

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**REPORT OF AUDIT
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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PART I

REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024

AUDITORS' REPORTS



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Borough Council
Borough of Califon
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets - regulatory basis of the various funds and account group of the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statement of operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis for the years then ended, and the related statement of revenues - regulatory basis and statement of expenditures - regulatory basis of the various funds for the year ended December 31, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Borough's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis balance sheets and account group as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the regulatory basis statements of operations for the years then ended and the regulatory basis statements of revenues and expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2024 in accordance with the basis of financial reporting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as described in Note 1.

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 financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Borough as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, or changes in financial positions for the years then ended.

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Basis for Opinions

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

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey; and 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 generally accepted auditing standards, audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, and ***Government Auditing Standards*** 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 generally accepted auditing standards, audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, and ***Government Auditing Standards***, 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.

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- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Borough's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Borough's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplementary Information

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

The supplementary information exhibits are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements-regulatory basis. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements-regulatory basis and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements-regulatory basis, or to the basic financial statements-regulatory basis themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplemental information listed in the table of contents is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the regulatory basis 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 April 15, 2025, on our consideration of the Borough's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with ***Government Auditing Standards*** in considering the Borough's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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April 15, 2025

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

A

| | <u>REF.</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/23</u> |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents: | | | |
| Cash - Treasurer | A-4 | \$ 2,313,672 | \$ 2,186,935 |
| Due From State of New Jersey-Veterans and Sr. Citizens Deductions | A-17 | <u>533</u> | <u>283</u> |
| Subtotal | | <u>2,314,205</u> | <u>2,187,218</u> |
| Receivables And Other Assets With Full Reserves: | | | |
| Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable | A-6 | 154,340 | 98,365 |
| Amount Due from Other Trust Fund | B | 100,674 | 29,929 |
| Amount Due from Animal Control Fund | B | <u>11,111</u> | <u>8,816</u> |
| Subtotal | | <u>266,125</u> | <u>137,110</u> |
| Subtotal - Current Fund | | <u>2,580,330</u> | <u>2,324,328</u> |
| Federal And State Grant Fund: | | | |
| State Grants Receivable | A-19 | 227,608 | 178,608 |
| Amount Due From Current Fund | A | <u>311,165</u> | <u>386,986</u> |
| Subtotal | | <u>538,773</u> | <u>565,594</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | <u>\$ 3,119,103</u> | <u>\$ 2,889,922</u> |

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:

| | | | |
|---|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Appropriation Reserves | A-3:8 | \$ 150,309 | \$ 115,386 |
| Reserve for Encumbrances | A-9 | 2,000 | - |
| Amount Due To Federal And State Grant Fund | A | 311,165 | 386,986 |
| Amount Due To Other Trust Fund | B | 4,121 | 1,991 |
| Amount Due To General Capital Fund | C | 391,871 | 361,046 |
| Taxes Collected In Advance | A-10 | 16,295 | 11,259 |
| Tax Overpayments | A-11 | 27,535 | 27,535 |
| Payroll Deductions Payable | A-12 | 1,211 | 1,175 |
| Amount Due County For Added Taxes | A-13 | 7,584 | 364 |
| Local School Taxes Payable | A-14 | 200,052 | 174,621 |
| Regional High School Taxes Payable | A-15 | 434,165 | 375,775 |
| Amount Due To Other Trust Fund - Municipal Open Space Tax | A-16 | 19,467 | 20,522 |
| Reserve for Deposits | A-18 | <u>466</u> | <u>206</u> |
| Subtotal | | 1,566,241 | 1,476,866 |
| Reserve For Receivables And Other Assets | A | 266,125 | 137,110 |
| Fund Balance | A-1 | <u>747,964</u> | <u>710,352</u> |
| Subtotal - Current Fund | | <u>2,580,330</u> | <u>2,324,328</u> |
| Federal And State Grant Fund: | | | |
| Reserve For State Grants | A-20 | 531,221 | 565,594 |
| Reserve For State Grants-Unappropriated | A-21 | <u>7,552</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Subtotal | | <u>538,773</u> | <u>565,594</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE | | <u>\$ 3,119,103</u> | <u>\$ 2,889,922</u> |

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

CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

| | | YEAR | YEAR |
|---|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>REF.</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
| REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED | | | |
| Fund Balance Utilized | A-2 | \$ 120,000 | \$ 120,000 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated | A-2 | 579,477 | 324,844 |
| Receipts From Delinquent Taxes | A-2 | 98,281 | 108,229 |
| Receipts from Current Taxes | A-2 | 5,627,929 | 5,345,487 |
| Non-Budget Revenues | A-2 | 18,650 | 44,062 |
| Other Credits To Income: | | | |
| Unexpended Balance Of Appropriation Reserves | A-8 | <u>44,211</u> | <u>76,986</u> |
| Total Income | | <u>6,488,548</u> | <u>6,019,608</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| Budget and Emergency Appropriations: | | | |
| Appropriations Within "CAP": | | | |
| Operations: | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | A-3 | 217,596 | 214,410 |
| Other Expenses | A-3 | 458,834 | 395,467 |
| Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures | A-3 | 30,525 | 36,396 |
| Appropriations Excluded From "CAP": | | | |
| Operations: | | | |
| Other Expenses | A-3 | 492,372 | 466,469 |
| Capital Improvements | A-3 | 249,330 | 30,000 |
| Debt Service | A-3 | 205,992 | 172,431 |
| Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures | A-3 | - | - |
| County Taxes | A-13 | 671,843 | 651,312 |
| Amount Due County For Added and Omitted Taxes | A-13 | 7,584 | 364 |
| Local District School Taxes | A-14 | 2,594,030 | 2,543,167 |
| Regional High School Taxes | A-15 | 1,299,468 | 1,182,688 |
| Municipal Open Space | A-16 | 30,182 | 29,814 |
| Interfund Advances | A-4 | 73,039 | 18,870 |
| Refund of Prior Year Revenue | A-4 | <u>141</u> | <u>12,949</u> |
| Total Expenditures | | <u>6,330,936</u> | <u>5,754,337</u> |
| Excess in Revenue | | 157,612 | 265,271 |
| Statutory Excess to Fund Balance | | 157,612 | 265,271 |
| Fund Balance January 1 | A | <u>710,352</u> | <u>565,081</u> |
| | | 867,964 | 830,352 |
| Decreased by: | | | |
| Utilization as Anticipated Revenue | A-1 | <u>120,000</u> | <u>120,000</u> |
| Fund Balance December 31 | A | <u>\$ 747,964</u> | <u>\$ 710,352</u> |

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

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES

A-2
Sheet 1

| | REF. | ANTICIPATED | | REALIZED | EXCESS OR DEFICIT |
|--|------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | | BUDGET | N.J.S. 40A:4-87 | | |
| Fund Balance Anticipated | A-2 | \$ 120,000 | | \$ 120,000 | |
| Miscellaneous Revenues: | | | | | |
| Local Revenues: | | | | | |
| Licenses: | | | | | |
| Alcoholic Beverages | A-7 | 5,000 | | 5,313 | \$ 313 |
| Interest and Costs On Taxes | A-5 | 14,000 | | 32,117 | 18,117 |
| Interest on Investments | A-7 | 40,000 | | 76,091 | 36,091 |
| Total Local Revenues | | 59,000 | | 113,521 | 54,521 |
| State Aid: | | | | | |
| Energy Receipts Tax | A-7 | 116,048 | | 116,626 | 578 |
| Total State Aid | | 116,048 | | 116,626 | 578 |
| Special Items Of Revenue Anticipated With Prior Written Consent of Local Government Services- | | | | | |
| Public and Private Revenues: | | | | | |
| Hunterdon County Infrastructure Grant | A-19 | | 30,000 | 30,000 | |
| American Rescue Plan - Firefighter | A-19 | 75,000 | | 75,000 | |
| Stormwater DEP Grant | A-19 | 25,000 | | 25,000 | |
| NJDOT Grant - Philhower Ave. | A-19 | 219,330 | | 219,330 | |
| Total Special Items Of Revenues | | 319,330 | 30,000 | 349,330 | - |
| Total Miscellaneous Revenue | A-2 | 494,378 | 30,000 | 579,477 | 55,099 |
| Receipts From Delinquent Taxes | A-2 | 37,500 | | 98,281 | 60,781 |
| Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget: | | | | | |
| Local Tax For Municipal Purposes | A-2 | 1,114,796 | | 1,166,563 | 51,767 |
| Total General Revenues | | 1,766,674 | 30,000 | 1,964,321 | 167,647 |
| Other Non-Budget Revenues | A-2 | | | 18,650 | 18,650 |
| | | \$ 1,766,674 | \$ 30,000 | \$ 1,982,971 | \$ 186,297 |

A-3

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

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES

A-2
Sheet 2

REF.

ANALYSIS OF REALIZED REVENUES

| | | |
|---|------------|---------------------------|
| Allocation Of Current Tax Collections: | | |
| Revenue from Collections | A-6 | \$ 5,622,929 |
| State of New Jersey, Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions | A-6 A-1 | <u>5,000</u> 5,627,929 |
| Allocated To: | | |
| School, County, and Municipal Open Space Taxes | A-6 | <u>4,603,107</u> |
| Balance for Support Of Municipal Budget Appropriations | | 1,024,822 |
| Add by: Appropriation "Reserve For Uncollected Taxes" | A-3 | <u>141,741</u> |
| Amount For Support Of Municipal Budget Appropriations | A-2 | <u>\$ 1,166,563</u> |

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

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES

A-2
Sheet 3

| <u>ANALYSIS OF NON-BUDGET REVENUES</u> | <u>REF.</u> | | |
|--|-------------|------------|------------------|
| Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated: | | | |
| Copies | | \$ 40 | |
| Food Licenses | | 2,775 | |
| T.V. Cable Franchise Tax | | 3,816 | |
| Perc Tests | | 125 | |
| Business Registrations | | 25 | |
| Planning Board | | 500 | |
| Zoning Permits | | 710 | |
| Fire Inspections | | 54 | |
| Payroll Deductions | | 7,263 | |
| Miscellaneous | | 2,406 | |
| Rental Permits | | 215 | |
| Road Openings | | 540 | |
| Vital Statistics | | <u>181</u> | |
| Treasurer | A-4 | | <u>\$ 18,650</u> |
| Collector | A-5 | | <u>-</u> |
| | | | <u>\$ 18,650</u> |

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

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

A-3
Sheet 1

| <u>OPERATIONS-Within "CAPS"</u> | <u>APPROPRIATION</u> | | <u>EXPENDED</u> | | <u>CANCELLED</u> |
|--|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>BUDGET AFTER</u> <u>MODIFICATION</u> | <u>PAID OR</u> <u>CHARGED</u> | <u>RESERVED</u> | |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS: | | | | | |
| General Administration: | | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 43,630 | \$ 43,630 | \$ 42,027 | \$ 1,603 | |
| Other Expenses | 23,000 | 23,000 | 20,254 | 2,746 | |
| Human Resources (Personnel): | | | | | |
| Education Program for Employees | 3,700 | 3,700 | 261 | 3,439 | |
| Mayor and Council: | | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | 8,500 | 8,500 | 8,500 | - | |
| Municipal Clerk: | | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | 57,225 | 57,225 | 57,225 | - | |
| Financial Administration (Treasury): | | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | 40,950 | 40,950 | 37,243 | 3,707 | |
| Other Expenses | 500 | 500 | - | 500 | |
| Audit Services: | | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 24,776 | 24,776 | 24,775 | 1 | |
| Computerized Data Processing: | | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 15,855 | 15,855 | 14,356 | 1,499 | |
| Revenue Administration (Tax Collection): | | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | 12,685 | 12,685 | 12,685 | - | |
| Other Expenses | 900 | 900 | 375 | 525 | |
| Tax Assessment Administration: | | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | 16,900 | 16,900 | 16,594 | 306 | |
| Other Expenses: | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Other Expenses | 1,000 | 1,000 | 150 | 850 | |
| Legal Services (Legal Dept.): | | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 29,000 | 29,000 | 17,245 | 11,755 | |
| Engineering Services: | | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 12,000 | 12,000 | 3,220 | 8,780 | |
| Historical Sites Office: | | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 700 | 700 | - | 700 | |

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

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

A-3
Sheet 2

| <u>OPERATIONS-Within "CAPS"</u> | <u>APPROPRIATION</u> | <u>EXPENDED</u> | <u>RESERVED</u> | <u>CANCELLED</u> |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u> | <u>PAID OR CHARGED</u> | |
| LAND USE ADMINISTRATION: | | | | |
| Planning Board: | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | 9,260 | 4,281 | 1,327 | 2,954 |
| Other Expenses | 5,500 | 6,025 | 6,025 | - |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment(Zoning Officer): | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | 10,470 | 10,470 | 10,470 | - |
| Other Expenses | 150 | 150 | - | 150 |
| INSURANCE: | | | | |
| Liability Insurance | 22,960 | 22,960 | 22,960 | - |
| Worker Compensation Insurance | 18,032 | 18,032 | 18,031 | 1 |
| Employee Group Insurance | 31,372 | 33,986 | 31,372 | 2,614 |
| Unemployment Insurance | 1,200 | 1,200 | 816 | 384 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS: | | | | |
| Police Department: | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages: | | | | |
| Temporary and Seasonal | 19,535 | 19,535 | 15,045 | 4,490 |
| Other Expenses | 1,000 | 1,000 | 280 | 720 |
| Office of Emergency Management: | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 1,000 | 1,000 | - | 1,000 |
| Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies | 29,400 | 29,400 | 29,400 | - |
| Contribution to First Aid Organizations | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 | |
| Fire Department: | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | - | - | - | |
| Other Expenses: | | | | |
| Fire Hydrant Services | 17,099 | 17,099 | 16,598 | 501 |

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

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

A-3
Sheet 3

| <u>OPERATIONS-Within "CAPS"</u> | <u>APPROPRIATION</u> | | <u>EXPENDED</u> | | |
|--|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>BUDGET AFTER</u> <u>MODIFICATION</u> | <u>PAID OR</u> <u>CHARGED</u> | <u>RESERVED</u> | <u>CANCELLED</u> |
| PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS: | | | | | |
| Streets and Road Maintenance: | | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | - | - | - | | |
| Other Expenses | 124,000 | 124,000 | 83,050 | 40,950 | |
| Solid Waste Collection(Recycling Program): | | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 20,000 | 20,000 | 4,410 | 15,590 | |
| Buildings and Grounds: | | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 20,000 | 20,000 | 8,399 | 11,601 | |
| HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS: | | | | | |
| Public Health Services(Board Of Health): | | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,375 | 625 | |
| Other Expenses | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,550 | 450 | |
| Environmental Health Services: | | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | 420 | 420 | 332 | 88 | |
| Other Expenses | 500 | 500 | 411 | 89 | |
| Animal Control Services: | | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 4,500 | 4,500 | 3,813 | 687 | |
| Contribution to Social Services Agencies: | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Other Expenses | 700 | 700 | - | 700 | |
| PARK AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS: | | | | | |
| Recreation Services and Programs: | | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,305 | 695 | |
| Maintenance of Parks: | | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 500 | 500 | - | 500 | |
| EDUCATION FUNCTIONS (Includes Library): | | | | | |
| Municipal Library: | | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 100 | 100 | - | 100 | |

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

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| <u>OPERATIONS-Within "CAPS"</u> | <u>APPROPRIATION</u> <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>BUDGET AFTER</u> <u>MODIFICATION</u> | <u>EXPENDED</u> <u>PAID OR</u> <u>CHARGED</u> | <u>RESERVED</u> | <u>CANCELLED</u> |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------|------------------|
| OTHER COMMON OPERATING FUNCTIONS(Unclassified): | | | | | |
| Celebration of Public Events | | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | - | |
| UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES: | | | | | |
| Electricity | 3,800 | 3,800 | 2,984 | 816 | |
| Street Lighting | 9,000 | 9,224 | 9,224 | - | |
| Telephone (excluding equipment acquisition) | 6,701 | 8,235 | 8,235 | - | |
| Water | 210 | 292 | 292 | - | |
| Gas (natural or propane) | 2,700 | 2,700 | 1,890 | 810 | |
| Municipal Court: | | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 4,000 | 4,000 | 3,473 | 527 | |
| Total Operations - Within "CAPS " | 676,430 | 676,430 | 552,977 | 123,453 | - |
| Detail: | | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | 222,575 | 217,596 | 203,823 | 13,773 | - |
| Other Expenses | 453,855 | 458,834 | 349,154 | 109,680 | - |
| DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES Within "CAPS": | | | | | |
| Statutory Expenditures : | | | | | |
| Social Security System (O.A.S.I.) | 14,793 | 14,793 | 12,167 | 2,626 | |
| Contribution to PERS | 13,732 | 13,732 | 13,732 | - | |
| DCRP Retirement Program | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,270 | 730 | |
| Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures-within "CAPS" | 30,525 | 30,525 | 27,169 | 3,356 | - |
| Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS" | 706,955 | 706,955 | 580,146 | 126,809 | - |

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

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Sheet 5

| | <u>APPROPRIATION</u> | <u>EXPENDED</u> | | |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>BUDGET AFTER</u> | <u>PAID OR</u> | <u>RESERVED</u> |
| | | <u>MODIFICATION</u> | <u>CHARGED</u> | <u>CANCELLED</u> |
| OPERATIONS-EXCLUDED from "CAPS" | | | | |
| Fire Department: | | | | |
| Other Expenses (LOSAP) | 23,500 | 23,500 | - | 23,500 |
| Total Other Operations-Excluded from "CAPS" | 23,500 | 23,500 | - | 23,500 |
| Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements: | | | | |
| Police Department: | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 338,872 | 338,872 | 338,872 | |
| Total Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements: | 338,872 | 338,872 | 338,872 | - |
| Public and Private Programs | | | | |
| Offset by Revenues: | | | | |
| Stormwater Grant | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | - |
| American Rescue Plan (ARP) - Firefighter | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | - |
| Hunterdon County Infrastructure Grant | | 30,000 | 30,000 | - |
| Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues-Excluded from "CAPS" | 100,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | - |
| Total Operations-Excluded from "CAPS" | 462,372 | 492,372 | 468,872 | 23,500 |
| Detail: | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 462,372 | 492,372 | 468,872 | 23,500 |

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

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| | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u> | <u>PAID OR CHARGED</u> | <u>RESERVED</u> | <u>CANCELLED</u> |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Capital Improvements-Excluded from "CAPS" | | | | | |
| Capital Improvement Fund | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | - | |
| New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant - Philhower | 219,330 | 219,330 | 219,330 | - | |
| Total Capital Improvements-Excluded from "CAPS" | 249,330 | 249,330 | 249,330 | - | |
| Municipal Debt Service: | | | | | |
| Payment of Notes | 89,500 | 89,500 | 89,400 | \$ | 100 |
| Payment of Interest on Notes | 43,076 | 43,076 | 42,956 | | 120 |
| NJEIT Loan-Repayment Principle and Interest | 73,700 | 73,700 | 73,636 | | 64 |
| Total Municipal Debt Service | 206,276 | 206,276 | 205,992 | | 284 |
| Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from "CAPS" | 917,978 | 947,978 | 924,194 | 23,500 | 284 |
| Subtotal General Appropriations | 1,624,933 | 1,654,933 | 1,504,340 | 150,309 | 284 |
| Reserve For Uncollected Taxes | 141,741 | 141,741 | 141,741 | | |
| TOTALS | \$ 1,766,674 | \$ 1,796,674 | \$ 1,646,081 | 150,309 | \$ 284 |

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----|
| REF. | A | A-1 |
| Appropriation 40A:4-87 | \$ 30,000 | |
| Original Budget | <u>1,766,674</u> | |
| | <u>\$ 1,796,674</u> | |

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| | <u>REF.</u> | |
| Reserve for State Grants | A-20 | \$ 349,330 |
| Capital Improvement Fund | C-7 | 30,000 |
| Reserve for Encumbrances | A-9 | 1,125,010 |
| Reserve for Uncollected Taxes | A-2 | <u>141,741</u> |
| | | <u>\$ 1,646,081</u> |

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TRUST FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

B

| | | <u>BALANCE</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ASSETS | <u>REF.</u> | <u>12/31/24</u> | <u>12/31/23</u> |
| Dog License Fund: | | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | B-2 | \$ 12,954 | \$ 10,733 |
| Total Dog License Fund | | <u>12,954</u> | <u>10,733</u> |
| Other Trust Funds: | | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | B-2 | 526,660 | 498,496 |
| Amount Due From Current Fund | B-6 | <u>23,588</u> | <u>22,513</u> |
| Total Other Trust Funds | | <u>550,248</u> | <u>521,009</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | <u>\$ 563,202</u> | <u>\$ 531,742</u> |

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

| | | | |
|---|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dog License Fund: | | | |
| Amount Due To Current Fund | B-5 | \$ 11,111 | \$ 8,816 |
| Due State Of New Jersey | B-4 | - | - |
| Reserve for Dog Fund Expenditures | B-3 | <u>1,843</u> | <u>1,917</u> |
| Total Dog License Fund | | <u>12,954</u> | <u>10,733</u> |
| Other Trust Fund: | | | |
| Amount Due to Current Fund | B-6 | 100,674 | 29,929 |
| Reserve for Escrow Deposits | B-7 | 147,111 | 193,324 |
| Reserve for COAH Deposits | B-8 | 62,731 | 62,700 |
| Reserve for LOSAP Deposits | B-9 | 35,535 | 35,517 |
| Reserve for Open Space Deposits | B-10 | 142,676 | 140,148 |
| Reserve for Recreation Trust Deposits | B-11 | 4,121 | 1,991 |
| Reserve for Tax Sale Premiums | B-12 | <u>57,400</u> | <u>57,400</u> |
| Total Other Trust Fund | | <u>550,248</u> | <u>521,009</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE | | <u>\$ 563,202</u> | <u>\$ 531,742</u> |

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GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

C

| | <u>REF.</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/23</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Accounts Receivable | C-3 | \$ 309,019 | \$ 89,689 |
| Amount Due Current Fund | C-4 | 391,871 | 361,046 |
| Deferred Charges To Future Taxation: | | | |
| Funded | C-5 | 821,893 | 888,704 |
| Unfunded | C-6 | <u>1,000,388</u> | <u>1,025,600</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | <u>\$ 2,523,171</u> | <u>\$ 2,365,039</u> |

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

| | | | |
|---|------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Capital Improvement Fund | C-7 | \$ 275,109 | \$ 245,109 |
| Bond Anticipation Notes | C-9 | 936,200 | 1,025,600 |
| New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan | C-10 | 755,382 | 822,193 |
| Improvement Authorizations - Funded | C-8 | 288,426 | 69,096 |
| Improvement Authorizations - Unfunded | C-8 | 265,670 | 201,482 |
| Capital Fund Balance | C-1 | <u>2,384</u> | <u>1,559</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE | | <u>\$ 2,523,171</u> | <u>\$ 2,365,039</u> |

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GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF FUND BALANCE

C-1

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | C | <u>\$ 1,559</u> |
| Increased By: | | |
| Bond Anticipation Note Premium | C-4 | <u>825</u> 2,384 |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | C | <u>\$ 2,384</u> |

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

E

| | <u>REF.</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/23</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | E-1 | <u>\$ 12,908</u> | <u>\$ 12,901</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND RESERVES | | | |
| Reserve for Public Assistance | | <u>\$ 12,908</u> | <u>\$ 12,901</u> |

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GENERAL FIXED ASSETS
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

DECEMBER 31, 2024

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| | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/23</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| General Fixed Assets: | | |
| Land | \$ 209,300 | \$ 209,300 |
| Buildings | 646,115 | 646,115 |
| Machinery and Equipment | <u>33,072</u> | <u>33,072</u> |
| Total General Fixed Assets | <u>\$ 888,487</u> | <u>\$ 888,487</u> |

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

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

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

B. Description of Funds

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB Codification establishes fund types and account groups to be used by governmental units when reporting financial position and results of operations in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

The accounting policies of the Borough of Califon conform to the accounting principles applicable to municipalities which have been prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such principles and practices are designed primarily for determining compliance with legal provisions and budgetary restrictions and as a means of reporting on the stewardship of public officials with respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the Borough of Califon accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate funds, which differ from the fund structure required by GAAP.

Current Fund

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

Trust Funds

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

General Capital Fund

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Description of Funds (Continued)

Public Assistance Fund

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

General Fixed Assets Account Group

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

C. Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

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

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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 are not included on the various balance sheets.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**General Capital Fund
Public Assistance Fund
Trust fund**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Departures from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles--The accounting principles and practices followed by the Borough differ generally accepted accounting principles applicable to local government units. The more significant differences are as follows:

- Taxes and other receivables are fully reserved.
- Interfund receivables in the Current Fund are fully reserved.
- Unexpended and uncommitted appropriations are reflected as expenditures.
- Overexpended appropriations and emergency appropriations are deferred to the succeeding years' operations.
- Undetermined contributions to state-administered pension plans applicable to the six months ended December 31 are not accrued.
- Estimated losses arising from tax appeals and other contingencies are not recorded when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated.

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

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

Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Deposits:

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Continued)

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

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

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

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

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures" ("GASB 40"), the municipality's accounts are profiled in order to determine exposure, if any, to Custodial Credit Risk (risk that in the event of failure of the counterparty the municipality would not be able to recover the value of its deposits or investment). Deposits are considered to be exposed to Custodial Credit Risk if they are: uncollateralized or collateralized with securities held by the financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the government's name. At December 31, 2024, all of the municipality's deposits were collateralized by securities held in its name and, accordingly, not exposed to custodial credit risk. The municipality does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

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

| | <u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Checking | <u>\$ 2,866,194</u> | <u>\$ 2,866,194</u> |
| | <u>\$ 2,866,194</u> | <u>\$ 2,866,194</u> |

The carrying amount of the municipality's cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2024, was \$2,866,194 and the bank balance was \$3,582,907. All bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance and/or covered by a collateral pool maintained by the banks as required by New Jersey statutes. Of these bank balances, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurances and \$3,332,907 was covered by collateral pool.

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Note 3: LONG-TERM DEBT

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

The Borough debt is summarized as follows:

Summary of Municipal Debt

| | YEAR <u>2024</u> | YEAR <u>2023</u> | YEAR <u>2022</u> |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Issued | | | |
| General: | | | |
| Bonds and Notes | <u>\$ 1,691,582</u> | <u>\$ 1,847,793</u> | <u>\$ 2,002,104</u> |
| Total Deductions | <u>NONE</u> | <u>NONE</u> | <u>NONE</u> |
| Net Debt Issued | <u>\$ 1,691,582</u> | <u>\$ 1,847,793</u> | <u>\$ 2,002,104</u> |
| Authorized But Not Issued | | | |
| Total Authorized But Not Issued | <u>\$ 130,699</u> | <u>\$ 66,511</u> | <u>\$ 66,511</u> |
| Net Bonds and Notes Issued and Authorized But Not Issued | <u>\$ 1,822,281</u> | <u>\$ 1,914,304</u> | <u>\$ 2,068,615</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 Annual Debt Statement and indicates a statutory net debt of 1.132%.

| | <u>Gross Debt</u> | <u>Deductions</u> | <u>Net Debt</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Local School District Debt | None | None | None |
| Regional School District Debt | 107,624 | 107,624 | - |
| General Debt | <u>1,822,281</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,822,281</u> |
| | <u>\$ 1,929,905</u> | <u>\$ 107,624</u> | <u>\$ 1,822,281</u> |

Net Debt \$ 1,822,281 Divided by Equalized Valuation Basis per
N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2 as amended, \$ 183,997,177 = 0.990%

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Note 3: LONG-TERM DEBT - (Continued)

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

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| 3 1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal) | \$ 6,439,901 |
| Net Debt | <u>1,822,281</u> |
| Remaining Borrowing Power | <u>\$ 4,617,620</u> |

General Obligation Loans

General Obligation Loan-Main Street Storm Water Management System-dated May 26, 2016 with the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program in the original amount of \$1,018,949. This loan is payable in semi-annual installments ranging from \$17,270 to \$34,541 through August 1, 2035. This loan is an interest free loan. The remaining balance as of December 31, 2024, was \$540,382. Outstanding loan principal and interest is paid from the Current Fund budget.

General Obligation Loan-Main Street Storm Water Management System-dated May 26, 2016 with the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program in the original amount of \$325,000. This loan is payable in annual principal installments ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 through August 1, 2035. Interest is calculated at 2.0% - 5.00% and is payable in semi-annual installments. The remaining balance as of December 31, 2024, was \$215,000. Outstanding loan principal and interest is paid from the Current Fund budget.

Bond Anticipation Notes

The Borough has outstanding at December 31, 2024, bond anticipation notes in the amount of \$936,200 payable to Oppenheimer & Co, Inc. These notes mature on March 24, 2025. The interest rate on the notes are 4.75% per annum. Principal and interest on this note is paid from the current fund budget.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>Debt</u> |
| | <u>Outstanding</u> |
| General Obligation Loans Above | \$ 755,382 |
| Bond Anticipation Notes Above | <u>936,200</u> |
| Total Debt Issued and Outstanding | <u>\$ 1,691,582</u> |

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 3: LONG-TERM DEBT - (Continued)

B. Debt Service Requirements:

Debt Service requirements on loans payable at December 31, 2024, is as follows:

| <u>Year Ending December 31,</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2025 | \$ 66,811 | \$ 6,225 | \$ 73,036 |
| 2026 | 66,811 | 5,625 | 72,436 |
| 2027 | 66,811 | 4,825 | 71,636 |
| 2028 | 66,811 | 4,025 | 70,836 |
| 2029 | 66,811 | 3,625 | 70,436 |
| Thereafter | 421,327 | 12,050 | 433,377 |
| | <u>\$ 755,382</u> | <u>\$ 36,375</u> | <u>\$ 791,757</u> |

Note 4: GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

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

| | <u>Balance</u> <u>1/1/24</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Adjustments/</u> <u>Deletions</u> | <u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/24</u> |
|-----------|---------------------------------|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Land | \$ 209,300 | | | \$ 209,300 |
| Buildings | 646,115 | | | 646,115 |
| Equipment | 33,072 | | | 33,072 |
| | <u>\$ 888,487</u> | - | - | <u>\$ 888,487</u> |

| | <u>Balance</u> <u>1/1/23</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Adjustments/</u> <u>Deletions</u> | <u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/23</u> |
|-----------|---------------------------------|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Land | \$ 209,300 | | | \$ 209,300 |
| Buildings | 646,115 | | | 646,115 |
| Equipment | 33,072 | | | 33,072 |
| | <u>\$ 888,487</u> | - | - | <u>\$ 888,487</u> |

Note 5: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

Fund Balances at December 31, 2024, which were appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in their own respective funds for the year ending December 31, 2025, were as follows:

Current Fund - \$120,000*

*Approved (Introduced) Budget

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Note 6: DEFERRED CHARGES TO BE RAISED IN SUCCEEDING BUDGETS

Certain expenditures are required to be deferred to budgets of succeeding years. At December 31, 2024 there were no deferred charges that are required to be raised in succeeding budgets.

Note 7: SCHOOL TAXES

Regulations provide for the deferral of not more than 50% of the annual levy when school taxes are raised for a school year and have not been requisitioned by the school district.

The Borough of Califon had elected in 1975 to raise local district school taxes on a calendar year basis.

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

| | TOTAL DEFERRED TAX <u>12/31/2024</u> | LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX BALANCE <u>12/31/2024</u> | BALANCE <u>12/31/2023</u> | TOTAL DEFERRED TAX <u>12/31/2023</u> | REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TAX BALANCE <u>12/31/2024</u> | BALANCE <u>12/31/2023</u> |
|----------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Balance of Tax | | \$ 200,052 | 174,621 | | \$ 649,732 | \$ 591,342 |
| Deferred | | <u>NONE</u> | <u>NONE</u> | | <u>215,567</u> | <u>215,567</u> |
| Tax Payable | | <u>\$ 200,052</u> | <u>174,621</u> | | <u>\$ 434,165</u> | <u>\$ 375,775</u> |
| Tax Deferred | <u>\$ 215,567</u> | | | <u>\$ 215,567</u> | | |

Note 8: PENSION PLANS

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

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Note 8: PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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

Vesting and Benefit Provisions -The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS.

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

Tier Definition

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

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

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

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 8: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

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

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

At June 30, 2024, the municipality disclosed a liability of \$148,818 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 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. This is a departure from generally accepted accounting principles, as the measurement date is to be no more than twelve months before the municipality's fiscal year end of December 31, 2024. The municipality's proportion of the net pension liability is based on the ratio of the contributions as an individual employer to total contributions to the PERS during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. At June 30, 2023, the municipality's proportion was 0.00103% which was a decrease of 0.00058% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the State fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the municipality's portion of the plan's pension expense/(benefit) was (\$31,203). At June 30, 2023, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources for PERS relating to the municipality's proportionate share are from the following sources:

| | <u>Deferred</u> <u>Outflows of</u> <u>Resources</u> | <u>Deferred</u> <u>Inflows of</u> <u>Resources</u> |
|---|---|--|
| Differences between expected and actual experience | \$ 1,423 | \$ 608 |
| Changes of assumptions | 327 | 9,019 |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments | 685 | - |
| Changes in proportion and differences between municipality contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 7,571 | 93,230 |
| Total | \$ 10,006 | \$ 102,857 |

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 8: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

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

| | <u>Year Ended June 30:</u> |
|-------|----------------------------|
| 2024 | \$101,434 |
| 2025 | 56,617 |
| 2026 | -79,118 |
| 2027 | 14,159 |
| 2028 | <u>-240</u> |
| Total | <u>\$92,852</u> |

| | <u>6/30/2022</u> | <u>6/30/2023</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Collective deferred outflows of resources | \$1,660,772,008 | \$1,080,204,730 |
| Collective deferred inflows of resources | 3,236,303,935 | 1,780,216,457 |
| Collective net pension liability (Non State - Local Group) | \$15,031,343,079 | \$14,606,489,066 |
| municipality's proportionate share of net pension liability | \$243,703 | \$148,818 |
| municipality's proportion % | 0.00162% | 0.00102% |

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:

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Inflation: | 2.75% Price, 3.25% Wage |
| 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 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, 2022.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 8: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

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

| <u>Asset Class</u> | <u>Target Allocation</u> | <u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| US Equity | 28.00% | 8.98% |
| Non-US devel.markets 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 Yeild | 4.50% | 6.97% |
| Private Credit | 8.00% | 9.20% |
| Investment Grade Credit | 7.00% | 5.19% |
| Cash equivalents | 2.00% | 3.31% |
| US Treasuries | 4.00% | 3.31% |
| Risk mitigation | 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 on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate - The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the District'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:

| | <u>1% Decrease</u> | <u>Current Discount Rate</u> | <u>1% Increase</u> |
|---|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>(6.00%)</u> | <u>(7.00%)</u> | <u>(8.00%)</u> |
| Municipality's proportionate share of the net pension liability | \$ 193,731 | \$148,818 | \$ 110,587 |

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Note 8: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Note 8: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Three-Year Trend Information for PERS

| <u>Year</u> <u>Funding</u> | <u>Annual Pension</u> <u>Contribution (PERS)</u> |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 2024 | \$13,732 |
| 2023 | \$20,364 |
| 2022 | \$18,139 |

Note 9: OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

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

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

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

Note 10: LEASES

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

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Note 11: ACCRUED SICK AND VACATION BENEFITS

As discussed in Note 1 and in accordance with accounting principles prescribed by the State of New Jersey, the cash basis of accounting is followed for recording the liability related to unused sick pay.

The Borough does not permit employees to annually accrue unused vacation time. In addition, all full-time salaried employees shall be entitled to a maximum of twelve (12) sick days per year and two (2) personal leave days with full salary paid for the day and that sick days cannot be accumulated. In accordance with New Jersey principles, any amounts are not reported as an expenditure or liability in the financial statements.

Note 12: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

GRANT PROGRAMS

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

LITIGATION

There are pending lawsuits in which the Borough is involved. The municipal attorney estimates that the potential claims against the Borough not covered by insurance resulting from such litigation would not materially affect the financial statements of the Borough.

Note 13: INTERFUND BALANCES

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances. All interfund receivable and payable balances outstanding at the beginning of the fiscal period were fully liquidated during the fiscal period, with the following exceptions outstanding at December 31, 2024:

| <u>FUND</u> | <u>DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS</u> | <u>DUE TO OTHER FUNDS</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Current Fund | \$ 111,785 | \$ 726,624 |
| Federal and State Grants Fund | 311,165 | - |
| Animal Control Fund | - | 11,111 |
| Other Trust Fund | 23,588 | 100,674 |
| General Capital Fund | 391,871 | - |
| | <u>\$ 838,409</u> | <u>\$ 838,409</u> |

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Note 13: INTERFUND BALANCES - (Continued)

Cash Activity for the General Capital Fund and the Federal and State Grants Fund is transacted through the current fund bank account, therefore an Interfund receivable is established in the general capital fund and the Federal and State Grants Fund from the Current Fund.

Note 14: RISK FINANCING

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

Note 15: TAX ABATEMENTS

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

PART II
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULES

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH-TREASURER

A-4

| | <u>REF.</u> | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | A | | \$ 2,186,935 |
| Increased by Receipts: | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated | A-2 | \$ 18,650 | |
| Collector | A-5 | 5,758,363 | |
| Revenue Accounts Receivable | A-7 | 198,030 | |
| Payroll Deductions | A-12 | 37,314 | |
| Amount Due State of New Jersey For | | | |
| Senior Citizens/Veterans Deductions | A-17 | 4,750 | |
| Reserve for Perc Test Deposits | A-18 | 760 | |
| State Grants | A-19:21 | 80,545 | 6,098,412 |
| | | <u> </u> | <u>8,285,347</u> |
| Decreased by Disbursements: | | | |
| Interfund Advances/(Returns) | A/B/C | 70,225 | |
| Appropriation Reserves | A-8 | 71,175 | |
| Reserve for Encumbrances | A-9 | 1,123,010 | |
| Tax Overpayments Refunded | A-11 | - | |
| Payroll Deduction Payments | A-12 | 37,278 | |
| County Taxes | A-13 | 672,207 | |
| Local District School Tax | A-14 | 2,568,599 | |
| Regional High School Tax | A-15 | 1,241,078 | |
| Due to Municipal Open Space Fund | A-16 | 31,237 | |
| Reserve for Perc Test Deposits | A-18 | 500 | |
| State Grant Funds | A-20 | 156,366 | 5,971,675 |
| | | <u> </u> | <u>5,971,675</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | A | | <u>\$ 2,313,672</u> |

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH-COLLECTOR

A-5

| | <u>REF.</u> | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Received: | | | |
| Interest and Costs on Taxes | A-2 | \$ 32,117 | |
| Taxes Receivable | A-6 | 5,709,951 | |
| Miscellaneous | A-2 | - | |
| 2024 Prepaid Taxes | A-10 | <u>16,295</u> | <u>\$ 5,758,363</u> |
| Decreased by Disbursements: | | | |
| Payments To Treasurer | A-4 | | <u>\$ 5,758,363</u> |

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF TAX LEVY

A-6

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/23</u> | <u>ADDED</u> <u>TAXES</u> | <u>2024</u> <u>LEVY</u> | <u>CASH COLLECTIONS</u> | | <u>CANCELLED</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> | | |
| 2023 | \$ 98,365 | | | | \$ 98,281 | \$ 84 | - |
| 2024 | | | \$ 5,776,180 | \$ 11,259 | 5,616,670 | (6,089) | \$ 154,340 |
| TOTALS | \$ 98,365 | \$ - | \$ 5,776,180 | \$ 11,259 | \$ 5,714,951 | \$ (6,005) | \$ 154,340 |

| | | | |
|------|---|------|---|
| REF. | A | A-10 | A |
|------|---|------|---|

State of New Jersey-Senior Citizens/
Veterans Deductions
Received by Collector

| | |
|-----|---------------------|
| A-2 | \$ 5,000 |
| A-5 | <u>5,709,951</u> |
| | <u>\$ 5,714,951</u> |

ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY:

Tax Yield:

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| General Purpose Tax | \$ 5,680,591 |
| Special District Tax | 29,827 |
| Added/Omitted Taxes (54:4-63.1 et.seq.) | <u>65,762</u> |
| | <u>\$ 5,776,180</u> |

Tax Levy:

| | | |
|---|------|-----------------------------------|
| Local District School Tax | A-14 | \$ 2,594,030 |
| Regional High School Tax | A-15 | 1,299,468 |
| County Taxes: | | |
| County Tax (Abstract) | A-13 | \$ 561,048 |
| County Library Tax (Abstract) | A-13 | 56,167 |
| County Open Space (Abstract) | A-13 | 54,628 |
| Due County for Added and Omitted Taxes(54.4-63.1, et.seq.) | A-13 | <u>7,584</u> 679,427 |
| Municipal Open Space | A-16 | 30,182 |
| Local Tax for Municipal Purposes | A-2 | 1,114,796 |
| Add: Additional Tax Levied (Added/Omitted Taxes, Rate Rounding) | | <u>58,277</u> <u>\$ 5,776,180</u> |

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

A-7

| | <u>REF.</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/23</u> | <u>ACCRUED</u> <u>IN 2024</u> | <u>COLLECTED</u> <u>BY</u> <u>TREASURER</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Clerk: | | | | | |
| Licenses: | | | | | |
| Alcoholic Beverages | A-2 | \$ | 5,313 | \$ 5,313 | |
| Interest on Investments and Deposits | A-2 | | 76,091 | 76,091 | |
| Energy Receipts Tax | A-2 | | 116,626 | 116,626 | |
| Totals | | - \$ | 198,030 | \$ 198,030 | - |
| | REF. | A | A-2 | A-4 | A |

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - 2023

A-8

| | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/23</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>AFTER</u> <u>TRANSFERS</u> | <u>PAID</u> <u>OR</u> <u>CHARGED</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>LAPSED</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| General Administration: | | | | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 5,724 | \$ 5,724 | \$ 4,463 | \$ 1,261 |
| Computerized Data Processing: | | | | |
| Other Expenses | - | 3,366 | 3,206 | 160 |
| Legal Services | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 9,555 | 9,555 | 3,988 | 5,567 |
| Engineering Services | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 2,760 | 2,760 | 2,700 | 60 |
| Planning Board | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 891 | 891 | 534 | 357 |
| Fire Department: | | | | |
| Other Expenses (LOSAP) | 23,500 | 23,500 | 15,950 | 7,550 |
| Police Department: | | | | |
| Salary & Wages | 1,738 | 1,738 | (992) | 2,730 |
| Road Maintenance: | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 29,469 | 25,469 | 24,106 | 1,363 |
| Solid Waste Collection: | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,200 | 100 |
| Buildings and Grounds: | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 8,934 | 8,934 | 8,664 | 270 |
| Public Health: | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 1,350 | 1,925 | 1,925 | - |
| Recreation: | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 1,093 | 1,093 | 1,093 | - |
| Celebration of Public Events: | | | | |
| Other Expenses | 2,946 | 2,946 | 18 | 2,928 |
| Utility Expenses: | | | | |
| Electricity | 1,026 | 1,026 | 268 | 758 |
| Street Lighting | - | - | - | - |
| Telephone | 655 | 655 | 655 | - |
| Water | - | - | - | - |
| Gas | 329 | 388 | 388 | - |
| DCRP | 57 | 57 | 9 | 48 |
| Others - No Change | 21,059 | 21,059 | | 21,059 |
| | <u>\$ 115,386</u> | <u>\$ 115,386</u> | <u>\$ 71,175</u> | <u>\$ 44,211</u> |

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|-----|
| REF. | A | A | A-4 | A-1 |
| Prior Year Appropriation Reserve | A | \$ 115,386 | | |
| Prior Year Encumbrances | A-9 | - | | |
| | | <u>\$ 115,386</u> | | |

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES

A-9

REF.

Increased by:

Transfer from Current Year Appropriations

A-3

\$ 1,125,010
1,125,010

Decreased by:

Cash Disbursements

A-4

1,123,010

Balance December 31, 2024

A

\$ 2,000

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAXES COLLECTED IN ADVANCE

A-10

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | A | \$ 11,259 |
| Increased by: | | |
| 2025 Taxes Collected in Advance | A-5 | <u>16,295</u> |
| | | 27,554 |
| Decreased by: | | |
| Applied to 2024 Taxes Receivable | A-6 | <u>11,259</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | A | <u>\$ 16,295</u> |

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAXES OVERPAID

A-11

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | A | <u>\$ 27,535</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | A | <u>\$ 27,535</u> |

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS PAYABLE

A-12

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | A | \$ 1,175 |
| Increased by: | | |
| Payroll Deductions | A-4 | <u>37,314</u> |
| | | 38,489 |
| Decreased by: | | |
| Payment of Payroll Tax Liabilities | A-4 | <u>37,278</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | A | <u>\$ 1,211</u> |

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF COUNTY TAXES PAYABLE

A-13

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | A | \$ 364 |
| Increased by: | | |
| 2024 Levy: | | |
| County Taxes | A-6 | \$ 561,048 |
| County Library Taxes | A-6 | 56,167 |
| County Open Space Tax | A-6 | 54,628 |
| Prior Year Added and Omitted Taxes | A-6 | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> 7,584 679,427 </div> |
| | | 679,791 |
| Decreased by: | | |
| Payments | A-4 | 672,207 |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | A | \$ 7,584 |

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX PAYABLE

A-14

| | <u>REF.</u> | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023: | | | |
| School Tax Payable | | \$ 174,621 | |
| School Tax Deferred | A | <u>NONE</u> | \$ <u>174,621</u> |
| Increased by: | | | |
| Levy - Calendar Year 2024 | A-6 | | <u>2,594,030</u> |
| | | | 2,768,651 |
| Decreased by: | | | |
| Payments | A-4 | | <u>2,568,599</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024: | | | |
| School Tax Payable | | 200,052 | |
| School Tax Deferred | A | <u>NONE</u> | \$ <u>200,052</u> |
| 2024 Liability for Local District School Tax: | | | |
| Tax Paid | | | \$ 2,568,599 |
| Tax Payable 12/31/2024 | | | <u>200,052</u> |
| | | | 2,768,651 |
| Less -- Tax Payable 12/31/2023 | | | <u>174,621</u> |
| Amount Charged to 2024 Operations | A-1 | | <u>\$ 2,594,030</u> |

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TAX PAYABLE

A-15

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|---|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023: | | |
| School Tax Payable | | \$ 375,775 |
| School Tax Deferred | A | <u>215,567</u> \$ 591,342 |
| Increased by: | | |
| Levy - School Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 | A-6 | <u>1,299,468</u> |
| | | 1,890,810 |
| Decreased by: | | |
| Payments | A-4 | <u>1,241,078</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024: | | |
| School Tax Payable | | 434,165 |
| School Tax Deferred | A | <u>215,567</u> \$ <u>649,732</u> |
| 2024 Liability for Regional High School Tax: | | |
| Tax Paid | | \$ 1,241,078 |
| Tax Payable 12/31/2024 | | <u>649,732</u> |
| | | 1,890,810 |
| Less -- Tax Payable 12/31/2023 | | <u>591,342</u> |
| Amount Charged to 2024 Operations | A-1 | <u>\$ 1,299,468</u> |

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TAX PAYABLE

A-16

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|---|-------------|------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | A | \$ 20,522 |
| Increased by: | | |
| 2024 Municipal Open Space Tax Including Added Taxes | A-6 | <u>30,182</u> |
| | | 50,704 |
| Decreased by: | | |
| Open Space Expenditures Paid by Current Fund | A-4 | <u>31,237</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | A | <u>\$ 19,467</u> |

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

A-17

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|---|-------------|---------------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | A | \$ (283) |
| Increased by: | | |
| Received in Cash from State | A-4 | <u>4,750</u> 4,467 |
| Decreased by: | | |
| Senior Citizens Deductions Per Tax Billings | A-6 | \$ 750 |
| Veterans Deductions per Tax Billings | A-6 | <u>4,250</u> <u>5,000</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | A | \$ <u>(533)</u> |

ANALYSIS OF BALANCE

| | | |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| Amount Due from State of N.J. -- Pre 1/1/78 | | \$ (2,720) |
| Amount Due to State of N.J. -- Post 1/1/78 | | <u>2,187</u> \$ <u>(533)</u> |

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR PERC TEST DEPOSITS

A-18

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|---------------------------|-------------|--|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | A | \$ 206 |
| Increased by: | | |
| Receipts | A-4 | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; align-items: center;"> 760 <hr style="width: 20px; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> </div> |
| | | 966 |
| Decreased by: | | |
| Payments | A-4 | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; align-items: center;"> 500 <hr style="width: 20px; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> </div> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | A | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; align-items: center;"> \$ 466 <hr style="width: 20px; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> </div> |
| <u>Detail:</u> | | |
| Lead Tests | | \$ 400 |
| Perc Tests | | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; align-items: center;"> 66 <hr style="width: 20px; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> </div> |
| | | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; align-items: center;"> \$ 466 <hr style="width: 20px; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> </div> |

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF STATE GRANTS RECEIVABLE

A-19

| <u>PURPOSE</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/23</u> | <u>RECEIVABLE</u> | <u>RECEIVED</u> | <u>CANCELED</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ARP - Firefighter | \$ 51,000 | \$ 75,000 | \$ 42,993 | \$ 8,007 | \$ 75,000 |
| NJDOT-Cokesbury/Crestmore/Cloverhill/Limerock Lane | 55,000 | | | | 55,000 |
| Highlands Grant - Stream Corridor | 185 | | | | 185 |
| Highlands Grant - Plan Conformance | 54,644 | | | | 54,644 |
| FEMA - Hazard Mitigation | 17,779 | | | | 17,779 |
| Stormwater Grant | | 25,000 | | | 25,000 |
| NJDOT-Philhower Ave. | | 219,330 | | 219,330 | - |
| Hunterdon County Infrastructure Grant | | 30,000 | 30,000 | | - |
| Totals | <u>\$ 178,608</u> | <u>\$ 349,330</u> | <u>\$ 72,993</u> | <u>\$ 227,337</u> | <u>\$ 227,608</u> |
| REF. | A | A-2 | A-4 | A-20 | A |

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR STATE GRANTS

A-20

| | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/23</u> | <u>TRANSFER</u> <u>FROM</u> <u>2024 BUDGET</u> <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u> | <u>APPROPRIATION</u> <u>BY 40A:4-87</u> | <u>EXPENDED</u> | <u>CANCELED</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u> |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Clean Communities Grant: Prior Years | \$ 14,566 | | | \$ 1,765 | | \$ 12,801 |
| NJ Department of Transportation - Main Street Resurfacing | 210,530 | | | | | 210,530 |
| NJDOT-Cokesbury/Crestmore/Cloverhill/Limerock Lane | 55,000 | | | | | 55,000 |
| NJ Department of Transp. - River Road Improvement | 150,000 | | | | | 150,000 |
| ANJEC Grant | 237 | | | 237 | | - |
| American Rescue Plan | 61,805 | | | 61,524 | | 281 |
| American Rescue Plan - Firefighter | 8,007 | \$ 75,000 | | 74,920 | \$ 8,007 | 80 |
| Highlands Grant - Stream Corridor | 1,499 | | | | | 1,499 |
| Highlands Grant - Plan Conformance | 46,171 | | | | | 46,171 |
| FEMA - Hazard Mitigation | 17,779 | | | | | 17,779 |
| Stormwater Grant | | 25,000 | | 17,920 | | 7,080 |
| NJDOT-Philhower Ave. | | 219,330 | | | 219,330 | - |
| Hunterdon County Infrastructure Grant | | | 30,000 | | | 30,000 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 565,594</u> | <u>\$ 319,330</u> | <u>\$ 30,000</u> | <u>\$ 156,366</u> | <u>\$ 227,337</u> | <u>\$ 531,221</u> |

| | | | | | | |
|-------|---|-----|-----|-----|------|---|
| REF . | A | A-3 | A-3 | A-4 | A-19 | A |
|-------|---|-----|-----|-----|------|---|

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR STATE GRANTS-UNAPPROPRIATED

A-21

| | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/23</u> | <u>RECEIVED</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| American Rescue Plan (ARP) | | \$ 3,552 | \$ 3,552 |
| Clean Communities | | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Totals | - | \$ 7,552 | \$ 7,552 |
| | | | |

| | | | |
|-------|---|-----|---|
| REF . | A | A-4 | A |
|-------|---|-----|---|

TRUST FUND SCHEDULES

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

B-2

| | <u>REF.</u> | <u>DOG LICENSES</u> | <u>OTHER</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | B | \$ <u>10,733</u> | \$ <u>498,496</u> |
| Increased by Receipts: | | | |
| Dog License Fees | B-3 | 2,039 | |
| State Dog License Fees | B-4 | 182 | |
| Due Current Fund | B-5:6 | - | - |
| Escrow Trust Deposits | B-7 | | 24,532 |
| COAH Deposits | B-8 | | 31 |
| LOSAP Deposits | B-9 | | 18 |
| Open Space Deposits | B-10 | - | 3,583 |
| Total Receipts | | <u>2,221</u> | <u>28,164</u> |
| | | <u>12,954</u> | <u>526,660</u> |
| Decreased by Disbursements: | | | |
| Expenditures Under R. S. 4:19-15.11 | B-3 | - | - |
| Due Current Fund | B-5:6 | - | - |
| Escrow Trust Deposits Returned | B-7 | - | - |
| COAH Expenditures | B-8 | - | - |
| Total Disbursements | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | B | \$ <u>12,954</u> | \$ <u>526,660</u> |

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR DOG FUND EXPENDITURES

B-3

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | B | \$ 1,917 |
| Increased by: | | |
| Dog License Fees Collected | B-2 | <u>2,039</u> |
| | | 3,956 |
| Decreased by: | | |
| Expenditures Under R.S. 4:29-15.11 | B-5 | <u>2,113</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | B | <u>\$ 1,843</u> |

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

B-4

REF.

Increased by:

Collected in 2024:

State Board of Health Fees

B-2 \$ 182
 182

Decreased By:

Payments

B-5 \$ 182

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE CURRENT FUND
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND

B-5

| | <u>REF.</u> | | |
|--|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | B | \$ | 8,816 |
| Increased by: | | | |
| Animal Control Expenditures Paid by Current Fund | B-3 | \$ | 2,113 |
| Animal Control State Fees Paid by Current Fund | B-4 | | 182 |
| | | | <u>2,295</u> |
| | | | 11,111 |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | B | <u>\$</u> | <u>11,111</u> |

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE CURRENT FUND
OTHER TRUST FUND

B-6

| | <u>REF.</u> | | |
|--|-------------|----|-----------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | B | \$ | (7,416) |
| Increased by: | | | |
| Recreation Trust Receipts Received in Current Fund | B-11 | \$ | 9,535 |
| Added Levy- Municipal Open Space Tax | B-10 | | 355 |
| Municipal Open Space Tax Levy | B-10 | | 29,827 |
| | | | 39,717 |
| | | | 32,301 |
| Decreased by: | | | |
| Escrow Trust Expenditures Paid from Current Fund | B-7 | | 70,745 |
| Recreation Trust Expenditures Paid from Current Fund | B-11 | | 7,405 |
| Open Space Expenditures Paid by Current Fund | B-10 | | 31,237 |
| | | | 109,387 |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | B | \$ | <u>(77,086)</u> |
| <u>Balance Detail:</u> | | | |
| Escrow Trust Fund | | \$ | (158,074) |
| Tax Sale Premiums | | | 57,400 |
| Municipal Open Space Trust Fund | | | 19,467 |
| Recreation Trust Fund | | | 4,121 |
| | | | 4,121 |
| | | \$ | <u>(77,086)</u> |

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ESCROW TRUST FUND DEPOSITS

B-7

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | B | \$ 193,324 |
| Increased by: | | |
| Escrow Deposits | B-2 | <u>24,532</u> |
| | | 217,856 |
| Decreased by: | | |
| Escrow Deposits Returned | B-6 | <u>70,745</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | B | <u>\$ 147,111</u> |

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR COAH REHABILITATION PROGRAM

B-8

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | A | \$ 62,700 |
| Increased by: | | |
| COAH Deposits Received | B-2 | <u> 31</u> |
| | | 62,731 |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | A | <u><u> \$ 62,731</u></u> |

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR LOSAP PROGRAM

B-9

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | B | \$ 35,517 |
| Increased by: | | |
| LOASP Deposits-Interest/Other | B-2 | <u> 18</u> 35,535 |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | B | <u>\$ 35,535</u> |

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE TRUST DEPOSITS

B-10

| | <u>REF.</u> | | |
|--|-------------|----|----------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | B | \$ | 140,148 |
| Increased by: | | | |
| Added Levy - Municipal Open Space Tax | B-6 | \$ | 355 |
| Open Space Trust Deposits - Interest | B-2 | | 3,583 |
| Open Space Trust - Levy | B-6 | | <u>29,827</u> |
| | | | <u>33,765</u> |
| | | | 173,913 |
| Decreased by: | | | |
| Open Space Expenditures Paid by Current Fund | B-6 | | <u>31,237</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | B | \$ | <u>142,676</u> |

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR RECREATION TRUST

B-11

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | B | \$ 1,991 |
| Increased by: | | |
| Receipts | B-6 | <u>9,535</u> |
| | | 11,526 |
| Decreased by: | | |
| Expenditures | B-6 | <u>7,405</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | B | <u>\$ 4,121</u> |

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR TAX SALE PREMIUMS

B-12

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | B | \$ <u>57,400</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | B | \$ <u>57,400</u> |

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULES

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

C-3

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|---|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | C | \$ 89,689 |
| Increased by: | | |
| NJ Transportation Trust Grant - Philhower Ave | C-8 | <u>219,330</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | C | <u>\$ 309,019</u> |
| | | |
| New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund - Philhower Ave. | | \$ 219,330 |
| New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Grant | | 40,660 |
| Hunterdon County Grant | | <u>49,028</u> <u>\$ 309,018</u> |

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE FROM CURRENT FUND

C-4

| | <u>REF.</u> | | |
|--|-------------|------------|----------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | C | \$ | 361,046 |
| Increased by: | | | |
| Current Fund Budget Appropriation-Capital Improvement Fund | C-7 | \$ | 30,000 |
| Bond Anticipation Note Premium | C-1 | <u>825</u> | <u>30,825</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | C | \$ | <u>391,871</u> |

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - FUNDED

C-5

| | <u>REF.</u> | |
|--|-------------|-------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | | \$ 888,704 |
| Decreased by: | | |
| 2024 Current Fund Budget Appropriations Bond Principle | C-10 | <u>66,811</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | C | <u>\$ 821,893</u> |
| | | |
| New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan | C-10 | \$ 755,382 |
| Debt Authorized Not Issued | | <u>66,511</u> |
| | | <u>\$ 821,893</u> |

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

C-6

| <u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>ANALYSIS OF BALANCE</u> | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/23</u> | <u>2024</u> <u>AUTHORIZATIONS</u> | <u>DECREASED</u> <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u> | <u>DEBT</u> <u>AUTHORIZED</u> <u>NOT ISSUED</u> | <u>GRANTS</u> <u>ANTICIPATED</u> | <u>BONDS/</u> <u>NOTES</u> |
| Resurfacing of Main Street and River Road | \$ 625,600 | | \$ 89,400 | \$ 536,200 | | | \$ 536,200 |
| Road Paving-Cokesbury/Cloverhill/Crestmore/ Limerock Lane | 400,000 | | | 400,000 | | | 400,000 |
| Various Roadway Imp to Philhower Ave | | \$ 64,188 | | 64,188 | \$ 283,518 | \$ (219,330) | |
| | \$ 1,025,600 | \$ 64,188 | \$ 89,400 | \$ 1,000,388 | \$ 283,518 | \$ (219,330) | \$ 936,200 |
| REF. | C | C-8 | C-9 | C | | C-3 | C-9 |

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
STATEMENT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

C-7

| | <u>REF.</u> | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----|----------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | C | \$ | 245,109 |
| Increased by: | | | |
| Current Fund Budget Appropriation | C-4 | | <u>30,000</u> |
| | | | 275,109 |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | C | \$ | <u>275,109</u> |

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

C-8

| <u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>ORDINANCE NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>BALANCE 12/31/23</u> | | <u>NJDOT GRANT RECEIVABLE</u> | <u>2024 AUTHORIZATIONS</u> | <u>REAPPROP./ CANCELED ORDINANCES</u> | <u>BALANCE 12/31/24</u> | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | <u>FUNDED</u> | <u>UNFUNDED</u> | | | | <u>FUNDED</u> | <u>UNFUNDED</u> |
| Improvements to the Borough's Main Street Storm Water Management System | 2012-04; 2014-03; 2015-02 | 11/19/12; Amended 7/7/14 and 4/6/15 | 2,061,460 | \$ 20,460 | | | | | \$ 20,460 | |
| Improve Island Park Bridge | 2017-03 | 5/1/17 | 200,000 | 45,995 | | | | | 45,995 | |
| Improvements to Main Street and River Road | 2019-07 | 10/21/19 | 700,000 | - | \$ 180,844 | | | \$ (180,844) | - | - |
| Improvements to Municipal Facility | 2021-09 | 8/16/21 | 15,000 | 341 | | | | | 341 | |
| Road Paving-Cokesbury/Cloverhill/Crestmore/ Limerock Lane | 2021-10 | 11/1/21 | 400,000 | - | 20,638 | | | (20,638) | - | - |
| Inlet Repairs and Computer Upgrade | 2022-04 | 11/7/22 | 8,500 | 2,300 | | | | | 2,300 | |
| Various Roadway Improvements to Philhower Ave. | 2024-08 | 10/17/24 | 485,000 | | | \$ 219,330 | \$ 64,188 | 201,482 | 219,330 | \$ 265,670 |
| | | | | <u>\$ 69,096</u> | <u>\$ 201,482</u> | <u>\$ 219,330</u> | <u>\$ 64,188</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>\$ 288,426</u> | <u>\$ 265,670</u> |
| REF. | | | | C | C | C-3 | C-6 | | C | C |

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

C-9

| <u>ORDINANCE NUMBER</u> | <u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>DATE OF ORIGINAL NOTE</u> | <u>DATE OF ISSUE</u> | <u>DATE OF MATURITY</u> | <u>INTEREST RATE</u> | <u>BALANCE 12/31/23</u> | <u>DECREASED</u> | <u>BALANCE 12/31/24</u> |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2019-07 | Resurfacing of Main Street and River Road | 4/2/20 | 3/25/2024 | 3/24/2025 | 4.750% | \$ 625,600 | \$ 89,400 | \$ 536,200 |
| 2021-10 | Road Paving-Cokesbury/Cloverhill/Crestmore/ Limerock Lane | 3/29/22 | 3/25/2024 | 3/24/2025 | 4.750% | 400,000 | | 400,000 |
| | | | | | | <u>\$ 1,025,600</u> | <u>\$ 89,400</u> | <u>\$ 936,200</u> |
| | REF. | | | | | C | C-6 | C |

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST LOAN
SERIES 2016A-1

C-10

| <u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>DATE OF ISSUE</u> | <u>ORD#</u> | <u>ORD DATE</u> | <u>MATURITIES DATE</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>INTEREST RATE</u> | <u>BALANCE 12/31/23</u> | <u>PRINCIPLE DECREASED</u> | <u>BALANCE 12/31/24</u> |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Improvements to the Borough's Main Street Storm Water Management System | 5-26-16 | 2012-04; 2014-03; 2015-02 | 11-19-12; Amended 7-7-14, 4-6-15 and 9-30- 21 | 8/1/16-8/1/35 | \$17,270 to \$34,541 | None | \$ 592,193 | \$ 51,811 | \$ 540,382 |
| Improvements to the Borough's Main Street Storm Water Management System | 5-26-16 | 2012-04; 2014-03; 2015-02 | 11-19-12; Amended 7-7-14, 4-6-15 and 9-30- 21 | 8/1/17-8/1/35 | \$10,000 to \$20,000 | 2.0% to 5.0% | 230,000 | 15,000 | 215,000 |
| | | | | | | | <u>\$ 822,193</u> | <u>\$ 66,811</u> | <u>\$ 755,382</u> |
| | | | | | | | C | C-5 | C |

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND SCHEDULES

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

E-1

| | <u>REF.</u> | <u>P.A.T.F.</u> <u>#2</u> | <u>FUND</u> <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2023 | E | \$ <u>12,901</u> | \$ <u>12,901</u> |
| Increased by Receipts: | | | |
| Interest Credits on Bank Deposits | | <u>7</u> | <u>7</u> |
| | | 12,908 | 12,908 |
| Decreased by Disbursements: | | | |
| Public Assistance | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2024 | E | \$ <u>12,908</u> | \$ <u>12,908</u> |

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS
SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

F-1

| | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/23</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/24</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| General Fixed Assets: | | |
| Land | \$ 209,300 | \$ 209,300 |
| Buildings | 646,115 | 646,115 |
| Machinery and Equipment | <u>33,072</u> | <u>33,072</u> |
| Total General Fixed Assets | <u>\$ 888,487</u> | <u>\$ 888,487</u> |

**PART III
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

General Comments

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

Schedule of Federal/State Awards

Status of Prior Audit Findings

Schedule of Findings and Responses

GENERAL COMMENTS

Scope of Audit

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

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective April 17, 2000, N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 et.seq (Local Public Contracts Law) was revised by P.L.1999,c.440 (originally known as Assembly Bill No. 3519). Rules and regulations pertaining to the amended law are to be promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services.

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

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

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

Effective July 1, 2020, the bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-3(c) (as amended) is increased to \$44,000 for Qualified Purchasing Agents (QPA), and \$17,500 for units without QPA's.

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

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

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

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

Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments

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

The governing body, on January 4, 2024, adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

"Be It Resolved that pursuant to R.S.54:4-67, the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey, hereby fixes the rate of interest to be charged on all delinquent taxes for the year 2023 at the rate of eight (8) per cent per annum for the first \$1,500 and eighteen (18) per cent for amounts over \$1,500.

Be It Further Resolved, that notwithstanding the above provision, no interest shall be charged if payment of any quarterly installment is made within ten (10) days after the date upon which the same become payable according to the laws in such cases made and provided. If such payment is not made within the ten (10) days grace period, the above rate of interest shall run and accrue from the original due date of such taxes."

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

The governing body, on January 4, 2024, adopted a resolution enabling the \$10,000 delinquency penalty provisions.

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

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

The delinquent taxes at December 31, 2024, include property taxes outstanding from the 2024 tax levy.

A tax sale was held in 2024 and was complete.

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

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Number of Liens</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|
| 2024 | NONE |
| 2023 | NONE |
| 2022 | NONE |

Verification of Delinquent Taxes and Other Charges

Verification notices were mailed to confirm balances as of November 15, 2024. The items that were returned were compared to and are in agreement with the Borough's records. For items not returned, alternative procedures were performed.

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

Type of Receivable - Real Property Tax
Date of Circulars - November 15, 2024

| Verification Type | Request Form | Total No. of Items | Total No. of Circular | Total No. Returned |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2024 Property Tax | Positive | 560 | 60 | 18 |
| 2024 Property Tax | Positive | 560 | 60 | 18 |
| 2024 Delinquent Tax | Negative | 218 | 25 | 6 |

Technical Accounting Directives

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

| <u>Requirement</u> | FY 2024 Required <u>Implementation</u> | |
|--|---|-----------|
| | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
| A. General Ledger Accounting System | X | |
| B. Encumbrance Accounting | X | |
| C. Purchase Order System | X | |
| D. Fixed Asset Accounting and Reporting System | X | |

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

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED

| | <u>YEAR 2024</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>YEAR 2023</u> | <u>%</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Fund Balance Utilized | \$ 120,000 | 1.85% | \$ 120,000 | 1.99% |
| Miscellaneous - From Other Than | | | | |
| Local Property Tax Levies | 642,338 | 9.90% | 445,892 | 7.41% |
| Collection of Delinquent Taxes and | | | | |
| Tax Title Liens | 98,281 | 1.51% | 108,229 | 1.80% |
| Collection of Current Tax Levy | <u>5,627,929</u> | <u>86.74%</u> | <u>5,345,487</u> | <u>88.80%</u> |
| Total Income | <u>6,488,548</u> | <u>100.00%</u> | <u>6,019,608</u> | <u>100.00%</u> |

EXPENDITURES

| | | | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Budget Expenditures: | | | | |
| Municipal Purposes | 1,727,829 | 27.29% | 1,346,992 | 23.41% |
| County Taxes | 679,427 | 10.73% | 651,676 | 11.32% |
| Local and Regional Taxes | 3,893,498 | 61.50% | 3,725,855 | 64.75% |
| Other Expenditures | <u>30,182</u> | <u>0.48%</u> | <u>29,814</u> | <u>0.52%</u> |
| Total Expenditures | <u>6,330,936</u> | <u>100.00%</u> | <u>5,754,337</u> | <u>100.00%</u> |
| Excess in Revenue | 157,612 | | 265,271 | |
| Statutory Excess to Fund Balance | 157,612 | | 265,271 | |
| Fund Balance January 1 | 710,352 | | 565,081 | |
| Less: | | | | |
| Utilization as Anticipated Revenue | <u>120,000</u> | | <u>120,000</u> | |
| Fund Balance December 31 | <u>\$ 747,964</u> | | <u>\$ 710,352</u> | |

Comparative Schedule of Tax Rate Information

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Tax Rate</u> | <u>\$3.829</u> | <u>\$3.672</u> | <u>\$3.639</u> |
| <u>Apportionment of Tax Rate:</u> | | | |
| Municipal | \$0.748 | \$0.714 | \$0.677 |
| Municipal Open Space | \$0.020 | \$0.020 | \$0.020 |
| County | \$0.451 | \$0.437 | \$0.399 |
| Local School | \$1.739 | \$1.707 | \$1.712 |
| Regional High School | \$0.871 | \$0.794 | \$0.831 |

Assessed Valuation:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------|---------------|
| 2024 | \$149,135,990 |
| 2023 | \$148,982,708 |
| 2022 | \$147,530,208 |

Comparison of Tax Levies and Collection Currently

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

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Tax Levy</u> | <u>Collections</u> | <u>Percentage of Collections</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2024 | \$ 5,776,180 | \$ 5,627,929 | 97.43% |
| 2023 | \$ 5,473,706 | \$ 5,345,487 | 97.65% |
| 2022 | \$ 5,433,810 | \$ 5,321,408 | 97.93% |

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

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

| <u>Dec.31 Year</u> | <u>Amount of Tax Title Liens</u> | <u>Amount of Delinquent Taxes</u> | <u>Total Delinquent</u> | <u>Percentage of Tax Levy</u> |
|------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2024 | NONE | \$154,340 | \$154,340 | 2.67% |
| 2023 | NONE | \$98,365 | \$98,365 | 1.80% |
| 2022 | NONE | \$96,509 | \$96,509 | 1.78% |

Property Acquired by Tax Title Lien Liquidation

No properties have been acquired in 2024 by foreclosure or deed as a result of liquidation of tax title liens.

Comparative Schedule of Fund Balances

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Balance December 31</u> | <u>Regular</u> | <u>Utilized</u> | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | <u>In Budget of Succeeding Year</u> | <u>Defer School Tax</u> |
| 2024 | \$ 747,964 | * \$ 120,000 | | NONE |
| 2023 | \$ 710,352 | \$ 120,000 | | NONE |
| 2022 | \$ 565,081 | \$ 120,000 | | NONE |
| 2021 | \$ 397,066 | \$ 120,000 | | NONE |
| 2020 | \$ 302,616 | \$ 120,000 | | NONE |
| 2019 | \$ 162,015 | \$ 115,000 | | NONE |
| 2018 | \$ 278,015 | \$ 116,000 | | NONE |
| 2017 | \$ 237,735 | \$ 115,000 | | NONE |
| 2016 | \$ 240,870 | \$ 115,000 | | NONE |

*Approved (Introduced) Budget

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds

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

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Amount of Bond</u> | <u>Name Of Corporate Surety</u> |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Charles Daniel | Mayor/Councilperson | | |
| Michael Medea | Councilperson | | |
| Ed Haversang | Councilperson | | |
| Richard Baggstrom | Councilperson | | |
| Leo Janas | Councilperson | | |
| Jay Ruggiero | Councilperson | | |
| Cathy Smith | Councilperson | | |
| Karen Mastro | Administrator; Clerk; Assessment Tax Search Officer; Registrar of Vital Statistics | | |

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds (Continued)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Amount of Bond</u> | <u>Name Of Corporate Surety</u> |
|------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Amy Monahan | Acting Certified Municipal Finance Officer; Treasurer | \$1,000,000 | Statewide Insurance Fund |
| Amy Monahan | Tax Collector; Tax Search Officer | \$1,000,000 | Statewide Insurance Fund |
| Mark Anderson | Attorney | | |
| Penny Holenstein | Assessor | | |
| Caitlin Haughey | Dog Registrar; Deputy Clerk | | |
| Tom Silvia | Zoning Officer | | |
| Denean Probasco | Planning Board Secretary | | |

The minimum bond coverage for the Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) and Tax Collector based on prior year revenues and tax levies is as follows:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>CMFO</u> | <u>Tax Collector</u> |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 2024 | \$50,000 | \$93,184 |

All officials handling monies, including the Collector and Treasurer, were covered by a **faithful performance blanket position** bond in the amount of \$1,000,000 by the Statewide Insurance Fund.

All the bonds were examined and were properly executed.



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

Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Mayor and
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County of Hunterdon, New Jersey
Califon, New Jersey 07830

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Governments Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the regulatory-basis financial statements of the Borough of Califon in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Borough of Califon's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 15, 2025, which indicated that the Borough prepares its financial statements on a basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL/STATE AWARDS

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

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| <u>FEDERAL GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE</u> | <u>FEDERAL ASSISTANCE LISTING NO. CFDA</u> | <u>PROGRAM OR AWARD AMOUNT</u> | <u>GRANT PERIOD</u> | <u>FUND REF.</u> | <u>CASH ACCRUED OR DEFERRED REVENUE BALANCE 1/1/2024</u> | <u>RECEIPTS PROGRAM</u> | <u>OTHER RECEIPTS</u> | <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> | <u>CASH ACCRUED OR DEFERRED REVENUE BALANCE 12/31/2024</u> | <u>CUMMULATIVE DISBURSEMENTS</u> |
|---|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| US Department of Transportation, passed through New Jersey Department of Transportation: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Main Street Resurfacing | 20.205 | \$ 240,000 | 2020 | A | \$ 210,530 | | | | \$ 210,530 | \$ 29,473 |
| Cokesbury/Crestmore/Cloverhill/Limerock Lane | 20.205 | 220,000 | 2021 | A | - | | | | - | 165,000 |
| River Road Improvements | 20.205 | 150,000 | 2021 | A | 150,000 | | | | 150,000 | - |
| Philhower Ave. | 20.205 | 219,330 | 2024 | C | - | | | | - | - |
| Total Highway Planning and Construction Cluster | | | | | 360,530 | - | - | - | 360,530 | 194,473 |
| US Department of Treasury, passed through New Jersey Department of Treasury: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF); American Rescue Plan | 21.027 | 109,484 | 2021-2024 | A | 61,805 | | | \$ 61,524 | 281 | 109,203 |
| Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF); American Rescue Plan | 21.027 | 3,552 | 2024 | A | | \$ 3,552 | | | 3,552 | - |
| Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF); American Rescue Plan-Firefighter | 21.027 | 51,000 | 2023-2024 | A | (42,993) | 42,993 | | | - | 42,993 |
| Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF); American Rescue Plan-Firefighter | 21.027 | 75,000 | 2024 | A | | | | 74,920 | (74,920) | 74,920 |
| TOTAL FEDERAL ASSISTANCE | | | | | \$ 379,342 | \$ 46,545 | - | \$ 136,444 | \$ 289,443 | \$ 421,589 |

The accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.
Note: This Schedule was not subject to an audit in accordance with Uniform Guidance.

**SCHEDULE OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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| STATE GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE | ACCOUNT NUMBER | PROGRAM OR AWARD AMOUNT | GRANT PERIOD | FUND REF. | CASH ACCRUED OR DEFERRED REVENUE | | | DISBURSEMENTS | CASH ACCRUED OR DEFERRED REVENUE |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---|---------------------|-------------|------------------|---|
| | | | | | BALANCE 1/1/2024 | RECEIPTS PROGRAM | OTHER | | BALANCE 12/31/2024 |
| <u>DEPT.OF ENVIRON.PROTECTION</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Solid Waste Adm.-Clean Communities Program | 4900-765-178900 | \$ 4,000 | 2024 | A | - | \$ 4,000 | | | \$ 4,000 |
| | | 4,000 | 2023 | A | \$ 4,000 | | | | 4,000 |
| | | 4,000 | 2022 | A | 4,000 | | | | 4,000 |
| | | 4,000 | 2021 | A | 6,566 | | \$ 1,765 | | 4,801 |
| <u>DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Payments to Municipalities for Cost of General Assistance (State Share) | 75050-150-158010-60 | N/A | N/A | E | 12,901 | | \$ 7 | | 12,908 |
| <u>DEPT. OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Office of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant - State Share | HMGP-DR-4086-NJ-0391-R | 17,779 | 2019-2020 | A | - | | | | - |
| <u>OTHER STATE AIDS</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Highlands Grant - Stream Corridor | | 35,000 | 2012 | A | 1,315 | | | | 1,315 |
| Highlands Grant - Plan Conformance | | 88,200 | 2009/2019 | A | (8,474) | | | | (8,474) |
| Stormwater Grant | | 25,000 | 2024 | A | - | | 17,920 | | (17,920) |
| Hunterdon Cty Infrastructure Grant | | 30,000 | 2024 | A | - | 30,000 | | | 30,000 |
| ANJEC Grant | | 1,500 | 2022 | A | 237 | | 237 | | 0 |
| TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE | | | | | \$ 20,545 | \$ 34,000 | \$ 7 | \$ 19,922 | \$ 34,630 |

The accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.
Note: This Schedule was not subject to an audit in accordance with NJOMB Circular 15-08.

BOROUGH OF CALIFON

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOTE 1. GENERAL

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

NOTE 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying Schedules of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards are presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in these schedules is presented in accordance with the requirements of the federal OMB Uniform Guidance, Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations. However, these schedules were not subject to an audit in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance or NJOMB Circular 15-08.

NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

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There were no prior year audit findings.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
GENERAL FINDINGS

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

GENERAL FINDINGS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Summary of Auditor's Results

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

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

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

The Borough was not subject to the single audit provisions of Federal OMB Uniform Guidance or New Jersey OMB Circular NJOMB 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid for 2024 as grant expenditures were less than the single audit thresholds of \$750,000, identified in the Circulars.

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

Finding

None