TOWNSHIP OF HOPE COUNTY OF WARREN STATE OF NEW JERSEY

REPORT OF AUDIT DECEMBER 31, 2018

TOWNSHIP OF HOPE

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PART I REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2018

AUDITORS' REPORTS





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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the Township Committee Township of Hope P.O. Box 284 County of Warren, New Jersey Hope, New Jersey 07844

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements-regulatory basis, which comprise the comparative balance sheets-regulatory basis of the various funds of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey (the "Township"), as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related comparative statements of operations and changes in fund balance-regulatory basis for the years then ended, and the related statement of revenues-regulatory basis, and statement of expenditures-regulatory basis of the various funds, and the related notes to the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements 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; this includes 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; audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey; and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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

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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 Township's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating 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.

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

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Township prepares its financial statements in conformity with regulatory basis accounting practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the Township's policy to prepare its financial statements on the basis of accounting discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, or the results of its operations and changes in its fund balances for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements-regulatory basis referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position-regulatory basis of the various funds of the Township, as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the results of operations and changes in fund balance-regulatory basis of such funds for the years then ended and the statement of revenues-regulatory basis and statement of expenditures-regulatory basis of the various funds for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principals and practices as described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Other Matters

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements-regulatory basis. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements-regulatory basis.

The supplementary information exhibits are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements-regulatory basis. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements-regulatory basis and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements-regulatory basis, or to the basic financial statements-regulatory basis themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Because of the significance of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, it is inappropriate to and we do not express an opinion on the Supplementary information referred to above.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 30, 2019, 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, 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.

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Frenchtown, New Jersey

April 30, 2019

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April 30, 2019



<u>CURRENT FUND</u> <u>COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET</u>

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ASSETS		BALANCE <u>12/31/18</u>	BALANCE <u>12/31/17</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		Ф. 1. 12 0. 0.60	ф. 1.102.224
Cash - Treasurer	A-4	\$ 1,420,060	\$ 1,192,324
Receivables And Other Assets With Full Reserves:			
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-6	45,537	70,487
Tax Title Liens Receivable	A-7	100,888	198,548
Property Acquired For Taxes-Assessed Valuation	A-8	858,700	858,700
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-9	5,892	8,945
Due Other Governmental Units - Joint Court	A-10	19,353	4,750
Other Accounts Receivable	A	20,000	_
Amount Due From State and Federal Grants Fund	A	-	22,224
Amount Due From General Capital Fund	C	92	177
Amount Due From Other Trust Fund	В	38,298	27,907
Amount Due From Dog License Fund	В	4	7
Subtotal		1,088,764	1,191,745
Total Current Fund Assets		2,508,824	2,384,069
Federal And State Grant Fund:			
Federal/State Grants Receivable	A-18	240,969	188,729
Amount Due From Current Fund	A	144,386	-
Amount Due From General Capital Fund	C	28,346	28,346
Subtotal		413,701	217,075
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 2,922,525</u>	\$ 2,601,144

<u>CURRENT FUND</u> <u>COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET</u>

A Sheet 2

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE	REF.	BALANCE 12/31/18	BALANCE 12/31/17
Liabilities:			
Appropriation Reserves	A-3:11	\$ 66,306	\$ 75,486
Reserve For Encumbrances-Budget Appropriations	A-12	7,466	17,704
Amount Due To State and Federal Grants Fund	A	144,386	_
Amount Due To Other Trust Fund	В	15,850	8,150
Taxes Collected In Advance	A-13	85,698	272,866
Tax Overpayments	A-14	4,252	15,377
Amount Due County For Added Taxes	A-15	2,137	3,020
Amount Due For Local School Taxes	A-16	113,604	101,820
Amount Due To State Of New Jersey For Senior Citizens and			
Veterans Deductions	A-17	5,958	6,958
Accounts Payable	A-21	1,225	1,250
Amount Due To Other Trust Fund - Municipal Open Space	A-22	155,257	119,820
Fema Reserve	A-23	7,368	7,368
Insurance Proceeds Reserve	A-24	46,053	48,878
Other Reserves	A-25	24,088	742
Subtotal		679,648	679,439
Reserve For Receivables And Other Assets	A	1,088,764	1,191,745
Fund Balance	A-1	740,412	512,885
Total Current Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		2,508,824	2,384,069
Federal And State Grant Fund:			
Amount Due To Current Fund	A	-	22,224
Reserve For Federal/State Grants - Appropriated	A-19	412,676	193,890
Reserve For Federal/State Grants - Unappropriated	A-20	1,025	961
Subtotal		413,701	217,075
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		\$ 2,922,525	\$ 2,601,144

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

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REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	REF.	YEAR 2018	YEAR 2017
Fund Balance Utilized	A-2	\$ 169,948	\$ 145,000
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-2	811,499	578,888
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	A-2	169,473	90,051
Receipts From Current Taxes	A-2	6,265,241	6,206,244
Non-Budget Revenues	A-2	29,887	45,949
Other Credits To Income:			
Interfund Returns	A-4	12,007	_
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	A-20	489	270
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	A-11	50,717	63,471
TOTAL INCOME		7,509,261	7,129,873
EXPENDITURES			
Budget and Emergency Appropriations:			
Operations:			
Salaries and Wages	A-3	451,698	424,863
Other Expenses	A-3	818,053	748,478
Capital Improvements	A-3	-	-
Municipal Debt Service	A-3	259,079	138,852
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	A-3	75,107	75,739
County Taxes	A-15	1,632,434	1,689,860
Amount Due County For Added and Omitted Taxes	A-15	2,137	3,020
Local District School Taxes	A-16	3,810,717	3,801,160
Municipal Open Space Taxes	A-22	55,548	50,330
Interfund Advances/Returns	A-4	7,013	16,010
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		7,111,786	6,948,311
Excess in Revenue		397,475	181,562
Statutory Excess To Fund Balance		397,475	181,562
Fund Balance January 1	A	512,885	476,323
		910,360	657,885
Decreased by:			
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	A-1	169,948	145,000
Fund Balance December 31	A	\$ 740,412	\$ 512,885

CURRENT FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES

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	REF.	<u>ANTI</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	EXCESS OR DEFICIT	
Anticipated Surplus-Cash Surplus	A-1	\$ 169,948	\$ 169,948	
Miscellaneous Revenues				
LOCAL REVENUES:	4 0	4.100	5 422	Ф 1.222
Liquor Licenses-Clerk	A-9	4,100	5,422	
Municipal Court Fines and Costs	A-9	96,225	113,425	17,200
Interest and Costs On Taxes	A-6	11,700	83,165	71,465
Interest on Investments and Deposits	A-9	1,400	17,172	15,772
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES		113,425	219,184	105,759
STATE AID REVENUES:				
Energy Receipts Tax	A-9	184,384	184,384	-
Garden State Trust Fund	A-9	7,426	7,426	-
TOTAL STATE AID REVENUES		191,810	191,810	-

<u>CURRENT FUND</u> <u>STATEMENT OF REVENUES</u>

A-2 Sheet 2

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>ANTI</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>CIPATED</u> <u>N.J.S. 40A:4-87</u>	REALIZED	EXCESS OR <u>DEFICIT</u>
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT REVENUES:					
Clean Communities Program	A-18:20	7,069		7,069	
Municipal Drug Alliance	A-18:20	3,342		3,342	
Recycling Tonnage Grant	A-18:20	961		961	
NJDOT Grant - Birch Ridge Road	A-18:20		\$ 140,000	140,000	
NJDOT Grant - Osmun Road	A-18:20		115,000	115,000	
Moravian Grange Generator	A-18:20		15,500	15,500	
TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT REVENUES	_	11,372	270,500	281,872	
Other Special Items: Reserve for Debt Service-General Capital Fund	A-4	118,633		118,633	_
Total Other Special Items	Α	118,633		118,633	
Total Other Special Items	-	110,033		110,033	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	A-2	435,240	270,500	811,499	105,759
RECEIPTS FROM DELINQUENT TAXES	A-2	25,000		169,473	144,473
Amount To be Raised by Taxes For Support Of Municipal Budget:		0.40.00		000.000	(1.10.1
Local Tax For Municipal Purposes	A-2	842,226		903,350	61,124
Total General Revenues		1,472,414	270,500	2,054,270	311,356
N. D. L. (D.					
Non-Budget Revenues:				20.007	20.007
Other Non-Budget Revenues	A-1			29,887	29,887
		\$ 1,472,414	\$ 270,500	\$ 2,084,157	\$ 341,243

CURRENT FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES

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REF.

ANALYSIS OF REALIZED REVENUES		
Allocation Of Current Tax Collections: Revenue from Collections State of New Jersey, Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions	A-1	\$ 6,248,491 16,750 6,265,241
Allocated To: School, County Taxes and Municipal Open Space Taxes	A-15:16:22	5,500,836
Excess Supported by Municipal Revenues		764,405
Add (Decreased) by: Appropriation "Reserve For Uncollected Taxes"	A-3	138,945
Amount For Support Of Municipal Budget Appropriations	A-2	\$ 903,350

CURRENT FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES

A-2 Sheet 4

ANALYSIS OF NON-BUDGET REVENUES	REF.			
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:				
Treasurer:				
Zoning Permits		\$ 1,200		
Grange Rent		6,010		
Property Lists		50		
Vital Statistics		30		
Garage Sale Permit		10		
Cable TV Franchise		1,716		
Hotel Tax		7,897		
Board of Adjustment		900		
Licenses		800		
Sale of Municipal Assets		2,011		
Insurance Reimbursement		2,215		
Copies Sales		919		
Miscellaneous		465		
Void Checks		4,143		
Miscellaneous-Collector		 1,521		
	A-4		\$ 29,887	_

A-3 Sheet 1

OPERATIONS within "CAPS" GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS: General Administration:		APPROP BUDGET	RIATION BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION	•	EXPENDED PAID OR CHARGED	RESERVED	UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELLED
Salaries and Wages	\$	85,654	\$ 85,654	\$	83,672	\$ 1,982	
Other Expenses	Ψ.	24,000	22,000	Ψ	19,073	2,927	
Mayor and Council:		,	,		,-,-	_,-,-	
Salaries and Wages		8,319	8,319		8,115	204	
Other Expenses		1,000	1,000		749	251	
Municipal Clerk (Elections):		,	,				
Salaries and Wages:							
Search Official		-	-		_	-	
Other Expenses		590	590		-	590	
Financial Administration (Treasury):							
Salaries and Wages		18,137	18,138		18,137	1	
Other Expenses		500	500		352	148	
Audit Services:							
Other Expenses		19,400	19,400		18,988	412	
Computerized Data Processing:							
Other Expenses		7,507	7,507		6,188	1,319	
Revenue Administration (Tax Collection):							
Salaries and Wages:		29,927	29,927		29,927	-	
Other Expenses		1,000	1,325		1,325	-	
Tax Assessment Administration:							
Salaries and Wages		22,346	18,246		18,246	-	
Other Expenses		37,413	8,413		8,272	141	
Legal Services (Legal Dept.):							
Other Expenses		23,000	23,000		15,351	7,649	
Engineering Services:							
Other Expenses		22,125	22,125		20,910	1,215	
Historical Sites Office:							
Salaries and Wages		1,476	1,476		1,476	-	
Other Expenses		532	532		144	388	

$\frac{\text{CURRENT FUND}}{\text{STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES}}$

A-3 Sheet 2

	<u>APPROPRIATION</u> BUDGET AFTER		EXPENDED PAID OR	UNEXPENDED BALANCE	
OPERATIONS within "CAPS"	<u>BUDGET</u>	MODIFICATION	<u>CHARGED</u>	RESERVED	CANCELLED
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION:					
Planning Board:					
Salaries and Wages	13,719	14,373	14,373	-	
Other Expenses	5,000	6,594	6,594	-	
Zoning Board of Adjustment (Zoning Officer):					
Salaries and Wages	12,901	12,901	11,756	1,145	
Other Expenses	3,000	3,000	433	2,567	
INSURANCE:					
Liability Insurance	64,402	64,402	62,826	1,576	
Employee Group Health Insurance	23,300	23,300	12,554	10,746	
Unemployment Insurance	3,000	3,000	2,843	157	
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS:					
Office of Emergency Management:					
Salaries and Wages	1,650	1,650	1,625	25	
Other Expenses	500	500	304	196	
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies	22,950	22,950	22,950	-	
Contribution to First Aid Organizations	13,950	13,950	13,950	-	
Office of Municipal Prosecutor:					
Salaries and Wages	21,620	21,620	17,202	4,418	

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A-3 Sheet 3

OPERATIONS within "CAPS"	APPROI BUDGET	PRIATION BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION	EXPENDED PAID OR CHARGED	<u>RESERVED</u>	UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELLED
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS:					
Streets and Road Maintenance:					
Salaries and Wages	96,858	96,858	94,678	2,180	
Other Expenses	97,000	94,055	84,318	9,737	
Buildings and Grounds:					
Salaies and Wages	14,204	14,204	10,955	3,249	
Other Expenses (Emergency Appropriation 40A:4-46 \$26,000)	25,000	48,757	48,756	1	
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS:					
Public Health Services (Board of Health):					
Other Expenses	1,800	1,800	1,800		
Environmental Health Services:					
Salaries and Wages	1,448	1,449	1,449	_	
Other Expenses	1,300	1,300	552	748	
Animal Control Services:					
Salaries and Wages	6,223	6,223	4,057	2,166	
Contributions to Social Services Agencies:					
Senior Citizens Centers	2,200	2,200	2,200		
PARK AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS:					
Recreation Services and Programs:					
Salaries and Wages	11,215	11,215	11,214	1	
Other Trust	15,000		15,000		
Other Expenses	12,761	12,761	11,753	1,008	
Maintenance of Parks:	•				
Other Expenses	20,720	20,720	19,866	854	
OTHER COMMON OPERATING FUNCTIONS (Unclassified):					
Celebration of Public Events:					
Other Expenses	10,000	10,000	7,228	2,772	

A-3 Sheet 4

	<u> </u>		EXPENDED		UNEXPENDED
ODED LETONG CHILLING LDG	DUD CET	BUDGET AFTER	PAID OR	DECEDIUS	BALANCE
OPERATIONS within "CAPS"	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>MODIFICATION</u>	<u>CHARGED</u>	RESERVED	CANCELLED
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES:	4.000	4.000	0.000		
Electricity	13,000	13,000	9,833	3,167	
Street Lighting	5,500	5,500	4,850	650	
Telephone (excluding equipment acquisition)	9,600	10,802	10,801	1	
Gas (natural or Propane	5,000	5,000	3,948	1,052	
Fuel Oil	12,500	15,074	15,074	-	
Gasoline	9,000	9,000	8,816	184	
Total Operations within "CAPS"	859,247	851,310	785,483	65,827	_
Detail:	,			/-	
Salaries and Wages	345,697	342,253	326,882	15,371	
Other Expenses	513,550	509,057	458,601	50,456	
DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES					
WITHIN "CAPS"					
Statutory Expenditues:					
Social Security	35,000	35,000	34,522	478	
Contribution to:					
PERS	40,107	40,107	40,107		
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	75,107	75,107	74,629	478	
Total General Appropriations within "CAPS"	934,354	926,417	860,112	66,305	

A-3 Sheet 5

OPERATIONS Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>APPRO</u>	PRIATION BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION	EXPENDED PAID OR CHARGED	RESERVED	UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELLED
Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements Excluded from "CAPS":					
Municipal Court:					
Salaries and Wages	104,000	109,445	109,445	-	
Other Expenses	23,629	26,121	26,120	1	
Total Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements Excluded from "CAPS":	127,629	135,566	135,565	1	
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE REVENUES OFFSET BY					
APPROPRIATIONS-EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS":					
Federal and State Grants:					
Clean Communities Program:					
Other Expenses	7,069	7,069	7,069		
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse:					
Other Expenses-State Share	3,342	3,342	3,342		
Other Expenses-Local Share	1,003	1,003	1,003		
Drunk Driving Enforcement Funds:					
Other Expenses	-	-	-		
Recycling Tonnage Grant					
Other Expenses	961	961	961		
Ch. 159-Birch Ridge Road	-	140,000	140,000	-	
Ch. 159-Osmun Road	-	115,000	115,000	-	
Ch. 159 - Moravian Grange Generator	_	15,500	15,500	-	
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	12,375	282,875	282,875	-	
Total Operations-Excluded from "CAPS"	140,004	418,441	418,440	1	
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	104,000	109,445	109,445	-	
Other Expenses	36,004		308,995	1	

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		APPROP BUDGET	PRIATION BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION	EXPENDED PAID OR CHARGED	RESERVED	UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELLED
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE-Excluded from "CAPS" Payment of Notes Note Interest		255,211 3,900	255,211 3,900	255,211 3,868		\$ 32
Total Municipl Debt Service-Excluded from "CAPS"		259,111	259,111	259,079		32
Total General Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS"	_	399,115	677,552	677,519	1	32
Subtotal General Appropriations Reserve For Uncollected Taxes		1,333,469 138,945	1,603,969 138,945	1,537,631 138,945	66,306	32
TOTALS	\$	1,472,414	\$ 1,742,914	\$ 1,676,576	\$ 66,306	\$ 32
	REF.	A-2			A	A-1
Appropriation 40A:4-87 Budget		REF. A-2 A-2	\$ 270,500 1,472,414 \$ 1,742,914			
State and Federal Grant Funds Reserve for Encumbrances		A-19 A-12		\$ 282,875 1,254,756		
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		A-2		138,945 \$ 1,676,576		

ASSETS	REF.	BALANCE 12/31/18	BALANCE 12/31/17
Dog License Fund: Cash and Cash Equivalents Total Dog License Fund	B-2	\$ 3,288 3,288	\$ 5,229 5,229
Other Trust Funds: Cash and Cash Equivalents Amount Due From Current Fund Total Other Trust Funds TOTAL ASSETS	B-2 B-6	106,215 132,809 239,024 \$ 242,312	83,751 100,063 183,814 \$ 189,043
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE			
Dog License Fund:			
Reserve for Dog Fund Expenditures	B-3	\$ 3,278	\$ 5,215
Amount Due State of New Jersey	B-4	6	7
Amount Due Current Fund	B-5	4	7
Total Dog License Fund		3,288	5,229
Other Trust Fund:			
Reserve for Escrow Trust Deposits	B-7	42,098	36,514
Reserve for Public Defender Trust Deposits	B-8	(8,550)	50,511
Reserve for Recreation Trust	B-9	28,243	1,735
Reserve for Driveway Bonds	B-10	2,650	5,050
Reserve for Municipal Open Space	B-11	155,257	119,821
Reserve for Celebration of Public Events Trust Deposits	B-12	4,384	15,568
Reserve for St John's Trust	B-13	1,742	2,026
Reserve for Tax Sale Premiums	B-14	13,200	3,100
Total Other Trust Fund		239,024	183,814
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		\$ 242,312	\$ 189,043

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

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ASSETS	REF.		LANCE //31/18		ALANCE 2/31/17
Cash - Treasurer	C-2	\$	46,916	\$	165,635
Deferred Charges To Future Taxation: Unfunded	C-4				255,211
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	46,916	\$	420,846
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE					
Amount Due Current Fund	C-3	\$	91	\$	177
Capital Improvement Fund	C-5		1,186		1,186
Reserve for Moravian Distillery	C-6		-		118,633
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	C-8		-		255,211
Due Grants Fund	C-9		28,346		28,346
Fund Balance	C-1		1,076		1,076
Improvement Authorizations:					
Funded	C-7		16,217		16,217
Unfunded	C-7	-		_	
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		\$	46,916	\$	420,846

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF FUND BALANCE

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	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2017	C	\$ 1,076
Balance December 31, 2018	C	\$ 1,076

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2018

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	BALANCE <u>12/31/18</u>	BALANCE 12/31/17
General Fixed Assets:		
Land	\$ 724,202	\$ 724,202
Buildings	1,014,533	1,014,533
Improvements Other Than Buildings	27,414	27,414
Machinery and Equipment	1,360,406	1,360,406
Total General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 3,126,555</u>	\$ 3,126,555
Investment In General Fixed Assets	\$ 3,126,555	\$ 3,126,555

PAYROLL AGENCY FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

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ASSETS	BALANCE <u>12/31/18</u>		BALANCE 12/31/17	
Cash and Cash Equivalents: Cash - Treasurer	\$	22,314	\$	7,809
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	22,314	\$	7,809
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES				
Payroll Tax Liabilities	\$	22,314		5,921
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	\$	22,314	\$	5,921



Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No.14 established criteria to be used to determine which component units should be included in the financial statements of the oversight entity. The Division requires the financial statements of the Township to be reported separately.

The financial statements of the Township of Hope include every board, body, officer or commission supported and maintained wholly or in part by funds appropriated by the Township, as The financial statements of the Township do not include the operations of the Board of Education.

B. Description of Funds

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB Codification establishes fund types and account groups 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 accounting policies of the Township of Hope conform to the accounting principles applicable to municipalities which have been prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such principles and practices are designed primarily for determining compliance with legal provisions and budgetary restrictions and as a means of reporting on the stewardship of public officials with respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the Township of Hardwick accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate funds, which differ from the fund structure required by GAAP.

Current Fund

Resources and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature, including State grants for operations.

Trust Funds

Records the receipts, disbursement and custodianship of monies in accordance with the purpose for which each account was established.

General Capital Fund

The receipts and disbursement of funds for the acquisition of general infrastructure and other capital facilities, other than those acquired in the Current Fund. General bonds and notes payable are recorded in this fund offset by deferred charges to future taxation.

Public Assistance Fund

Receipt and disbursements of funds that provide assistance to certain residents of the Township pursuant to the provisions of Title 44 of New Jersey statutes.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

General Fixed Assets Account Group

To account for all fixed assets of the Township. The Township's infrastructure is not reported in the group.

C. Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

Expenditures—are recorded on the "budgetary" basis of accounting. Generally expenditures are recorded when an amount is encumbered for goods or services through the issuance of a purchase order in conjunction with the Encumbrance Accounting System. Outstanding encumbrances at December 31, are reported as a cash liability in the financial statements and constitute part of the Township's statutory Appropriation Reserve balance. Appropriation reserves covering unexpended appropriation balances are automatically created at December 31st of each year and recorded as liabilities, except for amounts which may be cancelled by the governing body.

Appropriation reserves are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year. Lapsed appropriation reserves are recorded as income. Appropriations for principal payments on outstanding general capital and utility bonds and notes are provided on the cash basis; interest on general capital indebtedness is on the cash basis, whereas interest on utility indebtedness is on the accrual basis.

<u>Property Tax Revenue</u>--Real property taxes are assessed locally, based upon the assessed value of the property. The tax bill includes a levy for Municipal, County, Open Space and School purposes. The bills are mailed annually in June for that calendar year's levy. Taxes are payable in four quarterly installments on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1.

The amounts of the first and second installments are determined as one quarter of the total tax levied against the property for the preceding year. The installment due the third and fourth quarters is determined by taking the current year levy less the amount previously charged for the first and second installments, with the remainder being divided equally.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Property Tax Revenue

If unpaid on these dates, the amount due becomes delinquent and subject to interest at 8% per annum, or 18% on any delinquency amount in excess of \$1,500. The school levy is turned over to the Board of Education as expenditures are incurred, and the balance, if any, must be transferred as of June 30, of each fiscal year. County taxes are paid to the County by the Township quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15. The Open Space Levy is paid quarterly to the Township's other trust funds on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15.

When unpaid taxes or any municipal lien, or part thereof, on real property remains in arrears after the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the year in which they are due, the collector in the municipality shall, subject to provisions of the New Jersey Statutes, enforce the lien by placing the property on a tax sale. Annual in rem tax foreclosure proceedings are instituted to enforce the tax collection or acquisition of title to the property by the Township.

In accordance with the accounting Principles prescribed by the State of New Jersey, current and delinquent taxes are realized as revenue when collected. Since delinquent taxes and liens are fully reserved, no provision has been made to estimate that portion of the taxes receivable and tax title liens that are uncollectible. GAAP required tax revenues to be recognized in the accounting period when they become susceptible to accrual, reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts.

<u>Deferred School Taxes</u>--A portion of the school taxes collected at December 31 relating to the period January 1 to June 30 of the subsequent year have been included in fund balance. GAAP requires such revenue to be deferred and recognized in the accounting period when it becomes susceptible to accrual.

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

<u>Interfunds</u>--Interfund receivables in the Current Fund are recorded with offsetting reserves which are created by charges to operations. Income is recognized in the year the receivables are liquidated. Interfund receivables in the other funds are not offset by reserves.

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

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

Fixed assets used in governmental operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, such as roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks and drainage systems are not capitalized.

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available except for land which is valued at estimated market value.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

General Fixed Assets

No depreciation is to be provided for in the financial statements. Expenditures for construction in progress are recorded in the Capital Funds until such time as the construction is completed and put into operation.

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

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

Budget and **Budgetary Procedures**—The foundation of the New Jersey local finance system is the annual cash basis budget required under the Local Budget Law (N.J.S.A.40A:4-1, et seq.). Every local unit must adopt a budget in the form required by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"). Certain items of revenue and appropriation are regulated by law and the proposed budget must be certified by the Director of the Division ("Director") prior to final adoption. The normal budget calendar begins early in the fiscal year with introduction, public advertisement and after state approval, budget adoption. The cash basis for revenues and budgetary basis for expenditures is the budget basis of accounting.

The Township is not required to adopt budgets for the following funds:

General Capital Fund Public Assistance Fund Trust Fund

The governing body shall introduce and approve the annual budget not later than February 10, of the fiscal year. The budget shall be adopted not later than March 20, and prior to adoption, must be certified by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. The Director of the Division of Local Government Services, with the approval of the Local Finance Board, may extend the introduction and approval and adoption dates of the municipal budget. The budget is prepared by fund, function, activity and line item (salary or other expense) and includes information on the previous year. The legal level of control for appropriations is exercised at the individual line item level for all operating budgets adopted. Emergency appropriations, those made after the adoption of the budget and determination of the tax rate, may be authorized by the

governing body of the municipality. During the last two months of the fiscal year, the governing body may, by a 2/3 vote, amend the budget through line item transfers. Management has no authority to amend the budget without the approval of the Government Body. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the line item level.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Expenditures--Are recorded on the "budgetary" basis of accounting. Generally, expenditures are recorded when an amount is encumbered for goods or services through the issuance of a purchase order in conjunction with an encumbrance accounting system. Outstanding encumbrances at December 31, are reported as a cash liability in the financial statements. Unexpended or uncommitted appropriations at December 31, are reported as expenditures through the establishment of appropriations reserves unless cancelled by the governing body. GAAP requires expenditures to be recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt, which should be recognized when due.

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

<u>Deferred Charges to Future Taxation Funded and Unfunded</u>--Upon the authorization of capital projects, the Township establishes deferred charges for the costs of the capital projects to be raised by future taxation. Funded deferred charges relate to permanent debt issued, whereas unfunded deferred charges relate to temporary or non-funding of the authorized cost of capital projects. According to N.J.S.A.40A:2-4, the Township may levy taxes on all taxable property within the local unit to repay the debt. Annually, the Township raises the debt requirements for that particular year in the current budget. As the funds are raised by taxation, the deferred charges are reduced.

<u>Comparative</u> <u>Data</u> - Comparative data for the prior year has been presented in the accompanying balance sheets and statements of operations in order to provide an understanding of changes in the municipality's financial position and operations. However, comparative data have not been presented in all statements because their inclusion would make certain statements unduly complex and difficult to understand.

<u>Use of Estimates</u>--The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions. This will affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

<u>Departures from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles</u>—The accounting principles and practices followed by the Township differ generally accepted accounting principles applicable to local government units. The more significant differences are as follows:

- Taxes and other receivables are fully reserved.
- Interfund receivables in the Current Fund are fully reserved.
- Unexpended and uncommitted appropriations are reflected as expenditures.
- Overexpended appropriations and emergency appropriations are deferred to the succeeding years' operations.
- Undetermined contributions to state-administered pension plans applicable to the six months ended December 31 are not accrued.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Departures from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

• Estimated losses arising from tax appeals and other contingencies are not recorded when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated.

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

<u>Statutory-Basis Financial Statements</u>-The GASB Codification also defines the financial statements of a governmental unit to be presented to be in accordance with GAAP. The Township presents the financial statements listed in the table of contents which are required by the Division and which differ from the financial statements required by GAAP. In addition, the Division requires the financial statements listed in the table of contents to be referenced to the supplementary schedules. This practice differs from GAAP.

Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Deposits:

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

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

The market value of the collateral must equal at least 5% of the average daily balance of collected public funds on deposit.

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

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

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures" ("GASB 40"), the municipality's accounts are profiled in order to determine exposure, if any, to Custodial Credit Risk (risk that in the event of failure of the counterparty the municipality would not be able to recover the value of its deposits or investment). Deposits are considered to be exposed to Custodial Credit Risk if they are: uncollateralized or collateralized with securities held by the financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the government's name. At December 31, 2018, all of the municipality's deposits were collateralized by securities held in its name and, accordingly, not exposed to custodial credit risk. The municipality does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Continued)

As of December 31, 2018, cash and cash equivalents of the municipality consisted of the following:

	Cash and Cash <u>Equivalents</u>			<u>Total</u>		
Checking	\$ \$	1,598,793 1,598,793		\$ \$	1,598,793 1,598,793	

The carrying amount of the municipality's cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2018, was \$1,598,793 and the bank balance was \$1,541,736. All bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance and/or covered by a collateral pool maintained by the banks as required by New Jersey statutes. Of these bank balances, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurances and \$1,291,736 was covered by collateral pool.

Note 3: LONG-TERM DEBT

	Beginning					Ending	
]	Balance	Issued		Paid	Balance	
Long Term Debt:							
Bond Anticipation Notes	\$	255,211		\$	255,211	None	
Compensated absences payable		None				None	
Total Long-Term Debt	\$	255,211		- \$	255,211		

The Local Bond Law governs the issuance of bonds and notes to finance general municipal expenditures. All bonds issued by the Township are general obligation bonds, backed by the full faith and credit of the Township. Bond anticipation notes, which are issued by temporarily finance capital projects, must be paid off within ten years or retired by issuance of bonds.

The Township debt is summarized as follows:

Summary of Municipal Debt	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Issued</u>			
General:			
Bonds and Notes	<u>NONE</u>	\$255,211	\$390,211
Total Deductions	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>
Net Debt Issued	NONE	\$255,211	\$390,211
Authorized But Not Issued			
General:			
Bonds and Notes	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>
Net Bonds and Notes Issued			
and Authorized But Not Issued	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$255,211</u>	<u>\$390,211</u>

Note 3: LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statement

The summarized statement of debt condition which follows is prepared in accordance with the required method of setting up the Annual Debt Statement and indicates a statutory net debt of 0.0%.

	Gross Del	<u>bt</u>	Deductions	<u>N</u>	let Debt
Local School District Debt General Debt	· 	<u>-</u>	\$ 575,000		- -
Net Debt of \$ - Divided by Equalized Valuation N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2 as amended, \$ 225,557,263		,	\$ 575,000 0.000%		
Borrowing Power Under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-6 As Amended					
3 1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal) Net Debt				\$	7,894,504
Remaining Borrowing Power				\$	7,894,504

Note 4: GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in the general fixed assets:

	Balance 12/31/17	Additions	Adjustments/ <u>Deletions</u>	Balance 12/31/18
Land	\$ 724,202	-	-	\$ 724,202
Buildings	1,014,533	-	-	1,014,533
Improvements Other Than Buildings	27,414	-	-	27,414
Machinery and Equipment	1,360,406	-	-	1,360,406
	\$ 3,126,555	-	-	\$ 3,126,555

Note 5: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

Fund Balances at December 31, 2018, which were appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in their own respective funds for the year ending December 31, 2019, were as follows:

Current Fund - \$166,683 *

Note 6: SCHOOL TAXES

Local District Tax and Regional High School Tax have been raised and liabilities deferred by statute (under provisions of C.63, P.L.1991, as amended), resulting in the school taxes payable set forth in the Current Fund liabilities as follows:

	TOTAL DEFERRED	LOCAL DISTRICT <u>SCHOOL TAX</u>			TOTAL DEFERRED
	TAX	BALANCE	E	BALANCE	TAX
	<u>12/31/18</u>	12/31/18		12/31/17	<u>12/31/17</u>
Balance of Tax	(\$ 1,979,859	\$	1,968,075	
Deferred		1,866,255		1,866,255	
Tax Payable		113,604	\$	101,820	
Tax Deferred	\$1,866,255				\$1,866,255

Note 7: PENSION PLANS

Description of Plans - All required employees of the municipality are covered by either the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) or the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DCRP) which have been established by state statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of both Systems will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the Systems terminate. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the Public Employees Retirement System. These reports may be obtained by writing to the Division Pension Benefits. Jersev. and Box 295. Trenton. 08625 http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrprts.shtml.

^{* -} Introduced

Note 7: PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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

<u>Vesting and Benefit Provisions</u> -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, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS.

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

Tier Definition

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

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

The PERS provides for specified medical benefits for members who retire after achieving 25 years of qualified service, as defined, or under the disability provisions of the System. Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested for 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the members' accounts.

<u>Contribution Requirements</u> - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A, Chapter 62, P.L. of 1994, Chapter 115, P.L. of 1997 (PERS) requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. PERS provides for employee contributions of 6.5% of employees' annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in the PERS. The current PERS rate is 6.5% of covered payroll.

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

<u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> - New Jersey's municipalities and counties do not follow GAAP accounting principles and, as such, do not follow GASB requirements with respect to recording the net pension liability or related deferred outflows or inflows of resources on their balance sheets, or related plan pension expense. However, N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.1(c)(2) requires municipalities and counties to disclose GASB 68 information in the Notes to the Financial Statements. Accordingly, the municipality's portion of the net pension liability, related outflows and inflows of resources, and pension expense are for disclosure purposes only and do not effect the municipality's regulatory basis fund balance, statement of revenues and expenditures, or operations. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense as required by GASB No. 68, information about the fiduciary net position of the PERS and additions to/deductions from PERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2018, the municipality disclosed a liability of \$1,007,808 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2017, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2018. The total pension liability for the June 30, 2017 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2014. The municipality's proportion of the net pension liability is based on the ratio of the contributions as an individual employer to total contributions to the PERS during the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017. At June 30, 2018, the municipality's proportion was 0.00433% which was a decrease of 0.00005% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the municipality's portion of the plan's pension expense was \$31,016. At June 30, 2018, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources for PERS relating to the municipality's proportionate share are from the following sources:

]	<u>Deferred</u>		
	<u>O</u>	utflows of	<u>De</u> :	ferred Inflows of
	<u>R</u>	Resources .		Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	23,730		
Changes of assumptions		203,039	\$	202,294
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		6,862		
Changes in proportion and differences between municipality contributions and				
proportionate share of contributions		16,482		167,274
Total	\$	250,113	\$	369,568

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

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

	Year Ended June 30:
2019	\$90,437
2020	136,471
2021	82,695
2022	(109,984)
2023	(80,164)
Total	\$119,455

	<u>6/30/2017</u>	6/30/2018
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$8,685,338,380	\$6,424,455,842
Collective deferred inflows of resources	870,133,595	5,700,625,981
Collective net pension liability (Non State - Local Group)	\$29,617,131,759	\$23,278,401,588
municipality's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$1,296,687	\$1,007,808
municipality's proportion %	0.00437817%	0.00432937%

<u>Actuarial assumptions</u> - The collective total pension liability for the June 30, 2018 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2017, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2018. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation: 2.25%

Salary Increases:

Through 2026 1.65%-4.15% based on age Therafter 2.65%-5.15% based on age

Investment Rate of Return: 7.00%

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Male and Female Mortality Tables (setback 1 year for females) with adjustments for mortality improvements from the base year of 2013 Based on Projection Scale AA.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2017 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014.

<u>Long-Term Expected Rate of Return</u> - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments 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. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2018 are summarized in the following table:

		Long-Term Expected Real Rate of
Asset Class	Target Allocation	<u>Return</u>
Absolute Return	5.00%	5.51%
Cash equivalents	5.50%	1.00%
US Treasuries	3.00%	1.87%
Investment Grade Credit	10.00%	3.78%

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Public High Yeild	2.50%	6.82%
Global diversified credit	5.00%	7.10%
Credit oriented hedge funds	1.00%	6.60%
Debt related private equity	2.00%	10.63%
Debt related real estate	1.00%	6.61%
Private real asset	2.50%	11.83%
Equity related real estate	6.25%	9.23%
U.S. Equity	30.00%	8.19%
Non-U.S. developed markets equity	11.50%	9.00%
Emerging markets equity	6.50%	11.64%
Buyouts/venture capital	8.25%	13.08%

<u>Discount rate</u> - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 5.00% as of June 30, 2018. This single blended discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00%, and a municipal bond rate of 3.58% as of June 30, 2018 based on the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. 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 made based on contribution rate in the most recent fiscal year.

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 through 2034. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2034, and the municipal bond rate was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

<u>Sensitivity of the Municipality's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate</u> - The following presents the Municipality's proportionate share of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2018, calculated using the discount rate of 5.00%, as well as what the Municipality's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.00%) than the current rate:

	<u>Current</u>				
			Discount Rate	19	% Increase
	1% Decrea	se (4.00%)	(5.00%)		(6.00%)
Municipality's proportionate share of the net					
pension liability	\$	1,250,254	\$1,007,808	\$	805,820

<u>Pension plan fiduciary net position</u> - Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Divisions of Pensions and Benefits financial report at http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-rprts-home.shtml.

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

level dollar of pay).

<u>Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DCRP)</u> - The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) was established as of July 1, 2007 under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 (N.J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et seq.). The DCRP is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund. The DCRP provides eligible members, and their beneficiaries with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting and benefit provisions are established by N. J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et. seq.

The contribution requirements of plan members are determined by state statute. In accordance with Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, plan members are required to contribute 5.5% of their annual covered salary. The State Treasurer has the right under current law to make temporary reductions in member rates based on the existence of surplus plan assets in the retirement system; however statute also requires the return to the normal rate when such surplus pension assets no longer exist.

<u>Significant Legislation</u> - Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, effective June 28, 2011 made various changes to the manner in which the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) operate and to the benefit provisions of those systems.

Chapter 78's provisions impacting employee pension and health benefits include:

□ New members of the PERS hired on or after June 28, 2011 (Tier 5 members) will need 30 years of creditable service and age 65 for receipt of the early retirement benefit without a reduction of ¼ of 1% for each month that the member is under age 65. □ The eligibility age to qualify for a service retirement in the PERS is increased from age 63 to 65 for Tier 5 members. □ The annual benefit under special retirement for new PFRS members enrolled after June 28, 2011 (Tier 3 members), will be 60% instead of 65% of the member's final compensation plus 1% for each year of creditable service over 25 years but not to exceed 30 years. □ Increases in active member contribution rates. PERS active member rates increase from 5.5% of annual compensation to 6.5% plus an additional 1% phased-in over 7 years; PFRS active member rate increase from 8.5% to 10%. For fiscal year 2012, the member contribution rates increased in October 2011. The phase-in of the additional incremental member contribution rates for PES members will take place in July of each subsequent fiscal year.
□ The payment of automatic cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) additional increases to current and future retirees and beneficiaries is suspended until reactivated as permitted by this law. □ New employee contribution requirements towards the cost of employer-provided health benefit coverage. Employees are required to contribute a certain percentage of the cost of coverage. The rate of contribution is determined based on the employee's annual salary and the selected level of coverage. The increased employee contributions will be phased in over a 4-year period for those employed prior to Chapter 78'sceffective date with a minimum contribution required to becat least 1.5% of salary. □ In addition, this new legislation

changes the method for amortizing the pension systems' unfunded accrued liability (from a level percent of pay method to a

Three-Year Trend Information for PERS

	Annual	Percentage
Year	Pension	of Contribution
<u>Funding</u>	Contribution	<u>Paid</u>
2018	\$40,107	100%
2017	\$38,895	100%
2016	\$46,753	100%

Note 8: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

P.L. 1987, c. 384 and P.L. 1990, c.6 required Teachers' Pensions and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), respectively, to fund post-retirement medical benefits for those state employees who retire after accumulating 25 years of credited service or on a disability retirement. P.L. 2007, c.103 amended the law to eliminate the funding of post-retirement medical benefits through the TPAF and PERS. It created separate funds outside of the pension plans for the funding and payment of post-retirement medical benefits for retired state employees and retired educational employees. The cost of these benefits is funded through contributions by the State in accordance with P.L. 1994, c.62. Funding of post-retirement medical benefits changed from a pre-funding basis to a pay-as-you-go basis beginning in Fiscal Year 1994.

The State is also responsible for the cost attributable to P.L. 1992, c.126, which provides employer paid health benefits to members of PERS and the Alternate Benefit Program (APB) who retired from a board of education or county college with 25 years of service (GASB Cod. Sec. 2300.106(g).

GASB Statement No. 75 requires certain disclosures relating to governmental entities obligations for other post-employment benefits (OPEB), which are post-employment benefits other than pensions. The Municipality does not provide post-employment benefits other than pension.

Note 9: LEASES

The Township has not entered into any long-term lease agreements except for equipment which can be capitalized as installment purchases of fixed assets in accordance with Technical Accounting Directive No. 85-2.

Note 10: ACCRUED SICK AND VACATION BENEFITS

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 liability related to unused sick pay.

The Township permits full-time employees five full sick days for first year of employment and hence-forth ten days per year, and this benefit ceases upon termination of employment. Vacation and personal days are provided and not accumulated beyond current year.

No trust funds are accumulated for this liability that will be funded in succeeding general fund budgets.

Note 11: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

GRANT PROGRAMS

The Township participated in a number of state assisted grant programs administered at the state level. These programs, exclusive of the single audit concept, can be subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. Accordingly, the Township's compliance with certain applicable grant requirements will be established at some future date. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time although the Township expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

LITIGATION

There are no pending lawsuits in which the Township is involved.

Note 12: OTHER REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances. All interfund receivable and payable balances outstanding at the beginning of the fiscal period were fully liquidated during the fiscal period, with the following exceptions outstanding at December 31, 2018:

INTERFUND BALANCES

<u>FUND</u>	DUE FROM <u>OTHER FUNI</u>	<u>IDS</u>		
Current Fund	\$	38,393	\$	171,107
Federal/State Grants Fund		28,346		-
Other Trust Funds		132,809		4
General Capital Fund	<u></u>	<u>-</u>		28,437
	\$	199,548	\$	199,548

Note 13: RISK FINANCING

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year.

Note 14: TAX ABATEMENTS

As defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), a tax abatement is an agreement between a government and an individual or entity in which the government promises to forgo tax revenues and the individual or entity promises to subsequently take a specific action that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the government or its citizens. The municipality has not entered into any tax abatement agreements.

PART I I SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



<u>CURRENT FUND</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF CASH -TREASURER</u>

	REF.	CURRE	NT FUND
Balance December 31, 2017	A		\$ 1,192,324
Increased by Receipts:			
Collector	A-5	\$ 6,352,028	
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	A-2	29,887	
Reserve for Debt Service - General Capital Fund	A-2	118,633	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-9	327,829	
Federal/State Grant Funds	A-18	228,405	
Veterens/Senior Citizens Deductions	A-17	15,750	
Due State of New Jersey	A-21	325	
Federal/State Grant Funds	A-20	1,025	
Amount Due Municipal Open Space	A-22	4,343	
Interfunds Returned/(Advanced)	В	19,621	7,097,846
			8,290,170
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Reserve for Encumbrances	A-12	1,253,783	
Other Receivables Due	A	20,000	
2017 Appropriation Reserves	A-11	42,422	
Taxes Overpaid Refunded	A-14	11	
County Taxes	A-15	1,635,454	
Local District School Tax	A-16	3,798,933	
Federal/State Grant Funds	A-19	63,823	
Due State of New Jersey	A-21	350	
Amount Due Municipal Open Space	A-22	24,454	
Reserve for Salt Shed Payments	A-24	2,825	
Other Reserve Payments	A-26	28,055	6,870,110
Balance December 31, 2018	A		\$ 1,420,060

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF CASH - COLLECTOR

	REF.		
Received:			
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-2	\$ 83,165	
Taxes Receivable	A-6	6,031,610	
Tax Title Liens	A-7	98,820	
2019 Prepaid Taxes	A-13	85,698	
Tax Overpayments	A-14	18,679	
Outside Liens	A-26	34,056	\$ 6,352,028
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Payments to Treasurer	A-4		\$ 6,352,028

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF TAX LEVY

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<u>CURRENT FUND</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF TAX TITLE LIENS</u>

	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2017	A	\$ 198,548
Increased by: Transfers from Taxes Receivable	A-6	1,160 199,708
Decreased by: Paid	A-5	98,820
Balance December 31, 2018	A	\$ 100,888

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR TAXES (AT ASSESSED VALUATION)

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2017	A	\$ 858,700
Balance December 31, 2018	A	\$ 858,700

<u>CURRENT FUND</u> SCHEDULE OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Clerk:	REF.	BALANCE 12/31/17				COLLECTED D BY TREASURER		ALANCE 12/31/18
Licenses:								
Alcoholic Beverages	A-2			\$	5,422	\$	5,422	
Municipal Court:								
Fines and Costs	A-2	\$	8,945		110,372		113,425	\$ 5,892
Energy Receipts Tax	A-2				184,384		184,384	
Garden State Trust Fund	A-2				7,426		7,426	
Interest on Investments and Deposits	A-2				17,172		17,172	
Totals		\$	8,945	\$	324,776	\$	327,829	\$ 5,892
REF.			A				A-4	A

CURRENT FUND

$\frac{\text{SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS-}}{\text{JOINT COURT}}$

	REF.			
Balance December 31, 2017	A		\$	4,750
Increased by:				
White Township Court Room Rental Charge	A-9	\$ 9,788		
Hardwick Township Court Room Rental Charge	A-9	1,641		
Refund to White Township - 2016/2017 Overcharges	A-9	5,915		
Final Audit Allocation - Court Operations CY 2018	A-9	45,681		63,025
1				67,775
Decreased by:				01,110
White Court Operations Prepayments-2018	A-9	36,150		
Hardwick Court Operations Prepayments-2018	A-9	3,517		
Hardwick Township Payment of 2015, 2016, 2017 Allocation Receivable	A-9	8,755		48,422
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Balance December 31, 2018	A		\$	19,353
FINAL ALLOCATION OF COSTS - CY 2018: White Township Hardwick Township		\$ 39,123 6,558	<u>\$</u>	45,681
ANALYSIS OF RECEIVABLE/(PAYABLE) BALANCE: CY 2018 (FINAL AUDIT): White Township - 2018 Liberty Township - 2015 Liberty Township - 2016 Hardwick-2018		\$ 12,760 (699) 2,609 4,683	\$	19,353

<u>CURRENT FUND</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - 2017</u>

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	LANCE 2/31/17	BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS	PAID OR <u>CHARGED</u>		LANCE <u>APSED</u>
General Administration:		.			
Other Expenses	-	\$ 360	\$ 360		-
Tax Assessment:					
Other Expenses	-	12	12		-
Legal Services:					
Other Expenses	\$ 2,150	2,150	1,128	\$	1,022
Engineering Services:	000	4 (0.5			
Other Expenses	800	1,625	1,625		-
Planning Board:					
Other Expenses	-	926	926		-
Zoning Board:					
Other Expenses	2,384	2,384	106		2,278
Road Repairs and Maintenance:					
Other Expenses	29,268	27,331	18,699		8,632
Building and Grounds:					
Other Expenses	-	1,307	1,066		241
Maintenance of Parks:					
Other Expenses	<u>-</u>	2,585	2,585		<u>-</u>
Electricity	3,058	3,058	725		2,333
Telephone	231	702	701		1
Natural Gas	4,607	4,607	1,213		3,394
Gasoline	173	242	241		1
Ch. 159 Muni Bldg Generation Grant	-	12,500	12,500		-
Municipal Court:					
Other Expenses	-	535	535		-
All Others - No Change	32,815	32,815			32,815
TOTALG	 75.407	02 120	6 42 422	Φ.	50.717
TOTALS	\$ 75,486	\$ 93,139	\$ 42,422	\$	50,717
REF.	A	A	A-4		A-1
Appropriation Reserv Encumbrance	A A-12	\$ 75,486 17,653 \$ 93,139			

<u>CURRENT FUND</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES</u>

	REF.		
Balance December 31, 2017	A		\$ 17,704
Increased by: Transfer from Current Year Appropriations-Current Fund	A-3		 1,254,756 1,272,460
Decreased by: Added/Canceled Current Year Purchase Orders Transfer to Appropriation Reserves Cash Disbursements	A-11 A-4	\$ (6,442) 17,653 1,253,783	1,264,994
Balance December 31, 2018	A		\$ 7,466

<u>CURRENT FUND</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF TAXES COLLECTED IN ADVANCE</u>

	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2017	A	\$ 272,866
Increased by: 2019 Taxes Collected in Advance	A-5	 85,698 358,564
Decreased by: Applied to 2018 Taxes Receivable	A-6	 272,866
Balance December 31, 2018	A	\$ 85,698

<u>CURRENT FUND</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS</u>

	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2017	A	\$ 15,377
Increased by: 2018 Tax Overpayments	A-5	18,679 34,056
Decreased by: Cancelled Applied Refunded	A-1 \$ 15,1 A-6 14,6 A-4	126
Balance December 31, 2018	A	\$ 4,252

<u>CURRENT FUND</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF COUNTY TAXES PAYABLE</u>

	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2017:		
Due County for Added Taxes	A	\$ 3,020
Increased by:		
2018 Levy:		
County Taxes	A-1:6 \$ 1,446,661	
County Library Taxes	A-1:6 117,627	7
County Open Space Tax	A-1:6 68,146	5
Added and Omitted Taxes	A-1:62,137	<u>7</u>
		1,634,571
		1,637,591
Decreased by:		
Payments	A-4	<u>1,635,454</u>
Balance December 31, 2018:		
Due County for Added Taxes	A	\$ 2,137

<u>CURRENT FUND</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX PAYABLE</u>

	REF.		
Balance December 31, 2017: School Tax Payable School Tax Deferred	A	\$ 101,820 1,866,255	\$ 1,968,075
Increased by: Levy - School Year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	A-6		 3,810,717 5,778,792
Decreased by: Payments	A-4		 3,798,933
Balance December 31, 2018: School Tax Payable School Tax Deferred	A	 113,604 1,866,255	\$ 1,979,859
2018 Liability for Local District School Tax: Tax Paid Tax Payable 12/31/18 Less Tax Deferred 12/31/18 Less Tax Payable 12/31/17			\$ 3,798,933 1,979,859 5,778,792 - 1,968,075
Amount Charged to 2018 Operations	A-1		\$ 3,810,717

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND VETERANS DEDUCTIONS

	REF.		
Balance December 31, 2017	A		\$ 6,958
Increased by:			
Received in Cash From State	A-4		15,750 22,708
Decreased by:			
Senior Citizens Deductions per Tax Billings		\$ 1,500	
Veterans Deductions per Tax Billings		14,250	
Senior Citizens Deductions Allowed/(Disallowed) by Collector		1,000	16,750
Balance December 31, 2018	A		\$ 5,958
ANALYSIS OF BALANCE			
Amount Due to State of New Jersey Pre 1/1/78		\$ 1,912	
Amount Due to State of New Jersey Post 1/1/78		4,046	\$ 5,958

<u>CURRENT FUND</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS RECEIVABLE</u>

<u>PURPOSE</u>	ALANCE 2/31/17	REC	<u>CEIVABLE</u>	<u>RE</u>	ECEIVED	CANCI	<u>ELED</u>	LANCE 2/31/18
Clean Communities		\$	7,069	\$	6,803	\$	266	-
Municipal Alliance	\$ 2,840		3,342		1,755			\$ 4,427
Recycling Tonnage Grant	-							-
Radon Awareness Grant	2,000							2,000
Sustainable NJ Grant	5,000							5,000
N.J. Transportation Trust Authority: Jenny Jump Road	82,819				47,453			35,366
N.J. Transportation Trust Authority: Honey Run Road	58,795							58,795
N.J. Transportation Trust Authority: Far View Road	12,164							12,164
N.J. Transportation Trust Authority: Smith & Green Streets	12,611							12,611
N.J. Transportation Trust Authority: Birch Ridge Road			140,000		91,903			48,097
N.J. Transportation Trust Authority: Osum Road			115,000		80,491			34,509
Moravian Grange Generator			15,500					15,500
Generator Grant Totals	\$ 12,500 188,729	\$	280,911	\$	228,405	\$	266	\$ 12,500 240,969
REF.	 A		A-2		A-4	A-1	.9	A

$\frac{\text{CURRENT FUND}}{\text{SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS-APPROPRIATED}}$

TRANSFER FROM 2018 BUDGET BALANCE BALANCE 2018 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS 12/31/17 **APPROPRIATIONS** N.J.S. 40A:4-87 EXPENDED CANCELED 12/31/18 \$ Clean Communities Program \$ 1.299 \$ 7,069 8.102 \$ 266 Drunk Driving Program 1,441 1,441 Municipal Alliance 20,286 3,342 1,736 21,892 Local Share 1,003 1,003 Radon Awareness Grant 2,000 2,000 Sustainable NJ Grant 9,930 9,930 ANJEC Grant 1,500 1,500 N.J. Transportation Trust Authority: 68,721 35,835 32,886 Jenny Jump Road Moravian Grange 7,411 7,411 Honey Run Road 53,842 53,842 Far View Road 12,164 12,164 Smith & Green Streets 13,860 13,860 \$ 140,000 Birch Ridge Road 140,000 Osum Road 115,000 115,000 Recycling Tonnage Grant 1,436 961 2,397 Moravian Grange Generator Grant 14,750 750 15,500 Generator Grant Totals 193,890 \$ 12,375 \$ 270,500 \$ 63,823 \$ 266 \$ 412,676

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CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF STATE GRANTS - UNAPPROPRIATED

		ANCE 31/17	20	RANSFER TO 18 BUDGET ROPRIATIONS	RE	ECEIVED	LANCE /31/18
Recycling Grant		\$ 961	\$	961			-
Drunk Driving Grant		-			\$	1,025	\$ 1,025
Totals		\$ 961	\$	961	\$	1,025	\$ 1,025
	REF.	A		A-2:3		A-4	A

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2017	A	\$ 1,250
Increased by: Marriage License Receipts	A-4	325 1,575
Decreased by: State Payments	A-4	350
Balance December 31, 2018	A	\$ 1,225

<u>CURRENT FUND</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TAX PAYABLE</u>

	REF.			
Balance December 31, 2017	A		\$	119,820
Increased by:				
Receipt for Maertens Farm	A-4	\$ 4,34	3	
2018 Municipal Open Space Tax	A-6	55,54	<u> </u>	59,891
Decreased by:				
Transfer for Attorney Escrow for Open Space Acquisition	A-4	14,30	1	
Appraisal, Title and Survey Fees	A-4	150)	
Land Conservancy of New Jersey	A-4	10,00) _	24,454
Balance December 31, 2018	A		\$	155,257

<u>CURRENT FUND</u> SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR FEMA EXPENDITURES-RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS

	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2017	A	\$ 7,368
Balance December 31, 2018	A	\$ 7,368

<u>CURRENT FUND</u> SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR INSURANCE PROCEEDS - SALT SHED

	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2017	A	\$ 48,878
Decreased by: Architect Fees	A-4	2,825
Balance December 31, 2018	A	\$ 46,053

<u>CURRENT FUND</u> SCHEDULE OF OTHER RESERVES

	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2018	A	\$ 742
Increased by: Receipts by Collector	A-5	<u>51,401</u> 52,143
Decreased by: Payments to Outside Lien Holders	A-4	28,055
Balance December 31, 2018	A	\$ 24,088
Detail:		
Outside Liens		\$ 23,346
Other		742
Total		\$ 24,088



<u>TRUST FUND</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER</u>

	REF.	DOG <u>LICENSES</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Balance December 31, 2017	В	\$ 5,229	\$ 83,751
Increased by Receipts:			
Dog License Fees	B-3	5,181	
State Dog License Fees	B-4	698	
Amount Due Current Fund	B-5:6	83	
Escrow Trust Deposits	B-7		40,793
Public Defender Trust Deposits	B-8		1,488
Recreation Trust Fund Deposits	B-9		33,389
Celebration of Public Events Trust Deposits	B-12		25,588
St John's Trust Fund	B-13		23
Total Receipts		5,962	101,281
		11,191	185,032
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Dog License Operating Expenditures	B-3	7,118	
Dog License Fees - State of New Jersey	B-4	699	
Amount Due Current Fund	B-5:6	86	-
Escrow Trust Deposits Returned	B-7		35,193
Public Defender Trust Payments	B-8		0
Recreation Trust Fund Payments	B-9		6,881
Celebration of Public Events Trust Payments	B-12		36,436
St John's Trust Fund	B-13		307
Total Disbursements		7,903	78,817
Balance December 31, 2018	В	\$ 3,288	\$ 106,215

$\frac{\text{TRUST FUND}}{\text{SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR DOG FUND EXPENDITURES}}$

	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2017	В	\$ 5,215
Increased by: Dog License Fees Collected	B-2	5,181 10,396
Decreased by: Administrative Expenses	B-2	7,118
Balance December 31, 2018	В	\$ 3,278

DOG FEES COLLECTED

CY 2016	\$	5,387
CY 2017	<u></u>	4,229
	\$	9,616

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2017	В	\$ 7
Increased by: Collected in 2018: State Board of Health Fees	B-2	698 705
Decreased By: Payments	B-2	699
Balance December 31, 2018	В	<u>\$ 6</u>

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE CURRENT FUND DOG LICENSE FUND

	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2017	В	\$ 7
Increased by: Interest Credits Due Current Fund	B-2	 83 90
Decreased by: Due Current Fund	B-2	 86
Balance December 31, 2018	В	\$ 4

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE CURRENT FUND OTHER TRUST FUND

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	REF.			
Balance December 31, 2017	В		\$	100,063
Increased by:				
Escrow Trust Receipts received in Current Fund	B-7	\$ 35,193		
Public Defender Receipts received in Current Fund	B-8	200		
Municipal Open Space Levy Includes Added Omitted Taxes	B-11	59,891		
Trust Deposits Received in Current Fund	B-12	36,436		
Tax Sale Premiums Received in Current Fund	B-14	71,300		203,020
				303,083
Decreased by:				
Escrow Trust paid by Current Fund	B-7	35,209		
Public Defender paid by Current Fund	B-8	10,238		
Driveway Bonds paid by Current Fund	B-10	2,400		
Open Space Expenditures paid by Current Fund	B-11	24,455		
Trust Expenditures Paid from Current Fund	B-12	36,772		
Tax Sale Premiums Paid in Current Fund	B-14	61,200		170,274
Balance December 31, 2018	В		\$	132,809
			Ф	(50)
Due to Current Fund - Escrow Trust Interest Credits			\$	(59)
Due from Current Fund - Celebration Public Events Trust				(335)
Due to Current Fund - Public Defender				(37,904)
Due from Current Fund - Municipal Open Space				155,257
Due from Current Fund - Tax Sale Premiums				13,200
Due from Current Fund - Driveway Trust				2,650
			\$	132,809

<u>TRUST FUND</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ESCROW TRUST FUND DEPOSITS</u>

	REF.		
Balance December 31, 2017	В		\$ 36,514
Increased by: Escrow Deposits - Received in Current Fund Escrow Deposits	B-6 B-2	\$ 35,193 40,793	 75,986 112,500
Decreased by: Escrow Deposits Refunded Escrow Deposits Refunded from Current Fund	B-2 B-6	 35,193 35,209	 70,402
Balance December 31, 2018	В		\$ 42,098

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR PUBLIC DEFENDERS' TRUST FUND DEPOSITS

	REF.	
Increased by: Public Defender Receipts received in Current Fund Public Defender Receipts	B-6 \$ 200 B-2	1,688 1,688
Decreased by: Public Defender Payments Public Defender Payments in Current Fund	B-2 - B-6 <u>10,238</u>	10,238
Balance December 31, 2018	В	(8,550)

$\frac{\text{TRUST FUND}}{\text{SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR RECREATION TRUST FUND}}$

	REF.			
Balance December 31, 2017	В		\$	1,735
Increased by:				
Escrow Deposits	B-2	\$ 33,389		
Escrow Deposits-Received in Current Fund	B-6		_	33,389
				35,124
Decreased by:				
Recreation Expenses	B-2	6,881		
Recreation Expenses-Paid in Current Fund	B-6			6,881
Balance December 31, 2018	В		\$	28,243

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR DRIVEWAY BONDS

	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2017	В	\$ 5,050
Decreased by: Bonds Returned in Current Fund	B-6	 2,400
Balance December 31, 2018	В	\$ 2,650

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE

	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2017	В	\$ 119,821
Increased by:		
2018 Levy	B-6 \$	55,476
2018 Added/Omitted Taxes	B-6	72
Receipt for Maertens Farm	B-6	4,343 59,891
		179,712
Decreased by:		
Transfer for Attorney Escrow for Open Space Acquisition	B-6	14,304
Appraisal, Title and Survey Fees	B-6	151
Land Conservancy of New Jersey	В-6	10,000 24,455
Balance December 31, 2018	В	\$ 155,257

$\frac{\text{TRUST FUND}}{\text{SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS TRUST FUND}}$

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2017	В	\$ 15,568
Increased by: Trust Deposits Trust Deposits Received in Current Fund	B-2 \$ B-6	25,588 36,436 62,024 77,592
Decreased by: Trust Expenditures Trust Expenditures Paid from Current Fund	B-2 B-6	36,436 36,772 73,208
Balance December 31, 2018	В	\$ 4,384

$\frac{\text{TRUST FUND}}{\text{SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ST JOHN'S TRUST FUND}}$

Balance December 31, 2017	REF. B		\$ 2,026
Increased by:			
Trust Deposits	B-2	\$ 23	
Trust Deposits Received in Current Fund	B-6	-	23
		 	 2,049
Decreased by:			
Trust Expenditures	B-2	307	
Trust Expenditures Paid by Current Fund	B-6	 	 307
Balance December 31, 2018	В		\$ 1,742

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR TAX SALE PREMIUMS

B-14

REF. Balance December 31, 2017 \$ 3,100 В Increased by: Trust Deposits Received in Current Fund B-6 71,300 74,400 Decreased by: Premiums Returned - Current Fund B-6 61,200 Balance December 31, 2018 В 13,200



GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF CASH

	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2017	C	\$ 165,635
Increased by: Interest Credits	C-3	 1,830 167,465
Decreased by: Interfund Returned Distillery Payment	C-3 \$ 1,916 C-6 <u>118,633</u>	 120,549
Balance December 31, 2018	C	\$ 46,916

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE CURRENT FUND

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2017	С	\$ (177)
Increased by: Interfunds Returned from Current Fund	C-2	 1,916 1,739
Decreased by: Interest Credits	C-2	 1,830
Balance December 31, 2018	C	\$ (91)

<u>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</u> SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - UNFUNDED

IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION	ALANCE 2/31/17	P	CREASED PAID BY BUDGET	BALANCE 12/31/18
Dump Truck, Catch Basin Repairs	\$ 255,211	\$	255,211	-
	\$ 255,211	\$	255,211	_
REF	C		C-8	C

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND STATEMENT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2017	C	\$ 1,186
Balance December 31, 2018	C	\$ 1,186

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE (MORAVIAN DISTILLERY)

	REF.	
Balance December 31, 2017	C	\$ 118,633
Decreased by: Transfer to Current Fund - Anticipated as Revenue in Current Fund Budget	C-2	\$ 118,633

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

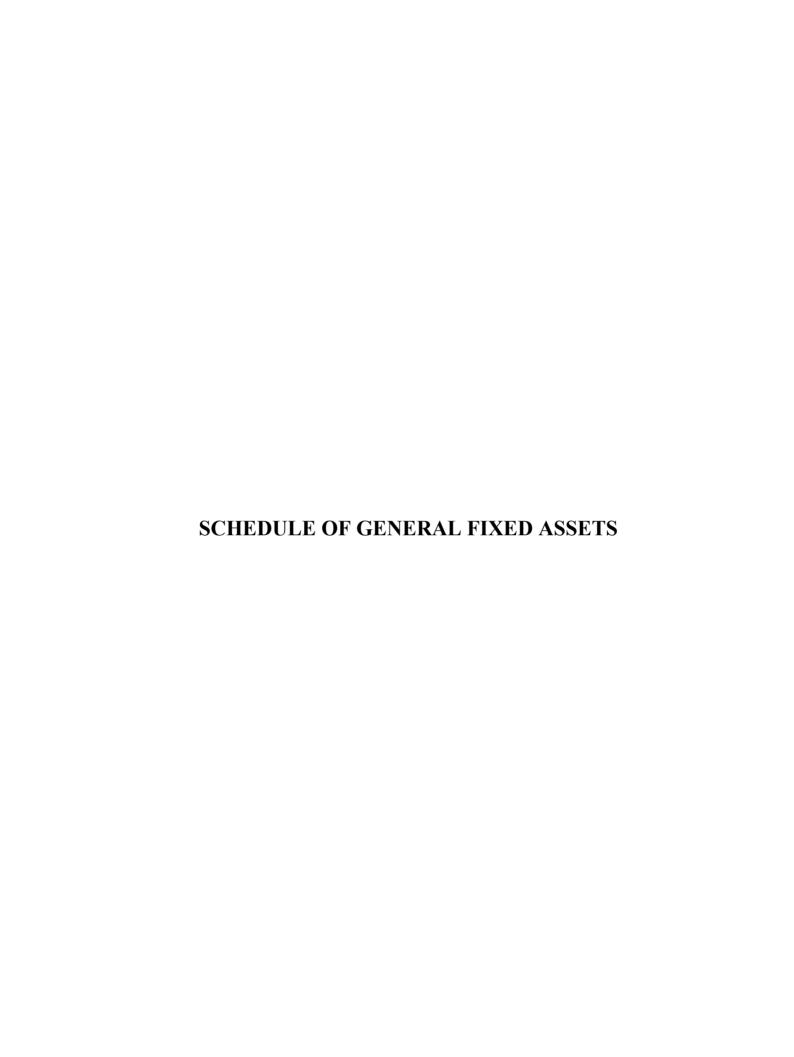
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IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	AN	<u>MOUNT</u>	FU	<u>JNDED</u>	<u>UNFUNDED</u>	F	<u>UNDED</u>	<u>UNFUNDED</u>
Catch Basins	15-09	12/9/15	\$	50,000	\$	16,217		\$	16,217	
						16,217	-	\$	16,217	
										_
REF.						C	\mathbf{C}		C	C

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

<u>PURPOSE</u>	ORIGINAL <u>ISSUE</u>	DATE OF ISSUE	DATE OF MATURITY	INTEREST <u>RATE</u>	ALANCE 12/31/17	<u>DE</u>	CREASED	BALANCE 12/31/18
Fire Truck, Property (Moravian Grange) Acquisition & Renovation, and Roadside Mower	2-27-07	2-2-17	2-6-18	1.520%	\$ 255,211	\$	255,211	-
					\$ 255,211	\$	255,211	-
REF.					С		C-4	С

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE GRANTS FUND

	REF.		
Balance December 31, 2017	C	<u>\$</u>	28,346
Balance December 31, 2018	С	\$	28,346



GENERAL FIXED ASSETS SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS DECEMBER 31, 2018

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	BALANCE <u>12/31/17</u>	ADDITIONS DELETIONS	BALANCE 12/31/18
General Fixed Assets:			
Land	\$ 724,202		\$ 724,202
Buildings	1,014,533		1,014,533
Improvements Other Than Buildings	27,414		27,414
Machinery and Equipment	1,360,406	_	1,360,406
Total General Fixed Assets	\$ 3,126,555	- -	\$ 3,126,555
Investment In General Fixed Assets	\$ 3,126,555	<u> </u>	\$ 3,126,555

PART I I I SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

General Comments

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GENERAL COMMENTS

Scope of Audit

The audit of the financial statements of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, New Jersey, as required by the Division of Local Government Services, covered the financial transactions of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, the activities of the Township and the records of the various outside departments.

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective March 30, 2000, N.J.S.A.40A:11-l et.seq (Local Public Contracts Law) was revised by P.L.1999,c.440 (originally known as Assembly Bill No. 3519). Rules and regulations pertaining to the amended law are to be promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services.

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 is amended to read as follows:

- **a.** When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the purchasing agent in the aggregate, does not exceed in the contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by resolution of the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except that the governing body may adopt a resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. (pending before the Legislature as section 15 of this bill) of section 9 of P.L.1971,c.198(C.40A:11-9) the governing body may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.
- **b.** Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to paragraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of Section 5 of P.L.1971, C.198(C.40A:11-5) may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months. The Division of Local Government Services shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations concerning the methods of accounting for all contracts that do not coincide with the contracting unit's fiscal year.
- c. Commencing in the fifth year after the year in which P.L.1999,c.440 takes effect, and every five years thereafter, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, shall adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the governing body is permitted to establish as set forth in subsection a. of this section or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in N.J.S.18A:18A-2(pending before the Legislature as section 50 of this bill), and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall notify all municipal units of the adjustment no later than June 1 of every fifth year. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made.

N.J.S.A.40A:11-4 (as amended) states, "Every contract or agreement for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the governing body to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law."

Effective July 1, 2015, the bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-3(c) (as amended) is increased to \$40,000 for Qualified Purchasing Agents (QPA), and \$17,500 for units without OPA's.

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

The Minutes indicate that resolutions were adopted and advertised authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.40A:11-5.

The system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

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

Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments

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

The governing body, on January 4, 2018, adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a grace period of 10 days for non-payment of taxes per R.S.54:4-67 is declared and that interest of 8% per annum for the first \$1,500 of delinquency and 18% per annum for any amount in excess of \$1,500 shall be charged, except that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within 10 days after the date upon which the same shall be payable.²

Under provisions of C.75, P.L. 1991 (amending N.J.S. 54:4-67), enacted March 28, 1991, the definition of tax delinquency was defined as the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel or property covering any number of quarters or years. In addition, the governing body may also fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year. The penalty so fixed shall not exceed six (6%) per cent of the amount of the delinquency.

The governing body, on January 4, 2018, adopted a resolution enabling the \$10,000 delinquency penalty provisions.

The audit of the Collector's records on a test basis indicated no differences between the amount of interest payable on delinquent tax payments, based on our calculations, and the amount of interest charged.

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

The delinquent taxes at December 31, 2018, include only real property items on the 2018 and 2017 tax levies.

The last tax sale was held on February 1, 2018 and was complete.

Inspection of tax sale certificates on file revealed that all tax sale certificates from tax sales were available for audit.

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

<u>Year</u>	Number of Liens
2018	5
2017	7
2016	6

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

Verification of Delinquent Taxes and Other Charges

Verification notices were mailed to confirm balances as of November 15, 2018. The items that were returned were compared to and are in agreement with the Township's records. For items not returned, alternative procedures were performed.

A test verification of delinquent charges and current payments was made in accordance with verification procedures approved by the Division of Local Government Services. A summary of such verification is as follows:

Type of Receivable - Real Property Tax Date of Circulars - November 15, 2018

Verification	Request Form	Total No. of Items	Total No. of Circular	Total No. Returned
Type 2018 Property Tax	Positive	<u>or items</u> 1,218	<u>Circular</u> 60	<u>Returned</u> 17
2019 Property Tax 2018 Delinquent Tax	Positive Negative	1,218 461	60 25	17 7

Technical Accounting Directives

During the calendar year 1984, the Division of Local Government Services initiated as part of the Single Audit Law, a planned revision of the Requirements of Audit to provide new accounting requirements mandated for most local government units. The revision to the Requirements of Audit and Accounting would be in order to improve fiscal accountability for all local governments, satisfy federal-state audit requirements and enhance the credibility for New Jersey municipal accounting practices with federal-state funding sources and bond rating agencies. The new requirements for most local units started January 1, 1986, unless exemption, based upon amount of federal aid received and population size, was formally secured. The Division in 1988 notified those exempted municipal units of a transition requirement for fully implementation of all accounting directives beginning in the 1989 fiscal periods. The identity and compliance status of the Township of Hope to these new directives are as follows:

		FY 2018 F	Required
		<u>Impleme</u>	ntation_
	Requirement	Yes	<u>No</u>
A.	General Ledger Accounting System	X	
B.	Encumbrance Accounting	X	
C.	Purchase Order System	X	
D.	Fixed Asset Accounting and Reporting System	X	

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

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	,			
	YEAR 2018	<u>%</u>	YEAR 2017	<u>%</u>
Fund Balance Utilized Miscellaneous - From Other Than	\$ 169,948	2.26%	\$ 145,000	2.03%
Local Property Tax Levies Collection of Delinquent Taxes and	841,386	11.20%	624,837	8.76%
Tax Title Liens	169,473	2.26%	90,051	1.26%
Collection of Current Tax Levy	6,265,241	83.43%	6,206,244	87.05%
Other Credits to Income	63,213	0.84%	63,741	0.89%
Total Income	7,509,261	100.00%	7,129,873	100.00%
EXPENDITURES				
Budget Expenditures:				
Municipal Purposes	1,659,485	23.33%	1,438,261	20.70%
County Taxes	1,634,571	22.98%	1,692,880	24.36%
Local Taxes	3,810,717	53.58%	3,801,160	54.71%
Interfund Advances	7,013	0.10%	16,010	0.23%
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,111,786	100.00%	\$ 6,948,311	100.00%
Excess in Revenue	397,475		181,562	
Adjustments to Income Before Fund Balance:	.			
Expenditures Included Above Which are by Statu Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year	ie			
Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Tear	_			
Statutory Excess To Fund Balance	397,475		181,562	
Fund Balance January 1	512,885		476,323	
Less:				
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	169,948		145,000	
Fund Balance December 31	\$ 740,412		\$ 512,885	

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Tax Rate	<u>\$2.858</u>	<u>\$2.541</u>	<u>\$2.529</u>
Apportionment of Tax Rate:			
Municipal	\$0.379	\$0.335	\$0.326
Municipal Open Space	\$0.025	\$0.020	\$0.020
County	\$0.737	\$0.673	\$0.683
Local School	\$1.717	\$1.513	\$1.501

Assessed Valuation:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$221,902,651
2017	\$251,290,125
2016	\$253,549,767

Comparison of Tax Levies and Collection Currently

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

			Percentage of
<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	Collections	Collections
2018	\$ 6,350,266	\$6,265,241	98.66%
2017	\$ 6,396,764	\$6,206,244	97.02%
2016	\$ 6,416,706	\$6,309,072	98.32%

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

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

	Amount of	Amount of	•	
Dec.31	Tax Title	Delinquent	Total	Percentage of
<u>Year</u>	<u>Liens</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Delinquent</u>	Tax Levy
2018	\$ 100,888	\$ 45,537	y \$ 146,42	2.31%
2017	\$ 198,548	\$ 70,487	\$ 269,03	4.21%
2016	\$ 191,182	\$ 78,954	\$ 270,13	4.21%

Property Acquired by Tax Title Lien Liquidation

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$858,700
2017	\$858,700
2016	\$858,700

Comparitive Schedule of Fund Balances

		Utilized
	Balance	In Budget of Succeeding Year
<u>Year</u>	December 31	<u>Regular</u>
2018	\$ 740,412	\$ 169,948
2017	\$ 512,885	\$ 169,948
2016	\$ 476,323	\$ 145,000
2015	\$ 210,034	\$ 99,487
2014	\$ 151,304	\$ 141,304
2013	\$ 203,502	\$ 170,000

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds

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

		Amount of	Name
<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	Bond	Of Corporate Surety
Timothy C. McDonough	Mayor		
John Kruk	Committeeperson		
Terry Urfer	Committeeperson		
Judith Fisher	Municipal Clerk	\$35,000	Selective Insurance Co.
Robin Keggan	Deputy Clerk		
Kathleen Reinalda	Certified Municipal Finance Officer	\$95,000	Selective Insurance Co.

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds (Continued)

		Amount of	Name				
<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bond</u>	Of Corporate Surety				
Stephen J. Lance	Collector; Tax Search Officer	\$98,000	Selective Insurance Co.				
Karen M. Bartlett-Lance	Assistant Tax Collector	\$25,000	Selective Insurance Co.				
Michael Selvaggi	Attorney						
Richard Motyka	Assessor						
George Boesze	Zoning Officer						
Alan DeCarolis	Animal Control Officer						
Alfia Schemm	Planning Board Secretary; Zoning Board of Adjustment Secretary						
Robin Keggan	Secretary to Environmental Co	mmission					

The minimum bond coverage for the Tax Collector and Municipal Court based on prior year tax levies is as follows:

All other officials handling monies were bonded by blanket bond coverage in the amount of \$10,000 under faithful performance blanket bond position as provided by the Selective Insurance

	Tax	Municipal			
Year	Collector	<u>Court</u>			
2018	\$95,492	\$17,585			

All the bonds were examined and were properly executed.



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

Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the Township Committee Township of Hope P.O. Box 284 County of Warren, New Jersey Hope, New Jersey 07844

We have audited, 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 audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Governments Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the regulatory-basis financial statements of the Township of Hope in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township of Hope's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 2019, which indicated that the financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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.

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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 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 of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Frenchtown, New Jersey

April 30, 2019

Certified Public Accountant

Curry Cuder

Registered Municipal Accountant No.524

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Frenchtown, New Jersey

April 30, 2019

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL/STATE AWARDS

$\frac{\textbf{SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS}}{\textbf{FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018}}$

FEDERAL GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE	<u>CFDA</u>	STATE ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM OR AWARD <u>AMOUNT</u>		FUND <u>REF.</u>	CASH ACCRUED OR DEFERRED REVENUE BALANCE AT 1/1/18	RECEIPTS PROGRAM	OTHER RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	CASH ACCRUED OR DEFERRED REVENUE BALANCE AT 12/31/18	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION											
NJ Transportation Fund Authority Act											
Birch Ridge Road	20.600	N/A	\$ 140,000	2018	A		\$ 91,903			\$ 91,903	
Osum Road	20.600	N/A	115,000	2018	A		80,491			80,491	
Jenny Jump Road	20.600	N/A	180,000	2017	A	\$ (14,098)	47,453		\$ 35,835	(2,480)	
Honey Run Road	20.600	N/A	261,500	2014	A	(4,953)				(4,953)	
Moravian Grange	20.600	N/A	29,519	2014	Α	7,411				7,411	
Smith & Green Streets	20.600	N/A	91,000	2015	A	1,249				1,249	
						\$ (10,391)	\$ 219,847	-	\$ 35,835	\$ 173,621	-

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Note: This Schedule was not subject to an audit in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.

The accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.

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SCHEDULE OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

					(ACCF	CASH RUED) OR					CASH (ACCRUED) OR
		PROGRAM				ERRED VENUE					DEFERRED REVENUE
STATE GRANTOR/	ACCOUNT	OR AWARD	GRANT	FUND		LANCE	RECEIPTS				BALANCE
PROGRAM TITLE	NUMBER	<u>AMOUNT</u>	PERIOD	REF.		1/1/18	PROGRAM	<u>OTHER</u>	DISBURS	<u>EMENTS</u>	AT 12/31/18
DEPT. OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS											
Municipal Alliance Program											
N.J.S.40A:11-5(a)	N/A	\$ 3,342	2018	A			\$ 1,755				\$ 1,755
Municipal Alliance Program		- ,-					,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,				,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
N.J.S.40A:11-5(a)	N/A	3,484	2017	A	\$	3,484					3,484
Municipal Alliance Program											
N.J.S.40A:11-5(a)	N/A		2016	A		360					360
Municipal Alliance Program											
N.J.S.40A:11-5(a)	N/A		2015	A		13,602			\$	1,736	11,866
DEPT. OF ENVIR. PROTECTION											
Solid Waste Admin	4900-765-178900										
		6,803	2018	A			6,803			6,803	-
Clean Communities Program		7,069	2017	A		1,299				1,299	-
Clean Communities Program		8,321	2016	A		-					-
DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY											
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	4250-760-050000-63		2018	A			1,025				1,025
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	4250-760-050000-63		Prior Years	A		1,441					1,441
OTHER LOCAL AIDS											
Recycling Grant	N/A	2,397	2017	A		2,397				2,397	-
Sustainable New Jersey Grant	N/A	5,000	2017	A		4,930					4,930
Moravian Generator Grant	N/A	15,500	2018	A						14,750	(14,750)
Generator Grant	N/A	12,500	2017	A		(12,500)					(12,500)
Generator Grant	N/A	11,250	2015	A		-					-
ANJEC Grant	N/A	1,500	2015	A		1,500					1,500
TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE					\$	16,513	\$ 9,583	-	- \$	26,985	\$ (889)

Note: This Schedule was not subject to an audit in accordance with NJ OMB Circular 15-08.

The accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPE

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS DECEMBER 31, 2018

NOTE 1. GENERAL

The accompanying Schedules of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards present the activity of all federal and state award programs of the Township of Hope. The Township of Hope is defined in Note 1 to the Township's financial statements. All federal and state awards received directly from federal and state agencies, as well as federal and state awards passed through other government agencies, are included on the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards.

NOTE 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying Schedules of Expenditures of State Awards are presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in these schedules is presented in accordance with the requirements of federal OMB Uniform Guidance, Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations. However, the Township was not subject to the single audit provisions of Federal OMB Uniform Guidance or New Jersey OMB Circular NJOMB 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid for 2018 as grant expenditures were less than the single audit thresholds of \$750,000, identified in the Circulars.

NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying Schedules of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards are presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Therefore, some amounts presented in these schedules may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Prior Year Occurrence

2017-1*

We recommend all statutory means should be utilized to liquidate tax title liens in order to get such properties back on a taxpaying basis.

Finding is Corrected in 2018

2017-2* We recommend the Township review the statutory minimum amount required for employee surety bonds on an annual basis.

Finding is Corrected in 2018

(*) Prior Year Finding

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES GENERAL FINDINGS

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

GENERAL FINDINGS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Summary of Auditor's Results

The Township prepares its financial statements in conformity with accounting practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

The audit did not disclose any material weaknesses in the internal controls of the Township.

The audit did not disclose any noncompliance that is material to the financial statements of the Township.

The Township was not subject to the single audit provisions of Federal OMB Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Circular NJOMB 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid for 2018 as grant expenditures were less than the single audit thresholds of \$750,000, identified in the Circulars.

Findings Relating to the Financ			d in Accordance with Ge	enerally Accepted
	Governmen	t Auditing Standards:		
Finding				
None				
(*) Prior Year Finding				
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