fund Balance, January 1	B	371,650.57	340,992.18
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Fund Balance, December 31		\$ 378,878.69	\$ 371,650.57
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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess/ (Deficit)</u>
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 126,388.00	\$ 127,372.71	\$ 984.71
Interest Income	1,200.00	755.83	(444.17)
	<u>\$ 127,588.00</u>	<u>\$ 128,128.54</u>	<u>\$ 540.54</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Appropriations		Paid or Charged	Expended	
	Budget	Budget After Modifications		Encumbered	Reserved
Debt Service:					
Payment of Bond Principal	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	-
Interest on Bonds	39,063.40	39,063.40	39,063.40	-	-
Interest on Notes	31,837.02	31,837.02	31,837.02	-	-
	120,900.42	120,900.42	120,900.42	-	-
Reserve for Future Use	6,687.58	6,687.58	-	-	6,687.58
	6,687.58	6,687.58	-	-	6,687.58
	<u>\$ 127,588.00</u>	<u>\$ 127,588.00</u>	<u>\$ 120,900.42</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,687.58</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash	C-2	\$ 3,826,352.61	\$ 5,062,614.41
Grant Receivable	C-4	1,210,019.83	1,604,860.58
Deferred Charges To Future Taxation:			
Funded	C-5	3,205,000.00	3,705,000.00
Unfunded	C-6	<u>26,035,115.77</u>	<u>26,721,415.77</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$ 34,276,488.21</u>	<u>\$ 37,093,890.76</u>
 <u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>			
Serial Bonds Payable	C-7	\$ 3,205,000.00	\$ 3,705,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes	C-8	17,411,950.00	17,107,250.00
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	C-9	195,260.99	289,059.14
Unfunded	C-9	10,627,051.01	12,434,324.57
Reserve for Encumbrances	C-9	578,723.07	785,407.67
Capital Improvement Fund	C-10	293,054.85	301,054.85
Due To:			
Current Fund	A	1,406.47	-
Reserve for:			
Environmental Remediation Encumbrances	C	687.50	687.50
Recreation Improvements - Unappropriated	C	198,099.98	198,099.98
Developer Impact Fees - Unappropriated	C	97,000.00	97,000.00
Sidewalk Improvements - Unappropriated	C	62,130.00	62,130.00
Reserve for Receivables:			
Local Aid Bikeway Program Grant	C	97,118.91	97,118.91
Transportation Trust Fund Grants	C	1,063,900.92	1,458,741.67
Fund Balance	C-1	<u>445,104.51</u>	<u>558,016.47</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		<u>\$ 34,276,488.21</u>	<u>\$ 37,093,890.76</u>

There were Bonds & Notes Authorized but not Issued on December 31, 2020 of \$8,578,663.77 and on December 31, 2019 was \$11,274,663.77.

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Balance, December 31, 2019		\$ 558,016.47
Increased By:		
Improvement Authorizations Cancelled - Funded	\$ 65,023.77	
Premium on Notes	<u>122,064.27</u>	
		<u>187,088.04</u>
		745,104.51
Decreased By:		
Anticipated Revenue		<u>300,000.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2020		<u><u>\$ 445,104.51</u></u>

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
WATER & SEWER UTILITY FUND  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Operating Fund:			
Cash	D-8	\$ 4,636,509.58	\$ 4,078,800.29
Due From:			
Utility Assessment Trust Fund	D	4,154.99	-
Utility Capital Fund	D	274,054.86	-
		<u>4,914,719.43</u>	<u>4,078,800.29</u>
Receivables With Full Reserves:			
Consumer Accounts Receivable	D-10	380,316.79	341,941.33
Utility Liens Receivable	D-11	13,919.45	12,514.15
		<u>394,236.24</u>	<u>354,455.48</u>
Total Operating Fund		<u>5,308,955.67</u>	<u>4,433,255.77</u>
Assessment Trust Fund:			
Cash	D-8	320,225.03	310,800.08
Assessments Receivable	D-24	15,994.99	76,264.95
Total Assessment Fund		<u>336,220.02</u>	<u>387,065.03</u>
Capital Fund:			
Cash	D-8	8,003,740.62	9,314,883.38
Fixed Capital	D-12	38,223,751.55	36,394,898.31
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	D-13	12,100,000.00	14,860,000.00
Total Capital Fund		<u>58,327,492.17</u>	<u>60,569,781.69</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$ 63,972,667.86</u>	<u>\$ 65,390,102.49</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**WATER & SEWER UTILITY FUND**  
**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balances</u>			
Operating Fund:			
Appropriation Reserves	D-4	\$ 874,500.57	\$ 814,372.73
Reserve for Encumbrances	D-4	343,560.63	310,666.79
Accrued Interest Payable	D-15	15,734.52	65,584.98
Accounts Payable	D	10.00	10.00
Due To:			
Current Fund	D	492,200.78	-
		<u>1,726,006.50</u>	<u>1,190,634.50</u>
Reserve for Receivables	D	394,236.24	354,455.48
Fund Balance	D-1	<u>3,188,712.93</u>	<u>2,888,165.79</u>
Total Operating Fund		<u>5,308,955.67</u>	<u>4,433,255.77</u>
Assessment Trust Fund:			
Assessment Bonds	D-23	206,000.00	261,000.00
Due to Utility Operating Fund	D	4,154.99	-
Fund Balance	D-5	<u>126,065.03</u>	<u>126,065.03</u>
Total Assessment Fund		<u>336,220.02</u>	<u>387,065.03</u>
Capital Fund:			
Serial Bonds	D-22	6,912,000.00	7,492,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes	D-16	7,300,000.00	6,788,500.00
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	D-17	153,065.24	230,600.15
Unfunded	D-17	3,472,754.84	8,742,796.35
Reserve for Encumbrances	D-17	3,421,964.50	953,044.43
Capital Improvement Fund	D-18	374,140.62	374,140.62
Reserve for Amortization	D-19	35,933,501.55	35,387,898.31
Reserve for Deferred Amortization	D-20	178,250.00	271,500.00
Due To:			
Utility Operating Fund	D	274,054.86	-
Reserve for Developer Contributions, Hovnanian	D	25,000.00	25,000.00
Fund Balance	D-2	<u>282,760.56</u>	<u>304,301.83</u>
Total Capital Fund		<u>58,327,492.17</u>	<u>60,569,781.69</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balances		<u>\$ 63,972,667.86</u>	<u>\$ 65,390,102.49</u>

There were Bonds & Notes Authorized but not Issued on December 31, 2020 of \$0.00 and on December 31, 2019 was \$7,300,000.00.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**WATER & SEWER OPERATING FUND**  
**STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized:			
Fund Balance Utilized	D-3	\$ 950,000.00	\$ 820,000.00
Rents	D-3	4,814,779.06	4,601,125.15
Water and Sewer Utility Capital Surplus	D-3	271,455.00	-
Miscellaneous	D-3	588,350.24	716,038.42
Other Credits To Income:			
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	D-14	<u>490,417.84</u>	<u>283,743.84</u>
 Total Revenue		 <u>7,115,002.14</u>	 <u>6,420,907.41</u>
Expenditures:			
Budget Appropriations:			
Operating	D-4	4,716,578.00	4,652,748.31
Capital Improvements	D-4	-	300,000.00
Debt Service	D-4	862,445.00	520,692.69
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	D-4	285,432.00	283,777.00
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	D-8	<u>-</u>	<u>9,017.31</u>
 Total Expenditures		 <u>5,864,455.00</u>	 <u>5,766,235.31</u>
 Excess (Deficit) in Revenue		 1,250,547.14	 654,672.10
Fund Balance, January 1	D	<u>2,888,165.79</u>	<u>3,053,493.69</u>
		4,138,712.93	3,708,165.79
Decreased By:			
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	D-1	<u>950,000.00</u>	<u>820,000.00</u>
 Fund Balance, December 31		 <u>\$ 3,188,712.93</u>	 <u>\$ 2,888,165.79</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
WATER & SEWER CAPITAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Balance, December 31, 2019		\$ 304,301.83
Increased By:		
Premium on Bond, Loan, Notes issued	\$ 122,266.97	
Cancellation of Improvement Authorization	<u>127,646.76</u>	
		<u>249,913.73</u>
		554,215.56
Decreased By:		
Anticipated as Revenue -Water and Sewer Utility Operating Fund		<u>271,455.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2020		<u><u>\$ 282,760.56</u></u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
WATER & SEWER OPERATING FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess/ (Deficit)</u>
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 950,000.00	\$ 950,000.00	\$ -
Water and Sewer Rents	4,600,000.00	4,814,779.06	214,779.06
Miscellaneous	700,000.00	588,350.24	(111,649.76)
Water and Sewer Utility Capital Surplus	271,455.00	271,455.00	-
	<u>\$ 6,521,455.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,624,584.30</u>	<u>\$ 103,129.30</u>

Analysis of Realized Revenues

Water and Sewer Rents:	
Collections	<u>\$ 4,814,779.06</u>
	<u>\$ 4,814,779.06</u>
Miscellaneous:	
Interest Earnings	\$ 17,677.28
Interest on Earnings - Due from Utility Capital	2,599.86
Interest on Assessments - Due from Utility Assessment Trust Fund	4,154.99
Sludge Dumping	261,698.24
Connection Fees & Taps	250,459.99
Penalties & Costs on Delinquent Accounts	23,975.55
Miscellaneous - Other	27,784.33
	<u>\$ 588,350.24</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
WATER & SEWER OPERATING FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Appropriations		Expended			
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	Cancelled
<b>Operating:</b>						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,659,373.00	\$ 1,659,373.00	\$ 1,559,464.55	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 87,508.45	\$ 10,000.00
Other Expenses	3,229,205.00	3,229,205.00	1,561,786.75	323,500.50	696,917.75	647,000.00
Group Insurance Plan For Employees	485,000.00	485,000.00	396,906.10	17,660.13	70,433.77	-
	<u>5,373,578.00</u>	<u>5,373,578.00</u>	<u>3,518,157.40</u>	<u>343,560.63</u>	<u>854,859.97</u>	<u>657,000.00</u>
<b>Debt Service:</b>						
Payment of Bond Principal	580,000.00	580,000.00	580,000.00	-	-	-
Interest on Bonds	232,445.00	232,445.00	232,445.00	-	-	-
Interest on Notes	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	-	-
	<u>862,445.00</u>	<u>862,445.00</u>	<u>862,445.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures:</b>						
<b>Statutory Expenditures:</b>						
Contributions To:						
Public Employees' Retirement System	158,432.00	158,432.00	158,432.00	-	-	-
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	127,000.00	127,000.00	107,359.40	-	19,640.60	-
	<u>285,432.00</u>	<u>285,432.00</u>	<u>265,791.40</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,640.60</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 6,521,455.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,521,455.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,646,393.80</u>	<u>\$ 343,560.63</u>	<u>\$ 874,500.57</u>	<u>\$ 657,000.00</u>

Cash Disbursements	\$ 4,061,307.53
Refunds	(55,860.68)
Accrued Interest	282,445.00
Due to Current Fund	358,501.95
	<u>\$ 4,646,393.80</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
WATER & SEWER ASSESSMENT TRUST FUND  
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Balance, December 31, 2020 & 2019

\$ 126,065.03

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
WATER & SEWER UTILITY ASSESSMENT FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess/ (Deficit)</u>
Assessment Cash	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -
	<u>\$ 55,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 55,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
WATER & SEWER UTILITY ASSESSMENT FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Appropriations		Expended	
	<u>Budget</u>	Budget After <u>Modifications</u>	Paid or <u>Charged</u>	<u>Encumbered</u> <u>Reserved</u>
Debt Service:				
Payment of Bond Principal	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -
	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP -  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Land	F	\$ 570,986.01	\$ 570,986.01
Buildings & Improvements	F	2,473,929.96	2,473,929.96
Vehicles and Equipment	F	4,545,652.34	4,464,889.41
Total Assets		<u>\$ 7,590,568.31</u>	<u>\$ 7,509,805.38</u>
 <u>Fund Balance</u>			
Investment in Fixed Assets	F	<u>\$ 7,590,568.31</u>	<u>\$ 7,509,805.38</u>
Fund Balance		<u>\$ 7,590,568.31</u>	<u>\$ 7,509,805.38</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

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**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Description of Financial Reporting Entity**

The Township of Florence, County of Burlington, New Jersey (hereafter referred to as the "Township") is governed by the Mayor-Council Plan F form of government under the New Jersey Laws of 1950 (the Faulkner Act), with a Mayor and 5-member Township Council. Administrative responsibilities are assigned to the Township Administrator. Policy is determined by the Township Council and the Administrator is responsible for carrying out such policy.

**Component Units** - GASB Statement 14, as amended by GASB Statements 39, 61, 80 and 90, establishes criteria to be used in determining the component units, which should be included in the financial statements of a primary government. The financial statements of the Township are not presented in accordance with GAAP (as discussed below). Therefore, the Township had no component units as defined by GASB Statement No. 14, as amended by GASB Statements 39, 61, 80 and 90.

**Basis of Accounting, Measurement Focus and Basis of Presentation** - The financial statements of the Township contain all funds and account groups in accordance with the "Requirements of Audit" as promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services. The principles and practices established by the Requirements of Audit 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. Generally, the financial statements are presented using the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting with minor exceptions as mandated by these "Requirements". In addition, the prescribed accounting principles previously referred to differ in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America applicable to local government units. The more significant differences are explained further in this note.

In accordance with the "Requirements", the Township accounts for its financial transactions through the use of separate funds, which are described as follows:

**Current Fund** – This fund accounts for revenues and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature, including federal and state grant funds.

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

**Trust Assessment Fund**– This fund accounts for special assessments levied against property for the cost of an improvement (i.e. new sidewalk for a community) including debt service.

**General Capital Fund** – This fund accounts for receipt and disbursement of funds for the acquisition of general capital facilities, other than those acquired in the Current Fund.

**Utility Operating and Capital Funds** – These funds accounts for utility operations that are financed through user fees. The funds are operated on a basis similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs of providing the utility to the general public be financed through user fees. Operations relating to the acquisition of capital facilities for utility purposes are recorded in the Utility Capital Fund.

**Utility Assessment Fund** – This fund accounts for all local improvements assessed for municipal owned utility purposes.

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**General Fixed Asset Account Group** – The Fixed Asset Account Group of accounts is utilized to account for property, land, buildings, and equipment that have been acquired by other funds of the Township.

**Budgets and Budgetary Accounting** - The Township must adopt an annual budget for its Current and Utility Fund in accordance with *N.J.S.A.40A:4* et seq. *N.J.S.A.40A:4-5* requires the governing body to introduce and approve the annual municipal budget no later than February 10<sup>th</sup> of each year. At introduction, the governing body must fix the time and place for a public hearing on the budget and must advertise the time and place at least ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper published and circulating in the municipality. The public hearing must not be held less than twenty-eight days after the date the budget was introduced. After the hearing has been held, the governing body may, by majority vote, adopt the budget or may amend the budget in accordance with *N.J.S.A.40A:4-9*. Amendments to adopted budgets, if any are detailed in the statements of revenues and expenditures.

An extension of the statutory dates for introduction, approval and adoption of the municipal budget may be granted by the Director of Local Government Services, with the permission of the Local Finance Board. Budgets are adopted on the same basis of accounting utilized for the preparation of the Township's financial statements. Once a budget is approved it may be amended after November 1, by a resolution adopted by the governing body.

**Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments** - Cash and Cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds and cash on deposit with public depositories. All certificates of deposit are recorded as cash regardless of the date of maturity. Under GAAP, investments are reported at fair value but under regulatory basis of accounting, investments are stated at cost. Therefore unrealized gains or losses on investments have not been recorded.

New Jersey municipal units are required by *N.J.S.A.40A:5-14* to deposit public funds in a bank or trust company having its place of business in the State of New Jersey and organized under the laws of the United States or of the State of New Jersey or in the New Jersey Cash Management Fund. *N.J.S.A.40A:5-15.1* provides a list of investments, which may be purchased by New Jersey municipal units. In addition, other State statutes permit investments in obligations issued by local utilities and other state agencies.

*N.J.S.A.17:9-41* et seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act, which was enacted in 1970 to protect governmental units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. Public depositories include State or federally chartered banks savings banks or associations located in or having a branch office in the State of New Jersey, the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of Governmental Units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the amount of their deposits to the Governmental Units.

The cash management plan adopted by the Township requires it to deposit funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Act.

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Interfunds** - Interfund receivables and payables that arise from transactions between funds are recorded by all funds affected by such transactions in the period in which the transaction is executed. Interfund receivables in the Current Fund are recorded with offsetting reserves, which are created by charges to operations. Income is recognized in the year the receivables are liquidated. Interfund receivables in the other funds are not offset by reserves.

**Inventories and Supplies** - The cost of inventories of supplies for all funds are recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The costs of inventories are not included on the various statements of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance.

**General Fixed Assets** – Accounting for governmental fixed assets, as required by *N.J.A.C.5:30-5.6*, differs in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with the regulations, all local units, including municipalities, must maintain a general fixed assets reporting system that establishes and maintains a physical inventory of nonexpendable, tangible property as defined and limited by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87 (Attachment B, Section 19), except that the useful life of such property is at least five years. The Township has adopted a capitalization threshold of \$5,000.00, the maximum amount allowed by the Circular. Generally, assets are valued at historical cost; however, assets acquired prior to December 31, 1985 are valued at actual historical cost or estimated historical cost. In some instances, assets are valued at the assessed valuation of the property at the time of acquisition, which approximates fair value. No depreciation of general fixed assets is recorded. Donated general fixed assets are recorded at their acquisition value as of the date of the transaction. Interest costs relative to the acquisition of general fixed assets are recorded as expenditures when paid. Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements such as roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks and drainage systems are not capitalized. Expenditures for construction in progress are recorded in the capital funds until such time as the construction is completed and put into operation. The Township is required to maintain a subsidiary ledger detailing fixed assets records to control additions, retirements, and transfers of fixed assets. In addition, a statement of general fixed assets, reflecting the activity for the year, must be included in the Township's basic financial statements.

The regulations require that general fixed assets, whether constructed or acquired through purchase, grant or gift be included in the aforementioned inventory. In addition, property management standards must be maintained that includes accurate records indicating asset description, source, ownership, acquisition cost and date, the percentage of federal participation (if any), and the location, use, and condition of the asset. Periodically, physical inventories must be taken and reconciled with these records. All fixed assets must be adequately controlled to safeguard against loss, damage, or theft.

**Utility Fixed Assets** – Property and equipment purchases by a utility fund are recorded in the utility capital account at cost and are adjusted for disposition. The amounts shown do not represent replacement cost or current value. The reserve for amortization and deferred reserve for amortization in the utility capital fund represent the cost of the utility fixed assets reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, loans, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Foreclosed property** – Foreclosed Property or “Property Acquired for Taxes” is recorded in the Current Fund at the assessed valuation when such property was acquired and is fully reserved. Ordinarily it is the intention of the Township to resell foreclosed property in order to recover all or a portion of the delinquent taxes or assessments and to return the property to a taxpaying basis. For this reason the value of foreclosed property has not been included in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. If such property is converted to a municipal use, it will be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group.

**Deferred Charges** – The recognition of certain expenditures is deferred to future periods. These expenditures or deferred charges are generally overexpenditures of legally adopted budget appropriations or emergency appropriations made in accordance with *N.J.S.A.40A:4-46* et seq. Deferred charges are subsequently raised as items of appropriation in budgets of succeeding years.

**Fund Balance** – Fund Balance included in the Current and Utility Operating Fund represent the amount available for anticipation as revenue in future year’s budgets, with certain restrictions.

**Revenues** – are recorded when received in cash except for certain amounts, which are due from other governmental units. Revenue from Federal and State grants are realized when anticipated as such in the Township’s budget. Receivables for property taxes are recorded with offsetting reserves on the statement of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance of the Township’s Current Fund; accordingly, such amounts are not recorded as revenue until collected. Other amounts that are due the Township, which are susceptible to accrual are also recorded as receivables with offsetting reserves and recorded as revenues when received.

**Utility Revenues** – Utility charges are levied quarterly based upon a flat service charge and if applicable, an excess consumption or usage charge. Revenues from these sources are recognized on a cash basis. Receivables that are susceptible to accrual are recorded with offsetting reserves on the balance sheet of the Townships utility operating fund.

**Property Tax Revenues** – are collected in quarterly installments due February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. The amount of tax levied includes not only the amount required in support of the Township’s annual budget, but also the amounts required in support of the budgets of the County of Burlington, Fire Districts, and Florence Township School District. Unpaid property taxes are subject to tax sale in accordance with statutes.

**County Taxes** – The municipality is responsible for levying, collecting and remitting County taxes for the County of Burlington. Operations is charged for the amount due the County for the year, based upon the ratables required to be certified to the County Board of Taxation by January 10<sup>th</sup> of the current year. In addition, operations is charged for the County share of Added and Omitted Taxes certified to the County Board of Taxation by October 10<sup>th</sup> of the current year and due to be paid to the County by February 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

**School Taxes** – The municipality is responsible for levying, collecting and remitting school taxes for the Florence Township School District. Operations are charged for the full amount required to be raised from taxation to operate the local school district July 1 to June 30.

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Deferred School Taxes** – School taxes raised in advance in the Current Fund for a school fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) which remain unpaid at December 31 of the calendar year levied may be deferred to fund balance to the extent of not more than 50% of the annual levy providing no requisition has been made by the school district for such amount.

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

**Expenditures** – are recorded on the “budgetary” basis of accounting. Generally, expenditures are recorded when an amount is encumbered through the issuance of a numerically controlled purchase order or when a contract is executed as required by Technical Accounting Directive No. 85-1. When an expenditure is paid, the amount encumbered is simultaneously liquidated in its original amount. Encumbrances are offset by an account entitled reserve for encumbrances. The reserve is classified as a cash liability under New Jersey municipal accounting. At December 31, this reserve represents the portion of appropriation reserves that has been encumbered and is subject to the same statutory provisions as appropriation reserves. Appropriations for interest payments on outstanding general capital bonds and notes are provided on the cash basis. Appropriations for interest payments on outstanding utility capital bonds and notes are provided on the accrual basis.

**Appropriation Reserves** – Appropriation reserves covering unexpended appropriation balances are automatically created at year-end and recorded as liabilities, except for amounts, which may be cancelled by the governing body. Appropriation reserves and reserve for encumbrances at current year end are available until December 31<sup>st</sup> of the succeeding year to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding year. Any unspent balances at this time are lapsed appropriation reserves and recorded as income.

**Long-Term Debt** - Long-Term Debt relative to the acquisition of capital assets, is recorded as a liability in the General and Utility Capital Fund. Where an improvement is a “local improvement”, i.e. assessable upon completion, long-term debt associated with that portion of the cost of the improvement to be funded by assessments is transferred to the Trust Fund upon the confirmation of the assessments or when the improvement is fully and permanently funded.

**Compensated Absences** – Expenditures relating to obligations for unused vested accumulated vacation and sick leave are not recorded until paid; however, municipalities may establish and budget reserve funds subject to NJSA 40A:4-39 for the future payment of compensated absences.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements** – The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. GASB adopts accounting statements to be used by governmental units when reporting financial position and results of operations in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The municipalities in the State of New Jersey do not prepare their financial statements in accordance with GAAP and thus do not comply with all of the GASB pronouncements. The following GASB pronouncement effective for the current year did have a significant impact on the Township’s financial statements.

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

The following GASB Statements became effective for the year ended December 31, 2020:

Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*. The primary objectives of this Statement are to improve the consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. It defines a majority equity interest and specifies that a majority equity interest in a legally separate organization should be reported as an investment if a government's holding of the equity interest meets the definition of an investment. A majority equity interest that meets the definition of an investment should be measured using the equity method, unless it is held by a special-purpose government engaged only in fiduciary activities, a fiduciary fund, or an endowment (including permanent and term endowments) or permanent fund. Those governments and funds should measure the majority equity interest at fair value. Statement No. 90 is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

The GASB has issued the following Statements which will become effective in future years as shown below:

Statement No. 87, *Leases*. Statement No. 87 establishes a single approach to accounting for and reporting leases by state and local governments. The GASB based the new standard on the principle that leases are financing of the right to use an underlying asset. Statement No. 87 is effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. Management has not yet determined the potential impact on the Township's financial statements.

**Note 2. Deposits and Investments**

The Township is governed by the deposit and investment limitations of New Jersey state law.

Deposits

**Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits** - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Township's deposits may not be returned. Although the Township does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, NJSA 17:9-41 et seq. requires that the governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). GUDPA is a supplemental insurance program set forth by the New Jersey Legislature to protect the deposits of local governmental agencies. The program is administered by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. Under the Act, the first \$250,000 of governmental deposits in each insured depository is protected by FDIC. Public funds owned by the Township in excess of FDIC insured amounts are protected by GUDPA. However, GUDPA does not protect intermingled trust funds such as salary withholdings, bail funds or funds that may pass to the Township relative to the happening of a future condition. Such funds are shown as Uninsured and Uncollateralized in the schedule below.



**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**Note 2. Deposits and Investments (continued)**

As of December 31, 2020, the Township's bank balance of \$27,985,739.12 was insured or collateralized as follows:

Insured under FDIC and GUDPA	\$ 23,435,980.84
NJ Cash Management Fund	1,404,293.97
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	<u>3,145,464.31</u>
	<u>\$ 27,985,739.12</u>

**Investments**

The Township had no investments as of December 31, 2020.

**Note 3. Property Taxes**

The following is a three-year comparison of certain statistical information relative to property taxes and property tax collections for the current and previous two years.

**Comparison Schedule of Tax Rates**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Tax Rate	<u>\$ 2.578</u>	<u>\$ 2.555</u>	<u>\$ 2.533</u>
Apportionment of Tax Rate:			
Municipal	0.439	0.439	0.439
Municipal Open Space	0.010	0.010	0.010
County	0.405	0.405	0.405
Local School	1.542	1.536	1.516
Fire District	0.182	0.165	0.163

**Assessed Valuation (Net Valuation Taxable)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020	\$ 1,263,876,100.00
2019	1,251,653,200.00
2018	1,250,717,600.00

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**Note 3. Property Taxes (continued)**

**Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage Of Collection</u>
2020	\$ 32,904,595.04	\$ 32,512,241.03	98.80%
2019	32,298,757.94	31,907,280.87	98.78%
2018	31,783,012.31	31,386,834.88	98.75%

**Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Title Liens</u>	<u>Delinquent Taxes</u>	<u>Total Delinquent</u>	<u>Percentage Of Tax Levy</u>
2020	\$ 267,696.46	\$ 349,705.40	\$ 617,401.86	1.88%
2019	251,710.27	366,758.53	618,468.80	1.91%
2018	243,291.88	331,972.23	575,264.11	1.81%

**Number of Tax Title Liens**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>
2020	21
2019	21
2018	16

The last tax sale was held on September 24, 2020.

**Note 4. Property Acquired By Tax Title Lien Liquidation**

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020	\$ 70,240.01
2019	70,240.01
2018	70,240.01

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**Note 5. Water-Sewer Utility Service Charges**

The following is a three-year comparison of water-sewer utility charges (rents) and collections for the current and previous two years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Levy</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage Of Collection</u>
2020	\$ 341,941.33	\$ 4,854,559.82	\$ 5,196,501.15	\$ 4,814,779.06	92.65%
2019	299,746.90	4,644,981.40	4,944,728.30	4,602,786.97	93.08%
2018	324,838.28	4,779,779.57	5,104,617.85	4,804,870.95	94.12%

**Note 6. Fund Balances Appropriated**

The following schedule details the amount of fund balances available at the end of the current year and four previous years and the amounts utilized in the subsequent year's budgets:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance December 31,</u>	<u>Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Fund Balance Used</u>
<b>Current Fund:</b>			
2020	\$ 1,845,360.07	\$ 1,716,499.60	93.02%
2019	2,379,248.73	1,750,000.00	73.55%
2018	2,854,616.02	1,826,000.00	63.97%
<b>Utility Operating Fund:</b>			
2020	\$ 3,188,712.93	\$ 1,242,776.00	38.97%
2019	2,888,165.79	950,000.00	32.89%
2018	3,053,493.69	820,000.00	26.85%

**Note 7. Disaggregated Receivable and Payable Balances**

There are no significant components of receivable and payable balances reported in the financial statements.

**Note 8. Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers**

The following interfund balances were recorded in the various statements of assets liabilities, reserves and fund balances at December 31, 2020:

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**Note 8. Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers (continued)**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Interfund Receivable</b>	<b>Interfund Payable</b>
Current Fund	\$ 495,100.41	\$ 323,136.52
State and Federal Grant Fund	193,121.15	-
Animal Control Trust	-	1,474.25
Assessment Trust Fund	-	18.91
Open Space Trust Fund	127,372.71	-
Other Trust Fund	2,642.66	-
Capital Fund	-	1,406.47
Utility Operating Fund	278,209.85	492,200.78
Utility Capital Fund	-	274,054.86
Utility Assessment Fund	-	4,154.99
	<u>\$ 1,096,446.78</u>	<u>\$ 1,096,446.78</u>

The interfund receivables and payables above predominately resulted from payment made by certain funds on behalf of other funds. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

A summary of interfund transfers is as follows:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Transfers In</b>	<b>Transfers Out</b>
Current Fund	\$ 2,167,521.46	\$ 2,655,813.75
State and Federal Grant Fund	1,237,821.41	1,241,986.87
Animal Control Trust	1,474.25	-
Assessment Trust Fund	18.91	-
Open Space Trust Fund	187,287.00	187,287.00
Other Trust Fund	11,295.75	13,938.41
Capital Fund	630,479.65	629,073.18
Utility Operating Fund	752,476.15	538,485.22
Utility Capital Fund	3,032,519.26	2,758,464.40
Utility Assessment Fund	59,154.99	55,000.00
	<u>\$ 8,080,048.83</u>	<u>\$ 8,080,048.83</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them (i.e. interest earning), (2) provide cash flow to other funds to temporary finance expenditures that are on a reimbursable basis (i.e. grants), (3) when no bank account exists for a fund, and (4) utilizing surplus or fund balance from one fund as budgeted revenue in another.

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**Note 9. Fixed Assets**

The following is a summary of changes in the General Fixed Assets Account Group for the year ended December 31, 2020.

	Balance December 31, <u>2019</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance December 31, <u>2020</u>
Land	\$ 570,986.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 570,986.01
Buildings and Improvements	2,473,929.96	-	-	2,473,929.96
Machinery & Equipment	4,464,889.41	149,262.93	(68,500.00)	4,545,652.34
	<u>\$ 7,509,805.38</u>	<u>\$ 149,262.93</u>	<u>\$ (68,500.00)</u>	<u>\$ 7,590,568.31</u>

**Note 10. Pension Obligations**

**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 PERS, please refer to Division's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annual-reports.shtml>.

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:

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

Service retirement benefits of 1/55<sup>th</sup> 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 1/60<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 with 25 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.

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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)**

**Basis of Presentation** - The schedules of employer and nonemployer allocations and the schedules of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer (collectively, the Schedules) present amounts that are considered elements of the financial statements of PERS or its participating employers. Accordingly, they do not purport to be a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of PERS or the participating employers. The accompanying Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Such preparation requires management of PERS to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Contributions** - The contribution policy for PERS is set by *N.J.S.A. 43:15A* and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For the fiscal year 2020, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount. The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. 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 the 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 will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Township's contractually required contribution to PERS plan was \$467,382.

**Components of Net Pension Liability** - At December 31, 2020, the Township's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability was \$6,967,212. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2020. The Township's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Township's actual contributions to the plan relative to the total of all participating employers' contributions for the year ended June 30, 2020. The Township's proportion measured as of June 30, 2020, was 0.04272% which was a decrease of 0.00111% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

**Balances at December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019**

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
Actuarial valuation date (including roll forward)	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 1,068,291	\$ 1,691,008
Deferred Inflows of Resources	3,143,549	2,920,986
Net Pension Liability	6,967,212	7,898,468
Township's portion of the Plan's total Net Pension Liability	0.04272%	0.04384%

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)**

**Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources** - At December 31, 2020, the Township's proportionate share of the PERS expense, calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2020 measurement date is \$384,175. This expense is not recognized by the Township because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1, but as previously mentioned the Township contributed \$467,382 to the plan in 2020.

At December 31, 2020, the Township reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 126,861	\$ 24,639
Changes of Assumptions	226,024	2,917,237
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	238,145	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Township Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	477,261	201,673
	<u>\$ 1,068,291</u>	<u>\$ 3,143,549</u>

The Township will amortize the above sources of deferred outflows and inflows related to PERS over the following number of years:

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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)**

	<b>Deferred Outflow of <u>Resources</u></b>	<b>Deferred Inflow of <u>Resources</u></b>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	-	-
June 30, 2015	5.72	-
June 30, 2016	5.57	-
June 30, 2017	5.48	-
June 30, 2018	5.63	-
June 30, 2019	5.21	-
June 30, 2020	5.16	-
Changes of Assumptions		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	6.44	-
June 30, 2015	5.72	-
June 30, 2016	5.57	-
June 30, 2017	-	5.48
June 30, 2018	-	5.63
June 30, 2019	-	5.21
June 30, 2020	-	5.16
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	-	5.00
June 30, 2015	-	5.00
June 30, 2016	5.00	-
June 30, 2017	5.00	-
June 30, 2018	5.00	-
June 30, 2019	5.00	-
June 30, 2020	-	5.00
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	6.44	6.44
June 30, 2015	5.72	5.72
June 30, 2016	5.57	5.57
June 30, 2017	5.48	5.48
June 30, 2018	5.63	5.63
June 30, 2019	5.21	5.21
June 30, 2020	5.16	5.16



**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)**

The following is a summary of the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS that will be recognized in future periods:

<b>Year Ending</b>	<b><u>Dec 31,</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
2021		\$ (665,927)
2022		(724,996)
2023		(425,988)
2024		(237,002)
2025		<u>(21,345)</u>
		<u>\$ (2,075,258)</u>

**Actuarial Assumptions** - The total pension asset/(liability) as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases:	
Through 2026	2.00 - 6.00% Based on Years of Service
Thereafter	3.00 - 7.00% Based on Years of Service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Mortality Rate Table	
PERS	Pub-2010 General Classification Headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2020
Period of Actuarial Experience	
Study upon which Actuarial Assumptions were Based	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2018

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee Mortality Table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2020.

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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)**

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018. It is likely that future experience will not exactly conform to these assumptions. To the extent that actual experience deviates from these assumptions, the emerging liabilities may be higher or lower than anticipated. The more the experience deviates, the larger the impact on future financial statements.

**Long-Term Expected Rate of Return** - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2020) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2020 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	3.40%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	0.50%
U.S. Treasuries	5.00%	1.94%
Investment Grade Credit	8.00%	2.67%
High Yield	2.00%	5.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	7.59%
Real Assets	3.00%	9.73%
Real Estate	8.00%	9.56%
U.S. Equity	27.00%	7.71%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.57%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.23%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.42%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be based on 78% 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 projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)**

**Sensitivity of the Township's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - The following presents the Township's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the Township's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	<b>1% Decrease <u>(6.00%)</u></b>	<b>Current Discount Rate <u>(7.00%)</u></b>	<b>1% Increase <u>(8.00%)</u></b>
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 8,839,524	\$ 6,967,212	\$ 5,479,777

**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 PFRS, please refer to the Division's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annual-reports.shtml>.

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

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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**B. Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)**

**Basis of Presentation** - The schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and the schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer (collectively, the Schedules) present amounts that are considered elements of the financial statements of PFRS, its participating employers or the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. Accordingly, they do not purport to be a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of PFRS, the participating employers, or the State. The accompanying Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Such preparation requires management of PFRS to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Contributions** - The contribution policy for PFRS is set by *N.J.S.A. 43:16A* and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's contribution amount is based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. For fiscal year 2020, the State contributed an amount less 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 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 will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Township’s contractually required contributions to PFRS plan was \$889,757.

**Net Pension Liability and Pension Expense** - At December 31, 2020 the Township’s proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability was \$10,291,026. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019, to the measurement date of June 30, 2020. The Township’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Township’s actual contributions to the plan relative to the total of all participating employers’ contributions for the year ended June 30, 2020. The Township’s proportion measured as of June 30, 2020, was 0.07964%, which was an increase of 0.00750% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

**Balances at December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019**

	<u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>12/31/2018</u>
	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Actuarial valuation date (including roll forward)		
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 2,152,357	\$ 1,075,952
Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,795,895	3,032,697
Net Pension Liability	10,291,026	8,828,220
Township's portion of the Plan's total net pension Liability	0.07964%	0.07214%

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**B. Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)**

**Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources** – At December 31, 2020, the Township’s proportionate share of the PFRS expense, calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2020 measurement date was \$1,039,858. This expense is not recognized by the Township because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1, but as previously mentioned the Township contributed \$122,898 to the plan in 2020.

At December 31, 2020, the Township had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PFRS from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 103,751	\$ 36,933
Changes of Assumptions	25,897	2,758,962
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	603,411	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Township Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	1,419,298	-
	<u>\$ 2,152,357</u>	<u>\$ 2,795,895</u>

The Township will amortize the above sources of deferred outflows and inflows related to PFRS over the following number of years:

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

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

	<b>Deferred Outflow of <u>Resources</u></b>	<b>Deferred Inflow of <u>Resources</u></b>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	-	-
June 30, 2015	-	5.53
June 30, 2016	-	5.58
June 30, 2017	5.59	-
June 30, 2018	5.73	-
June 30, 2019	-	5.92
June 30, 2020	5.90	-
Changes of Assumptions		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	6.17	-
June 30, 2015	5.53	-
June 30, 2016	5.58	-
June 30, 2017	-	5.59
June 30, 2018	-	5.73
June 30, 2019	-	5.92
June 30, 2020	-	5.90
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	-	5.00
June 30, 2015	-	5.00
June 30, 2016	5.00	-
June 30, 2017	5.00	-
June 30, 2018	5.00	-
June 30, 2019	-	5.00
June 30, 2020	5.00	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	6.17	6.17
June 30, 2015	5.53	5.53
June 30, 2016	5.58	5.58
June 30, 2017	5.59	5.59
June 30, 2018	5.73	5.73
June 30, 2019	5.92	5.92
June 30, 2020	5.90	5.90

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**B. Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)**

The following is a summary of the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PFRS that will be recognized in future periods:

<b>Year Ending</b>		
<b><u>Dec 31,</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	
2021	\$	(428,400)
2022		(257,901)
2023		(236,612)
2024		118,520
2025		<u>160,855</u>
	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>(643,538)</u></b>

**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 is considered to be a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under this legislation directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to this legislation.

Additionally, the State’s proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability attributable to the Township is \$1,597,120 as of December 31, 2020. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019, to the measurement date of June 30, 2020. The State’s proportion of the net pension liability associated with the Township was based on a projection of the Township’s long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. The State’s proportion measured as of June 30, 2020 was 0.07964%, which was an increase of 0.00750% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019, which is the same proportion as the Township’s. At December 31, 2020, the Township’s and the State of New Jersey’s proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability were as follows:

Township's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 10,291,026
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Associated with the Township	<u>1,597,120</u>
	<b><u>\$ 11,888,146</u></b>

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**B. Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)**

At December 31, 2020, the State’s proportionate share of the PFRS expense, associated with the Township, calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2020 measurement date was \$181,002.

**Actuarial Assumptions** - The total pension asset/(liability) as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation		
Price		2.75%
Wage		3.25%
Salary Increases:		
Through all future years		3.25 - 15.25%
		Based on Years of Service
Investment Rate of Return		7.00%
Mortality Rate Table		
	PFRS	Pub-2010 Safety Classification Headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2020
Period of Actuarial Experience		
Study upon which Actuarial		
Assumptions were Based		July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2018

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Employee mortality table with a 105.6% adjustment for males and 102.5% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Retiree Below-Median Income Weighted mortality table with a 96.7% adjustment for males and 96.0% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. For beneficiaries (contingent annuitants), the Pub-2010 General Retiree Below-Median Income Weighted mortality table was used, unadjusted, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 152.0% adjustment for males and 109.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2020.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018.



**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**B. Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)**

**Long-Term Expected Rate of Return** - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2020) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PFRS’s target asset allocation as of June 30, 2020 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	3.40%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	0.50%
U.S. Treasuries	5.00%	1.94%
Investment Grade Credit	8.00%	2.67%
High Yield	2.00%	5.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	7.59%
Real Assets	3.00%	9.73%
Real Estate	8.00%	9.56%
U.S. Equity	27.00%	7.71%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.57%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.23%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.42%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be based on 78% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the Township’s proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - The following presents the Township’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the Township’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

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

	<b>1% Decrease (6.00%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (7.00%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (8.0%)</b>
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 13,684,946	\$ 10,291,026	\$ 7,472,116
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability associated with the Township	<u>2,123,841</u>	<u>1,597,120</u>	<u>1,159,638</u>
	<u>\$ 15,808,787</u>	<u>\$ 11,888,146</u>	<u>\$ 8,631,754</u>

**Related Party Investments** - The Division of Pensions and Benefits does not invest in securities issued by the Township.

**Note 11. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions**

**General Information about the OPEB Plan**

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) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which can be found at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>.

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

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**Note 11. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (continued)**

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.

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.

**Basis of Presentation**

The schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and the schedule of OPEB amounts by employer and nonemployer (collectively, the Schedules) present amounts that are considered elements of the financial statements of its participating employers or the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. Accordingly, they do not purport to be a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of the participating employers or the State. The accompanying Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Such preparation requires management of the Plan to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Allocation Methodology**

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the Plan to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources, and collective OPEB (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 (benefit) expense are based on separately calculated total OPEB liabilities. For the special funding situation and the nonspecial funding situation, the total OPEB liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2019 were \$5,637,151,775.00 and \$8,182,092,807.00, respectively. 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, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Employer and nonemployer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes; therefore, amounts presented in the schedule of OPEB amounts by employer and nonemployer may result in immaterial differences.

**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.

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**Note 11. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (continued)**

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. 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.

The participating employer allocations included in the supplemental schedule of employer special funding allocations and the supplemental schedule of special funding amounts by employer for each employer are provided as each employer is required to record in their financial statements, as an expense and corresponding revenue, their proportionate share of the OPEB expense allocated to the State of New Jersey under the special funding situation and include their proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability in their respective notes to their financial statements. For this purpose, the proportionate share was developed based on eligible plan members subject to the special funding situation. This data takes into account active members from both participating and non-participating employer locations and retired members currently receiving OPEB benefits.

Additionally, the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Township is \$7,043,357 as of December 31, 2019. The OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2019. The total OPEB liability used to calculate the OPEB liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total OPEB liability from an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018, to the measurement date of June 30, 2019. The State's proportion of the OPEB liability associated with the Township was based on a projection of the Township's long-term share of contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. The State's proportion measured as of June 30, 2019 was 0.1274649929%, which was an increase of 0.0113329911% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018, which is the same proportion as the Township's. At December 31, 2019, the Township's and the State of New Jersey's proportionate share of the OPEB liability were as follows:

State of New Jersey's	
Proportionate Share of OPEB Liability	
Associated with the Township	\$ 7,043,357.00

At December 31, 2019, the State's proportionate share of the OPEB expense, associated with the Township, calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2019 measurement date was \$93,361.

\*Note that the information presented above is in accordance with Local Finance Notice 2021-10, which differs from the requirements of *GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*.

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
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**Note 12. Municipal Debt**

The following schedule represents the Township's summary of debt, as filed in the Township's Annual Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law of New Jersey for the current and two previous years:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>Issued:</b>			
General:			
Bonds, Notes and Loans	\$ 20,616,950.00	\$ 20,812,250.00	\$ 16,496,913.51
Utility:			
Bonds, Notes and Loans	14,212,000.00	14,541,500.00	6,908,650.00
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Total Debt Issued	34,828,950.00	35,353,750.00	23,405,563.51
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<b>Authorized but not issued:</b>			
General:			
Bonds, Notes and Loans	8,578,663.77	11,319,165.77	10,696,663.77
Utility:			
Bonds, Notes and Loans	-	7,300,000.00	1,500,000.00
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Total Authorized But Not Issued	8,578,663.77	18,619,165.77	12,196,663.77
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<b>Total Gross Debt</b>	<b>\$ 43,407,613.77</b>	<b>\$ 53,972,915.77</b>	<b>\$ 35,602,227.28</b>
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<b>Deductions:</b>			
General:			
Funds on Hand For Payment of Bonds and Notes:			
Open Space	-	2,003,250.00	2,196,500.00
Utility:			
Self Liquidating Debt	\$ 14,212,000.00	\$ 21,841,500.00	\$ 8,408,650.00
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Total Deductions	14,212,000.00	23,844,750.00	10,605,150.00
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<b>Total Net Debt</b>	<b>\$ 29,195,613.77</b>	<b>\$ 30,128,165.77</b>	<b>\$ 24,997,077.28</b>
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Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statement

The following schedule is a summary of the previous schedule and is prepared in accordance with the required method of setting up the Annual Debt Statement:

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
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**Note 12. Municipal Debt (continued)**

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
General Debt	\$ 29,195,613.77	\$ -	\$ 29,195,613.77
Utility Debt	14,212,000.00	14,212,000.00	-
	\$ 43,407,613.77	\$ 14,212,000.00	\$ 29,195,613.77

Net Debt \$29,195,613.77 divided by the average Equalized Valuation Basis per N.J.S.A 40A:2-2 as amended, \$1,273,851,807.33, equals 2.292%. New Jersey statute 40A:2-6, as amended, limits the debt of a Municipality to 3.5% of the last three preceding year's average equalized valuations of real estate, including improvements and the assessed valuation of Class II Railroad Property. The remaining borrowing power in dollars at December 31, 2020 is calculated as follows:

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

3 1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$ 44,584,813.26
Net Debt	29,195,613.77
Remaining Borrowing Power	\$ 15,389,199.49

Self-Liquidating Utility Calculation per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-46

Cash Receipts From Fees, Rents or Other Charges for the Year	\$ 6,624,584.30
Deductions:	
Operating and Maintenance Costs	\$ 5,659,010.00
Debt Service	862,445.00
Total Deductions	6,521,455.00
Excess/(Deficit) in Revenue	\$ 103,129.30

\*If Excess in Revenues all Utility Debt is Deducted

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
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**Note 12. Municipal Debt (continued)**

**General Debt**

**A. Serial Bonds Payable**

On June 21, 2011, the Township issued \$5,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds. The General Obligation Bonds were issued at interest rates varying from 2.000% to 3.375% and mature on March 1, 2024.

On December 5, 2019, the Township issued \$1,425,000 of General Obligation Bonds. The General Obligation Bonds were issued at interest rates varying from 2.125% to 4.000% and mature on November 1, 2037.

Principal and interest due on the outstanding bonds is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$ 520,000.00	\$ 92,656.26	\$ 612,656.26
2022	520,000.00	76,121.88	596,121.88
2023	530,000.00	58,937.50	588,937.50
2024	530,000.00	40,900.00	570,900.00
2025	70,000.00	30,337.50	100,337.50
2026-2030	385,000.00	112,737.50	497,737.50
2031-2035	450,000.00	61,806.26	511,806.26
2036-2037	200,000.00	8,125.00	208,125.00
	<u>\$ 3,205,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 481,621.90</u>	<u>\$ 3,686,621.90</u>

**B. Bond Anticipation Notes Payable – Short Term Debt**

The following is a summary of bond anticipation notes payable accounted for in the General Capital Fund at December 31, 2020:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Date of Maturity</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 2020</u>
Series 2020A	1/17/2020	1/15/2021	1.750%	\$ 13,700,450.00
Taxable Series 2020B	1/17/2020	1/15/2021	1.520%	1,004,500.00
Series 2020B	5/27/2020	6/10/2021	2.000%	2,707,000.00
				<u>\$ 17,411,950.00</u>

The purpose of these short-term borrowings was to provide resources for general capital construction, acquisitions or improvement projects and other purposes permitted by State Local Bond Law NJSA 40A:2 et. seq.

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)  
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**Note 12. Municipal Debt (continued)**

**C. Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued**

As of December 31, 2020, the Township had \$8,578,663.77 in various General Capital bonds and notes authorized but not issued.

**Water & Sewer Utility Debt**

**A. Serial Bonds Payable**

On June 21, 2011, the Township issued \$967,000 of Utility Revenue Bonds. The Bonds were issued at interest rates varying from 2.000% to 3.375% and mature on March 1, 2024.

On March 11, 2013, the Township issued \$1,310,000 of Bridge Commission Bonds. The Bonds were issued at interest rates varying from 2.000% to 5.000% and mature on November 1, 2023.

On December 15, 2019, the Township issued \$6,460,000 of Utility Bonds. The Bonds were issued at interest rates varying from 2.125% to 4.000% and mature on November 1, 2034.

Principal and interest due on the outstanding bonds is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 220,517.52	\$ 820,517.52
2022	615,000.00	195,911.27	810,911.27
2023	630,000.00	170,542.52	800,542.52
2024	482,000.00	144,461.89	626,461.89
2025	405,000.00	127,193.76	532,193.76
2026-2030	2,195,000.00	414,356.30	2,609,356.30
2031-2034	1,985,000.00	123,931.26	2,108,931.26
	<u>\$ 6,912,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,396,914.52</u>	<u>\$ 8,308,914.52</u>

On June 21, 2011, the Township issued \$701,000 of Utility Assessment Bonds. The Bonds were issued at interest rates varying from 2.000% to 3.375% and mature on March 1, 2024.

Principal and interest due on the outstanding bonds is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 5,721.26	\$ 60,721.26
2022	55,000.00	4,036.88	59,036.88
2023	50,000.00	2,365.00	52,365.00
2024	46,000.00	776.25	46,776.25
	<u>\$ 206,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,899.39</u>	<u>\$ 218,899.39</u>



**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
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**Note 12. Municipal Debt (continued)**

**B. Bond Anticipation Notes Payable – Short Term Debt**

The following is a summary of bond anticipation notes payable accounted for in the Utility Capital Fund at December 31, 2020:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Date of Maturity</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 2020</u>
Series 2020B	5/27/2020	6/10/2021	2.000%	\$ 7,300,000.00
				<u>\$ 7,300,000.00</u>

The purpose of these short-term borrowings was to provide resources for utility capital construction, acquisitions or improvement projects and other purposes permitted by State Local Bond Law NJSA 40A:2 et. seq.

**C. Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued**

As of December 31, 2020 the Township had no Utility bonds and notes authorized but not issued.

**Summary of Principal Debt**

A summary of the changes in long-term and short term debt of the Township is as follows:

	Balance December 31, <u>2019</u>	Accrued/ <u>Increases</u>	Retired/ <u>Decreases</u>	Balance December 31, <u>2020</u>	Balance Due Within <u>One Year</u>
<b>General Capital:</b>					
General Bonds	\$ 3,705,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 3,205,000.00	\$ 520,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes	17,107,250.00	17,411,950.00	17,107,250.00	17,411,950.00	17,411,950.00
	<u>\$ 20,812,250.00</u>	<u>\$ 17,411,950.00</u>	<u>\$ 17,607,250.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,616,950.00</u>	<u>\$ 17,931,950.00</u>
<b>Utility Capital:</b>					
Utility Bonds	\$ 7,753,000.00	\$ -	\$ 635,000.00	\$ 7,118,000.00	\$ 655,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes	6,788,500.00	7,300,000.00	6,788,500.00	7,300,000.00	7,300,000.00
	<u>\$ 14,541,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,300,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,423,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,418,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,955,000.00</u>

**Note 13. Tax Anticipation Note**

On June 11, 2020 the Township issued \$4,000,000 in Tax Anticipation Notes, 2020 Series 2020A. The purpose of the Note was to provide short-term cash flow needs prior to the collection of taxes. The Notes bear an interest rate of 2.00% and mature on March 30, 2021.

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**Note 14. Accrued Sick, Vacation and Compensation Time**

As discussed in Note 1 and in accordance with accounting principles prescribed by the State of New Jersey, the cash basis of accounting is followed for recording the Township’s liability related to unused vacation, sick pay and compensation time. The Township permits certain employees within limits to accumulate unused vacation, sick pay and compensation time, which may be taken as time off or paid at a later date at an agreed upon rate. In accordance with New Jersey accounting principles, this unused accumulated absences amount is not reported as a liability in the accompanying financial statements. It is estimated that accrued benefits for compensated absences are valued at \$1,086,581.66 at December 31, 2020.

**Note 15. Risk Management**

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

**Joint Insurance Pool**

The Township is a member of the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund. The Fund provides the Township with the following coverage

Worker’s Compensation	\$300,000
Commercial General Liability	\$300,000
Law Enforcement Professional Liability	\$300,000
Employer’s Liability	\$300,000
Auto Liability	\$300,000
Crime	\$ 50,000

Contributions to the Funds are payable in two installments and are based on actuarial assumptions determined by the Funds’ actuaries. The Fund publishes its own financial report for the year ended December 31, 2020 which can be obtained on the Fund’s website.

**New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance**

The Township has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the “Reimbursement Method.” Under this plan, the Township is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund, dollar-for-dollar, for unemployment benefits paid to its former employees who were laid off or furloughed and charged to its account with the State. The Township is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State. The following is a summary of Township contributions, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and the ending balance of the Township’s unemployment trust fund for the current and previous two years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Employee Contributions</u>	<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>Amount Reimbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2020	\$ -	\$ 10,157.70	\$ -	\$ 447.00	\$ 53,252.44
2019	-	9,620.32	-	6,911.00	43,541.74
2018	-	9,254.93	-	7,200.00	40,832.42

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**Note 16. Contingencies**

Grantor Agencies

The Township receives financial assistance from the State of New Jersey and the U.S. government in the form of grants. Entitlement to the funds is generally conditional upon compliance with terms and conditions of the grant agreements and applicable regulations, including the expenditure of the funds for eligible purposes. Substantially all grants, entitlements and cost reimbursements are subject to financial and compliance audits by grantors. As a result of these audits, costs previously reimbursed could be disallowed and require repayment to the grantor agency. As of December 31, 2020 the Township estimates that no material liabilities will result from such audits.

Litigation

The Township is a defendant in several legal proceedings that are in various stages of litigation. It is believed that the outcome, or exposure to the Township, from such litigation is either unknown or potential losses, if any, would not be material to the financial statements.

Tax Appeals

Losses arising from tax appeals are recognized at the time a decision is rendered by an administrative or judicial body; however, municipalities may establish reserves transferred from tax collections or by budget appropriation for future payments of tax appeal losses. There are no significant pending tax appeals as of December 31, 2020.

**Note 17. Tax Abatements**

The following is a recapitulation of the total amount of taxes abated under the Tax Abatement programs provided by the Township:

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Taxes if Billed in Full</u>	<u>Pilot Billings</u>	<u>Taxes Abated</u>
Subaru	Comm./Indust.	\$ 1,236,620.00	\$ 366,483.60	\$ 870,136.40
Express Scripts	Comm./Indust.	381,052.70	127,574.20	253,478.50
Destination Maternity	Comm./Indust.	476,009.28	173,489.53	302,519.75
Burlington Stores	Comm./Indust.	733,658.03	468,737.68	264,920.35
Amazon	Comm./Indust.	791,577.33	352,453.62	439,123.71
QPSI	Comm./Indust.	499,413.08	187,622.86	311,790.22
B&H Phot	Comm./Indust.	730,193.45	339,965.73	390,227.72
		<u>\$ 4,848,523.87</u>	<u>\$ 2,016,327.22</u>	<u>\$ 2,832,196.65</u>

**Note 18. Subsequent Events**

Management has reviewed and evaluated all events and transactions that occurred between December 31, 2020 and June 23, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued and has noted the following:

COVID-19:

COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus, had been characterized as a pandemic (the "Pandemic") by the World Health Organization and is currently affecting many parts of the

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**Note 18. Subsequent Events (continued)**

world, including the United States and the State of New Jersey. On January 31, 2020, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for the United States and, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States a national emergency. Subsequently, the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called upon Americans to take actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the United States.

In New Jersey, Governor Murphy declared a state of emergency on March 9, 2020, and issued multiple Executive Orders regarding the Pandemic. On June 4, 2021, Governor Murphy signed an Executive Order declaring the end to the Pandemic effective July 4, 2021, subject to certain executive orders remaining in effect until January 1, 2022. The Township expects ongoing actions may be taken by State, federal and local governments and private entities to mitigate the spread and impacts of the Pandemic. The Pandemic has negatively affected travel, commerce and financial markets globally, and is widely expected to continue negatively affecting economic growth and financial markets worldwide.

The Township cannot reasonably predict how long the Pandemic in New Jersey is expected to last, how the outbreak may impact the financial condition or operations of the Township, whether there will be any impact on the assessed values of property within the Township or unexpected deferrals of tax payments to the Township or the costs associated with this or any other potential infectious disease outbreak, including whether there will be any reduction in State funding or an increase in operational costs of the Township. As of the year ending December 31, 2020, the Township's financial condition was not adversely affected by the Pandemic.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the "ARP") was passed by Congress on March 10, 2021 and signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021. The ARP includes funding for States and local governments, including the Township, which may be used to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, to provide premium pay to eligible workers that are providing essential work during the emergency, to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the emergency, and to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. The Township has been allocated two payments totaling \$1,306,891.56 from ARP funds to be received in 2021 and 2022.

Debt Issued:

On January 6, 2021, the Township issued General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$9,720,000. The General Obligation Bonds were issued at interest rates varying from 2.000% to 4.00% and mature on January 15, 2041.

**APPENDIX C**

**FORMS OF APPROVING LEGAL OPINIONS OF BOND COUNSEL**

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June \_\_, 2022

Mayor and Township Council  
Township of Florence, in the  
County of Burlington, New Jersey

Re: Township of Florence, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Improvement Bonds, Series 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Bond Counsel in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Improvement Bonds, Series 2022, (the “Bonds”) by the Township of Florence (the “Township”) in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the “County”).

The Bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to: (i) the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented (“Local Bond Law”); (ii) Resolution 2022-95 of the Township adopted by the Township Council on May 4, 2022 (“Authorizing Resolution”) and (iii) the bond ordinances set forth in the Authorizing Resolution of the Township (the “Bond Ordinances”).

The Bonds are dated June \_\_, 2022, and mature on March 1 in each of the years and in the respective principal amounts as set forth on the inside cover of an Official Statement dated May \_\_, 2022 related to the Bonds, and bear interest at the respective interest rates per annum set forth in the Official Statement, payable semi-annually thereafter on March 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, commencing March 1, 2023.

The Bonds are issued without coupons. The principal amounts of the Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to their respective maturity and principal payment dates as set forth therein.

As the basis for the opinion set forth below, we have examined such matters of law as we have deemed necessary including, *inter alia*, the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (“Code”), and the Local Bond Law. We have also examined such documents, certifications and instruments as we have deemed necessary including, without limitation, the proceedings of the Township Council in connection with the adoption of the Ordinances and the Authorizing Resolution, and the other certifications, instruments, documents and opinions prepared in connection with the Bonds.

In rendering the following opinion, we have relied upon the authenticity, truthfulness and completeness of all documents, instruments and certifications examined.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the following opinion:

1. The Bond Ordinances and the Authorizing Resolution have been duly adopted by the Township Council and are in full force and effect.

2. The Bonds are legal, valid and binding obligations of the Township enforceable in accordance with the terms thereof, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws or equitable principles affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally ("Creditors' Rights Limitations").

3. For the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, the Township has the power and is obligated, to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all taxable real property within the jurisdiction of the Township without limitation as to rate or amount, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be affected by Creditors' Rights Limitations.

4. On the date hereof, the Township has covenanted in its Arbitrage and Tax Certificate (the "Certificate") to comply with certain continuing requirements that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order to preserve the tax-exempt status of the Bonds pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Pursuant to Section 103 of the Code, failure to comply with these requirements could cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. In the event that the Township continuously complies with its covenants and in reliance on representations, certifications of fact and statements of reasonable expectations made by the Township in its Certificate, it is our opinion that, under existing law, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code. Interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code for purposes of computing alternative minimum tax. We express no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds. Further, in our opinion, based upon existing law, interest on the Bonds and any gain on the sale thereof are not included in gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act.

We express no other opinion regarding other federal or State tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

This opinion is issued as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update, revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may come to our attention after the date of this opinion, or any changes in law or interpretations thereof that may occur after the date of this opinion, or for any reason whatsoever.

For purposes of this opinion, the enforceability (but not the validity) of the documents mentioned herein may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws now or hereafter enacted by any state or by the federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights, and by equitable principles, and the phrase "enforceable in accordance with their terms" shall not mean that specific performance would necessarily be available as a remedy in every situation.

We express no opinion herein as to the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of any official statement, private placement memorandum or other offering material pertaining to the offering of the Bonds.

Very truly yours,



June \_\_, 2022

Mayor and Township Council of the  
Township of Florence, in the  
County of Burlington, New Jersey

Re: Township of Florence, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey  
\$10,300,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2022C.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance by the Township of Florence, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "Township") of its \$10,300,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2022C (the "Notes"). The Notes are general obligations of the Township and the full faith, credit and taxing power of the Township are available to pay the principal of and the interest on the Notes. The Notes are dated June 7, 2022 and mature on June 6, 2023. The Notes bear interest at a rate of \_\_\_% per annum payable at maturity, and are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

The Notes are issued under the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, effective January 1, 1962 and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto (the "Local Bond Law") and Bond Ordinance Nos. 2019-16, 2019-17, and 2022-06 (the "Ordinances"). The Notes are issued for the purpose of (i) financing, on a temporary basis, certain capital improvements of the Township and (ii) paying for the costs of issuance of the Notes.

In our capacity as Bond Counsel and as a basis for the opinions set forth below, we have examined such matters of law, including the Local Bond Law and the Code, such documents, including the Ordinances, and such other statutes, resolutions, certificates, instruments and records of the Township, as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purpose of the opinion rendered below. In such examination, we have assumed and relied upon the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to the original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies. As to any facts material to our opinion we have, when relevant facts were not independently established, relied upon the aforesaid instruments, certificates and documents.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Notes have been duly authorized, executed and delivered and constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Township enforceable in accordance with their terms.

2. The power and obligation of the Township to pay the Notes is unlimited, and, if not paid from other sources, the Township is required to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

3. On the date hereof, the Township has covenanted in its Arbitrage and Tax Certificate (the "Certificate") to comply with certain continuing requirements that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Notes in order to preserve the tax-exempt status of the Notes pursuant to Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Pursuant to Section 103(a) of the Code, failure to comply with these requirements could cause interest on the Notes to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Notes. In the event that the Township continuously complies with its covenants and in reliance on representations, certifications of fact and statements of reasonable expectations made by the Township in the Certificate, it is our opinion that, under existing law, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code. Interest on the Notes is not an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code for purposes of computing alternative minimum tax ("AMT"). We express no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes. Further, in our opinion, based upon existing law, interest on the Notes and any gain on the sale thereof are not included in gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act. These opinions are based on existing statutes, regulations, administrative pronouncements and judicial decisions.

For purposes of this opinion, the enforceability (but not the validity) of the documents mentioned herein may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws now or hereafter enacted by any state or by the federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally, and by equitable principles, and the phrase "enforceable in accordance with their terms" shall not mean that specific performance would necessarily be available as a remedy in every situation.

Other than as set forth in Paragraph 3, we express no opinion regarding other federal and state tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes.

We express no opinion herein as to the adequacy or accuracy of any official statement, private placement memorandum or other offering material pertaining to the offering of the Notes. This opinion is given as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to update or supplement the opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention or any changes in law that may hereafter occur.

Very truly yours,