

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

COUNTY OF WARREN

REPORT OF AUDIT

2024

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS*

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

PART I

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Independent Auditors' Report

The Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Town Council
Town of Phillipsburg
Phillipsburg, New Jersey

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements – *regulatory basis* - of the various funds and account group of the Town of Phillipsburg (the "Town"), in the County of Warren as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each fund and account group of the Town as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the results of operations and changes in fund balance, where applicable, of such funds and account group, thereof for the years then ended in accordance with the accounting practices prescribed or permitted, as described in Note 1, by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division").

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund and account group of the Town as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, or the changes in financial position or where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended.

Basis for Opinions

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

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Town on the basis of the financial reporting provisions prescribed or permitted by the Division, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the Division's regulatory basis of accounting and the budget laws of New Jersey.

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

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 18 to the financial statements, the Town implemented GASB Statement 101, *Compensated Absences*, during the year ended December 31, 2024. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

The Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Town Council
Town of Phillipsburg
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Supplementary Information

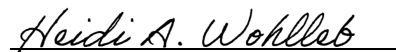
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements of the various funds and account group that collectively comprise the Town's financial statements. The supplementary data schedules listed in the table of contents and the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance") and New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the various fund and account group financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the various fund and account group financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the various fund and account group financial statements or to the various fund and account group financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary data schedules and the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the various fund and account group financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 12, 2025, on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mount Arlington, New Jersey
June 12, 2025


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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COUNTY OF WARREN
2024
CURRENT FUND

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

		December 31,	
	Ref.	2024	2023
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Regular Fund:			
Cash - Treasurer	A-4	\$ 10,608,586.15	\$ 11,048,889.88
Cash - Collector	A-5	1,745,653.97	1,610,811.18
Cash - Clerk	A-5a	5,027.80	4,305.18
Change Funds		1,919.00	1,919.00
		<u>12,361,186.92</u>	<u>12,665,925.24</u>
Receivables and Other Assets With			
Full Reserves:			
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-7	1,021,685.62	714,036.66
Tax Title Liens Receivable	A-8	228,002.90	236,909.37
Property Acquired for Taxes at Assessed			
Valuation		1,313,300.00	1,313,300.00
Municipal Lien Charges Receivable	A-8a	219,576.18	219,576.18
Municipal Charges Receivable	A-8b	32,300.00	33,600.00
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-9	8,099.49	22,302.88
Due from:			
General Capital Fund	C	24,594.72	15,814.90
Other Trust Funds	B	20,149.51	
Payroll Accounts		25,170.08	
Total Receivables and Other Assets			
With Full Reserves	A	<u>2,892,878.50</u>	<u>2,555,539.99</u>
Deferred Charges:			
Special Emergency Authorization		160,000.00	240,000.00
		<u>160,000.00</u>	<u>240,000.00</u>
Total Regular Fund		<u>15,414,065.42</u>	<u>15,461,465.23</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Federal and State Grants Receivable	A-10	7,721,560.98	3,806,820.01
Due from Current Fund	A	2,609,496.03	1,643,408.74
		<u>10,331,057.01</u>	<u>5,450,228.75</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		\$ 25,745,122.43	\$ 20,911,693.98

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
(Continued)

		December 31,	
	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Regular Fund:			
Appropriation Reserves:			
Unencumbered	A-3;A-11	\$ 929,766.42	\$ 1,101,436.28
Encumbered	A-3;A-11	364,196.65	339,860.69
Total Appropriation Reserves		1,293,963.07	1,441,296.97
Accounts Payable - Vendors		39,086.38	41,073.58
Prepaid Taxes		582,569.66	402,349.11
Tax Overpayments		1,542.33	10,379.29
County Taxes Payable		7,885.80	4,300.64
Local School Taxes Payable	A-12	2,897,677.10	2,767,996.06
Due to:			
Federal and State Grant Fund	A	2,609,496.03	1,643,408.74
Other Trust Funds	B		291,296.27
Other Trust Funds - Municipal Open Space	B	11,233.64	
State of New Jersey:			
Senior Citizen and Veteran Deductions		45,679.48	40,604.68
Marriage License Fees		1,235.00	1,410.00
DCA - Construction Code Fees		10,193.00	28,291.00
Dog License Fees		812.40	821.40
Reserve for:			
Municipal Relief Fund			209,174.65
Library			7,424.16
Sale of Municipal Assets		353,708.19	268,708.19
Redemption of Outside Liens		9,926.12	9,305.50
Revaluation		251.02	251.02
Tax Appeals		90,030.81	96,032.36
Tax Sale Bidder's Escrow		50,930.93	
Digital Tax Maps		12,510.00	13,710.00
Legal Settlement		490,000.00	
		8,508,730.96	7,277,833.62
Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets	A	2,892,878.50	2,555,539.99
Fund Balance	A-1	4,012,455.96	5,628,091.62
Total Regular Fund		15,414,065.42	15,461,465.23
Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Appropriated Reserves	A-13	9,841,410.42	4,752,798.21
Unappropriated Reserves	A-14	5,954.57	5,829.22
Reserve for Encumbrances	A-13	483,692.02	691,601.32
Total Federal and State Grant Fund		10,331,057.01	5,450,228.75
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>		<u>\$ 25,745,122.43</u>	<u>\$ 20,911,693.98</u>

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

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE
IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

		Year Ended December 31,	
	<u>Ref.</u>	2024	2023
<u>Revenue and Other Income Realized</u>			
Fund Balance Utilized		\$ 2,250,000.00	\$ 2,250,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated		13,707,774.16	11,936,332.28
Receipts from:			
Delinquent Taxes		738,503.12	732,437.69
Current Taxes		31,411,144.64	29,180,705.87
Nonbudget Revenue		509,537.23	477,498.92
Other Credits to Income:			
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves		362,719.90	696,666.04
Cancellation of Federal and State Grant Fund			
Appropriated Reserves		186,318.07	
Cancellation of Accounts Payable		29,518.93	167,497.90
Interfunds and Other Receivables Returned			25,636.39
Total Income		<u>49,195,516.05</u>	<u>45,466,775.09</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Budget Appropriations		28,658,330.76	23,346,311.38
County Taxes		5,703,364.84	5,356,360.33
Municipal Open Space Taxes		143,176.80	142,733.79
Local School District Taxes		13,362,440.00	13,103,078.00
Cancellation of Federal and State Grant Fund Receivables		149,739.90	
Prior Year Senior Citizens' Deductions Disallowed			1,500.00
Reserve for Legal Settlement		490,000.00	
Interfunds and Other Receivables Advanced		54,099.41	15,814.90
Total Expenditures		<u>48,561,151.71</u>	<u>41,965,798.40</u>
Excess in Revenue		634,364.34	3,500,976.69
<u>Fund Balance</u>			
Balance January 1		<u>5,628,091.62</u>	<u>4,377,114.93</u>
		6,262,455.96	7,878,091.62
Decreased by:			
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue		<u>2,250,000.00</u>	<u>2,250,000.00</u>
Balance December 31	A	<u>\$ 4,012,455.96</u>	<u>\$ 5,628,091.62</u>

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

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Budget	Added by NJSA 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess or Deficit *
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 2,250,000.00		\$ 2,250,000.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue:				
Licenses:				
Alcoholic Beverages	34,300.00		29,840.00	\$ 4,460.00 *
Other	4,178.00		2,734.00	1,444.00 *
Fees and Permits	637,000.00		911,636.50	274,636.50
Fines and Costs:				
Municipal Court	81,000.00		105,892.75	24,892.75
Interest and Costs on Taxes	130,397.00		186,685.12	56,288.12
Parking Meters	120,200.00		83,655.03	36,544.97 *
Interest on Investments and Deposits	845,000.00		935,993.90	90,993.90
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Federal Housing Project	197,800.00		222,744.16	24,944.16
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Sewage Treatment	66,000.00		83,500.00	17,500.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Phillipmain, LLC	6,900.00		6,900.92	0.92
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Bridge I	557,972.25		449,146.68	108,825.57 *
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Bridge II	56,514.07		119,314.41	62,800.34
Reserve for Municipal Relief Fund	209,174.65		209,174.65	
Energy Receipts Tax	2,029,314.00		2,029,314.18	0.18
Uniform Construction Code Fees	545,800.00		249,456.00	296,344.00 *
Shared Service Agreement - Borough of Alpha:				
Police Services	351,147.00		400,000.00	48,853.00
Municipal Court	23,400.00		23,400.00	
Recycling Tonnage Grant		\$ 23,934.00	23,934.00	
Body Armor Replacement Grant		3,059.52	3,059.52	
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant - 2022		4,531.08	4,531.08	
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant - 2023		3,950.52	3,950.52	
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant - 2024		3,565.62	3,565.62	
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	5,936.00		5,936.00	
Board of Education - School Resource Officer		300,169.00	300,169.00	
N.J. Youth Corps - 2025		466,200.00	466,200.00	
Clean Communities Program		44,478.24	44,478.24	
Warren - LEADER Station House Adjustment Program	14,476.00		14,476.00	
Stormwater Assistance Grant	10,000.00		10,000.00	
Click It or Ticket		10,500.00	10,500.00	
American Rescue Plan - Firefighter Grant	50,000.00		50,000.00	
Aqua Road Improvement Donations		766,277.54	766,277.54	
National Opioid Settlement		169,469.94	169,469.94	
CDS EPA Community Grant		3,360,000.00	3,360,000.00	
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection:				
Mercer St Park Grant		500,000.00	500,000.00	
GSPT Brainard St Park Inclusive Playground		750,000.00	750,000.00	
Reserve for Sale of Municipal Assets	80,000.00		80,000.00	
Cable TV Franchise Fees	44,445.00		44,445.00	
Capital Fund Balance	64,855.02		64,855.02	
St. Luke's Contribution	218,492.48		218,492.46	0.02 *
Canabis Transfer Tax	695,000.00		604,644.49	90,355.51 *
Municipal Swimming Pool Receipts	113,750.00		141,901.43	28,151.43
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Sewage Treatment Plant	17,500.00		17,500.00	
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	7,210,551.47	6,406,135.46	13,707,774.16	91,087.23

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Added by NJSA 40A:4-87</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess or Deficit *</u>
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$ 700,000.00		\$ 738,503.12	\$ 38,503.12
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:				
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	12,236,701.78		12,340,228.25	103,526.47
Minimum Library Tax	988,665.00		988,665.00	
	<u>13,225,366.78</u>		<u>13,328,893.25</u>	<u>103,526.47</u>
Budget Totals	23,385,918.25	\$ 6,406,135.46	30,025,170.53	233,116.82
Nonbudget Revenue			509,537.23	509,537.23
	<u>\$ 23,385,918.25</u>	<u>\$ 6,406,135.46</u>	<u>\$ 30,534,707.76</u>	<u>\$ 742,654.05</u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

Allocation of Current Tax Collections

Collections		\$ 31,411,144.64
Allocated to:		
County Taxes	\$ 5,693,552.58	
Due to County for Added and Omitted Taxes	9,812.26	
Municipal Open Space Taxes	143,176.80	
School Taxes	<u>13,362,440.00</u>	
		<u>19,208,981.64</u>
		12,202,163.00
Add: Appropriation "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes"		<u>1,126,730.25</u>
Realized for Support of Municipal Budget		<u><u>\$ 13,328,893.25</u></u>

Receipts from Delinquent Taxes:

Delinquent Tax Collections	\$ 713,368.77
Tax Title Liens Redeemed	<u>25,134.35</u>
	<u><u>\$ 738,503.12</u></u>

Other Licenses:

Cash Receipts - Clerk	\$ 1,608.00
Less: Refunds	
	<u><u>\$ 1,608.00</u></u>

Interest on Investments and Deposits:

Cash Received - Treasurer	\$ 682,750.61
Cash Received - Collector	216,175.56
Cash Received - Clerk	1,027.23
Due from Other Trust Funds	11,445.78
Due from General Capital Fund	<u>24,594.72</u>
	<u><u>\$ 935,993.90</u></u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

Analysis of Nonbudget Revenue:

Treasurer:

Other Miscellaneous Receipts	\$	9,698.74	
Recreation Field Rental		4,855.00	
Administrative Fee - Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions			
Veterans Deductions		1,460.26	
Police Outside Services - Administrative Fees		364,653.41	
Workers' Compensation and Other Insurance Refunds		28,414.03	
Pavilion Rental Fees		2,190.80	
FEMA Reimbursement Severe Winter Storm and Snow Storm		8,013.09	
Gasoline Billings Reimbursements		81,484.11	
			\$ 500,769.44

Collector:

Municipal Charges Receivable Collections		1,300.00	
Tax Sale Costs		7,467.79	
			8,767.79
			\$ 509,537.23

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Expended By		Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
Operations Within "CAPS":					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
General Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 108,903.99	\$ 1,096.01	
Other Expenses	243,750.00	243,750.00	220,922.61	22,827.39	
Mayor and Council:					
Salaries and Wages	45,000.00	45,000.00	43,273.94	1,726.06	
Other Expenses	14,800.00	14,800.00	8,954.36	5,845.64	
Municipal Clerk:					
Salaries and Wages	239,750.00	219,750.00	213,796.49	5,953.51	
Other Expenses	97,950.00	112,950.00	95,435.17	17,514.83	
Financial Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	206,925.00	201,925.00	201,251.48	673.52	
Other Expenses	67,575.00	67,575.00	61,441.92	6,133.08	
Audit Services	40,000.00	40,000.00	5,355.00	34,645.00	
Revenue Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	77,375.00	78,375.00	77,400.96	974.04	
Other Expenses	31,000.00	27,000.00	14,493.23	12,506.77	
Tax Assessment Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	198,500.00	213,500.00	207,953.47	5,546.53	
Other Expenses	27,600.00	27,600.00	19,074.66	8,525.34	
Legal Services:					
Other Expenses	353,500.00	353,500.00	331,097.47	22,402.53	
Engineering Services:					
Other Expenses	81,000.00	81,000.00	64,200.00	16,800.00	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

	Appropriations		Expended By		Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
Operations Within "CAPS" (Continued):					
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION:					
Planning Board:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,066.90	\$ 933.10	
Other Expenses	15,000.00	15,000.00	6,590.20	8,409.80	
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS:					
Police Department:					
Salaries and Wages	5,058,500.00	5,039,500.00	4,959,293.61	80,206.39	
Other Expenses	181,500.00	191,500.00	182,875.10	8,624.90	
Emergency Management Services:					
Salaries and Wages	8,800.00	8,800.00	8,699.86	100.14	
Other Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,301.50	698.50	
Aid to Volunteer Fire Company	40,500.00	40,500.00	40,500.00		
Aid to First Aid Organization	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00		
Fire Department:					
Salaries and Wages	17,000.00	17,000.00	15,750.28	1,249.72	
Other Expenses	105,600.00	121,600.00	114,270.89	7,329.11	
Supplemental Fire Services Program	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00		
Municipal Prosecutor:					
Other Expenses	45,000.00	45,000.00	39,999.96	5,000.04	
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS:					
Streets and Roads Maintenance:					
Salaries and Wages	440,250.00	440,250.00	439,513.41	736.59	
Other Expenses	205,000.00	178,000.00	140,503.52	37,496.48	
Other Public Works Functions:					
Salaries and Wages	259,805.00	239,805.00	230,949.78	8,855.22	
Other Expenses	10,725.00	10,725.00	8,541.70	2,183.30	
PEOSHA	20,000.00	20,000.00	19,073.41	926.59	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

	Appropriations		Expended By		Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
Operations Within "CAPS" (Continued):					
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS (Continued):					
Solid Waste Collections:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 579,900.00	\$ 599,900.00	\$ 599,531.10	\$ 368.90	
Other Expenses	17,000.00	17,000.00	10,250.39	6,749.61	
Buildings and Grounds:					
Salaries and Wages	507,000.00	507,000.00	504,783.47	2,216.53	
Other Expenses	144,500.00	144,500.00	137,383.62	7,116.38	
Vehicle Maintenance:					
Salaries and Wages	135,000.00	138,000.00	136,427.57	1,572.43	
Other Expenses	290,000.00	305,000.00	258,809.42	46,190.58	
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS:					
Animal Control:					
Other Expenses - Contractual	67,200.00	67,200.00	67,200.00		
Contributions to Social Services:					
Other Expenses	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00		
PARKS AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS:					
Recreation Services and Programs:					
Salaries and Wages	20,000.00	20,000.00	10,490.73	9,509.27	
Other Expenses	87,250.00	87,250.00	80,263.00	6,987.00	
Municipal Swimming Pool:					
Salaries and Wages	110,000.00	125,000.00	122,909.44	2,090.56	
Other Expenses	46,000.00	46,000.00	46,000.00		
Celebration of Public Events:					
Other Expenses	35,000.00	87,500.00	82,624.15	4,875.85	
Accumulated Leave Compensation	100,000.00	100,000.00		100,000.00	
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES:					
Electricity	145,000.00	145,000.00	143,174.53	1,825.47	
Street Lighting	190,000.00	190,000.00	169,180.27	20,819.73	
Telephone	79,000.00	79,000.00	73,543.59	5,456.41	
Water	170,000.00	170,000.00	117,707.75	52,292.25	
Gas (Natural or Propane)	85,000.00	85,000.00	68,401.71	16,598.29	
Gasoline	230,000.00	230,000.00	203,996.13	26,003.87	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

	Appropriations		Expended By		Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
Operations Within "CAPS" (Continued):					
LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS:					
Waste Disposal:					
Other Expenses	\$ 625,000.00	\$ 625,000.00	\$ 606,904.89	\$ 18,095.11	
Municipal Court:					
Salaries and Wages	254,000.00	254,000.00	245,175.97	8,824.03	
Other Expenses	31,400.00	31,400.00	23,719.23	7,680.77	
Public Defender (P.L. 1997, C.256):					
Salaries and Wages					
Other Expenses	24,000.00	24,000.00	20,000.00	4,000.00	
INSURANCE:					
Liability Insurance					
Workers Compensation Insurance	278,500.00	278,500.00	272,803.32	5,696.68	
Employee Group Insurance	412,000.00	412,000.00	411,586.60	413.40	
Health Benefit Waivers	1,851,200.00	1,851,200.00	1,807,272.80	43,927.20	
	42,000.00	42,000.00		42,000.00	
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE:					
Code Enforcement:					
Salaries and Wages	632,625.00	575,125.00	567,967.45	7,157.55	
Other Expenses	69,200.00	69,200.00	59,314.66	9,885.34	
Total Operations Within "CAPS"	15,588,180.00	15,588,180.00	14,803,906.66	784,273.34	
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	9,061,430.00	8,983,930.00	8,702,139.90	281,790.10	
Other Expenses	6,526,750.00	6,604,250.00	6,101,766.76	502,483.24	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

	Appropriations		Expended By		Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
Operations Within "CAPS" (Continued):					
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES:					
Contributions to:					
Public Employees' Retirement System	\$ 495,450.00	\$ 495,450.00	\$ 495,450.00		
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	375,000.00	375,000.00	372,529.23	\$ 2,470.77	
Police and Firemen's Retirement System of NJ	1,479,400.00	1,479,400.00	1,479,400.00		
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	32,000.00	32,000.00	30,050.87	1,949.13	
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	15,000.00	15,000.00	6,463.85	8,536.15	
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal Within "CAPS"	2,396,850.00	2,396,850.00	2,383,893.95	12,956.05	
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"	17,985,030.00	17,985,030.00	17,187,800.61	797,229.39	
Operations Excluded from "CAPS":					
Maintenance of Free Public Library	988,665.00	988,665.00	894,982.13	93,682.87	
Recycling Tax (P.L.2007, C.311)	26,000.00	26,000.00	17,516.28	8,483.72	
Shared Service Agreement - Borough of Alpha:					
Police Services	351,147.00	351,147.00	320,776.56	30,370.44	
Municipal Court	23,400.00	23,400.00	23,400.00		
Municipal Court - Facilities	27,500.00	27,500.00	27,500.00		
Board of Education - School Resource Officer					
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$300,169.00)		300,169.00	300,169.00		

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

	Appropriations		Expended By		Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
Operations Excluded from "CAPS" (Continued):					
Public and Private Program Offset by Revenue:					
Recycling Tonnage Grant (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$23,934.00)		\$ 23,934.00	\$ 23,934.00		
Matching Funds for Grants - Local	\$ 1,484.00	1,484.00	1,484.00		
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	5,936.00	5,936.00	5,936.00		
Station House Adjustment Program	14,476.00	14,476.00	14,476.00		
Clean Communities Program					
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$44,478.24)		44,478.24	44,478.24		
N.J. Youth Corps - 2025					
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$466,200.00)		466,200.00	466,200.00		
Click It or Ticket					
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$10,500.00)		10,500.00	10,500.00		
Stormwater Assistance Grant	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		
Body Armor Replacement Grant (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$3,059.52)		3,059.52	3,059.52		
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant:					
2022 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$4,531.08)		4,531.08	4,531.08		
2023 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$3,950.52)		3,950.52	3,950.52		
2024 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$3,565.62)		3,565.62	3,565.62		
CDS EPA Community Grant					
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$3,360,000.00)		3,360,000.00	3,360,000.00		
DEP - Mercer St Park Grant (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$500,000.00)		500,000.00	500,000.00		
DEP/GSPT Brainard St Park Inclusive Playground					
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$750,000.00)		750,000.00	750,000.00		
Neighborhood Preservation Program - Local Match	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00		
American Rescue Plan - Firefighters Grant	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00		
Aqua - Road Restoration Donations (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$766,277.54)		766,277.54	766,277.54		
NJ Department of Human Services:					
National Opioid Settlement					
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$169,469.94)		169,469.94	169,469.94		
Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	1,523,608.00	7,929,743.46	7,797,206.43	\$ 132,537.03	
Detail:					
Other Expenses	1,523,608.00	7,929,743.46	7,797,206.43	132,537.03	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

	Appropriations		Expended By		Unexpended
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	Balance Cancelled
Operations Excluded from "CAPS":					
Capital Improvements - Excluded from "CAPS":					
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00		
Total Capital Improvements Excluded from "CAPS"	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00		
Deferred Charges:					
Special Emergency Authorizations - 5 Years					
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55)	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00		
Total Deferred Charges - Municipal - Excluded from "CAPS"	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00		
Municipal Debt Service Excluded from "CAPS":					
Payment of Bond Principal	930,000.00	930,000.00	930,000.00		
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	915,000.00	915,000.00	915,000.00		\$ 3,723.74
Interest on Bonds	295,000.00	295,000.00	291,276.26		3,264.76
Interest on Notes	390,000.00	390,000.00	386,735.24		
Green Trust Loan Program:					
Loan Repayments for Principal and Interest	15,550.00	15,550.00	15,545.80		4.20
Total Municipal Debt Service Excluded from "CAPS"	2,545,550.00	2,545,550.00	2,538,557.30		6,992.70
Total General Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS"	4,274,158.00	10,680,293.46	10,540,763.73	\$ 132,537.03	6,992.70
Subtotal General Appropriations	22,259,188.00	28,665,323.46	27,728,564.34	929,766.42	6,992.70
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,126,730.25	1,126,730.25	1,126,730.25		
Total General Appropriations	\$ 23,385,918.25	\$ 29,792,053.71	\$ 28,855,294.59	\$ 929,766.42	\$ 6,992.70
Ref.				A	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

	<u>Ref.</u>	Analysis of	
		<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>
Adopted Budget		\$ 23,385,918.25	
Added by:			
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87		<u>6,406,135.46</u>	
		<u>\$ 29,792,053.71</u>	
Cash Disbursed			\$ 20,913,330.41
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes			1,126,730.25
Encumbrances	A		364,196.65
Due to Reserve for Library			8,406.37
Deferred Charges - Special Emergency Authorization			80,000.00
Transfer to Appropriated Grant Reserves:			
Federal, State and Local Grants			6,486,547.46
Local Matching Funds			<u>26,484.00</u>
			29,005,695.14
Less: Appropriation Refunds			<u>150,400.55</u>
			<u>\$ 28,855,294.59</u>

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COUNTY OF WARREN
2024
TRUST FUNDS

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
TRUST FUNDS
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

		December 31,	
	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Animal Control Fund:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	B-4	\$ 943.10	\$ 2,742.48
		<u>943.10</u>	<u>2,742.48</u>
Other Trust Funds:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	B-4	6,774,078.84	5,783,435.98
Due from Current Fund	A		291,296.27
Due from Current Fund - Open Space	A	11,233.64	
Accounts Receivable (Police Outside Services)		25,121.64	38,359.90
Community Development Revolving Loan			
Program Receivable		180,332.22	186,107.58
		<u>6,990,766.34</u>	<u>6,299,199.73</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		<u>\$ 6,991,709.44</u>	<u>\$ 6,301,942.21</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</u>			
Animal Control Fund:			
Reserve for Animal Control Expenditures	B-6	\$ 190.85	\$ 1,990.23
Reserve for Donation for Dog Park		752.25	752.25
		<u>943.10</u>	<u>2,742.48</u>
Other Trust Funds:			
Due to Current Fund - Other Trust Funds	A	20,149.51	
Reserve for:			
Federally Funded Housing Assistance			
Program (Section 8)		446,796.06	470,342.25
Planning Board/Zoning Board Escrow		329,533.59	347,941.79
Community Development Revolving			
Loan Program		556,964.69	534,881.05
Parking Offense Adjudication Act		2,505.81	1,993.81
Bernards Township R.C.A. Program			165,401.43
Accumulated Sick and Vacation		416,298.45	334,918.13
Police Outside Services		104,091.89	99,922.58
Small Cities Block Grants		49,627.75	41,177.75
Neighborhood Preservation Grant		11,443.24	11,443.24
Donations for Celebration of Public Events		22,006.96	9,547.98

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
TRUST FUNDS
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
(Continued)

		December 31,	
	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</u>			
Other Trust Funds:			
Reserve for:			
Storm Recovery		\$ 168,660.18	\$ 174,260.18
Dog Park User Fees		1,854.53	1,814.53
Public Defender Fees		20,961.92	17,274.80
Lead Paint Inspection Fees		6,080.00	
Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ)		457,746.09	
Flexible Spending Benefits		4,468.83	364.92
Municipal Open Space		660,557.79	526,399.15
Recreation Donations		40,000.00	40,000.00
Non-Residential Development Fees		2,565,446.22	2,305,051.79
Other Donations		704.31	704.31
Engineers Developers Escrow		7,402.92	7,402.92
Engineers Inspection Escrow		530,965.60	668,957.12
Tax Sale Premiums		566,500.00	539,400.00
Redemption of Outside Liens			
		<u>6,990,766.34</u>	<u>6,299,199.73</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</u>		<u>\$ 6,991,709.44</u>	<u>\$ 6,301,942.21</u>

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
ASSESSMENT TRUST FUND
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOT APPLICABLE

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
ASSESSMENT TRUST FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOT APPLICABLE

ASSESSMENT TRUST FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOT APPLICABLE

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COUNTY OF WARREN
2024
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

		December 31,	
	Ref.	2024	2023
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	C-2	\$ 5,400,991.57	\$ 4,835,725.78
N.J. Department of Transportation Grants Receivable	C-3	399,702.75	359,960.75
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:			
Funded		7,817,315.70	8,762,329.60
Unfunded	C-4	16,388,273.75	12,920,198.75
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		<u>\$ 30,006,283.77</u>	<u>\$ 26,878,214.88</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Serial Bonds Payable	C-8	\$ 7,802,000.00	\$ 8,732,000.00
Green Acres Loan Payable	C-9	15,315.70	30,329.60
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	C-7	12,005,000.00	9,125,000.00
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	C-5	569,398.18	821,656.18
Unfunded	C-5	7,060,119.27	3,123,945.83
Due to Current Fund	A	24,594.72	15,814.90
Capital Improvement Fund	C-6	1,698.84	2,123.84
Reserve for:			
Payment of Debt Service		189,888.00	
Encumbrances		1,745,152.87	4,527,202.42
N.J. Department of Transportation Grants Receivable		399,702.75	359,960.75
Capital Projects		36,780.16	36,780.16
Fund Balance	C-1	156,633.28	103,401.20
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>		<u>\$ 30,006,283.77</u>	<u>\$ 26,878,214.88</u>

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2023	C	\$ 103,401.20
Increased by:		
Premium on Bond Anticipation Notes		<u>118,087.10</u>
		221,488.30
Decreased by:		
Payment to Current Fund as Anticipated Revenue - 2024 Budget		<u>64,855.02</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	C	<u><u>\$ 156,633.28</u></u>

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COUNTY OF WARREN
2024
WATER UTILITY FUND

NOT APPLICABLE

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COUNTY OF WARREN
2024
SEWER UTILITY FUND

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

		December 31,	
	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Operating Fund:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Treasurer	E-4	\$ 2,058,017.97	\$ 530,044.72
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Collector	E-6	188,054.03	1,455,693.93
Change Fund		500.00	500.00
		<u>2,246,572.00</u>	<u>1,986,238.65</u>
Due from Sewer Utility Capital Fund	E	47,116.63	5,783.99
		<u>2,293,688.63</u>	<u>1,992,022.64</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:			
Consumer Accounts Receivable	E-7	240,977.44	174,766.16
Other Municipalities Accounts Receivable		250.78	53.93
Sewer Liens Receivable	E-8	395.40	395.40
Total Receivables with Full Reserves	E	<u>241,623.62</u>	<u>175,215.49</u>
Total Operating Fund		<u>2,535,312.25</u>	<u>2,167,238.13</u>
Capital Fund:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	E-4	5,195,719.01	1,474,153.97
Fixed Capital	E-9	45,428,944.54	45,428,944.54
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	E-10	8,390,000.00	8,390,000.00
Total Capital Fund		<u>59,014,663.55</u>	<u>55,293,098.51</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>			
		<u>\$ 61,549,975.80</u>	<u>\$ 57,460,336.64</u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
(Continued)

		December 31,	
	Ref.	2024	2023
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Operating Fund:			
Appropriation Reserves:			
Unencumbered	E-3;E-11	\$ 931,452.39	\$ 383,339.06
Encumbered	E-3;E-11	23,779.37	264,154.98
Total Appropriation Reserves		955,231.76	647,494.04
Accounts Payable		200,438.06	9,198.57
Accrued Interest on Notes		31,086.35	
Accrued Interest on Loans		25,058.33	28,804.17
Accrued Interest on Bonds		8,750.00	9,281.25
Sewer Overpayments		12,486.48	16,159.07
		1,233,050.98	710,937.10
Reserve for Receivables	E	241,623.62	175,215.49
Fund Balance	E-1	1,060,637.65	1,281,085.54
Total Operating Fund		2,535,312.25	2,167,238.13
Capital Fund:			
NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan Payable:			
Trust	E-16	1,751,000.00	1,947,000.00
Fund	E-16	3,136,003.32	3,548,195.07
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	E-17	4,500,000.00	
Serial Bonds Payable	E-18	1,780,000.00	1,865,000.00
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	E-12	71,959.97	46,078.67
Unfunded	E-12	2,395,208.65	4,030,405.00
Due to Sewer Utility Operating Fund	E	47,116.63	5,783.99
Capital Improvement Fund	E-13	175,445.53	100,445.53
Reserve for:			
Encumbrances		1,704,052.06	643,840.02
Amortization	E-14	40,633,128.17	39,939,936.42
Deferred Amortization	E-15	1,975,000.00	1,975,000.00
Sewer Improvements		266,856.00	654,910.59
Fund Balance	E-1a	578,893.22	536,503.22
Total Capital Fund		59,014,663.55	55,293,098.51
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>		\$ 61,549,975.80	\$ 57,460,336.64

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
<u>Revenue and Other Income Realized</u>		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 752,000.00	\$ 777,584.00
Rents	4,729,893.97	4,469,430.86
Miscellaneous	496,362.36	512,344.51
Reserve for Sewer Improvements	654,910.59	
Other Credits to Income:		
Cancellation of Prior Year Accounts Payable	510.00	
Appropriation Reserves Lapsed	236,860.44	134,058.81
Total Income	<u>6,870,537.36</u>	<u>5,893,418.18</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	4,675,000.00	4,725,000.00
Capital Improvements	729,910.59	100,000.00
Debt Service	841,074.66	809,461.89
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	93,000.00	85,584.00
Total Expenditures	<u>6,338,985.25</u>	<u>5,720,045.89</u>
Excess in Revenue	531,552.11	173,372.29
<u>Fund Balance</u>		
Balance January 1	<u>1,281,085.54</u>	<u>1,885,297.25</u>
	1,812,637.65	2,058,669.54
Decreased by:		
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	<u>752,000.00</u>	<u>777,584.00</u>
Balance December 31	<u><u>\$ 1,060,637.65</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,281,085.54</u></u>

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2023	E	\$ 536,503.22
Increased by:		
Premium on Bond Anticipation Notes		<u>42,390.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	E	<u>\$ 578,893.22</u>

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess or Deficit*</u>
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 752,000.00	\$ 752,000.00	
Rents	4,469,000.00	4,729,893.97	\$ 260,893.97
Miscellaneous	482,000.00	496,362.36	14,362.36
Reserve for Sewer Improvements	654,910.59	654,910.59	
	<u>6,357,910.59</u>	<u>6,633,166.92</u>	<u>\$ 275,256.33</u>

Analysis of Rents/Additional Sewer Rents:

Other Municipalities	\$ 1,902,938.47	
Consumer Accounts Receivable	2,810,796.43	
Sewer Overpayments Applied	<u>16,159.07</u>	
		<u>\$ 4,729,893.97</u>

Analysis of Nonbudget Revenue

Collector:		
Interest on Deposits	\$ 23,203.83	
Interest on Sewer Rents	26,889.74	
Tax Sale Interest and Costs	8,823.62	
Returned Check Fees	<u>160.00</u>	
		\$ 59,077.19
Treasurer:		
Interest on Investments	104,189.39	
Tax Sale Costs	804.30	
Wastewater Treatment Plant Septic Billing	<u>316,261.20</u>	
		421,254.89
Due from Sewer Utility Capital Fund:		
Interest on Investments		<u>16,030.28</u>
		<u>\$ 496,362.36</u>

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Expended by			Unexpended Balances Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved		
Operating:						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 410,747.53	\$ 39,252.47		
Other Expenses	4,225,000.00	4,225,000.00	3,613,262.42	611,737.58		
Capital Improvements:						
Capital Improvement Fund	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00			
Sewer Improvements	654,910.59	654,910.59	377,583.78	277,326.81		
Debt Service:						
Payment of Bond Principal	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00			
Interest on Bonds	75,000.00	75,000.00	71,593.75			\$ 3,406.25
State of NJ Wastewater Treatment Loans:						
Loan Repayments for Principal and Interest	700,000.00	700,000.00	684,480.91			15,519.09
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures:						
Contribution to:						
Public Employee's Retirement System	56,500.00	56,500.00	56,500.00			
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	31,500.00	31,500.00	29,738.57	1,761.43		
Unemployment Compensation Insurance						
(N.J.S.A. 43:21-3 et. seq.)	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,660.48	1,339.52		
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,965.42	34.58		
	<u>\$ 6,357,910.59</u>	<u>\$ 6,357,910.59</u>	<u>\$ 5,407,532.86</u>	<u>\$ 931,452.39</u>	<u>\$ 18,925.34</u>	
Ref.				E		
		Cash Disbursed	\$ 5,235,870.58			
		Accrued Interest on Loans	76,289.16			
		Accrued Interest on Bonds	71,593.75			
E		Encumbrances Payable	23,779.37			
			<u>\$ 5,407,532.86</u>			

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COUNTY OF WARREN
2024
GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Land	\$ 10,884,900.00	\$ 11,370,400.00
Buildings	14,767,000.00	14,772,100.00
Vehicles and Equipment	10,294,366.61	10,291,095.75
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 35,946,266.61</u>	<u>\$ 36,433,595.75</u>
 <u>RESERVES</u>		
Reserve for General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 35,946,266.61</u>	<u>\$ 36,433,595.75</u>
<u>TOTAL RESERVES</u>	<u>\$ 35,946,266.61</u>	<u>\$ 36,433,595.75</u>

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

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

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

B. Description of Funds

The accounting policies of the Town of Phillipsburg conform to the accounting practices applicable to municipalities which have been prescribed or permitted by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"). Such practices are designed primarily for determining compliance with legal provisions and budgetary restrictions and as a means of reporting on the stewardship of public officials with respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the Town of Phillipsburg accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate funds:

Current Fund – Resources and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature, including federal and state grant funds.

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

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

Sewer Utility Operating and Capital Funds – Account for the operations and acquisition of capital facilities of the municipally owned sewer utility.

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

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

B. Description of Funds (Cont'd)

General Fixed Asset Account Group - Estimated values of land, buildings and certain fixed assets of the Town as discussed in Note 1E – “Basis of Accounting”.

C. Basis of Accounting

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

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies.

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

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

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

Expenditures, if any, in excess of appropriations, appropriation reserves or ordinances become deferred charges which must be raised by future taxes. Outstanding encumbrances at December 31 are reported as a cash liability in the financial statements and constitute part of the statutory appropriation reserve balance. Appropriation reserves covering unexpended appropriation balances are automatically created at December 31 of each year and recorded as liabilities, except for amounts which may be cancelled by the governing body. Appropriation reserves are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year. Lapsed appropriation reserves are recorded as income.

Had the Town's financial statements been prepared under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, encumbrances would not be considered as expenditures; appropriation reserves would not be recorded; revenue susceptible to accrual would have been reflected without offsetting reserves; Federal and State grants and assistance would be recognized when earned, not when awarded and inventories would not be reflected as expenditures at the time of purchase, investments would generally be stated at fair value, fixed assets purchased by the Sewer Utility Capital Fund would be depreciated, and the Town's net pension liability and related deferred inflows and outflows, where applicable, would be recorded.

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

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

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

D. Deferred Charges to Future Taxation

The General Capital Fund balance sheet includes both funded and unfunded deferred charges. Funded means that bonds have been issued and are being paid off on a serial basis. Unfunded means that the debt has been authorized but not permanently financed. A municipality can eliminate an unfunded deferred charge by raising it in the budget or collecting a grant. The unfunded deferred charge may also be funded by selling bonds, by loans, or by financed purchase agreements.

E. Other significant accounting policies include:

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

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

Investments – Investments are stated at cost.

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

Compensated Absences – Expenditures relating to unused vested accumulated vacation and sick pay are not recorded until paid.

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

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

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

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

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

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

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

General Fixed Assets – General fixed assets are recorded at cost, except for land which is recorded at assessed value at the acquisition date, and buildings, which are recorded at estimated historical cost. Infrastructure assets are not included in general fixed assets, as per state directive. Major renewals and betterments are charged to the asset accounts; maintenance and minor repairs and replacements, which do not improve or extend the lives of the respective assets, are expensed currently. Donated fixed assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. No depreciation has been provided for on general fixed assets. The total value recorded for general fixed assets is offset by a “Reserve for General Fixed Assets”. When properties are retired or otherwise disposed of, the asset and the reserve are adjusted accordingly. Assets recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group may also be recorded in the Current Fund, General Capital Fund and Sewer Utility Fund. The values recorded in the general fixed assets account group and the capital funds may not always agree due to differences in valuation methods, timing of recognition of assets, and the recognition of infrastructures. Fixed assets are reviewed for impairment.

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

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

Note 2: Long-Term Debt

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

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

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

Summary of Municipal Debt

	December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
<u>Issued</u>			
General:			
Bonds, Loans and Notes	\$ 19,822,315.70	\$ 17,887,329.60	\$ 15,687,047.67
Sewer Utility:			
Loans and Notes	11,167,003.32	7,360,195.07	8,008,386.82
Net Debt Issued	<u>30,989,319.02</u>	<u>25,247,524.67</u>	<u>23,695,434.49</u>
<u>Authorized but not Issued:</u>			
General:			
Bonds and Notes	4,383,273.75	3,795,198.75	4,900,494.75
Sewer Utility:			
Bonds and Notes	43,813.05	4,543,813.05	543,813.05
Total Authorized but not Issued	<u>4,427,086.80</u>	<u>8,339,011.80</u>	<u>5,444,307.80</u>
Less:			
Reserve to Pay Debt Service:			
General Capital	<u>189,888.00</u>		
Net Bonds, Notes and Loans Issued and Authorized but not Issued	<u>\$ 35,226,517.82</u>	<u>\$ 33,586,536.47</u>	<u>\$ 29,139,742.29</u>

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 Revised Annual Debt Statement and indicates a statutory net debt of 2.404%.

	Gross Debt	Deductions	Net Debt
Local School District Debt	\$4,760,000.00	\$ 4,760,000.00	
Sewer Utility Debt	11,210,816.37	11,210,816.37	
General Debt	<u>24,205,589.45</u>	<u>189,888.00</u>	<u>\$ 24,015,701.45</u>
	<u>\$ 40,176,405.82</u>	<u>\$ 16,160,704.37</u>	<u>\$ 24,015,701.45</u>

Net Debt of \$24,015,701.45 divided by Equalized Valuation Basis Per N.J.S. 40A:2-2 as Amended, \$998,827,590.67 = 2.404%.

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

3-1/2% Average Equalized Valuation of Real Property	\$ 34,958,965.67
Net Debt	<u>24,015,701.45</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$ 10,943,264.22</u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

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

Calculation of "Self-Liquidating Purpose", Sewer Utility Per
N.J.S. 40A:2-45

Cash Receipts from Fees, Rents or Other Charges for Year		\$ 6,633,166.92
Deductions:		
Operating and Maintenance Costs	\$ 4,768,000.00	
Debt Service	841,074.66	
		<u>5,609,074.66</u>
Excess in Revenue		<u>\$ 1,024,092.26</u>

Footnote: If there is an "excess in revenue", all such utility debt is deductible. If there is a "deficit", then utility debt is not deductible to the extent of 20 times such deficit amount.

The foregoing debt information is in agreement with the Revised Annual Debt Statement filed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Summary of Municipal Debt Issued and Outstanding – Current Year and Prior Year

	Balance 12/31/23	Additions	Retirements	Balance 12/31/24
Loans Payable:				
General Capital Fund:				
Green Acres Loans	\$ 30,329.60		\$ 15,013.90	\$ 15,315.70
Sewer Utility Capital Fund:				
NJEIT Loans	5,495,195.07		608,191.75	4,887,003.32
Serial Bonds:				
General Capital Fund	8,732,000.00		930,000.00	7,802,000.00
Sewer Utility Capital Fund	1,865,000.00		85,000.00	1,780,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes:				
General Capital Fund	9,125,000.00	\$ 12,005,000.00	9,125,000.00	12,005,000.00
Sewer Utility Capital Fund		4,500,000.00		4,500,000.00
Total	<u>\$ 25,247,524.67</u>	<u>\$ 16,505,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,763,205.65</u>	<u>\$ 30,989,319.02</u>
	Balance 12/31/22	Additions	Retirements	Balance 12/31/23
Loans Payable:				
General Capital Fund:				
Green Acres Loans	\$ 45,047.67		\$ 14,718.07	\$ 30,329.60
Sewer Utility Capital Fund:				
NJEIT Loans	6,093,386.82		598,191.75	5,495,195.07
Serial Bonds:				
General Capital Fund	9,517,000.00		785,000.00	8,732,000.00
Sewer Utility Capital Fund	1,915,000.00		50,000.00	1,865,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes:				
General Capital Fund	6,125,000.00	\$ 9,125,000.00	6,125,000.00	9,125,000.00
Total	<u>\$ 23,695,434.49</u>	<u>\$ 9,125,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,572,909.82</u>	<u>\$ 25,247,524.67</u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

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

Analysis of Debt Issued and Outstanding at December 31, 2024

General Capital Serial Bonds Payable

<u>Description</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2024</u>
General Improvement Bonds of 2017	8/15/2028	1.125% - 2.250%	\$ 2,402,000.00
General Improvement Bonds of 2022	5/15/2036	3.25% - 5.00%	5,400,000.00
			<u>\$ 7,802,000.00</u>

General Capital Green Acres Loan Payable

<u>Description</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2024</u>
Improvements to Delaware Heights Park	7/11/2025	2.00%	<u>\$ 15,315.70</u>

Sewer Utility Capital NJ Environmental Infrastructure Loans Payable (Trust Loan)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2024</u>
Trust Loan 1	08/01/2029	5.00%	\$ 451,000.00
Trust Loan 2	08/01/2033	3.00%-5.00%	1,080,000.00
Trust Loan 3	08/01/2034	4.00%-5.00%	220,000.00
			<u>\$ 1,751,000.00</u>

Sewer Utility Capital NJ Environmental Infrastructure Loans Payable (Fund Loan)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2024</u>
Fund Loan 1	08/01/2029	0.00%	\$ 359,547.48
Fund Loan 2	02/01/2033	0.00%	2,418,374.88
Fund Loan 3	08/01/2033	0.00%	358,080.96
			<u>\$ 3,136,003.32</u>

Sewer Utility Capital Serial Bonds Payable

<u>Description</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2024</u>
General Improvement Bonds of 2022	5/15/2042	3.25% - 5.00%	<u>\$ 1,780,000.00</u>

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

Analysis of Debt Issued and Outstanding at December 31, 2024 (Cont'd)

General Capital Bond Anticipation Notes Payable

Description	Final Maturity	Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Renovations/Improvements/Demolition of Certain Town Owned Property	10/28/25	4.00%	\$5,771,000.00
Reconstruction of Warren Street	10/28/25	4.00%	513,600.00
Various Capital Improvements	10/28/25	4.00%	1,258,100.00
Reconstruction of Hudson Street	10/28/25	4.00%	544,000.00
Various 2022 Capital Improvements	10/28/25	4.00%	2,123,600.00
Various 2023 Capital Improvements	10/28/25	4.00%	1,794,700.00
			\$ 12,005,000.00

Sewer Utility Capital Bond Anticipation Notes Payable

Description	Final Maturity	Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2013
Various Capital Improvements	10/28/25	4.00%	\$ 500,000.00
Various 2023 Sewer Utility Capital Improvements	10/28/25	4.00%	4,000,000.00
			\$ 4,500,000.00
Total Debt Issued and Outstanding			\$ 30,989,319.02

General Capital New Jersey Green Acres Loan

The Town entered into a \$250,000 loan agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in 2001 for Improvements to Delaware Heights Park. The loan funds were drawn down in 2005. Principal payments for this loan commenced on a semiannual basis beginning on July 11, 2006 and will continue until July 11, 2025 at 2% interest.

N.J. Environmental Infrastructure (EIT) Loans

The Town of Phillipsburg entered into six loan agreements (two in 2010, two in 2014 and two in 2015) with the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the NJ Department of Environmental Protection Fund (the "Fund"), and the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust (the "Trust") which are recorded in the Sewer Utility Capital Fund. The loan agreements were obtained to finance a portion of the cost of improvements to the Town sewage treatment plant.

At December 31, 2024, the Town has borrowed or "drawn down" \$11,741,438 of the \$11,741,438 Loan funds necessary to complete the improvements to the sewage treatment plant partially funded with the Loan funds. Principal payments to the Fund for the loan will continue on a semiannual basis until August 1, 2033 at zero interest. Principal payments to the Trust for the loan will continue on an annual basis until August 1, 2034. Also, an annual administrative fee of fifteen one hundredths of one percent (.15%) of the initial principal amount of the loan or such lesser amount, if any, as the Trust may approve from time to time is payable on these loans.

The N.J. Environmental Infrastructure Trust applied credits totaling \$262,176 to 2014 principal payments and \$66,352 to 2015 principal payments.

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

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

Year	General		Sewer		Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
2025	\$ 1,045,315.70	\$ 259,831.38	\$ 712,191.75	\$ 128,400.00	\$ 2,145,738.83
2026	1,045,000.00	225,501.26	722,191.75	116,025.00	2,108,718.01
2027	450,000.00	191,101.26	733,191.75	103,825.00	1,478,118.01
2028-2032	3,477,000.00	532,620.00	3,260,230.31	340,200.00	7,610,050.31
2033-2037	1,800,000.00	126,000.00	739,197.76	143,637.50	2,808,835.26
2038-2042			500,000.00	46,625.00	546,625.00
	<u>\$ 7,817,315.70</u>	<u>\$ 1,335,053.90</u>	<u>\$ 6,667,003.32</u>	<u>\$ 878,712.50</u>	<u>\$ 16,698,085.42</u>

Note 3: Fund Balances Appropriated

Fund balances at December 31, 2024 which were included in the adopted budget as appropriated and as anticipated revenue for the year ending December 31, 2025 budget were as follows:

Current Fund	\$ 2,500,000.00
Sewer Utility Operating Fund	736,500.00

Note 4: Local School District Taxes

Regulations provide for the deferral of not more than 50% of the annual levy when school taxes are raised for a school year and have not been requisitioned by the school district. The Town of Phillipsburg has elected not to defer school taxes.

Note 5: Pension Plans

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

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Plan Description

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

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Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

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

Benefits Provided

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

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

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

Contributions

The contribution policy for PERS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing members. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid.

The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. Town contributions to PERS amounted to \$609,313 for 2024. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the State of New Jersey contributed \$20,593 to the PERS for normal pension benefits on behalf of the Town. The employee contribution rate was 7.50% effective July 1, 2018.

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Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

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

Special Funding Situation

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

Pension Liabilities and Pension Expense

At June 30, 2023, the Town's liability was \$6,603,320 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the Town's proportion was .0456%, which was an increase of 0.0012% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022. The Town has rolled forward the net pension liability as of June 30, 2023 with no adjustments. The State of New Jersey Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)' valuation cycle is July 1 instead of December 31. The roll forward methodology puts them a year in arrears in terms of valuation. The Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is permitting municipalities and counties to include the June 30, 2022 information in the Notes to the Financial Statements as the June 30, 2023 information has not been released as of the date of this audit.

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

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Town recognized actual pension expense in the amount of \$609,313.

Actuarial Assumptions

The collective total pension liability for the June 30, 2023 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions:

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Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

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

Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)

Inflation Rate:	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases	2.75-6.55% based on years of service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee Mortality Table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and a 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

Long Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the Board of Trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

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Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

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

Long Term Expected Rate of Return (Cont'd)

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be based upon 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments in determining the total pension liability.

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

The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability as of June 30, 2023 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed below, as well as what the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	June 30, 2023		
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Town's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 8,596,118	\$ 6,603,320	\$ 4,907,186

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Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

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

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

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

Plan Description

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

Benefits Provided

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

The following represents the membership tiers for PFRS:

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

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

Contributions

The contribution policy for PFRS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A and requires contributions by active members and contributing members. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's contribution amount is based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal costs and unfunded accrued liability. For fiscal year 2023, the State contributed an amount more than the actuarially determined amount. The Local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PFRS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009.

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Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

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

Contributions (Cont'd)

Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual amounts over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of the assets.

Special Funding Situation

Under N.J.S.A. 43:16A-15, local participating employers are responsible for their own contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed which legally obligated the State if certain circumstances occurred. The legislation, which legally obligates the State, is as follows: Chapter 8, P.L. 2000, Chapter 318, P.L. 2001, Chapter 86, P.L. 2001, Chapter 511, P.L. 1991, Chapter 109, P.L. 1979, Chapter 247, P.L. 1993 and Chapter 201, P.L. 2001. The amounts contributed on behalf of the local participating employers under this legislation is considered to be a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity.

Since the local participating employers do not contribute under this legislation directly to the plan (except for employer specified financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to this legislation. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the nonemployer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective net pension liability that is associated with the local participating employer. In addition, each local participating employer must recognize pension expense associated with the employer as well as revenue in an amount equal to the nonemployer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective pension expense associated with the local participating employer.

Town contributions to PFRS amounted to \$1,513,980 for the year ended December 31, 2024. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the State of New Jersey contributed \$264,792 to the PFRS for normal pension benefits on behalf of the Town, which is more than the contractually required contribution of \$263,372. The employee contributions for PFRS are 10.00% of employees' annual compensation, as defined.

Pension Liabilities and Pension Expense

At June 30, 2023, the Town's liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability was \$12,565,822. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the Town's proportion was 0.1137%, which was an increase of 0.0043% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022. The Town has rolled forward the net pension liability as of June 30, 2023 with no adjustments. The State of New Jersey Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)' valuation cycle is July 1 instead of December 31. The roll forward methodology puts them a year in arrears in terms of valuation.

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Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

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

Pension Liabilities and Pension Expense (Cont'd)

The Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is permitting municipalities and counties to include the June 30, 2023 information in the Notes to the Financial Statements as the June 30, 2024 information has not been released as of the date of this audit.

Additionally, the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Town is \$2,315,399 as of June 30, 2023. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the Town was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the State's proportion was 0.1137%, which was an increase of 0.0043% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022 which is the same proportion as the Town's.

Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 12,565,822
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the Town	<u>2,315,399</u>
Total Net Pension Liability	<u><u>\$ 14,881,221</u></u>

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Town recognized total pension expense of \$1,513,980.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2023 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation Rate:	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases:	
Through all future years	3.25 – 16.25% based on years of service
Thereafter	Not Applicable
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

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Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

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

Long Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the Board of Trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in PFRS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the table on the following page.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%

Discount Rate – PFRS

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be based upon 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit to determine the total pension liability.

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Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

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

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

The following table presents the total net pension liability (including the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Town) as of June 30, 2023 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the collective net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate.

	June 30, 2023		
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Town's proportionate share of the NPL and the State's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability associated with the Town	\$ 20,734,377	\$ 14,881,221	\$ 10,006,942

Plan Fiduciary Net Position - PFRS

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

C. Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)

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

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

Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. Employee contributions are based on percentages of 5.50% for DCRP of employees' annual compensation, as defined. The DCRP was established July 1, 2007, under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 and expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2008. Employee contributions for DCRP are matched by a 3% employer contribution. For DCRP, the Town recognized pension expense of \$8,429.27 for the year ended December 31, 2024. Employee contributions to DCRP amounted to \$21,268.10 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Note 6: Accrued Sick and Vacation Benefits and Compensatory Time

The Town permits employees to accrue a limited amount of unused vacation and sick pay and compensatory time, which may be taken as time off or paid at a later date at an agreed-upon rate based on the respective union contract, ordinance or individual employee agreement.

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Note 6: Accrued Sick and Vacation Benefits and Compensatory Time (Cont'd)

It is estimated that the current cost of such unpaid compensation would approximate \$1,811,799.27. This amount is not reported either as an expenditure or a liability. However, it is expected that the cost of such unpaid compensation would be included in the Town's budget operating expenditures in the year in which it is used. This amount is partially reserved in the Reserve for Accumulated Sick and Vacation of \$416,298.45 reflected on the Other Trust Funds' balance sheet as of December 31, 2024.

Balance at December 31, 2023 (Restated)	\$ 2,011,254.51
Net Change	<u>(199,455.24)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 1,811,799.27</u></u>
Amount Due within One Year	<u><u>\$ 97,840.16</u></u>

Note 7: Selected Tax Information

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

Comparative Schedule of Tax Rate Information

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>\$ 4.545</u>	<u>\$ 4.196</u>	<u>\$ 4.148</u>
<u>Apportionment of Tax Rate</u>			
Municipal	1.873	1.926	1.623
County	.799	.725	.719
Local School	1.873	1.545	1.806
<u>Assessed Valuations</u>			
2024	<u>\$ 713,427,918.00</u>		
2023		<u>\$ 712,924,978.00</u>	
2022			<u>\$ 711,602,369.00</u>

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Note 7: Selected Tax Information (Cont'd)

Comparison of Tax Levies and Collection

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.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Currently</u>	
		<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Collection</u>
2024	\$ 32,481,127.11	\$ 31,411,144.64	96.70%
2023	29,938,360.48	29,180,705.87	97.46%
2022	29,558,184.07	28,747,468.91	97.25%

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

Note 8: Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deposits

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

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Note 8: Cash and Cash Equivalents (Cont'd)

Deposits (Cont'd)

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

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

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

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

Investments

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

- (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
- (2) Government money market mutual funds;
- (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
- (4) Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the local unit is a part or within which the school district is located;
- (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, issued by New Jersey school districts, municipalities, counties, and entities subject to the "Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law" P.L. 1983, c. 313 (C.40A:5A-1 et seq.) Other bonds or obligations having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase may be approved by the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs for investment by local units;
- (6) Local government investment pools;
- (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4); or

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Note 8: Cash and Cash Equivalents (Cont'd)

Investments (Cont'd)

(8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:

- (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a. or are bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, issued by New Jersey school districts, municipalities, counties and entities subject to the "Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law", P.L. 1983 c.313 (C.40A:5A-1 et seq.);
- (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
- (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
- (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); and
- (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

As of December 31, 2024, cash and cash equivalents of the Town consisted of the following:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Change Funds and Petty Cash</u>	<u>Checking Accounts</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Current	\$ 1,919.00	\$ 12,359,267.92	\$ 12,361,186.92
Animal Control		943.10	943.10
Other Trust		6,774,078.84	6,774,078.84
General Capital		5,400,991.57	5,400,991.57
Sewer Utility:			
Operating	500.00	2,246,072.00	2,246,572.00
Capital		5,195,719.01	5,195,719.01
	<u>\$ 2,419.00</u>	<u>\$ 31,977,072.44</u>	<u>\$ 31,979,491.44</u>

The Town did not hold any investments during the year ended December 31, 2024. The carrying amount of the Town's cash and cash equivalents at year end was \$31,979,491.44 and the bank balance was \$32,440,628.36.

Note 9: Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Health benefit coverage is provided by the State of NJ Health Benefits.

The Town of Phillipsburg is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund, (the "Fund"). The Fund is a risk-sharing public entity risk pool that is both an insured and self-administered group of municipalities established for the purpose of providing low-cost insurance coverage for their members in order to keep local property taxes at a minimum.

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Note 9: Risk Management (Cont'd)

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

- a.) Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability
- b.) General Liability and Auto Liability
- c.) Property Damage
- d.) Boiler and Machinery
- e.) Law Enforcement Liability
- f.) Public Officials' Liability
- g.) Employment Practice Liability
- h.) Crime
- i.) Umbrella Liability
- j.) Environmental Impairment Liability
- k.) Excess Liability

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

The fund can declare and distribute dividends to members upon approval of the State of New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. These distributions are divided amongst the members in the same ratio as their individual assessment relates to the total assessment of the membership body.

The December 31, 2024 audit report of the Statewide Insurance Fund is not filed as of the date of this audit. Selected financial information for the Fund as of December 31, 2023 is as follows:

Total Assets	\$ 50,687,086
Net Position	<u>\$ 11,852,511</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 33,295,527</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 33,683,421</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ (387,894)</u>
Members Dividends	<u>\$ 160,788</u>

Statements for this fund are available at the Office of Executive Director:

Statewide Insurance Fund
One Sylvan Way
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
(862) 260-2050

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance

The Town has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Contributory Method". Under this plan, the Town is required to remit employee withholdings to the State on a quarterly basis. All of the Town's claims are paid by the State.

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Note 10: Community Development Revolving Loan Program

In 1982, the Town of Phillipsburg received two Small Cities Community Development Block Grants from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. These grant funds were utilized to revitalize the downtown area of Phillipsburg and to create jobs for low-income people in the community. The grant funds were provided to eligible participants through low-interest loans. In 1984, the Town was granted approval from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to utilize loan repayments received for the provision of new loans for other projects which would provide for the creation of jobs for low-income people in the community. This program is included in the Other Trust Funds as the Community Development Revolving Loan Program.

Note 11: Contingencies

The Town is periodically involved in various other lawsuits arising in the normal course of business, which often include claims for property damage, personal injury, and various contract disputes. In the opinion of management, the ultimate outcome of these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the Town's financial position as of December 31, 2024.

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

Various tax appeals on assessed valuations have been filed against the Town and are awaiting tax court decisions. The ultimate outcome and effect of such appeals have not been determined; however, the Town's Tax Assessor will aggressively defend the Town's assessments. The Town has established a reserve, which it believes is sufficient, in the amount of \$90,030.81.

Note 12: Interfund Receivables and Payables

The following interfund balances remained on the various balance sheets at December 31, 2024:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	<u>Interfund Payable</u>
Current	\$ 44,744.23	\$ 2,620,729.67
Federal and State Grant	2,609,496.03	
Other Trust	11,233.64	20,149.51
General Capital		24,594.72
Sewer Utility Operating	47,116.63	
Sewer Utility Capital		47,116.63
	<u>\$ 2,712,590.53</u>	<u>\$ 2,712,590.53</u>

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Note 12: Interfund Receivables and Payables (Cont'd)

The interfund receivable in the Current Fund is comprised of December 2024 interest due from the General Capital Fund and Other Trust Funds and an interfund advanced by the Current Fund to the Other Trust Funds. The interfund receivable in the Federal and State Grant Fund reflects the net of Federal and State Grant Fund receipts collected by the Current Fund and Federal and State Grant Fund expenditures paid by the Current Fund. The Other Trust Funds receivable is due from Current Fund for open space added and omitted taxes, a transfer to the reserve for open space net of an interfund advanced due to the Current Fund. The interfund receivable in the Sewer Utility Operating Fund is for interest earnings due from the Sewer Utility Capital Fund as well as accrued interest on notes charged to an improvement authorization.

Note 13: Economic Dependency

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

Note 14: Fixed Assets

The following is a summarization of general fixed assets for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Land	\$ 11,370,400.00		\$ 485,500.00	\$ 10,884,900.00
Buildings	14,772,100.00		5,100.00	14,767,000.00
Vehicles and Equipment	10,291,095.75	40,090.89	36,820.03	10,294,366.61
	<u>\$ 36,433,595.75</u>	<u>\$ 40,090.89</u>	<u>\$ 527,420.03</u>	<u>\$ 35,946,266.61</u>
	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
Land	\$ 11,370,400.00			\$ 11,370,400.00
Buildings	14,772,100.00			14,772,100.00
Vehicles and Equipment	10,126,794.81	\$ 164,300.94		10,291,095.75
	<u>\$ 36,269,294.81</u>	<u>\$ 164,300.94</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 36,433,595.75</u>

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Note 15: Post-Retirement Benefits other than Pensions (OPEB)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan Description

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

Benefits Provided

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

Chapter 48 allows local employers to establish their own age and service eligibility for employer paid health benefits coverage for retired employees. Under Chapter 48, the employer may assume the cost of postretirement medical coverage for employees and their dependents who: 1) retired on a disability pension; or 2) retired with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 3) retired and reached the age of 65 with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 4) retired and reached age 62 with at least 15 years of service with the employer. Further, the law provides that the employer paid obligations for retiree coverage may be determined by means of a collective negotiations agreement.

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

Contributions

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

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Note 15: Post-Retirement Benefits other than Pensions (OPEB) (Cont'd)

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

Special Funding Situation

Under Chapter 330, P.L. 1997, the State shall pay the premium or periodic charges for the qualified local police and firefighter retirees and dependents equal to 80 percent of the premium or periodic charge for the category of coverage elected by the qualified retiree under the State managed care plan or a health maintenance organization participating in the program providing the lowest premium or periodic charge. The State also provides funding for retiree health benefits to survivors of local police officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty under Chapter 271, P.L. 1989. Therefore, these employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 75 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. For New Jersey local governments who report under the regulatory basis of accounting, the net OPEB liability and related deferred inflows are not recorded in the financial statements and there is only note disclosure of this information. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under this legislation directly to the plan, there is no net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, or deferred inflows of resources to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to this legislation. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the nonemployer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability that is associated with the local participating employer.

Allocation Methodology

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the Plan to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources, and collective OPEB (benefit)/expense. The special funding situation's and nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense are based on separately calculated total OPEB liabilities. The nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB (benefit)/expense are further allocated to employers based on the ratio of the plan members of an individual employer to the total members of the Plan's nonspecial funding situation during the measurement period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Employer and nonemployer allocation percentages were rounded for presentation purposes; therefore, amounts presented in the schedule of OPEB amounts by employer and nonemployer may result in immaterial differences.

OPEB Expense

The Town has rolled forward the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023 with no adjustments. The Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, is permitting municipalities and counties to include the June 30, 2023 OPEB information in the Notes to the Financial Statements as the June 30, 2024 information has not been released as of the date of this report. The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023.

The State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability attributable to the Town at June 30, 2023 was \$8,860,971. At June 30, 2023, the State's proportion related to the Town was .253962%. This is the percentage of the total State Share of the net OPEB liability of the Plan. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the State of New Jersey's OPEB benefit related to the Town was \$1,606,667.

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Note 15: Post-Retirement Benefits other than Pensions (OPEB) (Cont'd)

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

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

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

Salary Increases*:

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Rate for all future years 2.75% - 6.55% based on years of service

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)

Rate for all future years 3.25% to 16.25% based on years of service

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

Mortality:

PERS Pub-2010 General classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021

PFRS Pub-2010 Safety classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of the PFRS and PERS experience studies prepared for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

100% of active members are considered to participate in the Plan upon retirement.

Health Care Trend Assumptions

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate is 6.50% for fiscal year 2023 and decreases to a 4.50% long term trend rate after nine years. For post-65 medical benefits PPO, the trend rate is increasing to 14.8% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2033. For HMO, the trend rate is increasing to 17.5% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2033. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 9.50% and decreases to a 4.50% long term rate after seven years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.00%.

Discount Rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2023 was 3.65%. This represents the municipal bond rate as chosen by the State. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

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Note 16: Deferred Charge to be Raised in Succeeding Years

Certain expenditures are required to be deferred to budgets of succeeding years. At December 31, 2024, the following deferred charge is shown on the balance sheet of the Current Fund:

	Balance Dec. 31, 2024	2025 Budget Appropriation	Balance to Succeeding Years' Budgets
Current Fund:			
Special Emergency Authorizations (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53)	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00

The appropriation in the 2025 budget is not less than that required by statute.

Note 17: Tax Abatements

As of December 31, 2023, The Town provides a tax abatement to a public nonprofit housing organization for its senior citizen and low income housing developments in the Town pursuant to a resolution of the governing body dated July 10, 2014 and agreements dated November 9, 1949, April 24, 1951, March 12, 1958, October 31, 1962 and November 10, 1969. In consideration of the full abatement of taxes, the public nonprofit housing organization is required to pay to the Town an annual service charge. The Town recognized revenue in the amount of \$222,744.16 from this annual service charge or payment in lieu of taxes which is recorded as an anticipated miscellaneous revenue in the Current Fund. The taxes which would have been paid on these properties for 2024 without the abatement would have been \$1,287,068 of which \$532,414.99 would have been for the local municipal tax, minimum library tax and local open space tax.

As of December 31, 2024, the Town provides a tax abatement to a redeveloper for its residential apartment unit property in the Town pursuant to the authority contained in Section 37 of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency ("NJHMFA") Law of 1983 (N.J.S.A. 55:14K-1 et seq.), a resolution of the Mayor and Town Council and a financial agreement between the Town and the redeveloper; and with the approval of the NJHMFA as provided N.J.S.A. 55:14K-37. The exemption from real property taxation and the redeveloper's obligation to make payments in lieu of taxes shall not extend beyond the date on which the Agency Mortgage is paid in full, which according to the NJHMFA Law, may not exceed 50 years. In consideration of the full abatement of taxes, the redeveloper is required to pay to the Town an annual service charge for municipal services in an amount equal to 9% of revenues as detailed in the tax abatement agreement. In the event that a breach of the agreement by either the Town or the redeveloper or a dispute arises between the two parties, either party may apply to the Superior Court, Chancery Division to settle and resolve said dispute in such fashion as well tend to accomplish the purposes of the HMFA Law.

The Town recognized revenue in the amount of \$6,900.92 from this annual service charge or payment in lieu of taxes which is recorded as an anticipated miscellaneous revenue in the Current Fund. The taxes which would have been paid on this property for 2024 without the abatement would have been \$36,571 of which \$15,235.56 would have been for the local municipal tax, minimum library tax and local open space tax.

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Note 17: Tax Abatements (Cont'd)

As of December 31, 2024, the Town provides a tax abatement to a redeveloper for its warehouse/light industrial buildings, a resolution of the Mayor and Town Council and a financial agreement between the Town and the redeveloper under the provisions of the New Jersey Long Term Tax Exemption Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 and the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1. In consideration of the full abatement of taxes, the redeveloper is required to pay to the Town an annual service charge starting on the date of substantial completion of Phase I of the related project. The annual service charge is at a rate of \$.45 per square foot increasing by two percent each January 1st following the Annual Service Charge Start Date. Additionally, 5% of the Pre-land tax credit annual service charge less 5% of the land tax credit is payable to the County of Warren. The agreement shall remain in effect until the earlier of 35 years from December 18, 2015 or 30 years from the annual service charge start date for the Phase 1 project or any unit thereof, as applicable. Neither the redeveloper nor the Town may at any time terminate this agreement.

The Town recognized revenue in the amount of \$568,461.09 from this annual service charge or payment in lieu of taxes which is recorded as anticipated miscellaneous revenue in the Current Fund. The taxes which would have been paid on these properties for 2024 without the abatement would have been \$309,643 of which \$128,088.38 would have been for the local municipal tax, minimum library tax and local open space tax. There was no amount paid to the County of Warren for 2024.

Additionally, the Town has a tax abatement related to the sewage treatment plant and receives a payment of lieu of taxes revenue annually in the amount of \$83,500. In 2024, \$83,500.00 was collected for the current year along with \$17,500 of prior year revenue.

Note 18: Prior Period Adjustment

GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences, was implemented during the year ended December 31, 2024. As required under the standard, the Township made a restatement to the amount reported as compensated absences in the Notes to the Financial Statements at December 31, 2023.

	Balance at December 31, 2023 as Previously Reported	Change in Accounting Principle	Balance at December 31, 2023 as Restated
Compensated Absences	\$ 2,141,768.00	\$ (130,513.49)	\$ 2,011,254.51

Note 19: Promissory Notes

The Town issued two Promissory Notes on June 17, 2003 to Phillipman, LLC in the total amount of \$220,000 which are due to the Town 30 years after the issue date or upon the termination of the affordability restrictions on the related projects. The \$50,000 Promissory Note funds were to be used to restore the façade of 169 South Main Street. The source of these funds were Urban Enterprise Zone funds. The \$170,000 Promissory Note funds were to be used for the redevelopment of 169 South Main Street into 10 affordable apartments. The source of these funds were regional contribution agreement funds.

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
OFFICIALS IN OFFICE AND SURETY BONDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount of Bond</u>
Randy Piazza, Jr.	Mayor	
Peter Marino	President, Councilman	
Meliss Paulus	Vice President; Councilwoman	
Keith Kennedy	Councilman	
Lee Clark	Councilman	
Matthew Scerbo	Councilman	
Matthew C. Hall	Administrator; Acting Clerk (to 8/14/24)	**
Craig Brotons	Administrator (from 9/25/24)	**
Susan Turner	Acting Municipal Clerk (from 8/14/24)	**
Patrick Kays	Zoning Officer	**
Robert Merlo	Chief Financial Officer	**
Daniele Lattig	Tax Collector	**
Craig Brotons	Tax Assessor	**
Richard Wenner	Town Attorney	
Everett Johnson	Bond Counsel	
John Daniels	Construction Official	**
Timothy O'Brien	Town Engineer	
Dennis Yoder	Engineer for Wastewater Treatment Plant	
Gerard J. Shamey	Magistrate	**
Kristi Anthes	Municipal Court Administrator	**
Steven Siegal	Prosecutor	

** - There is a \$2,000,000 employee theft per loss coverage with National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburg, PA through the Statewide Insurance Fund.

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COUNTY OF WARREN
2024
CURRENT FUND

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2023	A	\$ 11,048,889.88
Increased by Receipts:		
Tax Collector	\$ 32,644,500.00	
Clerk	76,850.61	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	6,415,393.64	
Due to State of N.J.:		
Veterans and Senior Citizens' Deductions	73,013.02	
Construction Code DCA Fees	26,059.00	
Nonbudget Revenue	500,769.44	
2024 Appropriation Refunds	150,400.55	
2023 Appropriation Reserve Refunds	109,911.31	
Due to Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Federal and State Grants Receivable	2,419,007.07	
Unappropriated Grant Reserves	3,184.87	
Due from Other Trust Funds:		
Interfund Advanced - Open Space Trust Fund	1,573.39	
Due from General Capital Fund:		
Settlement of Prior Year Interfund	15,814.90	
Accounts Payable	6,882.05	
Reserve for:		
Sale of Municipal Assets	165,000.00	
		42,608,359.85
		53,657,249.73
Decreased by Disbursements:		
2024 Appropriation Expenditures	20,913,330.41	
2023 Appropriation Reserves	1,150,760.83	
Due from Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Appropriated Grant Reserves	1,446,010.48	
Due to Other Trust Funds:		
Interfund Advanced	8,703.73	
Settlement of Prior Year Interfund	291,296.27	
Due to Municipal Open Space Trust Fund:		
2024 Open Space Tax Levy	142,931.19	
Due from Payroll Accounts:		
Interfund Advanced	25,170.08	
Local School District Taxes	13,232,758.96	
County Taxes	5,699,779.68	
Accounts Payable	7,663.23	
Refund of Tax Overpayments	63,069.64	
Due to State of N.J.:		
Construction Code DCA Fees	44,157.00	
Reserve for:		
Digital Maps	1,200.00	
Tax Appeals	6,001.55	
Library	15,830.53	
		43,048,663.58
Balance December 31, 2024	A	\$ 10,608,586.15

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - COLLECTOR

Balance December 31, 2023	<u>Ref.</u> A	\$ 1,610,811.18
Increased by Receipts:		
Taxes Receivable	\$ 31,645,389.12	
2025 Prepaid Taxes	582,569.66	
Interest and Costs on Taxes	186,685.12	
Tax Title Liens Redemption	25,134.35	
Redemption of Outside Liens	244,106.88	
Interest on Deposits	216,175.56	
Reserve for Tax Sale Bidder's Escrow	50,930.93	
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:		
Municipal Charges Receivable	1,300.00	
Tax Sale Costs	7,467.79	
Tax Overpayments	63,069.64	
		<u>33,022,829.05</u>
		34,633,640.23
Decreased by:		
Payments to Treasurer	32,644,500.00	
Refund of Outside Liens	243,486.26	
		<u>32,887,986.26</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	A	<u>\$ 1,745,653.97</u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - CLERK

Balance December 31, 2023	<u>Ref.</u> A	\$ 4,305.18
Increased by Receipts:		
Due to State of NJ:		
Marriage License Fees	\$ 1,575.00	
Dog License Fees	870.00	
Due to Animal Control Fund:		
Dog/Cat License Late Fees and Other Fees	6,202.90	
Due to Other Trust Funds:		
Reserve for Dog Park User Fees	40.00	
Revenue Accounts Receivable:		
Alcoholic Beverages Licenses	29,840.00	
Other Licenses	2,734.00	
Fees and Permits	38,740.00	
Parking Meters	5,416.00	
Interest on Deposits	1,027.23	
		86,445.13
		90,750.31
Decreased by:		
Payments to Treasurer - Current Fund	76,850.61	
Payment to Animal Control Fund:		
Dog and Cat License Fees and Penalties	6,202.90	
Due to Other Trust Funds:		
Reserve for Dog Park User Fees	40.00	
Payments to State of NJ:		
Department of Health - Dog License Fees	879.00	
Marriage License Fees	1,750.00	
		85,722.51
Balance December 31, 2024	A	<u>\$ 5,027.80</u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOT APPLICABLE

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAX TITLE LIENS RECEIVABLE

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2023	A	\$	236,909.37
Increased by:			
Transfer from Taxes Receivable		\$	25,224.79
Year End Penalty			1,015.28
			<u>26,240.07</u>
			263,149.44
Decreased by:			
Tax Title Liens Redeemed			25,134.35
Cancelled			10,012.19
			<u>35,146.54</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	A	\$	<u><u>228,002.90</u></u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL LIEN CHARGES RECEIVABLE

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2023	A	\$ 219,576.18
Balance December 31, 2024	A	<u>\$ 219,576.18</u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL CHARGES RECEIVABLE

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2023	A	\$ 33,600.00
Decreased By:		
Collections - Municipal Charges		<u>1,300.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	A	<u>\$ 32,300.00</u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Accrued In 2024	Collected by Treasurer	Collected by Clerk	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Alcoholic Beverages Licenses		\$ 29,840.00		\$ 29,840.00	
Other Licenses		2,734.00		2,734.00	
Fees and Permits		911,636.50	\$ 872,896.50	38,740.00	
Municipal Court:					
Fines and Costs	\$ 4,802.88	109,189.36	105,892.75		\$ 8,099.49
Interest on Investments and Deposits		683,777.84	682,750.61	1,027.23	
Parking Meters		83,655.03	78,239.03	5,416.00	
Energy Receipts Taxes		2,029,314.18	2,029,314.18		
Uniform Construction Code Fees		249,456.00	249,456.00		
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Federal Housing Project		222,744.16	222,744.16		
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Sewage Treatment		83,500.00	83,500.00		
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Phillipmain, LLC		6,900.92	6,900.92		
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Bridge I		449,146.68	449,146.68		
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Bridge II		119,314.41	119,314.41		
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Sewage Treatment Plant	17,500.00		17,500.00		
Canabis Transfer Tax		604,644.49	604,644.49		
St. Luke's Contribution		218,492.46	218,492.46		
Cable TV Franchise Fee		44,445.00	44,445.00		
Capital Fund Balance		64,855.02	64,855.02		
Municipal Swimming Pool Receipts		141,901.43	141,901.43		
Shared Service Agreement - Borough of Alpha:					
Police Services		400,000.00	400,000.00		
Municipal Court		23,400.00	23,400.00		
	\$ 22,302.88	\$ 6,478,947.48	\$ 6,415,393.64	\$ 77,757.23	\$ 8,099.49

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS RECEIVABLE

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Budget Revenue Realized	Received	Transferred from Unappropriated Reserves	Cancelled	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Municipal Alliance:						
2019	\$ 3,280.00				\$ 3,280.00	
2020	3,765.00				3,765.00	
2021	523.31				523.31	
2023	5,936.00	\$ 3,895.34				\$ 2,040.66
2024		\$ 5,936.00				5,936.00
Aqua Road Improvements - Donations						
Local Recreation Improvement Grant - 2022	75,000.00	766,277.54	766,277.54			
Local Recreation Improvement Grant - 2023	82,000.00		75,000.00			
Body Worn Camera Grant - 2020	20,000.00		82,000.00			
Body Worn Camera Grant - 2021	18,342.00		18,342.00			20,000.00
National Opioid Settlement - 2024		169,469.94	162,860.59		6,609.35	
N.J. Department of Labor and Workforce Development:						
N.J. Youth Corps - 2020 - ALWY21N	46,134.00				46,134.00	
N.J. Youth Corps - 2022 - ALWY23N	30.00				30.00	
N.J. Youth Corps - 2023 - ALWY24N	255,838.00		255,838.00			
N.J. Youth Corps - 2023 - Career Advancement Program	172,500.00		16,556.00			155,944.00
N.J. Youth Corps - 2025		466,200.00	143,721.00			322,479.00
N.J. Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act:						
Urban Aid:						
2018 - Heckman Street Phase III	49,466.36				49,466.36	
N.J. Department of Community Affairs:						
American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant - 2022	52,000.00		52,000.00			
American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant - 2024		50,000.00				50,000.00
Neighborhood Preservation Grant - 2022	12,500.00					12,500.00
Neighborhood Preservation Grant - 2023	12,500.00					12,500.00
Recycling Tonnage Grant - 2024		23,934.00	23,934.00			
Clean Communities Program - 2024		44,478.24	44,478.24			
Body Armor Replacement Grant:						
2024		3,059.52		\$ 3,059.52		
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant - 2022		4,531.08	7,801.08			
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant - 2023	3,270.00	3,950.52	2,427.99			1,522.53
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant - 2024		3,565.62				3,565.62
Click It or Ticket - 2022 Seatbelt Mobilization	934.10				934.10	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS RECEIVABLE
(Continued)

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Budget Revenue Realized	Received	Transferred from Unappropriated Reserves	Cancelled	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Click It or Ticket - 2024 Seatbelt Mobilization		\$ 10,500.00	\$ 7,315.00			\$ 3,185.00
NJ Highlands Council:						
2009 Plan Conformance Grant - Supplemental	\$ 7,551.95					7,551.95
2022 Plan Conformance Grant - Supplemental	29,978.00					29,978.00
N.J. Department of Environmental Protection:						
Green Acres Delaware Heights	170,416.51					170,416.51
Leader Station House Adjustment Program - 2023	10,857.00		10,857.00			10,857.00
Leader Station House Adjustment Program - 2024		14,476.00	3,619.00			150,000.00
Clean Energy Electric Vehicle Tourism Grant	150,000.00					250,000.00
Elizabethtown Gas Road Improvement - Howard Street	250,000.00					
2020 School Resource Officer	38,997.78				\$ 38,997.78	
2023 School Resource Officer	295,000.00		295,000.00			
2024 School Resource Officer		300,169.00	150,084.29			150,084.71
Stormwater Assistance Grant		10,000.00				10,000.00
New Jersey Department of Transportation:						
Local Transportation Projects Fund:						
Roseberry St. Pedestrian Safety	375,000.00					375,000.00
Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program:						
Riverfront Heritage Trail Phase 1	1,368,000.00					1,368,000.00
N.J. Department of Environmental Protection:						
Mercer Street Park Grant		500,000.00				500,000.00
GSPT Brainard Street Park Inclusive Playground		750,000.00				750,000.00
CDS EPA Community Grant		3,360,000.00				3,360,000.00
ARPA - 2021 CSFRF Gunshot Detection Technology Initiative			297,000.00			
	\$ 3,806,820.01	\$ 6,486,547.46	\$ 2,419,007.07	\$ 3,059.52	\$ 149,739.90	\$ 7,721,560.98
<u>Ref.</u>	A					A
Federal Grants		\$ 763,600.66				
State Grants		429,568.58				
Local Grants		1,225,837.83				
		\$ 2,419,007.07				

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF 2023 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Balance After Modification	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
General Administration:				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 5,812.13	\$ 2,812.13		\$ 2,812.13
Other Expenses	34,726.84	39,726.84	\$ 36,649.17	3,077.67
Mayor and Council:				
Salaries and Wages	100.32	100.32		100.32
Other Expenses	5,960.33	3,960.33	3,622.48	337.85
Municipal Clerk:				
Salaries and Wages	12,490.57	3,490.57		3,490.57
Other Expenses	50,497.59	27,497.59	15,456.01	12,041.58
Financial Administration:				
Salaries and Wages	4,473.31	4,473.31	2,400.00	2,073.31
Other Expenses	2,980.30	2,980.30	847.07	2,133.23
Audit Services	34,250.00	58,250.00	23,700.00	34,550.00
Revenue Administration:				
Salaries and Wages	3,238.50	3,238.50		3,238.50
Other Expenses	17,262.77	14,662.77	9,563.50	5,099.27
Tax Assessment Administration:				
Salaries and Wages	588.52	588.52		588.52
Other Expenses	7,126.56	7,126.56		7,126.56
Legal Services:				
Other Expenses	97,747.59	162,747.59	149,511.07	13,236.52
Engineering Services:				
Other Expenses	52,400.00	52,400.00	47,363.75	5,036.25
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION:				
Planning Board:				
Salaries and Wages	570.60	570.60		570.60
Other Expenses	13,206.25	13,206.25		13,206.25
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS:				
Police Department:				
Salaries and Wages	99,376.82	34,376.82	34,000.00	376.82
Other Expenses	49,539.75	49,539.75	47,991.99	1,547.76
Salaries and Wages - American Rescue Plan	0.06	0.06		0.06
Emergency Management Services:				
Salaries and Wages	5.16	5.16		5.16
Other Expenses	1,670.00	1,670.00		1,670.00
Aid to Volunteer Fire Company	0.02	0.02		0.02
Fire Department:				
Salaries and Wages	260.18	260.18		260.18
Other Expenses	32,913.21	47,913.21	45,112.09	2,801.12
Fire Department:				
Supplemental Fire Services Program	7,000.00	7,000.00		7,000.00

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF 2023 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Balance After Modification	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS:				
Municipal Prosecutor:				
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.04	\$ 5,000.04		\$ 5,000.04
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS:				
Streets and Roads Maintenance:				
Salaries and Wages	23,602.32	8,602.32	\$ 8,602.32	
Other Expenses	84,097.68	79,297.68	69,765.99	9,531.69
Other Public Works Functions:				
Salaries and Wages	169.30	169.30		169.30
Other Expenses	12,184.65	5,184.65	2,943.34	2,241.31
PEOSHA	10,125.00	10,125.00	4,381.40	5,743.60
Solid Waste Collection:				
Salaries and Wages	10,076.15	1,976.15	812.32	1,163.83
Other Expenses	6,957.53	6,957.53		6,957.53
Buildings and Grounds:				
Salaries and Wages	15,967.04	5,967.04		5,967.04
Other Expenses	58,698.16	48,698.16	16,236.46	32,461.70
Vehicle Maintenance:				
Salaries and Wages	2,979.66	2,979.66		2,979.66
Other Expenses	38,686.70	28,686.70	27,393.81	1,292.89
PARKS AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS:				
Recreation Services and Programs:				
Salaries and Wages	7,265.59	4,765.59		4,765.59
Other Expenses	7,832.94	5,332.94	3,014.23	2,318.71
Municipal Swimming Pool:				
Salaries and Wages	0.23	0.23		0.23
Other Expenses	32.85	5,032.85	5,000.00	32.85
Accumulated Leave Compensation	98,860.20	257,860.20	257,860.20	
Celebration of Public Events:				
Other Expenses	5,063.81	5,063.81	5,000.00	63.81
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES:				
Electricity	8,457.12	8,457.12	6,273.11	2,184.01
Street Lighting	15,065.97	15,065.97	15,065.97	
Telephone:				
Other Expenses	5,637.77	5,637.77	5,509.62	128.15
Water	39,413.35	39,413.35	39,231.09	182.26
Gas (Natural or Propane)	8,180.00	18,180.00	17,430.36	749.64
Gasoline	46,675.32	26,675.32	20,097.91	6,577.41

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF 2023 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Balance After Modification	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS:				
Waste Disposal:				
Other Expenses	\$ 76,254.74	\$ 56,254.74	\$ 51,326.69	\$ 4,928.05
Municipal Court:				
Salaries and Wages	26,170.95	6,170.95		6,170.95
Other Expenses	10,920.21	10,920.21	2,535.20	8,385.01
INSURANCE:				
Liability Insurance	5,543.64	2,043.64		2,043.64
Workers Compensation Insurance	5.70	5.70		5.70
Employees Group Insurance	80,700.28	55,700.28	11,677.30	44,022.98
Health Benefit Waivers	42,000.00	42,000.00	12,646.45	29,353.55
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE:				
Code Enforcement:				
Salaries and Wages	22,460.06	7,460.06		7,460.06
Other Expenses	19,242.53	14,242.53	897.00	13,345.53
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES:				
Social Security System (O.A.S.I)	4,767.34	4,767.34	2,459.13	2,308.21
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	3,029.98	3,029.98	1,772.41	1,257.57
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	11,002.08	11,002.08		11,002.08
Maintenance of Free Public Library	479.52	479.52		479.52
Recycling Tax (P.L.2007, C.311)	9,155.00	9,155.00	5,190.00	3,965.00
Shared Service Agreement - Borough of Alpha:				
Police Services	82,072.18	82,072.18	69,237.63	12,834.55
Public and Private Program Offset by Revenue:				
Municipal Alliance - Local Match	2,266.00	2,266.00		2,266.00
	<u>\$ 1,441,296.97</u>	<u>\$ 1,441,296.97</u>	<u>\$ 1,078,577.07</u>	<u>\$ 362,719.90</u>

Ref.Analysis of Balance on December 31, 2023:

Unencumbered	A \$ 1,101,436.28
Encumbered	A <u>339,860.69</u>
	<u>\$ 1,441,296.97</u>

Cash Disbursed	\$ 1,150,760.83
Accounts Payable	28,312.91
Due to Other Trust Funds:	
Reserve for Open Space	9,414.64
	<u>1,188,488.38</u>
Less: Appropriation Refunds	<u>109,911.31</u>
	<u>\$ 1,078,577.07</u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES PAYABLE

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2023	A	\$ 2,767,996.06
Increased by:		
2024 Calendar Year Levy		<u>13,362,440.00</u>
		16,130,436.06
Decreased by:		
Payments to Local School District		<u>13,232,758.96</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	A	<u><u>\$ 2,897,677.10</u></u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATED RESERVES

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Transferred from Budget Appropriations	Expended	Encumbrances Payable	Prior Year Encumbrances Returned	Cancelled	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Clean Communities Program:							
2022	\$ 2,254.27	\$	1,438.27				\$ 816.00
2023	39,159.53		39,159.53				
2024		\$ 44,478.24	4,422.97				40,055.27
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund:							
2021	9.72		6,700.00		\$ 6,700.00		9.72
Municipal Alliance Program:							
2019 - State	1,011.00					\$ 1,011.00	
2020 - State	464.00					464.00	
2016 - Local	109.35					109.35	
2017 - Local	70.84					70.84	
2018 - Local	3,634.00					3,634.00	
2020 - State	116.00					116.00	
2021 - State	125.31					125.31	
2022 - State							
2023 - State	5,076.00		5,806.00		730.00		
2024 - State		5,936.00	325.00				5,611.00
2024 - Local		1,484.00	1,468.84				15.16
Private Donation Cash Match - 2021	256.00		46.36				209.64
Private Donation Cash Match - 2022	3.11					3.11	
Private Donation Cash Match - 2023	1,484.00						1,484.00
American Rescue Plan - Police Radios	6.00					6.00	
Body Worn Camera Grant	3,296.00						3,296.00
Body Armor Replacement Grant:							
2023			2,648.69		2,648.69		
2024		3,059.52		\$ 3,059.52			
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant - 2022		4,531.08	1,203.42				3,327.66
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant - 2023		3,950.52					3,950.52
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant - 2024		3,565.62					3,565.62
National Opioid Settlement:							
2022	31,740.22					6,609.35	25,130.87
2023	52,071.21						52,071.21
2024		169,469.94					169,469.94

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATED RESERVES
(Continued)

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Transferred from Budget Appropriations	Expended	Encumbrances Payable	Prior Year Encumbrances Returned	Cancelled	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
N.J. Department of Labor and Workforce Development:							
N.J. Youth Corps - 2020 - ALWY21N	\$ 46,134.00					\$ 46,134.00	
N.J. Youth Corps - 2023 - ALWY24N	258,894.00		\$ 258,894.00				\$ 163,920.00
N.J. Youth Corps - 2023 - Career Advancement Program	172,500.00		8,580.00				327,112.00
N.J. Youth Corps - 2025		\$ 466,200.00	139,088.00			1,164.44	
Statewide Insurance Safety Grant - 2022	1,914.44		750.00				
Local Recreation Improvement Grant - 2022	75,000.00		75,000.00				
Recycling Tonnage Grant:							
2020	14,046.92		14,046.92				9,118.12
2021	16,426.77		7,308.65				21,168.50
2022	21,789.00		620.50				23,991.00
2023	23,991.00						23,934.00
2024		23,934.00					
N.J. Department of Transportation:							
N.J. Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act:							
Urban Aid - Heckman Street Phase III	28,938.27					28,938.27	
Urban Aid - Heckman Street Phase IV	64,904.02					64,904.02	
2022 - Design of Howard Street Extension							
Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program:							
Riverfront Heritage Trail Phase I			3,890.25	\$ 216,183.25	\$ 220,073.50		
Roseberry Street Pedestrian Safety	1,368,000.00						1,368,000.00
Click It or Ticket - 2022 Seatbelt Mobilization	320,000.00		23,482.75	31,517.25	55,000.00		320,000.00
Click It or Ticket - 2024 Seatbelt Mobilization	94.10					94.10	
State of NJ Highlands Council:		10,500.00	7,315.00				3,185.00
2009 Plan Conformance Grant - Supplemental	17,595.01						17,595.01
2022 Plan Conformance Grant - Supplemental	602.00						1,887.56
NJ Department of Environmental Protection:							
Green Acres Delaware Heights	99,440.33						99,440.33

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATED RESERVES

(Continued)

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Transferred from Budget Appropriations	Expended	Encumbrances Payable	Prior Year Encumbrances Returned	Cancelled	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
National Park Services:							
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program:							
2014	\$ 278.66					\$ 278.66	
Aqua Road Improvement Donations:							
2022 - Road Restoration	416,642.18		\$ 724.19		\$ 724.19		\$ 416,642.18
2023 - Road Restoration	224,610.96						224,610.96
2024 - Road Restoration		\$ 766,277.54				1,000.00	765,277.54
Rotary Club - Heritage Trail Donation	1,000.00						1,000.00
Elizabethown Gas Road Improvement:							
2021 - Rose Street / N. Main Street	69,194.75		34,180.60		10,234.13		45,248.28
2021 - Columbus and Wilbur	444,636.20		41,705.25		41,705.25		444,636.20
2021 - Belvidere, Lincoln, & Hillcrest	132,476.56						132,476.56
2021 - 1035 Stanley Street	3,000.00						3,000.00
2021 - Hudson Street	14,650.00		40,500.00		40,500.00		14,650.00
2021 - Warren Street							
2021 - S. Main & Jefferson	50,000.00						50,000.00
2023 - Road Restoration	110,866.10						110,866.10
School Resource Officer:							
2020	82,629.28					29,560.02	53,069.26
2021	2,095.60					2,095.60	
2022							
2023	206,949.25		149,763.85				57,185.40
2024		300,169.00	112,236.07				187,932.93
Clean Energy Electric Vehicle Tourism Grant	150,000.00						150,000.00

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATED RESERVES

(Continued)

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Transferred from Budget Appropriations	Expended	Encumbrances Payable	Prior Year Encumbrances Returned	Cancelled	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Station House Adjustment Program - 2023	\$ 9,562.89	\$	\$ 9,562.89				\$ 12,401.52
Station House Adjustment Program - 2024		\$ 14,476.00	2,074.48				549.36
Neighborhood Preservation Program - 2019	549.36						12,500.00
Neighborhood Preservation Program - 2022	12,500.00						12,500.00
Neighborhood Preservation Program - 2023	125,000.00			\$ 112,500.00			20,000.00
Neighborhood Preservation Program Match	25,000.00		5,000.00				25,000.00
Neighborhood Preservation Program Match		25,000.00					
Stormwater Assistance Grant - 2023		10,000.00	10,000.00				
Stormwater Assistance Grant - 2024			15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00		
ARPA-2021 CSFRF Gunshot Detection Tech Initiative			297,000.00		297,000.00		
ARP Firefighter Grant - 2024		50,000.00	50,000.00				
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection:							
Mercer St Park Grant		500,000.00	3,685.25	24,314.75			472,000.00
GSPT Brainerd St Park Inclusive Playground		750,000.00	6,119.25	62,380.75			681,500.00
CDS EPA Community Grant		3,360,000.00	66,263.50	33,736.50			3,260,000.00
	<u>\$ 4,752,798.21</u>	<u>\$ 6,513,031.46</u>	<u>\$ 1,446,010.48</u>	<u>\$ 483,692.02</u>	<u>\$ 691,601.32</u>	<u>\$ 186,318.07</u>	<u>9,841,410.42</u>
Ref	A			A	A		A
Federal/State/Local Grants		\$ 6,486,547.46					
Local Matching Funds		<u>26,484.00</u>					
		<u>\$ 6,513,031.46</u>					
Federal Grants			\$ 651,344.92	\$ 33,736.50	\$ 297,000.00		
State Grants			396,653.03	449,955.52	300,707.75		
Local Grants			391,543.69		93,163.57		
Local Matching Funds			<u>6,468.84</u>				
			<u>\$ 1,446,010.48</u>	<u>\$ 483,692.02</u>	<u>\$ 690,871.32</u>		

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Grant Funds Received	Transferred to 2024 Current Fund Budget Revenue	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Statewide Insurance Safety Grant	\$ 2,769.70			\$ 2,769.70
Body Armor Replacement Grant	3,059.52	\$ 3,184.87	\$ 3,059.52	3,184.87
	<u>\$ 5,829.22</u>	<u>\$ 3,184.87</u>	<u>\$ 3,059.52</u>	<u>\$ 5,954.57</u>
<u>Ref.</u>	A			A

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COUNTY OF WARREN
2024
TRUST FUNDS

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
TRUST FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF CASH

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Animal Control Fund</u>	<u>Other Trust Funds</u>
Balance December 31, 2023	B	\$ 2,742.48	\$ 5,783,435.98
Increased by Receipts:			
Dog License Fees		\$ 4,314.90	
Cat License Fees		1,499.00	
Dog/Cat License Late Fees		389.00	
Interest Earned		327.23	
Due to/from Current Fund:			
Interfund Advanced			\$ 8,703.73
Settlement of Prior Year Interfund			291,296.27
Interest Earned - Other Trust Funds			11,445.78
Community Development Revolving Loan Program:			
Program Receivable - Principal Repayments			5,775.36
Interest on Loans			22,844.84
Reserve for:			
Planning/Zoning Board Escrow			128,080.03
Public Defender:			
Receipts			2,860.00
Interest Earned			827.12
Parking Offense Adjudication Act			512.00
Bernards Township R.C.A. Program:			
Rehabilitation Repayments			6,538.54
Lead Paint Inspection			6,080.00
Urban Enterprise Zone:			
Grants			431,805.00
Other Receipts			33,760.91
Police Outside Services:			
Receipts			1,384,789.40
Accounts Receivable (Police Outside Services)			30,924.10
Accumulated Sick and Vacation			348,636.77
Engineers Inspection Escrow:			
Receipts			547,512.50
Small Cities Block Grants - Program Income			8,450.00
Donations for Celebration of Public Events			13,188.38
Non-Residential Development Fees			291,193.35
Dog Park User Fees			40.00
Federally Funded Housing Assistance (Section 8 Program):			
Section 8 Grant Receipts			2,795,891.00
Flexible Spending Benefits Deposits			17,502.00
Open Space Taxes			142,931.19
Tax Sale Premiums			288,800.00
		<u>6,530.13</u>	<u>6,820,388.27</u>
		9,272.61	12,603,824.25

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
TRUST FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF CASH
(Continued)

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Animal Control Fund</u>	<u>Other Trust Funds</u>
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Administrative Expenses		\$ 8,329.51	
Due to/from Current Fund:			
Interfund Advanced - Open Space Trust Fund			\$ 1,573.39
Reserve for:			
Planning/Zoning Board Escrow			146,488.23
Accumulated Sick and Vacation			267,256.45
Federally Funded Housing Assistance (Section 8 Program):			
Program Expenditures			2,819,437.19
Police Outside Services			1,398,305.93
Donations for Celebration of Public Events			729.40
Storm Recovery			5,600.00
Community Development Revolving Loan Program:			
Legal Fees			761.20
Engineers Inspection Escrow			685,504.02
Urban Enterprise Zone:			
2024 Grant Projects			7,789.92
Older Funds			29.90
Bernards Township R.C.A. Expenditures			171,939.97
Non-Residential Development Fees			30,798.92
Flexible Spending Benefits			13,398.09
Open Space			18,432.80
Tax Sale Premiums			261,700.00
		<u>\$ 8,329.51</u>	<u>\$ 5,829,745.41</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	B	<u>\$ 943.10</u>	<u>\$ 6,774,078.84</u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
ASSESSMENT TRUST FUND
ANALYSIS OF ASSESSMENT TRUST FUND CASH
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOT APPLICABLE

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FUND EXPENDITURES

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2023	B	\$	1,990.23
Increased by:			
Dog License Fees		\$	4,314.90
Cat License Fees			1,499.00
Cat/Dog License Late Fees			389.00
Interest Earned			<u>327.23</u>
			<u>6,530.13</u>
			8,520.36
Decreased by:			
Expenditures Under R.S.4:19-15.11			<u>8,329.51</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	B	\$	<u><u>190.85</u></u>

License Fees Collected

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 6,986.00
2023	<u>6,197.80</u>
Maximum Allowable Reserve	<u><u>\$ 13,183.80</u></u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COUNTY OF WARREN
2024
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2023	C	\$ 4,835,725.78
Increased by:		
Capital Improvement Fund:		
2024 Budget Appropriation	\$ 125,000.00	
N.J. Department of Transportation:		
Grants Receivable on Funded Ordinance	189,888.00	
Capital Fund Balance:		
Premium on Bond Anticipation Notes	118,087.10	
Bond Anticipation Notes Issued	12,005,000.00	
Due to Current Fund:		
Interest Earned	24,594.72	
Improvement Authorization Refunds:		
FEMA Reimbursement	52,637.55	
Other Refund	75,000.00	
		<u>12,590,207.37</u>
		17,425,933.15
Decreased by:		
Capital Fund Balance:		
Anticipated Revenue in Current Fund	64,855.02	
Due to Current Fund:		
Settlement of Prior Year Interfund	15,814.90	
Bond Anticipation Notes Matured	8,210,000.00	
Improvement Authorization Expenditures	3,734,271.66	
		<u>12,024,941.58</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	C	<u><u>\$ 5,400,991.57</u></u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
ANALYSIS OF GENERAL CAPITAL FUND CASH

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Balance (Deficit) Dec. 31, 2023		Receipts		Disbursements			Transfers		Balance (Deficit) Dec. 31, 2024
				Bond		Miscellaneous	Anticipation Notes	Improvement Authorization Expenditures			
				Miscellaneous	Anticipation Notes				From	To	
Fund Balance		\$ 103,401.20	\$ 118,087.10			\$ 64,855.02			\$ 125,425.00		\$ 156,633.28
Capital Improvement Fund		2,123.84									1,698.84
Due to Current Fund		15,814.90	24,594.72			15,814.90					24,594.72
Reserve for Encumbrances		4,527,202.42							4,527,202.42	\$ 1,745,152.87	1,745,152.87
N.J. Department of Transportation Grants Receivable		(359,960.75)	189,888.00						229,630.00		(399,702.75)
Reserve for N.J. Department of Transportation Grant Receivable		359,960.75							189,888.00	229,630.00	399,702.75
Reserve for Capital Projects		36,780.16									36,780.16
Reserve for Payment of Debt Service										189,888.00	189,888.00

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - UNFUNDED

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Balance		2024		Paid by		Balance		Bond		Unexpended	
		Dec. 31, 2023		Authorizations		Budget	Appropriation	Dec. 31, 2024		Anticipation	Notes	Expenditures	Improvement Authorizations
<u>General Improvements:</u>													
17-03/19-07/21-05	Renovations/Improvements/Demolition of Certain Town Owned Property	\$ 6,190,000.00			\$ 419,000.00	\$ 5,771,000.00	\$ 5,771,000.00						
21-04	Reconstruction of Warren Street	559,669.75			46,000.00	513,669.75	513,600.00	\$ 69.75					
21-16	Various Capital Improvements	1,382,175.00			124,000.00	1,258,175.00	1,258,100.00	75.00					
22-17	Reconstruction of Hudson Street	550,000.00			6,000.00	544,000.00	544,000.00						
22-19	Various 2022 Capital Improvements	2,343,650.00			220,000.00	2,123,650.00	2,123,600.00	50.00					
23-10	Various 2023 Capital Improvements	1,894,704.00			100,000.00	1,794,704.00	1,794,700.00	4.00					
24-08	Phase II Reconstruction of Hudson Street			\$ 1,000,000.00		1,000,000.00						\$ 59,023.97	\$ 940,976.03
24-15	Various Capital Improvements			2,383,075.00		2,383,075.00						454,602.69	1,928,472.31
24-32	Phase III Reconstruction of Hudson Street			1,000,000.00		1,000,000.00							1,000,000.00
		\$ 12,920,198.75	\$ 4,383,075.00	\$ 915,000.00	\$ 16,388,273.75	\$ 12,005,000.00	\$ 513,825.41	\$ 3,869,448.34					

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Analysis of Unexpended Improvement Authorizations:

Improvement Authorizations - Unfunded

Less: Unexpended Proceeds of Bond Anticipation Notes Issued:

Ord. #17-03/19-07/21-05 Renovations/Improvements/Demolition of Certain Town Owned Property

Ord. #21-16 Various Capital Improvements

Ord. #22-19 Various 2022 Capital Improvements

Ord. #23-10 Various 2023 Capital Improvements

\$ 7,060,119.27

\$ 2,295,663.78

117,679.57

155,720.24

621,607.34

3,190,670.93

\$ 3,869,448.34

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Ordinance Date	Amount	Balance December 31, 2023		Prior Year Encumbrances Returned	2024 Authorizations		Paid or Charged	Balance December 31, 2024	
				Funded	Unfunded		Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - Unfunded	Capital Improvement Fund		Funded	Unfunded
General Improvements:											
16-13	Various Capital Improvements	05/03/16	\$ 1,346,700.00	\$ 28,858.63					\$ 12,555.63	\$ 16,303.00	
17-03 / 19-07 / 21-05	Renovations/Improvements/Demolition of Certain Town Owned Property	02/20/19	6,500,000.00	349,480.20	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,792,729.86			1,846,546.28		\$ 2,295,663.78
17-06	Various Capital Improvements	06/20/17	1,311,400.00	145,248.79		5,272.31			29,733.99	120,787.11	
18-15 / 20-04 / 20-13	Various Capital Improvements	08/7/18	1,758,100.00	131,587.21		4,264.13			7,082.13	128,769.21	
19-17	Various Capital Improvements	06/18/19	1,131,432.00	102,292.40		184,919.06			184,919.06	102,292.40	
19-19 / 20-14	Improvements to Armory	08/20/19	1,400,000.00	5,848.75						5,848.75	
20-12	Various Capital Improvements	05/19/20	1,100,000.00			68,891.11				68,891.11	
R20-115	Renovations/Improvements to Various Town Parks	05/19/20	98,371.10	88.19						88.19	
21-04	Reconstruction of Warren Street	02/02/21	1,307,107.00			162,437.27			71,958.37	90,478.90	
21-10	Body Worn Camera and Mobile Video Recorders	03/16/21	79,000.00	58,252.01		2,152.99			24,465.49	35,939.51	
21-16	Various Capital Improvements	06/15/21	2,886,500.00		23,731.51	304,657.59			210,709.53		117,679.57
22-17	Reconstruction of Hudson Street	05/03/22	550,000.00			505,857.05			505,857.05		
22-19	Various 2022 Capital Improvements	05/03/22	2,467,000.00		393,098.58	364,043.14			601,421.48		155,720.24
R22-129	Purchase of Public Works Vehicles and Equipment	06/21/22	343,126.67			253,685.47			253,685.47		
23-10	Various 2023 Capital Improvements	06/06/23	1,994,425.00		707,115.74	878,292.44			963,800.84		621,607.34
24-08	Phase II Reconstruction of Hudson Street	05/22/24	1,000,000.00				\$ 1,000,000.00		59,023.97		940,976.03
24-15	Various Capital Improvements	07/10/24	2,508,500.00				2,383,075.00	\$125,425.00	580,027.69		1,928,472.31
24-32	Phase III Reconstruction of Hudson Street	12/11/24	1,000,000.00				1,000,000.00				1,000,000.00
				\$ 821,656.18	\$ 3,123,945.83	\$ 4,527,202.42	\$ 4,383,075.00	\$125,425.00	\$ 5,351,786.98	\$ 569,398.18	\$7,060,119.27
		Ref.		C	C	C				C	C
								Ref.			
							Cash Disbursed		\$ 3,734,271.66		
							Encumbrances	C	1,745,152.87		
							Less: Refunds		(127,637.55)		
									\$ 5,351,786.98		

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2023	C	\$ 2,123.84
Increased by:		
2024 Budget Appropriation		125,000.00
		127,123.84
Decreased by:		
Appropriated to Finance Improvement		
Authorizations		125,425.00
Balance December 31, 2024	C	<u><u>\$ 1,698.84</u></u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES PAYABLE

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Date of				Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Issued	Matured	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
		Issue of Original Note	Issue	Maturity						
17-03; 19-07; 21-05	Renovations/Improvements/Demolition of Certain Town Owned Property	12/16/2022;	12/14/2023	12/13/2024	4.25%	\$ 2,190,000.00	\$ 1,771,000.00	\$ 2,190,000.00		\$ 1,771,000.00
			10/29/2024	10/28/2025	4.00%					
		12/14/2023	12/14/2023	12/13/2024	4.25%	2,000,000.00		2,000,000.00		
			10/29/2024	10/28/2025	4.00%		2,000,000.00			2,000,000.00
		10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/28/2025	4.00%		2,000,000.00			2,000,000.00
21-04	Reconstruction of Warren Street	12/16/2022	12/14/2023	12/13/2024	4.25%	452,000.00		452,000.00		
			10/29/2024	10/28/2025	4.00%		406,000.00			406,000.00
		10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/28/2025	4.00%		107,600.00			107,600.00
21-16	Various Capital Improvements	12/16/2022	12/14/2023	12/13/2024	4.25%	1,232,000.00		1,232,000.00		
			10/29/2024	10/28/2025	4.00%		1,108,000.00			1,108,000.00
		10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/28/2025	4.00%		150,100.00			150,100.00
22-17	Reconstruction of Hudson Street	12/16/2022	12/14/2023	12/13/2024	4.25%	58,000.00		58,000.00		
			10/29/2024	10/28/2025	4.00%		52,000.00			52,000.00
		10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/28/2025	4.00%		492,000.00			492,000.00
22-19	Various 2022 Capital Improvements	12/16/2022	12/14/2023	12/13/2024	4.25%	2,193,000.00		2,193,000.00		
			10/29/2024	10/28/25	4.00%		1,973,000.00			1,973,000.00
		10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/28/25	4.00%		150,600.00			150,600.00
23-10	Various 2023 Capital Improvements	12/14/2023	12/14/2023	12/13/2024	4.25%	1,000,000.00		1,000,000.00		
			10/29/2024	10/28/25	4.00%		900,000.00			900,000.00
		10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/28/25	4.00%		894,700.00			894,700.00
									<u>\$ 9,125,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,005,000.00</u>
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							New Issues			
							Renewals			
							Paid by Budget Appropriation			
							<u>\$ 3,795,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,210,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,210,000.00</u>	
								<u>915,000.00</u>	<u>915,000.00</u>	
							<u>\$ 12,005,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,125,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,125,000.00</u>	
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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF SERIAL BONDS PAYABLE

Purpose	Date of Issue	Amount of Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds		Interest Rate	Balance		Balance
			Outstanding	Dec. 31, 2024		Dec. 31, 2023	Matured	
			Date	Amount				Dec. 31, 2024
General Improvements	8/15/2017	\$ 6,102,000.00	8/15/2025	\$ 580,000.00	2.000%	\$ 2,967,000.00	\$ 565,000.00	\$ 2,402,000.00
			8/15/2026	595,000.00	2.000%			
			8/15/2027	605,000.00	1.125%			
			8/15/2028	622,000.00	2.250%			
General Improvements	5/4/2022	6,000,000.00	5/15/2025	450,000.00	5.000%	5,765,000.00	365,000.00	5,400,000.00
			5/15/2026	450,000.00	5.000%			
			5/15/2027	450,000.00	5.000%			
			5/15/2028	450,000.00	5.000%			
			5/15/2029	450,000.00	5.000%			
			5/15/2030	450,000.00	3.250%			
			5/15/2031	450,000.00	3.250%			
			5/15/2032	450,000.00	3.500%			
			5/15/2033	450,000.00	3.500%			
			5/15/2034	450,000.00	3.500%			
			5/15/2035	450,000.00	3.500%			
			5/15/2036	450,000.00	3.500%			
						<u>\$ 8,732,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 930,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,802,000.00</u>

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF GREEN ACRES LOAN PAYABLE

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Improvement Description</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>Matured</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2024</u>
01-16	Improvements to Delaware Heights Park	<u>\$ 30,329.60</u>	<u>\$ 15,013.90</u>	<u>\$ 15,315.70</u>
	<u>Ref.</u>	C		C

SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>Payment Number</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Balance of Loan</u>
				\$ 15,315.70
27	1/11/25	\$ 153.16	\$ 7,619.74	7,695.96
28	7/11/25	76.96	7,695.96	-0-
		<u>\$ 230.12</u>	<u>\$ 15,315.70</u>	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	2024 Authorizations	Bond Anticipation Notes Issued	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
17-03/19-07/21-05	Town Owned Property				
	Town Owned Property	\$ 2,000,000.00		\$ 2,000,000.00	
21-04	Reconstruction of Warren Street	107,669.75		107,600.00	\$ 69.75
21-16	Various Capital Improvements	150,175.00		150,100.00	75.00
22-17	Reconstruction of Hudson Street	492,000.00		492,000.00	
22-19	Various 2022 Capital Improvements	150,650.00		150,600.00	50.00
23-10	Various 2023 Capital Improvements	894,704.00		894,700.00	4.00
24-08	Reconstruction of Hudson Street Phase II		\$ 1,000,000.00		1,000,000.00
24-15	Various 2024 Capital Improvements		2,383,075.00		2,383,075.00
24-32	Reconstruction of Hudson Street Phase III		1,000,000.00		1,000,000.00
		<u>\$ 3,795,198.75</u>	<u>\$ 4,383,075.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,795,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,383,273.75</u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COUNTY OF WARREN
2024
WATER UTILITY FUND

NOT APPLICABLE

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COUNTY OF WARREN
2024
SEWER UTILITY FUND

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

	Operating	Capital
Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 530,044.72	\$ 1,474,153.97
Increased by Receipts:		
Utility Collector	\$ 4,150,000.00	
Sewer Rents - Other Municipalities	1,902,938.47	
Miscellaneous Revenue - Treasurer	421,254.89	
Reserve for Sewer Improvements Anticipated as Current Year Revenue	654,910.59	
Due to/from Sewer Utility Capital Fund:		
Settlement of Prior Year Interfund	5,783.99	
2024 Budget Appropriation:		
Capital Improvement Fund		\$ 75,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Issued		4,500,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Premium		42,390.00
Reserve for Sewer Improvements		266,856.00
Accounts Payable	170,294.64	
Improvement Authorization Refund		110,290.00
Due to Sewer Utility Operating Fund:		
Interest Earned	7,305,182.58	5,010,566.28
	<u>7,835,227.30</u>	<u>6,484,720.25</u>
Decreased by Disbursements:		
2024 Appropriation Expenditures	5,235,870.58	
2023 Appropriation Reserves	223,710.41	
Reserve for Sewer Improvements -		
Anticipated as Revenue in the Sewer Utility Fund Budget		654,910.59
Accrued Interest on Loans	80,035.00	
Accrued Interest on Bonds	72,125.00	
Improvement Authorization Expenditures		556,326.91
Accounts Payable	165,468.34	
Encumbrances Payable		71,979.75
Due to/from Sewer Utility Operating Fund:		
Settlement of Prior Year Interfund	5,777,209.33	1,289,001.24
Balance December 31, 2024	\$ 2,058,017.97	\$ 5,195,719.01

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
ANALYSIS OF SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL CASH

	Balance (Deficit) Dec. 31, 2023	Receipts			Disbursements			Transfers		Balance (Deficit) Dec. 31, 2024
		Budget Appropriation	Bond Anticipation Notes		Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous	Improvement Authorizations	From	To	
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 100,445.53	\$ 75,000.00			\$ 16,030.28	\$ 5,783.99			\$ 31,086.35	\$ 175,445.53
Due to/(from) Sewer Utility Operating Fund	5,783.99					71,979.75		\$ 547,201.83	1,679,393.62	47,116.63
Reserve for Encumbrances	643,840.02				266,856.00	654,910.59				1,704,052.06
Reserve for Sewer Improvements	654,910.59				42,390.00					266,856.00
Fund Balance	536,503.22									578,893.22
Ord. No.	Improvement Authorizations									
14-20	Improvements to Town Sewage Treatment Plant									
18-32	(43,813.05)									
19-16	Various Improvements and Acquisitions									
21-06	Various Improvements and Acquisitions									
21-17	Improvements to Town Sewage Treatment Plant									
22-13	Improvements to Town Sewage Treatment Plant									
22-32	Inspection and Repairs of Sewer Lines									
23-12, 24-29	Various Capital Improvements									
		\$ 500,000.00				\$ 20,997.00				4,352.38
		4,000,000.00				79,000.16				41,726.29
					110,290.00			243,242.94	100,139.06	(79,045.00)
							456,329.75	1,449,787.81	382,735.25	(390,550.00)
	\$ 1,474,153.97	\$ 75,000.00	\$4,500,000.00	\$ 435,566.28	\$ 732,674.33	\$ 556,326.91	\$ 2,257,681.80	\$ 2,257,681.80	\$ 5,195,719.01	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - SEWER COLLECTOR

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2023	E	\$ 1,455,693.93
Increased by:		
Consumer Accounts Receivable	\$ 2,810,796.43	
Sewer Rent Overpayments	12,486.48	
Interest on Sewer Rents	26,889.74	
Tax Sale Interest and Costs	8,823.62	
Interest on Deposits	23,203.83	
Returned Check Fees	160.00	
		<u>2,882,360.10</u>
		4,338,054.03
Decreased by:		
Disbursed to Sewer Treasurer		<u>4,150,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	E	<u><u>\$ 188,054.03</u></u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF CONSUMER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2023	E	\$ 174,766.16
Increased by:		
Sewer Rents Levied		2,893,166.78
		<u>3,067,932.94</u>
Decreased by:		
Collections:		
Sewer Collector - Cash Received	\$ 2,810,796.43	
Overpayments Applied	<u>16,159.07</u>	
		<u>2,826,955.50</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	E	<u><u>\$ 240,977.44</u></u>

SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF SEWER LIENS RECEIVABLE

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2023	E	\$ 395.40
Balance December 31, 2024	E	<u><u>\$ 395.40</u></u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF FIXED CAPITAL

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Sewer Treatment Plant	\$ 42,092,334.30	\$ 42,092,334.30
Various Capital Improvements	2,621,881.57	2,621,881.57
General Equipment	714,728.67	714,728.67
	<u>\$ 45,428,944.54</u>	<u>\$ 45,428,944.54</u>
<u>Ref.</u>	E	E

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF FIXED CAPITAL AUTHORIZED AND UNCOMPLETED

Ord. No.	Ord. Date	Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
18-32	12/19/18	Various Improvements and Acquisitions	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
19-16	06/05/19	Various Improvements and Acquisitions	500,000.00	500,000.00
20-10	04/07/20	Various Improvements and Acquisitions	750,000.00	750,000.00
21-06	02/16/21	Improvements to Town Sewage Treatment Plant	565,000.00	565,000.00
21-17	07/07/21	Improvements to Town Sewage Treatment Plant	600,000.00	600,000.00
22-13	04/05/22	Inspection and Repairs of Sewer Lines	750,000.00	750,000.00
22-32	12/06/22	Various Capital Improvements	725,000.00	725,000.00
23-12; 24-29	8/15/23; 12/11/24	Various 2023 Sewer Utility Capital Improvements	<u>4,000,000.00</u>	<u>4,000,000.00</u>
			<u>\$ 8,390,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,390,000.00</u>
		<u>Ref.</u>	E	E

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF 2023 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Balance After Modification	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed
Operating:				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 46,889.95	\$ 46,889.95		\$ 46,889.95
Other Expenses	592,961.90	592,961.90	\$ 410,633.60	182,328.30
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures:				
Contribution to:				
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	4,864.47	4,864.47		4,864.47
Unemployment Compensation Insurance (N.J.S.A. 43:21-3 et. seq.)	1,414.43	1,414.43		1,414.43
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	1,363.29	1,363.29		1,363.29
	<u>\$ 647,494.04</u>	<u>\$ 647,494.04</u>	<u>\$ 410,633.60</u>	<u>\$ 236,860.44</u>

	<u>Ref.</u>	
<u>Analysis of Balance December 31, 2023</u>		
Unencumbered	E	\$ 383,339.06
Encumbered	E	<u>264,154.98</u>
		<u>\$ 647,494.04</u>

Cash Disbursed	\$ 223,710.41
Accounts Payable	<u>186,923.19</u>
	<u>\$ 410,633.60</u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Ordinance		Balance Dec. 31, 2023		Prior Year Encumbrances Returned	Paid or Charged	Balance Dec. 31, 2024	
		Date	Amount	Funded	Unfunded			Funded	Unfunded
18-32	Various Improvements and Acquisitions	12/19/18	\$ 500,000.00			\$ 16,688.75		\$ 16,688.75	
19-16	Various Improvements and Acquisitions	06/05/19	500,000.00			391.30		391.30	
21-06	Improvements to Town Sewage Treatment Plant	02/16/21	565,000.00			22,353.25	\$ 13,552.00	8,801.25	
21-17	Improvements to Town Sewage Treatment Plant	07/07/21	600,000.00	\$ 4,352.38		3,897.22	3,897.22	4,352.38	
22-13	Inspection and Repairs of Sewer Lines	04/05/22	750,000.00	41,726.29		20,997.00	20,997.00	41,726.29	
22-32	Various Capital Improvements	12/06/22	725,000.00		\$ 420,955.00	100,139.06	322,243.10		\$ 198,850.96
23-12; 24-29	Various 2023 Sewer Utility Capital Improvements	8/15/23; 12/11/24	4,000,000.00		3,609,450.00	382,735.25	1,795,827.56		2,196,357.69
				\$ 46,078.67	\$ 4,030,405.00	\$ 547,201.83	\$ 2,156,516.88	\$ 71,959.97	\$ 2,395,208.65
				E	E			E	E

	<u>Ref.</u>		<u>Ref.</u>
	Cash Disbursed	\$ 556,326.91	
	Encumbrances E	1,679,393.62	
	Due to Sewer Utility Operating Fund	31,086.35	
	Less: Improvement Authorization Refund	110,290.00	
		<u>\$ 2,156,516.88</u>	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2023	E	\$ 100,445.53
Increased by:		
2024 Budget Appropriation		<u>75,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	E	<u><u>\$ 175,445.53</u></u>

SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR AMORTIZATION

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2023	E	\$ 39,939,936.42
Increased by:		
Serial Bond Payable Paid by Operating Budget		\$ 85,000.00
NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans Paid by Operating Budget		196,000.00
NJ Environmental Infrastructure Fund Loans Paid by Operating Budget		<u>412,191.75</u>
		<u>693,191.75</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	E	<u><u>\$ 40,633,128.17</u></u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED RESERVE FOR AMORTIZATION

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Date of Ordinance	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
18-32	Various Improvements and Acquisitions	12/19/18	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
19-16	Various Improvements and Acquisitions	06/05/19	500,000.00	500,000.00
20-10	Various Improvements and Acquisitions	04/07/20	750,000.00	750,000.00
22-32	Various Capital Improvements	12/06/22	225,000.00	225,000.00
			<u>\$ 1,975,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,975,000.00</u>
		<u>Ref.</u>	E	E

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF NJ ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST LOANS PAYABLE

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Trust Loan</u>	<u>Fund Loan</u>
Balance December 31, 2023	E	\$ 1,947,000.00	\$ 3,548,195.07
Decreased by:			
Loans Paid by Operating Budget		196,000.00	412,191.75
Balance December 31, 2024	E	<u>\$ 1,751,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,136,003.32</u>

SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS - SERIES 2010A LOAN #S340874-04
TRUST LOAN OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>Payment Number</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Balance of Loan</u>
				\$ 451,000.00
30	2/1/25	\$ 9,020.00		451,000.00
31	8/1/25	9,020.00	\$ 85,000.00	366,000.00
32	2/1/26	7,320.00		366,000.00
33	8/1/26	7,320.00	85,000.00	281,000.00
34	2/1/27	5,620.00		281,000.00
35	8/1/27	5,620.00	91,000.00	190,000.00
36	2/1/28	3,800.00		190,000.00
37	8/1/28	3,800.00	95,000.00	95,000.00
38	2/1/29	1,900.00		95,000.00
39	8/1/29	1,900.00	95,000.00	-0-
		<u>\$ 55,320.00</u>	<u>\$ 451,000.00</u>	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF NJ ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST LOANS PAYABLE
(Continued)

SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS - SERIES 2010 LOAN #S340874-04
FUND LOAN OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>Payment Number</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Balance of Loan</u>
			\$ 359,547.48
30	2/1/25	\$ 23,969.83	335,577.65
31	8/1/25	47,939.66	287,637.99
32	2/1/26	23,969.83	263,668.16
33	8/1/26	47,939.66	215,728.50
34	2/1/27	23,969.83	191,758.67
35	8/1/27	47,939.66	143,819.01
36	2/1/28	23,969.83	119,849.18
37	8/1/28	47,939.66	71,909.52
38	2/1/29	23,969.83	47,939.69
39	8/1/29	47,939.69	-0-
		<u>\$ 359,547.48</u>	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF NJ ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST LOANS PAYABLE
(Continued)

SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS - SERIES 2014A TRUST LOAN #S340874-05
TRUST LOAN OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>Payment Number</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Balance of Loan</u>
				\$ 1,080,000.00
22	2/1/25	\$ 16,450.00		1,080,000.00
23	8/1/25	16,450.00	\$ 105,000.00	975,000.00
24	2/1/26	14,875.00		975,000.00
25	8/1/26	14,875.00	110,000.00	865,000.00
26	2/1/27	13,225.00		865,000.00
27	8/1/27	13,225.00	115,000.00	750,000.00
28	2/1/28	11,500.00		750,000.00
29	8/1/28	11,500.00	115,000.00	635,000.00
30	2/1/29	9,775.00		635,000.00
31	8/1/29	9,775.00	120,000.00	515,000.00
32	2/1/30	7,975.00		515,000.00
33	8/1/30	7,975.00	125,000.00	390,000.00
34	2/1/31	6,100.00		390,000.00
35	8/1/31	6,100.00	125,000.00	265,000.00
36	2/1/32	4,225.00		265,000.00
37	8/1/32	4,225.00	130,000.00	135,000.00
38	2/1/33	2,193.75		135,000.00
39	8/1/33	2,193.75	135,000.00	-0-
		<u>\$ 172,637.50</u>	<u>\$ 1,080,000.00</u>	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF NJ ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST LOANS PAYABLE
(Continued)

SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS - SERIES 2014A FUND LOAN #S340874-05
FUND LOAN OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>Payment Number</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Balance of Loan</u>
			\$ 2,418,374.88
22	2/1/25	\$ 99,279.66	2,319,095.22
23	8/1/25	198,559.32	2,120,535.90
24	2/1/26	99,279.66	2,021,256.24
25	8/1/26	198,559.32	1,822,696.92
26	2/1/27	99,279.66	1,723,417.26
27	8/1/27	198,559.32	1,524,857.94
28	2/1/28	99,279.66	1,425,578.28
29	8/1/28	198,559.32	1,227,018.96
30	2/1/29	99,279.66	1,127,739.30
31	8/1/29	198,559.32	929,179.98
32	2/1/30	99,279.66	829,900.32
33	8/1/30	198,559.32	631,341.00
34	2/1/31	99,279.66	532,061.34
35	8/1/31	198,559.32	333,502.02
36	2/1/32	99,279.66	234,222.36
37	8/1/32	198,559.32	35,663.04
38	2/1/33	35,663.04	-0-
		<u>\$ 2,418,374.88</u>	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF NJ ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST LOANS PAYABLE
(Continued)

SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS - SERIES 2015A TRUST LOAN #S340874-07
TRUST LOAN OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>Payment Number</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Balance of Loan</u>
				\$ 220,000.00
20	02/01/25	\$ 4,600.00		220,000.00
21	08/01/25	4,600.00	\$ 20,000.00	200,000.00
22	02/01/26	4,100.00		200,000.00
23	08/01/26	4,100.00	20,000.00	180,000.00
24	02/01/27	3,600.00		180,000.00
25	08/01/27	3,600.00	20,000.00	160,000.00
26	02/01/28	3,200.00		160,000.00
27	08/01/28	3,200.00	20,000.00	140,000.00
28	02/01/29	2,800.00		140,000.00
29	08/01/29	2,800.00	20,000.00	120,000.00
30	02/01/30	2,400.00		120,000.00
31	08/01/30	2,400.00	20,000.00	100,000.00
32	02/01/31	2,000.00		100,000.00
33	08/01/31	2,000.00	25,000.00	75,000.00
34	02/01/32	1,500.00		75,000.00
35	08/01/32	1,500.00	25,000.00	50,000.00
36	02/01/33	1,000.00		50,000.00
37	08/01/33	1,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
38	02/01/34	500.00		25,000.00
39	08/01/34	500.00	25,000.00	-0-
		<u>\$ 51,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 220,000.00</u>	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF NJ ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST LOANS PAYABLE
(Continued)

SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS - SERIES 2015A FUND LOAN #S340874-07
FUND LOAN OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>Payment Number</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Balance of Loan</u>
			\$ 358,080.96
20	02/01/25	\$ 14,147.76	343,933.20
21	08/01/25	28,295.52	315,637.68
22	02/01/26	14,147.76	301,489.92
23	08/01/26	28,295.52	273,194.40
24	02/01/27	14,147.76	259,046.64
25	08/01/27	28,295.52	230,751.12
26	02/01/28	14,147.76	216,603.36
27	08/01/28	28,295.52	188,307.84
28	02/01/29	14,147.76	174,160.08
29	08/01/29	28,295.52	145,864.56
30	02/01/30	14,147.76	131,716.80
31	08/01/30	28,295.52	103,421.28
32	02/01/31	14,147.76	89,273.52
33	08/01/31	28,295.52	60,978.00
34	02/01/32	14,147.76	46,830.24
35	08/01/32	28,295.52	18,534.72
36	02/01/33	14,147.76	4,386.96
37	08/01/33	4,386.96	-0-
		<u>\$ 358,080.96</u>	

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES PAYABLE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Date of			Interest Rate	Issued	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
		Original Note	Issue	Maturity			
22-32	Various Capital Improvements	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/28/2025	4.00%	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
23-12; 24-29	Various 2023 Sewer Utility Capital Improvements	10/29/2024	10/29/2024	10/28/2025	4.00%	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
						<u>\$ 4,500,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,500,000.00</u>

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF SERIAL BONDS PAYABLE

Purpose	Date of Issue	Amount of Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds		Interest Rate	Issued	Matured	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
			Date	Outstanding Dec. 31, 2024 Amount				
General Improvements	5/4/2022	\$ 1,915,000.00	5/15/2025	\$ 90,000.00	5.000%	\$ 1,865,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 1,780,000.00
			5/15/2026	95,000.00	5.000%			
			5/15/2027	95,000.00	5.000%			
			5/15/2028	100,000.00	5.000%			
			5/15/2029	100,000.00	5.000%			
			5/15/2030	100,000.00	3.250%			
			5/15/2031	100,000.00	3.250%			
			5/15/2032	100,000.00	3.500%			
			5/15/2033	100,000.00	3.500%			
			5/15/2034	100,000.00	3.500%			
			5/15/2035	100,000.00	3.500%			
			5/15/2036	100,000.00	3.500%			
			5/15/2037	100,000.00	3.500%			
			5/15/2038	100,000.00	3.625%			
			5/15/2039	100,000.00	3.625%			
			5/15/2040	100,000.00	3.750%			
			5/15/2041	100,000.00	3.750%			
			5/15/2042	100,000.00	3.750%			
						\$ 1,865,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 1,780,000.00

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TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED

Ord. No.	Ord. Date	Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Bond Anticipation Notes Issued	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
14-20	10/07/14	Improvements to Town Sewage Treatment Plant	\$ 43,813.05		\$ 43,813.05
22-32	12/06/22	Various Capital Improvements	500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	
23-12; 24-29	8/15/2023; 12/11/24	Various 2023 Sewer Utility Capital Improvements	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	
			<u>\$ 4,543,813.05</u>	<u>\$ 4,500,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 43,813.05</u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

PART II – SINGLE AUDIT

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SCHEDULE OF OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Name of Federal Agency or Department/Cluster Title	Assistance Listing No.	Name of Program	State Account #	Grant Award Amount	Grant Period		Current Year Receipts	Current Year Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures	Provided to Subrecipients
					From	To				
<u>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</u> Housing Voucher Cluster	14.871	Lower Income Housing Assistance Program - Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation	N/A	\$ 2,615,700.00 2,795,891.00	01/01/23 01/01/24	12/31/24 12/31/24	\$ 2,795,891.00	\$ 241,624.81 2,577,812.38	\$ 2,615,700.00 2,577,812.38	
Total Department of Housing and Urban Development/Housing Voucher Cluster				5,411,591.00			2,795,891.00	2,819,437.19	5,193,512.38	
<u>U.S. Department of Justice</u>	16.607	Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant	N/A	7,801.08 3,950.52	01/01/22 01/01/23	12/31/23 12/31/24	7,801.08 2,427.99	1,203.42	4,473.42	
Total Department of Justice				15,317.22			10,229.07	1,203.42	4,473.42	
<u>U.S. Department of Treasury</u> (Passed thru NJ Department of Community Affairs)	21.027	COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - CSFRF Gunshot Detection Tech Institution	100-022-8030- 687-046010	297,000.00	01/01/23	12/31/24	297,000.00	297,000.00	297,000.00	
Total Department of Treasury	21.027	COVID-19 - Firefighter Grant - American Rescue Plan Act		52,000.00 349,000.00	01/01/23	12/31/24	52,000.00 349,000.00	50,000.00 347,000.00	50,000.00 347,000.00	
<u>U.S. Department of Transportation</u> Highway Safety Cluster:	20.600	Click It or Ticket - 2024 Seatbelt Mobilization	100-066-1160-119	10,500.00	09/12/23	12/31/24	7,315.00	7,315.00	7,315.00	
Total US Department of Transportation/Highway Safety Cluster				10,500.00			7,315.00	7,315.00	7,315.00	
<u>Environmental Protection Agency</u> (Passed thru NJ Department of Environmental Protection)	66.458	CDS EPA Community Grant	N/A	3,360,000.00 3,360,000.00	01/01/24	12/31/25		66,263.50 66,263.50	66,263.50 66,263.50	
Total Department of Environmental Protection										
<u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u> (Passed Through NJ Department of Law and Public Safety)	97.036	Disaster Grants - Public Assistance - FEMA: Severe Winter Storm and Snow Storm NJ Severe Storm & Flood	100-066-1200 C80-066290 D35-063970	8,013.09 52,637.55	01/01/24 01/01/24	12/31/24 12/31/24	8,013.09 52,637.55	8,013.09 * 52,637.55 *	8,013.09 * 52,637.55 *	
<u>U.S. Department of Health, and Human Services</u> (Passed Through NJ Department of Health)	93.788	National Opioid Abatement Trust	N/A	60,650.64	N/A	12/31/21	60,650.64	60,650.64 *	60,650.64	
(Passed Through NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development)	93.558 93.558	Youth Corps - 2023 - ALWY24N Youth Corps - 2024 - ALWY25N	100-062-4545- 347-105470 347-105470	169,469.94 215,996.00 293,878.00	01/01/24 07/01/23 07/01/24	12/31/25 06/30/24 06/30/25	162,860.59 215,996.00 18,200.00			
Total U.S. Department of Health & Human Services				509,874.00			234,196.00	229,563.00	229,563.00	
Total Federal Awards				731,415.15			397,056.59	229,563.00	229,563.00	
* Prior Year Expenditures N/A - Not Available/Applicable				\$ 9,938,474.01			\$ 3,620,142.30	\$ 3,531,432.75	\$ 5,908,777.94	\$ -0-

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SCHEDULE OF OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Name of State Agency or Department	Name of Program	Grant I.D. No.	Grant Award Amount	Grant Period		Current Year Receipts	Current Year Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures
				From	To			
<u>Department of Law and Public Safety</u>	Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	100-078-6400-YYYY	\$ 13,654.16	01/01/21	12/31/25		\$ 6,700.00	\$ 13,644.44
	Body Armor Replacement Grant	066-1020-718-001-090160	2,648.69	01/01/22	12/31/24		2,648.69	2,648.69
			3,184.87	01/01/24	12/31/25	\$ 3,184.87		
			8,893.08			3,184.87	2,648.69	2,648.69
Total Department of Law and Public Safety	Body Worn Camera Program	100-066-1020-495-092120	18,342.00	01/01/23	12/31/24	18,342.00		18,342.00
			18,342.00			18,342.00		18,342.00
			40,889.24			21,526.87	9,348.69	16,293.13
<u>Department of Treasury</u> Passed through the County of Warren	Governor's Council on Drug Abuse--Municipal Alliance	082-2000-100-044-995120	5,936.00	07/01/23	06/30/24	3,895.34	5,806.00	5,806.00
			5,936.00	07/01/24	06/30/25		325.00	325.00
			11,872.00			3,895.34	6,131.00	6,131.00
<u>Department of Environmental Protection</u>	Clean Communities Grant	042-4900-765-004-178910	34,913.33	01/01/22	12/31/25		1,438.27	34,097.33
			39,159.53	01/01/23	12/31/24		39,159.53	39,159.53
			44,478.24	01/01/24	12/31/25	44,478.24	4,422.97	4,422.97
			74,072.86			44,478.24	45,020.77	77,679.83
Recycling Tonnage Grant		042-4900-752-001-6020	19,545.00	01/01/20	12/31/24		14,046.92	19,545.00
			20,130.00	01/01/21	12/31/25		7,308.65	11,011.88
			21,789.00	01/01/22	12/31/25		620.50	620.50
			23,934.00	01/01/24	12/31/25	23,934.00		
			107,145.00			23,934.00	21,976.07	31,177.38
Stormwater Assistance Grant		100-042-4850-099-290400	15,000.00	01/01/23	12/31/24		15,000.00	15,000.00
			10,000.00	01/01/24	12/31/24		10,000.00	10,000.00
			25,000.00				25,000.00	25,000.00

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

Name of State Agency or Department	Name of Program	Grant I.D. No.	Grant Award Amount	Grant Period		Current Year Receipts	Current Year Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures
				From	To			
<u>Department of Environmental Protection</u>	Green Acres Grant Program: Mercer St. Park Grant	N/A	\$ 500,000.00	01/01/23	12/31/25		\$ 3,685.25	\$ 3,685.25
	Brainards Street Park Inclusive Playground	N/A	750,000.00	01/01/23	12/31/25		6,119.25	6,119.25
Total Department of Environmental Protection			1,382,145.00			\$ 68,412.24	101,801.34	\$ 143,661.71
<u>Department of Transportation</u>	Municipal Aid: 2022 - Howard Street Extension	N/A	250,000.00	01/01/23	12/31/25		3,890.25	33,816.75
	Roseberry Street Pedestrian Safety	N/A	375,000.00	01/01/23	12/31/25		23,482.75	23,482.75
	Reconstruction of Hudson Street	480-078-6320-A01-606282	253,184.00	01/01/24	12/31/25	189,888.00	209,041.05	253,184.00
Total Department of Transportation			878,184.00			189,888.00	236,414.05	310,483.50
<u>Department of Labor and Workforce Development</u>	Youth Corps - 2023 - ALWY24N	062-4545-100-347-105470	168,804.00	07/01/23	06/30/24	39,842.00	42,898.00	168,804.00
	Youth Corps - 2023 - Career Advancement Program	062-4545-100-347-105470	172,500.00	06/01/23	05/31/25	16,556.00	8,580.00	8,580.00
	Youth Corps - 2024 - ALWY25N	062-4545-100-347-105470	172,322.00	07/01/24	06/30/25	125,521.00	125,521.00	125,521.00
Total Department of Labor and Workforce Development			513,626.00			181,919.00	176,999.00	302,905.00
<u>Department of Community Affairs</u>	Local Recreation Improvement Grant	022-8030-495-668-041190	82,000.00	01/01/22	12/31/24	82,000.00		82,000.00
	Local Recreation Improvement Grant	022-8030-495-668-041190	75,000.00	01/01/23	12/31/24	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
			157,000.00			157,000.00	75,000.00	157,000.00
	New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority: Clean Streets Program Year 1	763-022-8030-037-090200	211,995.00	01/01/24	12/31/25	211,995.00		
	Managed Event Support Project	763-022-8030-037-090200	74,500.00	01/01/24	12/31/25	74,500.00	326.44	326.44
	Administrative Budget Year One	763-022-8030-037-090200	63,175.00	07/01/24	06/30/25	63,175.00	2,307.84	2,307.84
	Public Safety Officers to Support Public Events	763-022-8030-037-090200	82,135.00	01/01/24	12/31/25	82,135.00	5,155.64	5,155.64
			431,805.00			431,805.00	7,789.92	7,789.92
Total Department of Community Affairs			588,805.00			588,805.00	82,789.92	164,789.92
	Total State Awards		\$ 4,028,551.24			\$ 1,054,446.45	\$ 613,484.00	\$ 1,404,236.47

N/A - Not Applicable/Available

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedules of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards (the "Schedules") includes the federal and state grant activity of the Town of Phillipsburg under programs of the federal and state governments for the year ended December 31, 2024. The information in these schedules is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance") and New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. Because the schedules present only a selected portion of the operations of the Town of Phillipsburg, they are not intended to and do not present the financial position, changes in fund balance or cash flows of the Town of Phillipsburg.

B. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

C. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

In 1982, the Town of Phillipsburg received two Small Cities Community Development Block Grants from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. These grant funds were utilized to revitalize the downtown area of Phillipsburg and to create jobs for low-income people in the community. The grant funds were provided to eligible participants through low-interest loans. In 1984, the Town was granted approval from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to utilize loan repayments received for the provision of new loans for other projects which would provide for the creation of jobs for low-income people in the community. This program is included in the Other Trust Funds as the Community Development Revolving Loan Program.

E. GREEN ACRES LOANS PAYABLE

At December 31, 2024, the Town has a \$15,315.70 Green Acres Loan Payable outstanding which is recorded in the General Capital Fund.

Currently, the Town is in the process of repaying this loan balance. There were no loan receipts or expenditures in the current year. The project which relates to the loan is complete.

F. NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST LOANS PAYABLE

At December 31, 2024, the Town has \$1,751,000.00 and \$3,136,003.32 of NJEIT Loans Payable outstanding which are recorded in the Sewer Capital Utility Fund. The projects which relate to these loans are complete, and the Town is repaying the loan balances. There were no loan receipts or expenditures in the current year.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

Independent Auditors' Report

The Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Town Council
Town of Phillipsburg
Phillipsburg, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"), and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements - *regulatory basis* - of the various funds of the Town of Phillipsburg, in the County of Warren (the "Town") as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 12, 2025. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Division to demonstrate compliance with the Division's regulatory basis of accounting, and the budget laws of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

The Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Town Council
Town of Phillipsburg
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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

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 result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town'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 Town's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Mount Arlington, New Jersey
June 12, 2025

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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program;
Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Independent Auditors' Report

The Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Town Council
Town of Phillipsburg
Phillipsburg, New Jersey

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Town of Phillipsburg's (the "Town's") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Township's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2024. The Township's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the Town complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*) and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Town and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Town's federal and state programs.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Town's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Town's compliance with the requirements of the major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Town's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the Town's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Mount Arlington, New Jersey
June 12, 2025

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Registered Municipal Accountant No. 481
Certified Public Accountant

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

1.) Material weakness identified?	Yes	X	No
2.) Significant deficiencies identified?	Yes	X	None reported
Noncompliance material to basic financial statements noted?	Yes	X	No

Federal Awards

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:

Unmodified

Internal control over major programs:

1.) Material weakness identified?	Yes	X	No
2.) Significant deficiencies identified?	Yes	X	None reported
Noncompliance material to basic financial statements noted?	Yes	X	No

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

Yes	X	No
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Identification of major programs:

Program Name or Cluster	Assistance Listing No.	Grant Period		Award Amount	Budgetary Expenditures
		Start	End		
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:					
Housing Voucher Cluster:					
Lower Income Housing Assistance Program Section 8	14.871	1/1/23	12/31/24	\$ 2,615,700.00	\$ 241,624.81
Lower Income Housing Assistance Program Section 8	14.871	1/1/24	12/31/25	\$ 2,795,891.00	\$ 2,577,812.38
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and B programs				\$ 750,000	
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?		X	Yes		No

State Awards

The Town was not subject to the single audit provisions of the New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08 for the year ended December 31, 2024 as state grant expenditures were less than the single audit threshold of \$750,000 identified in New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08.

Section II - Financial Statements Findings - None

Section III - Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance Findings and Questioned Costs - None

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

There were no prior year findings.

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

PART III

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

a. " When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the contracting agent in the aggregate does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate to the contracting unit, of the governing body of the contracting unit without public advertising for bids, except that the governing body of any contracting unit may adopt an ordinance or resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to Subsection b. of Section 9 of P.L. 1971, C.198 (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9), the governing body of the contracting unit may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.

b. Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 5 of P.L. 1971, C.198 (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5) may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months. The Division of Local Government Services shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations concerning the methods of accounting for all contracts that do not coincide with the contracting unit's fiscal year.

c. The Governor, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of every fifth year beginning in the fifth year after the year in which P.L. 1999, C.440 takes effect, adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the governing body is permitted to establish, as set forth in subsection a. of this section, or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in section 2 of P.L. 1971, C.198 (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2), and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall, no later than June 1 of every fifth year, notify each governing body of the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made."

N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-4 states: "Every contract awarded by the contracting agent for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the governing body of the contracting unit to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this act or specifically by any other law. The governing body of a contracting unit may, by resolution approved by a majority of the governing body and subject to subsections b. and c. of this section, disqualify a bidder who would otherwise be determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, if the governing body finds that it has had prior negative experience with the bidder."

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

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

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

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed. None were noted.

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
(Continued)

Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Sewer Rents

The statute provides the method for 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.

On January 25, 1994, the governing body adopted the following ordinance authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

“WHEREAS, the Town of Phillipsburg wishes to set forth procedures for the collection of taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Phillipsburg that the procedures are set forth as follows:

DELINQUENT TAX PAYMENTS

The below-stated charges shall be assessed against delinquent accounts:

Interest – 8% per annum on first \$1,500. 18% per annum on amounts in excess of \$1,500.

Penalties – Additional 6% on amounts in excess of \$10,000 as of December 31 current year.

Grace Period – A ten (10) day grace period shall be granted for the payment of current taxes.”

It appears from an examination of the Collector's records that interest was collected in accordance with the foregoing ordinance.

On January 25, 1994, the governing body adopted the following ordinance authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent sewer payments:

“WHEREAS, the Town of Phillipsburg wishes to set forth procedures for the collection of sewer payments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Phillipsburg that the procedures are set forth as follows:

DELINQUENT SEWER PAYMENTS

The below-stated charges shall be assessed against delinquent accounts:

Interest – 8% per annum on first \$1,500. 18% per annum on amounts in excess of \$1,500.

Penalties – Additional 6% on amounts in excess of \$10,000 as of December 31 current year.

Grace Period – A ten (10) day grace period shall be granted for the payment of current sewer charges.”

It appears from an examination of the Collector's records that interest was collected in accordance with the foregoing ordinance.

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens/Sewer Liens

The last tax sale was held on April 24, 2024, and was complete with respect to all items eligible for sale.

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
(Continued)

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens/Sewer Liens (Cont'd)

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Liens</u>
2024	13
2023	14
2022	15

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

Verification of Delinquent Taxes and Other Charges

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

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number Mailed</u>
Payments of 2024 and 2025 Taxes	20
Payments of Sewer Utility Charges	20
Delinquent Taxes	15
Delinquent Sewer Utility Charges	15
Sewer and Tax Title Liens	3

Municipal Court

A summary of Municipal Court transactions for the year 2024 is as follows:

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
State of New Jersey	\$ 2,768.37	\$ 54,832.38	\$ 53,476.33	\$ 4,124.42
County	1,822.00	43,322.00	42,147.00	2,997.00
Municipality	4,802.88	109,189.36	105,892.75	8,099.49
Municipality - POAA	40.00	572.00	512.00	100.00
Public Defender	100.00	2,860.00	2,860.00	100.00
Weights and Measures		700.00	550.00	150.00
Fish & Game		100.00	100.00	
Bail	4,500.00	7,258.00	11,546.00	212.00
	<u>\$ 14,033.25</u>	<u>\$ 218,833.74</u>	<u>\$ 217,084.08</u>	<u>\$ 15,782.91</u>

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
(Continued)

New Jersey Administrative Code Accounting Requirements

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

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

The Town is currently in compliance with the above accounting requirements.

Treasurer's Records

Ordinance with Deficit Cash Balance

There is a Sewer Utility Capital Fund ordinance over five years old with a deficit cash balance as of the year end where the project has been completed and payments made from cash not provided by the particular ordinance with unfinanced costs. This situation arises when expenditures are made from an ordinance without the related debt being issued. The Town has raised the ordinance's deficit cash balance in the 2025 budget.

Management Suggestions

COVID-19 Federal Funding

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

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

School Taxes Payable

It is suggested that the school taxes payable balance be reviewed for cancellation.

Review of Prior Year Recommendations

The prior year recommendations regarding the municipal court electronic disbursements for the regular account and the tickets assigned by not yet issued report and requisitions or purchase orders being created and approved prior to any purchase of goods or services were all resolved in the current year.

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

None.

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