



**BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA
AND INFORMATION**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023
WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PART I

REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 and 2023

Independent Auditors' Report

**Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Borough Council
Borough of Somerville
County of Somerset, New Jersey**

Report on the Audit of the Regulatory Basis Financial Statements

Opinions on Regulatory Basis Financial Statements

We have audited the regulatory basis financial statements of the various funds and the governmental fixed assets of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, New Jersey, ("Borough"), which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of operations and changes in fund balance for the years then ended, the statements of changes in fund balance, the statements of revenues and statements of expenditures 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 accompanying regulatory basis financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis balance sheets of the Borough as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the regulatory basis statements of operations and changes in fund balances for the years then ended, the regulatory basis statement of changes in fund balance, the regulatory basis statements of revenues and the regulatory basis statements of expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey ("Division") described in Note 2.

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 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 its revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances thereof for the years then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"), requirements prescribed by the Division, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' 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 audit opinions.

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

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Borough on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of the Division (regulatory basis), which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the Division. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 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 the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Division. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements management is required to evaluate whether 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 twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, requirements prescribed by the Division, 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 GAAS, requirements prescribed by the Division, 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 judgement, 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.

Report on Supplementary Information Required by the Division in Accordance with the Regulatory Basis of Accounting

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Borough's basic financial statements. The information included in Part II – Supplementary Schedules – Supplementary Information Required by the Division, Part IV – Supplementary Data, and Part V – General Comments and Recommendations, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Division and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements 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 or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Supplementary Information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Report on Supplementary Information as Required by the Uniform Guidance

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Borough's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)* and related notes to the schedule of federal awards are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedules of expenditures of federal awards and related notes 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. Such information has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements, or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

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In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and related notes are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 6, 2025, on our consideration of the Borough's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Borough's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Borough's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Cranford, New Jersey
June 27, 2025

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND AND GRANT FUND

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2024</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>	<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES</u> <u>AND FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2024</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>
Operating Fund:				Operating Fund:			
Cash and Investments - Treasurer	A-4	\$ 22,466,655.61	\$ 20,881,538.24	Liabilities			
Investment in BAN's	A-4	2,366,000.00	949,000.00	Appropriation Reserves	A-3, A-14	\$ 1,386,368.74	\$ 2,354,671.29
Change Fund	A-5	350.00	350.00	Reserve for Encumbrances	A-3, A-14	771,217.76	861,426.34
Due from State of NJ SC/Vet Deductions	A-8	44,348.51	43,348.51	Prepaid Property Taxes	A-7	359,776.30	231,000.40
		<u>24,877,354.12</u>	<u>21,874,236.75</u>	Interfunds Payable	A-13	325,723.79	337,302.83
				Tax Overpayments	A-15	22,114.68	83,400.90
				Various Payables	A-10	627,285.80	85,718.33
				Various Reserves	A-10	5,295,278.82	780,770.80
Receivables and Other Assets With Full Reserves:						<u>8,787,765.89</u>	<u>4,734,290.89</u>
Delinquent Prop. Taxes Receivable	A-7	451,318.94	457,259.70				
Tax Title Liens Receivable	A-7	470,601.68	430,228.24				
Maintenance Liens Receivable	A-6	1,512.00	1,512.00				
Property Acquired for Taxes	A-9	28,500.00	28,500.00	Reserve for Receivables		997,015.43	963,386.56
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-11	21,029.61	14,872.23	Fund Balance	A-1	<u>16,089,588.23</u>	<u>17,139,945.86</u>
Interfunds Receivable	A-13	24,053.20	31,014.39				
		<u>997,015.43</u>	<u>963,386.56</u>				
Total Current Fund		<u>25,874,369.55</u>	<u>22,837,623.31</u>	Total Current Fund		<u>25,874,369.55</u>	<u>22,837,623.31</u>
Grant Fund:				Grant Fund:			
Cash and Investments - Treasurer	A-4	1,569,409.81	1,621,385.43	Interfunds Payable	A-17	1,949.99	4,665.01
State and Federal Grants Receivable	A-16	14,355,491.62	12,090,555.75	Reserve for Encumbrances	A-18	835,394.31	880,851.04
				Reserve for State and Federal Grants			
				Appropriated	A-18	15,082,607.10	12,819,639.21
				Unappropriated	A-19	<u>4,950.03</u>	<u>6,785.92</u>
Total Grant Fund		<u>15,924,901.43</u>	<u>13,711,941.18</u>	Total Grant Fund		<u>15,924,901.43</u>	<u>13,711,941.18</u>
		<u>\$ 41,799,270.98</u>	<u>\$ 36,549,564.49</u>			<u>\$ 41,799,270.98</u>	<u>\$ 36,549,564.49</u>

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

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
REGULATORY BASIS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>YEAR 2024</u>	<u>YEAR 2023</u>
<u>REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED</u>			
Fund Balance Utilized	A-1:A-2	\$ 5,800,000.00	\$ 2,750,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-2	12,237,759.24	11,121,062.94
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	A-2	417,422.73	459,107.82
Receipts From Current Taxes	A-2	46,496,231.21	45,275,595.88
Non-Budget Revenue	A-2	310,844.89	414,531.82
Other Credits to Income:			
Grants Receivable/Appropriated Canceled (net)			9,034.73
Due from Animal Control - Statutory Excess			3,919.20
Interfunds Returned	A-13	6,961.19	
Sewer Operating Fund Interfund Payable Canceled	A-13	11,579.04	
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	A-14	<u>2,367,741.49</u>	<u>1,816,547.15</u>
Total Revenues		<u>67,648,539.79</u>	<u>61,849,799.54</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES AND OTHER CHARGES</u>			
Budget Appropriations:			
Operations Within CAPS:			
Operating	A-3	16,042,488.00	15,047,150.00
Def. Charges and Statutory Expend.	A-3	2,211,777.00	2,041,378.00
Operations Excluded from CAPS:			
Operating	A-3	3,513,976.98	2,426,976.73
Capital Improvement Fund	A-3	4,000,000.00	500,000.00
Municipal Debt Service	A-3	2,875,960.62	2,701,195.92
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	A-3	524,219.90	
Local District School Tax	A-12	26,863,089.00	26,075,437.00
County Taxes	A-12	6,001,793.41	5,765,839.07
County Added Tax	A-12	9,748.88	8,707.88
Downtown Somerville Alliance Tax	A-12	839,010.84	805,870.98
Refund of Sewer Revenue	A-4	16,832.79	24,172.18
Interfunds Advanced			<u>8,584.21</u>
Total Expenditures		<u>62,898,897.42</u>	<u>55,405,311.97</u>
Excess in Revenue/Statutory Excess to Fund Balance		4,749,642.37	6,444,487.57
Fund Balance, January 1	A	<u>17,139,945.86</u>	<u>13,445,458.29</u>
		21,889,588.23	19,889,945.86
Decreased by:			
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	A-1:A-2	<u>5,800,000.00</u>	<u>2,750,000.00</u>
Fund Balance, December 31	A	<u>\$ 16,089,588.23</u>	<u>\$ 17,139,945.86</u>

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

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES
REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

REF.	BUDGET		REALIZED	EXCESS OR (DEFICIT)
	ADOPTED	NJSA 40A:4-87		
Fund Balance Anticipated	A-1	\$ 5,800,000.00	\$ 5,800,000.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	\$ 35,000.00	\$	\$ 38,801.80	\$ 3,801.80
Other Licenses	45,000.00		55,851.00	10,851.00
Fees and Permits	231,000.00		125,656.00	(105,344.00)
Municipal Court - Fines and Costs	200,000.00		210,537.34	10,537.34
Interest and Costs on Taxes	125,000.00		127,530.48	2,530.48
Interest on Investments and Deposits	950,000.00		1,171,869.86	221,869.86
Recreation Programs	60,000.00		76,883.00	16,883.00
Sale of Garbage Decals	25,000.00		28,753.00	3,753.00
Rent of Office Facilities	4,000.00		3,850.00	(150.00)
Rent for Landfill Solar Farm	5,000.00		5,000.00	
Energy Receipts Tax	1,421,035.00		1,421,035.38	0.38
Municipal Relief Fund	146,474.40		146,474.94	0.54
Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees Offset with Appropriations (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-36 and N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.17)				
Uniform Construction Code Official	400,000.00		321,973.00	(78,027.00)
Shared Service - Borough of Raritan - CFO	80,000.00		80,000.00	
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Approps:				
American Rescue Plan - Firefighters Assistance Grant	15,000.00		15,000.00	
ANJEC - GS Butterfly Garden Grant		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Body Armor Replacement Fund	2,675.60		2,675.60	
BPU Community Energy Plan Grant		10,000.00	10,000.00	
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant		1,866.63	1,866.63	
CDBG Park Improvements - Carol Pager	150,000.00		150,000.00	
Clean Communities Grant		31,501.82	31,501.82	
Emergency Management Agency Assitance		10,000.00	10,000.00	
Hazardous Discharge Grant Ground Water	2,074,230.00		2,074,230.00	
Hazardous Discharge Grant 60 Cornell Blvd		817,636.00	817,636.00	
Local Recreational Improvement Grant		75,000.00	75,000.00	
Municipal Alliance Grant	6,776.49		6,776.49	
Opioid Settlement Proceeds	1,875.31	79,742.20	81,617.51	
Recycling Tonnage Grant		9,216.93	9,216.93	
Safety and Risk Grant		9,956.00	9,956.00	
Youth Service Program	6,000.00	6,000.00	12,000.00	
Uniform Fire Safety Act	138,000.00		114,883.24	(23,116.76)
Cable TV Franchise Fees	123,000.00		123,873.63	873.63
Somerville Senior Citizen Housing Inc.	75,000.00		67,904.65	(7,095.35)
Reserve for Debt - Sewer Sale Proceeds	30,000.00		30,000.00	
Sale of Municipal Assets	50,000.00		50,000.00	
JSM - PILOT	500,000.00		451,782.02	(48,217.98)
SC Social SVCS Blvd - PILOT	148,000.00		163,872.79	15,872.79

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES
REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	REF.	BUDGET		REALIZED	EXCESS OR (DEFICIT)
		ADOPTED	NJSA 40A:4-87		
COBOLT - 70 - VWD - PILOT		\$ 210,000.00	\$	\$ 269,361.13	\$ 59,361.13
PILOT - RWJ University Hospital		345,000.00		255,983.82	(89,016.18)
Storms - 6 N. Doughty - PILOT		31,000.00		36,242.34	5,242.34
PILOT - SOMA - Bridge St		100,000.00		131,766.41	31,766.41
PILOT - Desapio - 46 Main		50,000.00		52,459.74	2,459.74
Library Hosting Allocation		12,562.00		12,562.00	
PILOT - PARC View - 40 Haynes		525,000.00		382,342.55	(142,657.45)
PILOT - Davenport		45,000.00		92,260.10	47,260.10
PILOT - RWJ Air Space		225,000.00		361,389.08	136,389.08
PILOT - DGM - Station House		200,000.00		247,098.32	47,098.32
PILOT - Avalon Bay		900,000.00		979,363.00	79,363.00
PILOT - Pulte Homes		1,000,000.00		1,291,421.64	291,421.64
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	A-1	10,691,628.80	1,052,419.58	12,237,759.24	493,710.86
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	A-1	400,000.00		417,422.73	17,422.73
Subtotal General Revenues		11,091,628.80	1,052,419.58	12,655,181.97	511,133.59
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget					
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including					
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-7:A-2	13,125,605.50		14,682,589.08	1,556,983.58
Total General Revenues		30,017,234.30	1,052,419.58	33,137,771.05	2,068,117.17
Non-Budget Revenues	A-1:A-2			310,844.89	310,844.89
		\$ 30,017,234.30	\$ 1,052,419.58	\$ 33,448,615.94	\$ 2,378,962.06
	REF.	A-3	A-3		

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

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES
REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>		
<u>ANALYSIS OF REALIZED REVENUES</u>			
Allocation of Current Tax Collections:			
2024 Collections	A-7	\$ 46,232,730.81	
Prepaid Taxes Applied	A-7	231,000.40	
State Share of Sr. Citizen's and Veteran's			
Deductions Allowed	A-7	<u>32,500.00</u>	
	A-1		\$ 46,496,231.21
Allocated to:			
Local District School Taxes	A-12	26,863,089.00	
County Taxes	A-12	6,001,793.41	
Added County Taxes	A-12	9,748.88	
Special District Taxes	A-12	<u>839,010.84</u>	
			<u>33,713,642.13</u>
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget			
Appropriations			12,782,589.08
Add: Appropriation "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes"	A-3		<u>1,900,000.00</u>
Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	A-2		<u>\$ 14,682,589.08</u>
Allocation of Delinquent Tax Collections:			
Collection of Delinquent Taxes Receivable	A-7	\$ 413,475.98	
Collection of State Veterans and Senior Citizens Deductions	A-7	250.00	
Collection of Tax Title Liens Receivable	A-7	3,696.75	
	A-2		<u>\$ 417,422.73</u>

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

A-3
SHEET #1

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

	APPROPRIATIONS		EXPENDED			UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELED
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u>	<u>PAID OR CHARGED</u>	<u>ENCUMBERED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	
<u>OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"</u>						
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>						
General Administration:						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 323,500.00	\$ 323,500.00	\$ 303,129.69	\$	\$ 20,370.31	\$
Other Expenses	402,950.00	380,950.00	265,923.94	6,851.01	108,175.05	
Borough Clerk:						
Salaries and Wages	77,500.00	77,500.00	77,404.50		95.50	
Elections						
Salaries and Wages	4,000.00	6,000.00	3,200.07		2,799.93	
Other Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,760.00		240.00	
Financial Administration:						
Salaries and Wages	229,000.00	229,000.00	208,286.93		20,713.07	
Other Expenses	67,700.00	67,700.00	27,186.26	9,825.33	30,688.41	
Audit	56,000.00	56,000.00		55,000.00	1,000.00	
Assessment of Taxes:						
Salaries and Wages	30,500.00	30,500.00	30,245.02		254.98	
Other Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,415.32		2,584.68	
Collection of Taxes:						
Salaries and Wages	137,000.00	137,000.00	117,906.29		19,093.71	
Other Expenses	18,200.00	18,200.00	13,536.46	526.40	4,137.14	
Legal Services and Costs:						
Other Expenses	111,000.00	111,000.00	61,356.45	27,063.50	22,580.05	
Municipal Prosecutor						
Other Expenses	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00			
Engineering Services and Costs:						
Other Expenses	26,800.00	26,800.00	8,134.52	1,301.49	17,363.99	
Public Building and Grounds:						
Other Expenses	196,100.00	196,100.00	148,138.05	28,232.47	19,729.48	
Municipal Land Use (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1)						
Planning and Zoning						
Other Expenses	73,300.00	73,300.00	35,200.85	33,693.72	4,405.43	
Zoning Board of Adjustments						
Other Expenses	15,500.00	15,500.00	1,405.24	115.00	13,979.76	
Department of Technology						
Other Expenses	444,500.00	549,500.00	542,457.31	3,119.49	3,923.20	

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

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SHEET #2

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

	APPROPRIATIONS		EXPENDED			UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELED
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u>	<u>PAID OR CHARGED</u>	<u>ENCUMBERED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>						
<u>Insurance</u>						
Group Insurance	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ 1,260,000.00	\$ 1,069,501.50	\$ 401.00	\$ 190,097.50	\$
Other Insurance Premiums	1,068,000.00	1,068,000.00	1,030,183.24		37,816.76	
Prescription Drug/Dental Program	75,000.00	75,000.00	60,641.80	7,567.70	6,790.50	
Health Benefit Waivers	85,000.00	85,000.00	66,892.46		18,107.54	
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY:</u>						
Fire:						
Salaries and Wages	168,500.00	158,500.00	154,511.41		3,988.59	
Other Expenses	172,000.00	187,000.00	151,559.78	30,570.34	4,869.88	
Uniform Fire Safety Act (PL 1983, Ch 383)						
Salaries and Wages	130,600.00	125,600.00	95,487.21		30,112.79	
Other Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,547.89		1,452.11	
Police:						
Salaries and Wages	4,945,000.00	4,875,000.00	4,864,729.03		10,270.97	
Other Expenses	334,100.00	404,100.00	288,008.00	109,155.26	6,936.74	
First Aid Organization - Contribution	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00			
Emergency Management Service:						
Other Expenses	12,700.00	12,700.00	10,735.32	416.70	1,547.98	
School Crossing Guard - Contractual	250,000.00	250,000.00	144,684.02	547.64	104,768.34	
<u>STREETS AND ROADS:</u>						
Road Repairs and Maintenance						
Salaries and Wages	957,100.00	957,100.00	951,799.38		5,300.62	
Other Expenses	499,500.00	499,500.00	205,907.96	138,769.59	154,822.45	
Snow Removal						
Other Expenses	46,000.00	46,000.00	45,923.86	37.87	38.27	
Sanitary Sewer System						
Other Expenses	65,000.00	65,000.00	3.67	46,003.67	18,992.66	
Garbage and Trash Removal:						
Other Expenses	1,000,000.00	895,000.00	750,646.99	29,613.68	114,739.33	
Recycling						
Other Expenses	180,000.00	180,000.00	168,340.00	15.00	11,645.00	

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

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SHEET #3

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

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		<u>EXPENDED</u>			<u>UNEXPENDED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER</u>	<u>PAID OR</u>	<u>ENCUMBERED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
		<u>MODIFICATION</u>	<u>CHARGED</u>			<u>CANCELED</u>
<u>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</u>						
Board of Health:						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 118,000.00	\$ 118,000.00	\$ 67,704.00	\$	\$ 50,296.00	\$
Other Expenses	129,100.00	129,100.00	126,093.83	1,350.00	1,656.17	
Dog Regulations - Contractual						
Other Expenses	38,500.00	38,500.00	33,946.00	14.00	4,540.00	
<u>RECREATION AND EDUCATION</u>						
Parks & Playgrounds:						
Salaries and Wages	30,000.00	30,000.00			30,000.00	
Other Expenses	299,538.00	299,538.00	259,814.78	27,395.95	12,327.27	
Recreation						
Salaries and Wages	123,500.00	123,500.00	85,099.08		38,400.92	
Other Expenses	121,300.00	121,300.00	104,094.86	2,784.31	14,420.83	
Celebration of Public Events:						
Other Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Municipal Court:						
Other Expenses	303,000.00	303,000.00	216,920.90	72,505.80	13,573.30	
<u>OTHER BOARDS & COMMISSIONS</u>						
Uniform Construction Code - Appropriations						
Offset by Dedicated Revenues (N.J.A.C. 5:23-4-17)						
Department of Community Development						
Salaries and Wages	272,000.00	295,000.00	286,724.77	4,000.00	4,275.23	
Other Expenses	45,500.00	42,500.00	31,758.80	3,394.23	7,346.97	
Electrical Inspector						
Salaries and Wages	123,000.00	123,000.00	120,368.12		2,631.88	

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

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SHEET #4

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

	APPROPRIATIONS		EXPENDED			UNEXPENDED
	BUDGET	BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION	PAID OR CHARGED	ENCUMBERED	RESERVED	BALANCE CANCELED
<u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>						
Street Lighting	\$ 290,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 135,416.61	\$ 40,241.45	\$ 49,341.94	\$
Fire Hydrant Fees	160,000.00	160,000.00	143,734.54	13,535.01	2,730.45	
Telephone	87,000.00	87,000.00	65,138.03	3,368.30	18,493.67	
Water	45,000.00	45,000.00	34,783.65	7,733.02	2,483.33	
Electricity	200,000.00	265,000.00	220,823.02	27,248.07	16,928.91	
Gasoline	125,000.00	125,000.00	83,657.94	38,820.76	2,521.30	
Accumulated Sick Leave Compensation						
Salaries and Wages	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00			
<u>TOTAL OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"</u>	<u>16,081,488.00</u>	<u>16,041,488.00</u>	<u>13,982,869.35</u>	<u>771,217.76</u>	<u>1,287,400.89</u>	
Contingent	1,000.00	1,000.00			1,000.00	
<u>TOTAL OPERATIONS INCLUDING CONTINGENT WITHIN "CAPS"</u>	<u>16,082,488.00</u>	<u>16,042,488.00</u>	<u>13,982,869.35</u>	<u>771,217.76</u>	<u>1,288,400.89</u>	
Detail:						
Salaries and Wages	7,759,200.00	7,699,200.00	7,438,487.96	4,000.00	256,712.04	
Other Expenses	8,323,288.00	8,343,288.00	6,544,381.39	767,217.76	1,031,688.85	
<u>DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES-MUNICIPAL WITHIN "CAPS"</u>						
Contribution to:						
Public Employee's Retirement System	362,662.00	362,662.00	362,662.00			
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	260,000.00	300,000.00	259,689.83		40,310.17	
Police and Firemen's Retirement Fund	1,546,115.00	1,546,115.00	1,546,115.00			
Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00			
<u>TOTAL DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES-MUNICIPAL WITHIN "CAPS"</u>	<u>2,171,777.00</u>	<u>2,211,777.00</u>	<u>2,171,466.83</u>		<u>40,310.17</u>	
<u>TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES WITHIN "CAPS"</u>	<u>18,254,265.00</u>	<u>18,254,265.00</u>	<u>16,154,336.18</u>	<u>771,217.76</u>	<u>1,328,711.06</u>	

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

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SHEET #5

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

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		<u>EXPENDED</u>			<u>UNEXPENDED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER</u>	<u>PAID OR</u>	<u>ENCUMBERED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
		<u>MODIFICATION</u>	<u>CHARGED</u>			<u>CANCELED</u>
<u>OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>						
Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 40,648.20	\$	\$ 4,351.80	\$
Reserve for Tax Appeals	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00			
<u>SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENTS</u>						
Shared Service - Borough of Raritan CFO	80,000.00	80,000.00	30,000.00		50,000.00	
<u>PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS</u>						
<u>OFF-SET BY REVENUES</u>						
American Rescue Plan - Firefighters Assistance Grant	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00			
ANJEC - GS Butterfly Garden Grant		1,500.00	1,500.00			
Body Armor Grant	2,675.60	2,675.60	2,675.60			
BPU Community Energy Plan Grant		10,000.00	10,000.00			
Bulletproof Vest Program		1,866.63	1,866.63			
CDBG Park Improvements - Carol Pager	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00			
Clean Communities Program		31,501.82	31,501.82			
Emergency Management Agency Assitance		10,000.00	10,000.00			
Hazardous Discharge Grant Ground Water	2,074,230.00	2,074,230.00	2,074,230.00			
Hazardous Discharge Grant 60 Cornell Blvd		817,636.00	817,636.00			
Local Recreational Improvement Grant		75,000.00	75,000.00			
Municipal Alliance on Alcohol & Drug Abuse	6,776.49	6,776.49	6,776.49			
Municipal Alliance on Alcohol & Drug Abuse - Match		1,694.12	1,694.12			
Opioid Settlement Proceeds	1,875.31	81,617.51	81,617.51			
Recycling Tonnage Grant		9,216.93	9,216.93			
SIF Safety and Risk Grant		9,956.00	9,956.00			
Youth Services Grant	6,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00			
Matching Funds for Grants	5,000.00	3,305.88			3,305.88	
<u>TOTAL OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>	<u>2,461,557.40</u>	<u>3,513,976.98</u>	<u>3,456,319.30</u>		<u>57,657.68</u>	

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

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SHEET #6

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

	APPROPRIATIONS		EXPENDED			UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELED
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u>	<u>PAID OR CHARGED</u>	<u>ENCUMBERED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>						
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	_____	_____	_____
<u>MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE-EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>						
Payment of Bond Principal	815,000.00	815,000.00	815,000.00			
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes and Capital Notes	113,000.00	113,000.00	113,000.00			
Interest on Bonds	389,875.00	389,875.00	389,875.00			
Interest on Notes	364,560.00	364,560.00	364,556.25			3.75
NJEIT Loan						
Loan Repayment of Principal	225,195.00	225,195.00	225,194.13			0.87
Loan Repayment of Interest	24,350.00	24,350.00	23,135.00			1,215.00
SCIA Loan						
Capital Lease Program Principal	112,580.00	112,580.00	112,578.76			1.24
Capital Lease Program Interest	832,632.00	832,632.00	832,621.48	_____	_____	10.52
TOTAL MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE- EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"	2,877,192.00	2,877,192.00	2,875,960.62	_____	_____	1,231.38
<u>DEFERRED CHARGES-MUNICIPAL-EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>						
Deferred Charges - Fund Capital Ordinances						
Ordinance #2361	266,309.21	266,309.21	266,309.21			
Ordinance #2377	230,000.00	230,000.00	230,000.00			
Ordinance #2420	27,910.69	27,910.69	27,910.69	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL DEFERRED CHARGES-MUNICIPAL-EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"	524,219.90	524,219.90	524,219.90	_____	_____	_____

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

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SHEET #7

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

	APPROPRIATIONS		EXPENDED			UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELED
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u>	<u>PAID OR CHARGED</u>	<u>ENCUMBERED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"	\$ 9,862,969.30	\$ 10,915,388.88	\$ 10,856,499.82	\$	\$ 57,657.68	\$ 1,231.38
SUB-TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>28,117,234.30</u>	<u>29,169,653.88</u>	<u>27,010,836.00</u>	<u>771,217.76</u>	<u>1,386,368.74</u>	<u>1,231.38</u>
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES	<u>1,900,000.00</u>	<u>1,900,000.00</u>	<u>1,900,000.00</u>			
<u>TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>\$ 30,017,234.30</u>	<u>\$ 31,069,653.88</u>	<u>\$ 28,910,836.00</u>	<u>\$ 771,217.76</u>	<u>\$ 1,386,368.74</u>	<u>\$ 1,231.38</u>
Amendment by (NJSA 40A:4-87)	REF.	A-2:A-3		A,A-1	A:A-1	
Budget	A-2	\$ 1,052,419.58				
	A-3	<u>30,017,234.30</u>				
		<u>\$ 31,069,653.88</u>				
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-2		\$ 1,900,000.00			
Reserve for Grants Appropriated	A-13		3,310,671.10			
Reserve for Tax Appeals	A-10		75,000.00			
Disbursements	A-4		<u>23,625,164.90</u>			
			<u>\$ 28,910,836.00</u>			

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
TRUST FUND

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2024</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>	<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES</u> <u>AND FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2024</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>
Assessment Trust Fund:				Assessment Trust Fund:			
Cash	B-1	\$ 10,467.52	\$ 10,467.52	Due to General Capital Fund	B-1	\$ 22,875.06	\$ 22,875.06
Due from Current Fund	B-1	12,439.62	12,439.62	Fund Balance	B-1	32.08	32.08
Total Assessment Trust Fund		<u>22,907.14</u>	<u>22,907.14</u>	Total Assessment Trust Fund		<u>22,907.14</u>	<u>22,907.14</u>
Animal Control Trust Fund:				Animal Control Trust Fund:			
Cash	B-1	25,304.24	28,944.24	Due to Current Fund	B-1	22,103.21	26,349.38
				Due to State of NJ	B-1	3.00	3.00
				Reserve for Animal Control Fund Expenditures	B-1,B-2	3,198.03	2,591.86
Total Animal Control Trust Fund		<u>25,304.24</u>	<u>28,944.24</u>	Total Animal Control Trust Fund		<u>25,304.24</u>	<u>28,944.24</u>
Trust-Other Fund:				Trust-Other Fund:			
Cash	B-1	5,170,709.75	5,295,633.36	Interfund Payable	B-1	25,533.60	25,533.60
Interfund Receivable	B-1	215,510.42	215,510.42	Reserve for Encumbrances	B-1	361,252.58	121,622.32
Accounts Receivable			8,261.00	Reserve for:			
CDBG Receivable			44,385.89	Miscellaneous Deposits	B-1,B-3	3,138,298.58	3,434,536.45
				CDBG Expenditures			44,385.89
				Unemployment Insurance Fund	B-1	125,764.00	123,495.28
				Planning/Zoning Escrow	B-1	275,640.09	257,807.45
				Builders Escrow	B-1	212,491.66	170,143.04
				Tax Redemption Trust	B-1	585,900.00	810,600.00
				Recreation Commission	B-1	174,783.77	185,720.40
				Housing Assistance Program	B-1	101,299.59	115,071.93
				Law Enforcement Trust Fund	B-1	32,388.56	41,616.07
				Payroll Agency	B-1	345,729.74	223,556.74
				Credit Card Fee Accounts	B-1	7,138.00	9,701.50
Total Trust-Other Fund		<u>5,386,220.17</u>	<u>5,563,790.67</u>	Total Trust-Other Fund		<u>5,386,220.17</u>	<u>5,563,790.67</u>
		\$ <u>5,434,431.55</u>	\$ <u>5,615,642.05</u>			\$ <u>5,434,431.55</u>	\$ <u>5,615,642.05</u>

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2024</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	C-2:C-3	\$ 9,759,443.58	\$ 7,435,192.13
Due from Various Grantor Agencies	C-7	4,433,036.78	4,575,256.68
Due from Somerset County Improvement Authority	C-12	3,303.34	3,303.34
Due from Current Fund	C-13	97,773.75	97,773.75
Due from Trust Assessment Fund	C-17	22,875.06	22,875.06
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:			
Funded	C-5	12,934,679.18	14,050,997.07
Unfunded	C-6	<u>9,888,918.78</u>	<u>10,113,407.53</u>
		<u>\$ 37,140,030.47</u>	<u>\$ 36,298,805.56</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
General Serial Bonds Payable	C-10	\$ 10,580,000.00	\$ 11,395,000.00
NJEIT Loans Payable	C-11	2,156,747.26	2,381,941.39
SCIA Leases Payable	C-16	197,931.92	274,055.68
Bond Anticipation Notes	C-9	6,547,000.00	6,693,715.00
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	C-8	8,321,144.14	8,288,033.77
Unfunded	C-8	1,820,993.18	1,963,851.05
Reserve for Encumbrances Payable	C-8	3,270,148.70	3,104,423.71
Reserve for Payment of Future Debt Service	C-14	747,159.35	543,709.35
Reserve for Grant Receivable	C-15	1,742,026.25	1,437,800.00
Capital Improvement Fund	C-4	1,562,711.83	54,711.83
Fund Balance	C-1	<u>194,167.84</u>	<u>161,563.78</u>
		<u>\$ 37,140,030.47</u>	<u>\$ 36,298,805.56</u>
Bonds and Notes Authorized but not Issued	C-18	<u>\$ 3,341,918.78</u>	<u>\$ 3,419,692.53</u>

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE
 REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2023	C	\$	161,563.78
Increased by:			
Premium on BAN sale	C-2		<u>32,604.06</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	C	\$	<u><u>194,167.84</u></u>

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SEWER UTILITY FUND

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2024</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>	<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES</u> <u>AND FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2024</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>
Operating Fund:				Operating Fund:			
Cash and Investments - Treasurer	\$	\$	5,207,483.25	Liabilities			
Interfunds Receivable			11,579.04	Appropriation Reserves	\$	\$	850,543.53
				Reserve for Encumbrances			37,068.40
			5,219,062.29	Rent Overpayments			12,006.99
				Accounts Payable			48,481.68
				Accrued Interest			4,050.00
				Due to HUD			407,000.00
Receivables With Full Reserves:							
Consumer Accounts Receivable			89,633.34				1,359,150.60
Sewer Utility Liens Receivable			1,850.00				91,483.34
				Reserve for Receivables			3,859,911.69
			91,483.34	Fund Balance			
Total Operating Fund	\$	\$	5,310,545.63	Total Operating Fund	\$	\$	5,310,545.63

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SEWER UTILITY FUND

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE
REGULATORY BASIS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED</u>			
Fund Balance		\$	\$ 125,000.00
Sewer Use Charges	D-2,D-3	89,277.26	2,281,661.99
Connection Fees			76,500.00
Interest on Deposits	D-2	167,807.46	131,100.73
Interest and Penalties	D-2	7,404.55	19,092.45
Miscellaneous	D-2	79.71	1,297.09
Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated			274,667.42
Other Credits to Income:			
Overpayments Canceled	D-4	12,006.99	
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	D-6	550,818.02	829,466.26
Accounts Payable Canceled	D-8	42,444.68	
Accrued Interest Payable Canceled	D-9	4,050.00	
		<u>873,888.67</u>	<u>3,738,785.94</u>
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>			
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Budget Appropriations:			
Operating			
Salaries and Wages			142,500.00
Other Expenses			2,322,500.00
Debt Service			86,300.00
Statutory Expenditures and Deferred Charges			138,528.00
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	D-2	65.00	7,514.35
Interfund Receivable Canceled	D-7	11,579.04	
Transfer of Sewer Utility Fund Balance to Current Fund	D-2	4,722,156.32	
		<u>4,733,800.36</u>	<u>2,697,342.35</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>			
(Deficit)/Excess in Revenue		(3,859,911.69)	1,041,443.59
<u>Fund Balance</u>			
Balance, January 1	D	<u>3,859,911.69</u>	<u>2,943,468.10</u>
			3,984,911.69
Decreased by:			
Utilization by Sewer Utility Operating Budget			<u>125,000.00</u>
Balance, December 31	D	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,859,911.69</u>

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
PARKING UTILITY FUND

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2024</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>	<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES</u> <u>AND FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2024</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>
Operating Fund:				Operating Fund:			
Cash and Investments - Treasurer	E-4	\$ <u>1,356,461.99</u>	\$ <u>1,242,507.96</u>	Liabilities			
				Appropriation Reserves	E-3,E-6	\$ 233,499.84	\$ 375,021.09
				Reserve for Encumbrances	E-3,E-6	22,279.42	56,551.79
				Accounts Payable	E-7	<u>1,201.74</u>	<u>14,895.00</u>
						256,981.00	446,467.88
				Fund Balance	E-1	<u>1,099,480.99</u>	<u>796,040.08</u>
Total Operating Fund		<u>1,356,461.99</u>	<u>1,242,507.96</u>	Total Operating Fund		<u>1,356,461.99</u>	<u>1,242,507.96</u>
Capital Fund:				Capital Fund:			
Cash and Investments - Treasurer	E-4,E-5	82,479.85	32,479.85	Improvement Authorizations			
Fixed Capital	E-8	146,367.81	146,367.81	Funded	E-10	3,847.66	3,847.66
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	E-9	<u>175,000.00</u>	<u>175,000.00</u>	Reserve for Amortization	E-12	146,367.81	146,367.81
				Deferred Reserve for Amortization	E-11	175,000.00	175,000.00
				Capital Improvement Fund	E-13	<u>78,632.19</u>	<u>28,632.19</u>
Total Capital Fund		<u>403,847.66</u>	<u>353,847.66</u>	Total Capital Fund		<u>403,847.66</u>	<u>353,847.66</u>
		\$ <u><u>1,760,309.65</u></u>	\$ <u><u>1,596,355.62</u></u>			\$ <u><u>1,760,309.65</u></u>	\$ <u><u>1,596,355.62</u></u>

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
PARKING UTILITY FUND

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - OPERATING FUND
REGULATORY BASIS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

<u>REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED</u>	<u>REF.</u>	<u>YEAR 2024</u>	<u>YEAR 2023</u>
Fund Balance	E-2	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 190,000.00
Parking Meters	E-2	560,855.69	521,493.37
Parking Permits	E-2	10,335.00	24,230.00
Desapio Deck Contributions	E-2	76,000.00	76,000.00
Parking Impact Fees	E-2	53,244.00	52,164.00
Miscellaneous	E-2	52,008.26	43,870.49
Other Credits to Income:			
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	E-6	390,102.96	122,328.85
Accounts Payable Canceled	E-7	14,895.00	
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>		<u>1,327,440.91</u>	<u>1,030,086.71</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Budget Appropriations:			
Operating			
Salaries and Wages	E-3	284,500.00	230,000.00
Other Expenses	E-3	449,000.00	501,000.00
Capital Improvements	E-3	50,000.00	125,000.00
Statutory Expenditures and Deferred Charges	E-3	70,000.00	35,000.00
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	E-4	500.00	101,879.52
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>854,000.00</u>	<u>992,879.52</u>
Excess in Revenue		473,440.91	37,207.19
<u>Fund Balance</u>			
Balance, January 1	E	<u>796,040.08</u>	<u>948,832.89</u>
		1,269,480.99	986,040.08
Decreased by:			
Utilization by Parking Utility Operating Budget	E-2	<u>170,000.00</u>	<u>190,000.00</u>
Balance, December 31	E	<u>\$ 1,099,480.99</u>	<u>\$ 796,040.08</u>

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
PARKING UTILITY FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES - OPERATING
REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>ANTICIPATED</u>	<u>REALIZED</u>	<u>EXCESS OR (DEFICIT)</u>
Fund Balance	E-1	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	\$
Parking Meters	E-1,E-4	500,000.00	560,855.69	60,855.69
Parking Permits	E-1,E-4	20,000.00	10,335.00	(9,665.00)
Desapio Deck Contributions	E-1,E-4	76,000.00	76,000.00	
Parking Impact Fees	E-1,E-4	50,000.00	53,244.00	3,244.00
Miscellaneous	E-1,E-4	<u>37,500.00</u>	<u>52,008.26</u>	<u>14,508.26</u>
		<u>\$ 853,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 922,442.95</u>	<u>\$ 68,942.95</u>
Analysis of Realized Revenues:				
Analysis of Parking Meters:				
Parking Meters - Parking Utility	E-4		<u>\$ 560,855.69</u>	
<u>Analysis of Miscellaneous Revenue:</u>				
Interest on Investments			\$ 47,042.53	
Electric Car Charging Station			3,644.48	
Parking Lot 6 Paving Fees			<u>1,321.25</u>	
	E-4		<u>\$ 52,008.26</u>	

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
PARKING UTILITY FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		<u>EXPENDED</u>			<u>CANCELED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u>	<u>PAID OR CHARGED</u>	<u>ENCUMBERED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	
Operating:						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 284,500.00	\$ 284,500.00	\$ 192,063.08		\$ 92,436.92	\$
Other Expenses	449,000.00	449,000.00	285,657.66	22,279.42	141,062.92	
Capital Improvements:						
Capital Improvement Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00			
Statutory Expenditures:						
Contributions to:						
Public Employees' Retirement System	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00			
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00			
	<u>\$ 853,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 853,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 597,720.74</u>	<u>\$ 22,279.42</u>	<u>\$ 233,499.84</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>REF.</u>	E-2	E-2	E-1,E-4	E,E-1	E,E-1	

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
 REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2024</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Due from Trust Other Fund - PATF I	F-1	\$ <u>25,533.60</u>	\$ <u>25,533.60</u>
Total Assets		\$ <u><u>25,533.60</u></u>	\$ <u><u>25,533.60</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</u>			
Reserve for Public Assistance Public Assistance Trust Fund I	F-2	\$ <u><u>25,533.60</u></u>	\$ <u><u>25,533.60</u></u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GOVERNMENTAL FIXED ASSETS

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
 REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2024</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Governmental Fixed Assets:		
Land	\$ 11,488,600.00	\$ 10,571,500.00
Buildings/Improvements	31,036,200.00	10,498,600.00
Equipment	<u>8,106,893.00</u>	<u>7,845,577.00</u>
Total Governmental Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 50,631,693.00</u>	<u>\$ 28,915,677.00</u>
 <u>RESERVE</u>		
Investment in Governmental Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 50,631,693.00</u>	<u>\$ 28,915,677.00</u>

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

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

Note 1: FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The Borough of Somerville ("Borough") operates under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:60-1 et seq., which provides for the election of a mayor to serve a term of four years and a council of six members serving three-year terms. At its annual meeting, the council elects a president of the council who shall preside at all its meetings when the mayor is not present. The mayor is the head of the municipal government and the council is the legislative body. The Borough has adopted an administrative code, which provides for the delegation of a portion of executive responsibilities to an administrator and the organization of the council into standing committees to oversee various Borough activities.

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

Except as noted below, the financial statements of the Borough include every board, body, officer or commission supported and maintained wholly or in part by funds appropriated by the Borough, as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-5. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Borough do not include the operations of the municipal library.

B. Description of Funds

The accounting policies of the Borough conform to the accounting principles applicable to municipalities that 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 regulatory-basis of accounting, the Borough accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate funds:

Current Fund - resources and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature, including Federal and State grant funds, except as otherwise noted.

Trust Fund - receipts, custodianship and disbursement of funds in accordance with the purposes for which each reserve was created. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39, the financial transactions of the following funds and accounts are also reported within the Trust Fund:

- Trust Assessment Fund
- Animal Control Trust Fund
- Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund
- Dedicated Law Enforcement Trust Fund
- Developer's Escrow Fund
- Payroll Fund
- Community Development Block Grant Fund

General Capital Fund - resources, including Federal and State Grants in aid of construction, and expenditures for the acquisition of general capital facilities, other than those acquired through the Current Fund, including the status of bonds and notes authorized for said purposes.

Sewer Utility Operating and Capital Funds – account for the operations and acquisition of capital facilities of the municipally-owned Sewer Utility. The Borough sold its wastewater collection system on October 3, 2023. Refer to Note 17 for further information.

Parking Utility Operating and Capital Funds – account for the operations and capital facilities of the municipally-owned Parking Utility.

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D):

B. Description of Funds (Cont'd.)

Governmental Fixed Assets - the Governmental Fixed Asset System is used to account for fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations for control purposes. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available or any other reasonable basis, provided such basis is adequately disclosed in the financial statements. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date of donation. No depreciation is recorded on general fixed assets.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standards-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards and subsequent GASB pronouncements are recognized as U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for state and local governments. GAAP provides for the issuance of entity-wide financial statements along with the presentation of separate fund financial statements that differ from the organization of funds prescribed under the regulatory basis of accounting utilized by the Borough. The resultant presentation of financial position and results of operations in the form of financial statements is not intended to present the basic financial statement presentation required by GAAP.

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus - The basis of accounting as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services for its operating funds is generally a modified cash basis for revenue recognition and a modified accrual basis for expenditures. The operating funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. The accounting principles and practices prescribed for municipalities by the Division differ in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) applicable to local government units. The most significant is the reporting of entity-wide financial statements, which are not presented in the accounting principles prescribed by the Division. The other more significant differences are as follows:

Revenues - Revenues are recorded as received in cash except for statutory reimbursements and grant funds which are due from other governmental units. State and Federal grants, entitlements and shared revenues received for operating purposes are realized as revenues when anticipated in the Borough's budget. Receivables for property taxes and water and sewer consumer charges are recorded with offsetting reserves within the Current Fund. Other amounts that are due to the Borough which are susceptible to accrual are recorded as receivables with offsetting reserves. These reserves are liquidated and revenues are recorded as realized upon receipt of cash. GAAP requires the recognition of revenues for general operations in the accounting period in which they become available and measurable.

Expenditures - For purposes of financial reporting, expenditures are recorded as "paid or charged" or "appropriation reserves". Paid or charged refers to the Borough's "budgetary" basis of accounting. Generally, these 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. Reserves for unliquidated encumbrances at the close of the year are reported as a cash liability. Encumbrances do not constitute expenditures under GAAP. Appropriation reserves refers to unexpended appropriation balances at the close of the year. Appropriation reserves are automatically created and recorded as a cash liability, 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 and not recorded in the preceding fiscal year.

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D.)

C. Basis of Accounting (Cont'd.)

Expenditures (Cont'd.) - Lapsed appropriation reserves are recorded as income. Generally, unexpended balances of budget appropriations are not recorded as expenditures under GAAP. For the purpose of calculating the results of Current Fund operations, the regulatory basis of accounting utilized by the Borough requires that certain expenditures be deferred, and raised as items of appropriation in budgets of succeeding years. These deferred charges include the two general categories of overexpenditures and emergency appropriations. Overexpenditures occur when expenditures recorded as "paid or charged" exceed available appropriation balances. Emergency appropriations occur when, subsequent to the adoption of a balanced budget, the governing body authorizes the establishment of additional appropriations based on unforeseen circumstances or for other special purposes as defined by statute. Overexpenditures and emergency appropriations are deducted from total expenditures in the calculation of operating results and are established as assets for Deferred Charges on the Current Fund balance sheet. GAAP does not permit the deferral of overexpenditures to succeeding budgets.

In addition, GAAP does not recognize expenditures based on the authorization of an appropriation. Instead, the authorization of special purpose expenditures, such as the preparation of tax maps or revaluation of assessable real property, would represent the designation of fund balance.

Compensated Absences - The Borough has adopted written policies via employee contracts and municipal ordinances which set forth the terms under which an employee may accumulated earned, but unused, vacation and sick leave, establishes the limits on such accumulations and specifies the conditions under which the right to receive payment for such accumulations vests with the employee. The Borough records expenditures for payments of earned and unused vacation and sick leave in the accounting period in which the payments are made. GAAP requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recorded for leave that has not been used when the leave is attributable to services already rendered and the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash. Compensated absences liabilities are not recorded on the balance sheet.

Property Acquired for Taxes - Foreclosed property is recorded in the Current Fund at the assessed valuation when such property was acquired and is fully reserved. GAAP requires such property to be recorded in the general fixed asset account group at the lower of cost or fair market value.

Sale of Municipal Assets - Cash proceeds from the sale of Borough owned property are reserved until utilized as an item of anticipated revenue in a subsequent year budget. Year-end balances of such proceeds are reported as a cash liability in the Current Fund. GAAP requires that revenue be recognized in the accounting period that the terms of sales contracts become legally enforceable.

Interfunds - Interfund receivables in the Current Fund are recorded with offsetting reserves, which are created by charges to operations. Income is recognized in the accounting period the receivables are liquidated. GAAP does not require the establishment of offsetting reserves. Interfund receivables in the other funds are not offset by reserves.

Inventories of Supplies - The cost of inventories of supplies for all funds are recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The cost of inventories are not included on the various balance sheets. Although the expenditure method of accounting for purchases of supplies is in accordance with GAAP, the cost of inventory on hand at the close of the year should be reported on the balance sheet with an offsetting reserve for conformity with GAAP.

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D.)

C. Basis of Accounting (Cont'd.)

Fixed Assets - Property and equipment purchased by the Current and the General Capital Funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase and are not capitalized. Contributions in aid of construction are not capitalized.

Governmental Fixed Assets – New Jersey Administrative Code 5:30-5.6 established a mandate for fixed asset accounting by municipalities, effective December 31, 1985, which differs in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles, requires the inclusion of a statement of Governmental Fixed Assets of the Borough as part of the basic financial statements. 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.

No depreciation has been provided for in the financial statements.

Accounting for utility fund “fixed capital” remains unchanged under the requirements of regulation 5:30-5.6.

Property and equipment purchased by the Sewer and Parking Utility Funds are recorded in the capital account at cost and are adjusted for disposition and abandonment. The amounts shown do not purport to represent reproduction costs or current value. Contributions in aid of construction are not capitalized. The balance in the Reserve for Amortization and Deferred Reserve for Amortization accounts in the utility capital funds represent charges to operations for the cost of acquisitions of property, equipment and improvements. The utilities do not record depreciation on fixed assets.

Grants Received – Federal and state grants, entitlements or shared revenues received for purposes normally financed through the Current Fund are recognized when anticipated in the Borough’s Budget. GAAP requires such revenues to be recognized in the accounting period when they become susceptible to accrual, reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts.

Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)

Financial reporting standards established by the DLGS exclude the financial information relating to a LOSAP program from the scope of the statutory audit. Accordingly, financial information relating to the Borough’s LOSAP program, a deferred income program created pursuant to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code for the benefit of the members of the volunteer fire company and volunteer first aid and rescue squad, is not reported as part of the Borough’s basic financial statements. As the LOSAP Plan’s assets remain the property of the Borough until withdrawn by participants, GAAP requires that the Plan’s financial information be included in the Borough’s basic financial statements. See Note 11 regarding the availability of LOSAP Plan financial information.

Net Pension Liability and Pension Related Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources and Pension Expense

The requirements of GASB Statement No. 68, “*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*” require governmental entities to record their distributive shares of net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and total pension related expense. Accounting principles applicable to municipalities, which have been prescribed by the Division, do not require the recording of these liabilities, deferrals and expenses, but do require the disclosure of these amounts. The audited financial information related to pensions is released annually by the State’s Division of Pensions and Benefits and is required to be included as note disclosures in the financial statements. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.1(c)2, municipalities may use the most recent available audited GASB 68 financial information published by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits. As of the date of the audit, the 2023 Public Employees’ Retirement System Report and the 2023 Police and Firemen’s Retirement System Report were the most recent reports available and therefore information for that year was disclosed accordingly. Refer to Note 7 to the financial statements for these disclosures.

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D.)

C. Basis of Accounting (Cont'd.)

Other Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions

The requirements of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)* that is provided by other entities require governmental entities to record in their financial statements a share of the other governments net OPEB liability, deferred outflow of resources, deferred inflow of resources and total OPEB expense. Accounting principles applicable to municipalities, which have been prescribed by the Division, do not require the recording of these liabilities, deferrals and expenses, but do require the disclosure of the amounts. Since the Borough does not follow GAAP, the GASB did not result in a change in the Borough's assets, liabilities and contribution requirements. However, it did result in additional note disclosures as required by the GASB Statement.

The Borough participates in a special funding situation with the State of New Jersey multi-employer plan. As it relates to the State of New Jersey multi-employer plan, the audited financial information related to OPEBs is released annually by the State's Division of Pensions and Benefits and is required to be included as note disclosures in the financial statements. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.1(c)2, municipalities may use the most recent available audited GASB 75 financial information published by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits. As of the date of audit, the 2023 Report was the most recent report available and therefore information for that year was disclosed accordingly. As a result, the latest available audited information is presented in Note 8 to the financial statements.

Disclosures About Fair Value of Financial Instruments - The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value:

Cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments - The carrying amount approximates fair value because of the short maturity of those instruments.

Long-term debt - The Borough's long-term debt is stated at face value. The debt is not traded and it is not practicable to determine its fair value without incurring excessive cost. Additional information pertinent to the Borough's long-term debt is provided in Note 3 to the financial statements.

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements – The GASB Codification also defines the financial statements of a governmental unit to be presented in the basic financial statements to be in accordance with GAAP. The Borough 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.

Recent Accounting Standards - The City does not prepare its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The adoption of these new standards will not adversely affect the reporting on the Borough's financial condition.

The GASB issued Statement No. 102 "*Certain Risk Disclosures*" December 2023. This Statement defines a concentration as a lack of diversity related to an aspect of a significant inflow of resources or outflow of resources. A constraint is a limitation imposed on a government by an external party or by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Concentrations and constraints may limit a government's ability to acquire resources or control spending. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter. Management has not yet determined the impact of this Statement on the financial statements.

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Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D.)

C. Basis of Accounting (Cont'd.)

The GASB issued Statement No. 103, "*Financial Reporting Model Improvements*" in April 2024. The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter. Management has not determined the impact of the Statement on the financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement No. 104, "*Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*" in September 2024. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about certain types of capital assets including lease assets, intangible right-to-use assets, subscription assets, other intangible assets and assets held for sale. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter. Management has not determined the impact of the Statement on the financial statements.

Comparative Data - Comparative data for the prior year has been presented in order to provide an understanding of changes on the Borough's financial position and operations. However, comparative data has not been presented in each of the statements since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

Note 3: DEBT, DEBT SERVICE AND STATUTORY DEBT CONDITION

The Local Bond Law governs the issuance of bonds and notes to finance general capital expenditures. All bonds are retired in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness. Bonds issued by the City are general obligation bonds, backed by the full faith and credit of the Borough. Bond anticipation notes, which are issued to temporarily finance capital projects, must be paid off within 10 years and 5 months or retired by the issuance of bonds.

The Borough's debt as of December 31st is summarized as follows:

Summary of Municipal Debt (Excluding Current and Operating Debt)

Summary of Municipal Debt for Capital Projects

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Issued:</u>		
General:		
Bonds and Notes	\$ 17,127,000.00	\$ 18,088,715.00
S.C.I.A. Capital Leases	197,931.92	274,055.68
NJEIT Loans	<u>2,156,747.26</u>	<u>2,381,941.39</u>
Net Debt Issued	<u>19,481,679.18</u>	<u>20,744,712.07</u>
<u>Authorized But Not Issued:</u>		
General:		
Bonds and Notes	<u>3,341,918.78</u>	<u>3,419,692.53</u>
Total Authorized But Not Issued	<u>3,341,918.78</u>	<u>3,419,692.53</u>
Bonds and Notes Issued and Authorized but not Issued	<u>\$ 22,823,597.96</u>	<u>\$ 24,164,404.60</u>

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Note 3: DEBT, DEBT SERVICE AND STATUTORY DEBT CONDITION (CONT'D.)

The summarized statement of debt condition which follows indicates a statutory net debt of 1.32% at December 31, 2024:

<u>2024</u>	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
Local School District Debt	\$ 5,125,000.00	\$ 5,125,000.00	\$ -
General Debt	<u>22,823,597.96</u>	<u>747,159.35</u>	<u>22,076,438.61</u>
	<u>\$ 27,948,597.96</u>	<u>\$ 5,872,159.35</u>	<u>\$ 22,076,438.61</u>

Net Debt \$22,076,438.61 Divided by Equalized Valuation Basis per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2 as amended \$1,670,247,035.33 = 1.32%

<u>2023</u>	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
Local School District Debt	\$ 6,905,000.00	\$ 6,905,000.00	\$ -
General Debt	<u>24,164,404.60</u>	<u>543,709.35</u>	<u>23,620,695.25</u>
	<u>\$ 31,069,404.60</u>	<u>\$ 7,448,709.35</u>	<u>\$ 23,620,695.25</u>

Net Debt \$23,620,695.25 Divided by Equalized Valuation Basis per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2 as amended \$1,527,289,672.00 = 1.55%

Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statement Borrowing Power Under N.J.S.A.40A:2-6 as Amended

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
3 1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis Municipal Net Debt	<u>\$58,458,646.24</u> <u>22,076,438.61</u>	<u>\$53,455,138.52</u> <u>23,620,695.25</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$36,382,207.63</u>	<u>\$29,834,443.27</u>

School Debt Deductions

School debt is deductible up to the extent of 4.0% of the Average Equalized Assessed Valuations of real property for the Local District

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Note 3: DEBT, DEBT SERVICE AND STATUTORY DEBT CONDITION (CONT'D.)

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

General Capital Improvement Bonds

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Borough's long-term debt is as follows:

	2024	2023
<u>General Obligation Bonds and Notes</u>		
\$6,770,000, General Obligation Bonds of 2016, due in annual installments of \$450,000 to \$570,000 through Feb. 15, 2029, interest at 2.000% to 2.750%	\$ 2,595,000.00	\$ 3,020,000.00
\$4,575,000, General Obligation Bonds of 2020, due in annual installments of \$265,000 to \$340,000 through Nov. 1, 2036, interest at 2.000% to 4.000%	3,625,000.00	3,890,000.00
\$4,570,000, General Obligation Bonds of 2022, due in annual installments of \$245,000 to \$445,000 through Sep. 1, 2037, interest at 5.000%.	4,360,000.00	4,485,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes - Mature 1/28/25 at 4.00%	6,547,000.00	6,693,715.00
	<u>\$ 17,127,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 18,088,715.00</u>

Changes in Long-Term Municipal Debt

The Borough's Long-term debt activity for December 31, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

	Balance, December 31, 2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance, December 31, 2024
Bonds Payable				
General Capital Fund	\$ 11,395,000.00		\$ 815,000.00	\$ 10,580,000.00
Total Bonds Payable	<u>\$ 11,395,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 815,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,580,000.00</u>
SCIA Lease Payable				
General Capital Fund	\$ 274,055.68		\$ 76,123.76	\$ 197,931.92
Environmental Infrastructure Loans Payable				
General Capital Fund	\$ 2,381,941.39		\$ 225,194.13	\$ 2,156,747.26
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 14,050,997.07</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,116,317.89</u>	<u>\$ 12,934,679.18</u>

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Note 3: DEBT, DEBT SERVICE AND STATUTORY DEBT CONDITION (CONT'D.)

	Balance, December 31, 2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance, December 31, 2023
Bonds Payable				
General Capital Fund	\$ 16,075,000.00		\$ 4,680,000.00	\$ 11,395,000.00
Sewer Utility Capital Fund	960,000.00		960,000.00	-
Total Bonds Payable	<u>\$ 17,035,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,640,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,395,000.00</u>
SCIA Lease Payable				
General Capital Fund	<u>\$ 1,008,494.82</u>		<u>\$ 734,439.14</u>	<u>\$ 274,055.68</u>
Environmental Infrastructure Loans Payable				
General Capital Fund	<u>\$ 2,607,135.52</u>		<u>\$ 225,194.13</u>	<u>\$ 2,381,941.39</u>

A schedule of annual debt service for future principal and interest for serial bonded debt is as follows:

Year	Cash Basis		
	General		Total
	Principal	Interest	
2025	\$ 960,000.00	\$ 400,275.00	\$ 1,360,275.00
2026	1,035,000.00	367,925.00	1,402,925.00
2027	1,075,000.00	333,675.00	1,408,675.00
2028	1,120,000.00	298,225.00	1,418,225.00
2029	1,165,000.00	259,237.50	1,424,237.50
2030-2034	3,290,000.00	644,100.00	3,934,100.00
2035-2037	<u>1,935,000.00</u>	<u>251,100.00</u>	<u>2,186,100.00</u>
	<u>\$ 10,580,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,554,537.50</u>	<u>\$ 13,134,537.50</u>

A schedule of annual debt service for future principal and interest for other debt is as follows:

Year	Cash Basis				
	General NJEIT Loan		General SCIA Lease		Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
2025	\$ 230,194.13	\$ 19,412.50	\$ 77,846.50	\$ 4,018.78	\$ 331,471.91
2026	235,194.13	16,662.50	79,608.23	2,257.05	333,721.91
2027	235,194.13	13,662.50	40,477.19	455.45	289,789.27
2028	240,194.13	10,662.50			250,856.63
2029	240,194.13	7,412.50			247,606.63
2030-2033	<u>975,776.61</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>			<u>991,776.61</u>
	<u>\$ 2,156,747.26</u>	<u>\$ 83,812.50</u>	<u>\$ 197,931.92</u>	<u>\$ 6,731.28</u>	<u>\$ 2,445,222.96</u>

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Note 3: DEBT, DEBT SERVICE AND STATUTORY DEBT CONDITION (CONT'D.)

Loan Agreements

Capital Equipment and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2016

The Borough entered into a capital equipment lease agreement with the Somerset County Improvement Authority – Capital Equipment and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 in the amount of \$808,000.00 for the Purchase of a Fire Truck. The loan obligation was due in twenty bi-annual installments and remaining principal payments spread over an eight year period with amounts ranging from \$38,705.49 through \$40,477.19 with an interest rate 2.25%.

The SCIA Loans above have been included in the calculation of the Borough's statutory debt condition.

Bond Anticipation Notes

Outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes, issued January 30, 2024 with a maturity of one year at a rate of 4.00%, are summarized as follows:

	Balance, December 31, 2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance December 31, 2024
Bond Anticipation Notes				
General Capital Fund	\$ 6,693,715.00	\$ 6,547,000.00	\$ 6,693,715.00	\$ 6,547,000.00
Total	\$ 6,693,715.00	\$ 6,547,000.00	\$ 6,693,715.00	\$ 6,547,000.00

Bond and Notes Authorized but Not Issued

There were Bonds and Notes Authorized but Not Issued in the following amounts:

	Balance <u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>	Balance <u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
General Capital Fund:		
General Improvements	\$ 3,341,918.78	\$ 3,419,692.53

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Note 4: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

Fund balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 were appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in their own respective funds for the year ending December 31, 2025 and 2024 as follows:

	Fund Balance December 31, 2024	Utilized in Succeeding Budget
Current Fund	\$ 16,089,588.23	\$ 5,000,000.00
Parking Operating Utility Fund	1,099,480.99	150,000.00
	Fund Balance December 31, 2023	Utilized in Succeeding Budget
Current Fund	\$ 17,139,945.86	\$ 5,800,000.00
Sewer Operating Utility Fund	3,859,911.69	
Parking Operating Utility Fund	796,040.08	170,000.00

Note 5: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Borough considers change funds, cash in banks and certificates of deposit as cash and cash equivalents.

Deposits

New Jersey statutes permit the deposit of public funds in institutions located in New Jersey, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or by any other agencies of the United States that insures deposits or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund. New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposit of public funds that exceed insurance limits to protect deposits from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Governmental Units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey.

N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et. seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Act. Public depositories include Savings and Loan institutions, banks (both state and national banks) and savings banks the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five (5) percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds; or if the public funds deposited exceed 75 percent of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value equal to 100 percent of the amount exceeding 75 percent, to secure the deposits of governmental units.

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the Governmental Units.

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the book value of the Borough's deposits were \$40,450,485.41 and \$41,759,263.92 and the bank balances of the Borough's cash and deposits amounted to \$40,495,674.91 and \$41,872,875.70, respectively. Of the bank balance, \$432,985.07 and \$422,288.41 were FDIC insured and \$39,629,084.06 and \$40,881,187.84 were GUDPA insured. \$433,605.78 and \$569,399.45 held in agency and payroll accounts for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 are not covered by GUDPA.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

Note 5: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONT'D.)

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents:</u>	<u>2024 Amount</u>	<u>2023 Amount</u>
Change Funds	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Demand Accounts	40,450,485.41	41,759,263.92
Investments	2,366,000.00	949,000.00
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 42,816,835.41	\$ 42,708,613.92

At December 31, 2024, the Borough has implemented the disclosure requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 40 *Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures* (GASB 40) and accordingly the Borough has assessed the Custodial Risk, the Concentration of Credit Risk and Interest Rate Risk of its cash and investments.

- (a) Custodial Credit Risk – The Borough's deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are: uncollateralized, collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the depositor-governments name. The deposit risk is that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Borough will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The Borough's investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the Borough and are held by either: the counterparty or the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the Borough's name. The investment risk is that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the Borough will not be able to recover the value of the investment or collateral securities that in possession of an outside party.
- (b) Concentration of Credit Risk – This is the risk associated with the amount of investments that Borough has with any one issuer that exceeds 5 percent or more of its total investments. Investment issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government and investments in mutual funds, external investment pools, and other pooled investments are excluded from this requirement.
- (c) Credit Risk – GASB Statement No. 40 requires that disclosure be made as to the credit rating of all debt security investments except for obligations of the U.S. government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government. This is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. In general, the Borough does not have an investment policy regarding Credit Risk except to the extent outlined under the Borough's investment policy. The New Jersey Cash Management Fund is not rated.
- (d) Interest Rate Risk - This is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Borough does not have a formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from interest rate fluctuations.

As of December 31, 2024, based upon the insured balances provided by the FDIC and NJGUDPA coverage, no amounts of the Borough's bank balances were considered exposed to custodial credit risk. In addition, based upon the existing deposit and investment practices, the Borough is generally not exposed to credit risks, concentration of credit risks and interest rate risks for its investments nor is it exposed to foreign currency risks for its deposits and investments.

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Note 5: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONT'D.)

Investments

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

1. Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States;
2. Government money market mutual funds;
3. Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided such obligation bear a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
4. Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the local unit is a part or within which the school district is located;
5. Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date of not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment in the Department of the Treasury for investment by local units;
6. Local government investment pools;
7. Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1997, c. 281 (C.52:18A-90.4); or
8. Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities, if:
 - a. the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3);
 - b. the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - c. the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
 - d. the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c. 236 (C.19:9-41) and for which a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

Investments generally are shown by type, carrying amount, market value and level of risk assumed in the holding of the various securities, where applicable. At year-end, the Borough maintained its invested funds in various money market and sweep accounts included in the above categorization of the Borough's deposits. In addition, the Borough invested in bond anticipation notes of another governmental entity in the amount of \$2,366,000.00 at interest rates ranging from 4.30% to 4.75% maturing January 24, 2025.

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Note 6: ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES

New Jersey statutes require that taxable valuation of real property be prepared by the Borough Tax Assessor as of October 1 in each year and filed with the County Board of Taxation by January 10 of the following year. Upon the filing of certified adopted budgets by the Borough, Local School District and County the tax rate is struck by the board based on the certified amounts in each of the taxing districts for collection to fund the budgets. Pursuant to statute, this process is to be completed on or before May 3, with a completed duplicate of the tax rolls to be delivered to the Borough Tax Collector on or before May 13th.

Tax bills are prepared and mailed by the Collector of Taxes of the Borough annually and set forth the final tax for the tax year. The bill contains a credit for preliminary amounts billed previously with the balance payable in equal installments on August 1st and November 1st of the tax year. In addition, the property owner receives a preliminary bill for the succeeding year based on one half of the prior year's tax. The preliminary payments are due and payable on February 1st and May 1st. The New Jersey Statutes allow a grace period of 10 days for each payment period and the Borough granted this option to taxpayers. Taxes become delinquent if not paid on the installment dates and become subject to interest penalties of 8% to 18% of the amount delinquent, and if a delinquency (including interest) is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears after December 31, an additional flat penalty of 6% may be charged against the delinquency. If taxes are delinquent on or after April 1st of the succeeding year, the delinquent amount is subject to "Tax Sale" which places a tax lien on the property allowing the holder to enforce the tax lien by collection or foreclosure. New Jersey property tax laws establish a tax lien on real estate as of January 1st of the current tax year even though the amount due is not known.

Note 7. PENSION PLANS

Description of Plans - The State of New Jersey, Division of Pension and Benefits (the Division) was created and exists pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A to oversee and administer the pension trust and other postemployment benefit plans sponsored by the State of New Jersey (the State). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of the Systems will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the plans terminate. Each defined benefit pension plan's designated purpose is to provide retirement, death and disability benefits to its members. The authority to amend the provision of plan rests with new legislation passed by the State of New Jersey. Pension reforms enacted pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011 included provisions creating special Pension Plan Design Committees for the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS), once a Target Funded Ratio (TFR) is met, that will have the discretionary authority to modify certain plan design features, including member contribution rate; formula for calculation of final compensation or final salary; fraction used to calculate a retirement allowance; age at which a member may be eligible and the benefits for service or early retirement; and benefits provided for disability retirement. The committee will also have the authority to reactivate the cost of living adjustment (COLA) on pensions. However, modifications can only be made to the extent that the resulting impact does not cause the funded ratio to drop below the TFR in any one year of a projection period. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for each of the plans. This report may be accessed via the Division of Pensions and Benefits website, at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions, or may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625.

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - The Public Employee Retirement System is a cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit pension plan as defined in GASB Statement No. 68. The Plan is administered by The New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (Division). The more significant aspects of the PERS Plan are as follows:

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Note 7. PENSION PLANS (CONT'D.)

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

Plan Membership and Contributing Employers- Substantially all full-time employees of the State of New Jersey or any county, municipality, school district or public agency are enrolled in PERS, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another state-administered retirement system or other state pension fund or local jurisdiction's pension fund. Membership and contributing employers of the defined benefit pension plans consisted of the following at June 30, 2023:

	<u>2023</u>
Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	191,119
Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	580
Active plan members	<u>241,151</u>
Total	<u>432,850</u>

Contributing Employers – 1,691

Significant Legislation – For State of New Jersey contributions to PERS, Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, effective May 21, 2010, required the State to resume making actuarially recommended contributions to the pension plan on a phased-in basis over a seven-year period beginning in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

Chapter 19, P.L. 2009, effective March 17, 2009, provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such an employer will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of PERS, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability is paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets.

Pursuant to the provision of, P.L. 2011, Chapter 78, COLA increases were suspended for all current and future retirees of PERS.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Borough's total payroll for all employees was \$7,630,551.04. For the year ended December 31, 2024, total PERS covered payroll was \$2,479,082.20. Due to payroll system limitations, covered payroll refers to pensionable compensation, rather than total compensation, paid by the Borough to active employees covered by the Plan.

Specific Contribution Requirements and benefit provisions – The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contributions are based on an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Funding or noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For fiscal year 2023, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount.

Employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate. The annual employer contributions include funding for basic retirement allowances and noncontributory death benefits. Borough contributions are due and payable on April 1st in the second fiscal period subsequent to plan year for which the contributions requirements were calculated.

It is assumed that the local employers will contribute 100% of their actuarially determined contribution and 100% of the Non-Contributory Group Insurance Premium Fund (NCGIPF) contribution while the State will contribute 70% of its actuarially determined contribution and 100% of its NCGIPF contribution. The 70% contribution rate is the actual total State contribution rate paid in fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 with respect to the actuarially determined contribution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for all State administered retirement systems.

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Note 7. PENSION PLANS (CONT'D.)

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

In accordance with Chapter 98, P.L. 2017, PERS receives 21.02% of the proceeds of the Lottery Enterprise for a period of 30 years. Revenues received from lottery proceeds are assumed to be contributed to the System on a monthly basis.

The Borough's liability to PERS for the year ending December 31, 2023 consisted of the following:

	<u>2023</u>
Normal Cost	\$ 57,174
Amortization of Accrued Liability	<u>301,952</u>
Total Pension	359,126
NCGI Premiums	<u>16,254</u>
Total Regular Billing	375,380
LTD Expense	-
Additional Billings: Ch. 19, P.L. 2009	<u>21,829</u>
Total PERS Payment	<u>\$ 397,209</u>

The Borough recognizes liabilities to PERS and records expenditures for same in the fiscal period that bills become due.

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15. 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:

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Definition</u>
1	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007.
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
3	Members who were eligible 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

A service retirement benefit 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 with 25 or more years of service credit before age 62, and tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier.

Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

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Note 7. PENSION PLANS (CONT'D.)

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

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

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – The regulatory basis of accounting which is basis for the preparation of the Borough's basic financial statements does not require or permit the inclusion of entity-wide, full accrual basis financial statements. Accordingly, the Borough does not recognize pension liabilities for any current or prior period until the fiscal period in which such payments will become due and payable.

At June 30, 2023, the PERS reported a net pension liability of \$14,606,489,066 for its Non-State, Non-Special Funding Situation Employer Member Group. The Borough's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the Non-State Employer Group that is attributable to the Borough was \$4,124,251 or .0284737926%, which was a decrease of 0.0012935115% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022. At December 31, 2023, the Borough's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS were from the following sources, if GASB No. 68 was recognized:

	<u>Deferred Outflows Of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows Of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 39,433	\$ 16,859
Change in assumptions	9,060	249,947
Net difference between projected and actual earnings		
On pension plan investments	18,993	
Changes in proportion and differences between Borough		
Contributions and proportionate share of contributions	254,263	238,547
Borough contributions subsequent to the		
measurement date	<u>402,662</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$724,411</u>	<u>\$ 505,353</u>

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Note 7. PENSION PLANS (CONT'D.)

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

The \$402,662 is reflected above as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Borough contributions subsequent to the measurement date. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions would be recognized in pension expense on the GAAP basis as follows:

<u>Year ending</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$(142,514)
2025	(105,998)
2026	140,280
2027	(72,701)
2028	<u>(2,671)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (183,604)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions- The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation rate:	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases:	2.75-6.55%
	Based on years of service
Investment rate of return	7.00%

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

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

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of 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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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Note 7. PENSION PLANS (CONT'D.)

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

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>
U.S. Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Market Equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liabilities of PERS 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 78% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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Note 7. PENSION PLANS (CONT'D.)

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

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the net pension liability of PERS calculated using the discount rates as disclosed above as well as what 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>2023</u>	At 1% decrease (6.00%)	At current discount rate (7.00%)	At 1% increase (8.00%)
PERS	\$5,368,897	\$4,124,251	\$3,064,892

Plan Fiduciary Net Position – The plan fiduciary net position for PERS including the State of New Jersey at June 30, 2023 was \$34,831,652,936. The portion of the Plan Fiduciary Net Position that was allocable to the Local (Non-State) Group at June 30, 2023 was \$27,400,438,440.

Additional Information

Collective Local Group balances at June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$1,080,204,730
Collective deferred inflows of resources	1,780,216,457
Collective net pension liability – Local group	14,606,489,066
 Borough's Proportion	 0.0284737926%

Collective pension expense (benefit) for the Local Group for the measurement period ended June 30, 2023 was (\$79,181,803). The average of the expected remaining service lives of all plan members is 5.08, 5.04, 5.13, 5.16, 5.21, and 5.63 years for 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively.

State Contribution Payable Dates

Chapter 83, P.L. 2016 requires the State to make pension contributions on a quarterly basis: at least 25% by September 30, at least 50% by December 31, at least 75% by March 31, and at least 100% by June 30. As such, contributions are assumed to be made on a quarterly basis with the first contribution 15 months after the associated valuation date.

Local employer's contributions are expected to be paid on April 1st, 21 months after the associated valuation date.

Receivable Contributions

The Fiduciary Net Position (FNP), includes Local employers' contributions receivable as reported in the financial statements provided by the Division of Pensions and Benefits. In determining the discount rate, the FNP at the beginning of each year does not reflect receivable contributions as those amounts are not available at the beginning of the year to pay benefits. The receivable contributions for the years ended June 30, 2023 was \$1,354,892,653.

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Note 7. PENSION PLANS (CONT'D.)

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

Special Funding Situation

The Borough is responsible for the actuarially determined annual contributions to the PERS, except where legislation was passed that legally obligates the State if certain circumstances occur. A special funding situation exists for the Local employers of the PERS. The State of New Jersey, as a non-employer, is required to pay the additional costs incurred by Local employers based upon the provisions of several legislative actions. The provisions of GASB Statement No. 68 define this relationship as a "special funding situation", and the State of New Jersey is defined as a non-employer contributing entity.

Unaudited data provided by the PERS indicates that the total Non-employer contributions made to the PERS by the State for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$61,366,036. The portion of that contribution allocated to the Borough in 2023 was \$12,862 or 0.0285818991%. The June 30, 2023 State special funding situation pension expense of \$55,672,745 was actuarially determined and represents the required contribution due from the State for the year. The special funding situation net pension liability under the special funding situation was reported at \$122,115,019 at June 30, 2023 and represents the accumulated difference between the actuarially determined annual contributions required and the actual State contributions through the valuation date. The Borough's allocated shares of the special funding situation pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2023 and its share of the special funding situation Net Pension Liability at that date were \$12,862 and \$0, respectively.

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

The Police and Firemen's Retirement System is a cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit pension plan as defined in GASB Statement No. 68. The Plan is administered by The New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (Division). The more significant aspects of the PFRS Plan are as follows:

Plan Membership and Contributing Employers- Substantially all full-time county and municipal police or firemen and state firemen or officer employees with police powers appointed after June 30, 1944 are enrolled in PFRS. Membership and contributing employers of the defined benefit pension plans consisted of the following at June 30, 2023:

	<u>2023</u>
Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	48,753
Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	60
Active plan members	<u>41,816</u>
Total	<u>90,629</u>
Contributing Employers	582
Contributing Nonemployers	1

Significant Legislation – For State of New Jersey contributions to PFRS, Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, effective May 21, 2010, required the State to resume making actuarially recommended contributions to the pension plan on a phased-in basis over a seven-year period beginning in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

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Note 7. PENSION PLANS (CONT'D.)

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

For the year ended June 30, 2023, it is assumed that the Local employers will contribute 100% of their actuarially determined contribution and 100% of their Non-Contributory Group Insurance Premium Fund (NCGIPF) contribution while the State will contribute 78% of its actuarially determined contribution and 100% of its NCGIPF contribution. The 78% contribution rate is the actual total State contribution rate paid in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 with respect to the actuarially determined contribution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for all State administered retirement systems.

In accordance with Chapter 98, P.L. 2017, PFRS receives 1.2% of the proceeds of the Lottery Enterprise for a period of 30 years. Revenues received from the lottery proceeds are assumed to be contributed to the System on a monthly basis.

Consistent with Chapter 83, P.L. 2016, it is assumed that the State will make pension contributions in equal amounts at the end of each quarter. It is assumed the Local employers' contributions are expected to be received on April 1st, 21 months after the associated valuation date.

Pursuant to the provision of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, COLA increases were suspended for all current and future retirees of PFRS.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Borough's total payroll for all employees was \$7,630,551.04. For the year ended December 31, 2024, total PFRS covered payroll was \$3,222,892.04. Due to payroll system limitations, covered payroll refers to pensionable compensation, rather than total compensation, paid by the Borough to active employees covered by the Plan.

Specific Contribution Requirements and benefit provisions – The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, the active member contribution rate was 10% in State fiscal year 2023. Employer contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined amount. The annual employer contributions include funding for basic retirement allowances and noncontributory death benefits.

Borough payments to PFRS for the year ending December 31, 2023 consisted of the following:

	<u>2023</u>
Normal Cost	\$ 439,360
Amortization of Accrued Liability	<u>907,517</u>
Total Pension	1,346,877
NCGI Premiums	<u>41,422</u>
Total Regular Billing	1,388,299
Additional Billings: Ch. 19, P.L. 2009	<u>42,870</u>
Total PFRS Payment	<u>\$ 1,431,169</u>

The Borough recognizes liabilities to PFRS and records expenditures for same in the fiscal period that bills become due.

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

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Note 7. PENSION PLANS (CONT'D.)

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

The following represents the membership tiers for PFRS:

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

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

Special Funding Situation – Under N.J.S.A. 43:15A-15, local participating employers are responsible for their own contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed that legally obligated the State if certain circumstances occurred. The legislation, which legally obligates the State, are Chapter 8, P.L. 2000, Chapter 318, P.L. 2001, Chapter 86, P.L. 2001, Chapter 511, P.L. 1991, Chapter 109, P.L. 1979, Chapter 247, P.L. 1993, and Chapter 201, P.L. 2001. The amounts contributed on behalf of the local participating employers under the legislation is considered to be a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under the legislation directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to the legislation. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the nonemployer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective net pension liability that is associated with the local participating employer.

In addition, each local participating employer must recognize pension expense associated with the employers as well as revenue in an amount equal to the nonemployer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective pension expense associated with the local participating employer.

At June 30, 2023, the PFRS reported a net pension liability of \$11,048,782,843 for its Non-State, Non-Special Funding Situation Employer Member Group. The Borough's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the Non-State Non-Special Funding Situation Employer Member Group was \$12,471,702, or 0.1128785100% which was an increase of 0.0061317100% from its proportion, measured as of June 30, 2022. Then 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.

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Note 7. PENSION PLANS (CONT'D.)

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

At December 31, 2023, the Borough's deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflow of resources related to PFRS were from the following sources, if GASB 68 was recognized:

	Deferred Outflows Of Resources	Deferred Inflows Of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 534,013	\$ 594,790
Change in assumptions	26,918	842,139
Net difference between projected and actual earnings		
On pension plan investments	635,160	
Changes in proportion and differences between Borough		
Contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,037,888	20,000
Borough contributions subsequent to the		
measurement date	<u>1,546,113</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,780,092</u>	<u>\$ 1,456,929</u>

The \$1,546,113 is reflected above as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Borough contributions subsequent to the measurement date. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources (excluding employer specific amounts) related to pensions would be recognized in pension expense as follows, if GASB 68 was recognized:

<u>Year ending</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$(156,159)
2025	(203,922)
2026	908,355
2027	74,127
2028	134,492
2029	<u>20,157</u>
Total	<u>\$ 777,050</u>

Actuarial Assumptions- The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Inflation rate:	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases:	3.25 - 16.25%
	based on years of service
Investment rate of return	7.00%

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

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Note 7. PENSION PLANS (CONT'D.)

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

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

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 PFRS'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-U.S. Developed Market Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Market Equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

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 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 Net Pension Liability – the following presents the net pension liability of PFRS calculated using the discount rates as disclosed above as well as what 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>At 1% Decrease (6.00%)</u>	<u>At Current Discount Rate (7.00%)</u>	<u>At 1% Increase (8.00%)</u>
PFRS	\$17,377,133	\$12,471,702	\$8,386,650

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Note 7. PENSION PLANS (CONT'D.)

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

Plan Fiduciary Net Position – The plan fiduciary net position for PERS, including the State of New Jersey, at June 30, 2023 was \$32,567,234,286.00. The portion of the Plan Fiduciary Net Position that was allocable to the Local (Non-State) Group at June 30, 2023 was \$30,766,525,115.00.

Additional Information

Collective Local Group balances at June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$1,753,080,638
Collective deferred inflows of resources	1,966,439,601
Collective net pension liability	13,084,649,602
 Borough's Proportion	 0.1128785100%

Collective pension expense (benefit) for the Local Group for the measurement period ended June 30, 2023 is \$844,810,693. The average of the expected remaining service lives of all plan members is 6.16, 6.22, 6.17, 5.90, 5.92, and 5.73 years for 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

State Contribution Payable Dates

Chapter 83, P.L. 2016 requires the State to make pension contributions on a quarterly basis: at least 25% by September 30, at least 50% by December 31, at least 75% by March 31, and at least 100% by June 30. As such, contributions are assumed to be made on a quarterly basis. Local employer's contributions are expected to be paid on April 1st, 21 months after the associated valuation date.

Receivable Contributions

The Fiduciary Net Position (FNP) includes Local employers' contributions receivable as reported in the financial statements provided by the Division of Pensions and Benefits. In determining the discount rate, the FNP at the beginning of each year does not reflect receivable contributions as those amounts are not available at the beginning of the year to pay benefits. Local contributions expected to be paid the April 1st, following the valuation are discounted by the interest rate used at the valuation date.

Special Funding Situation

The Borough is responsible for the actuarially determined annual contributions to the PFRS, except where legislation was passed that legally obligates the State if certain circumstances occur. A special funding situation exists for the Local employers of the PFRS. The State of New Jersey, as a non-employer, is required to pay the additional costs incurred by Local employers based upon the provisions of several legislative actions. The provisions of GASB Statement No. 68 define this relationship as a "special funding situation", and the State of New Jersey is defined as a "non-employer contributing entity".

Unaudited data provided by the PFRS indicates that the total Non-employer contributions made to the PFRS by the State for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$232,824,730. The portion of that contribution allocated to the Borough in 2023 was \$262,809, or 0.11287847%. The June 30, 2022 State special funding situation pension expense of \$231,575,656 was actuarially determined and represents the required contribution due from the State for the year. The special funding situation net pension liability under the special funding situation was reported at \$2,035,866,759 at June 30, 2023 and represents the accumulated difference between the actuarially determined annual contributions required and the actual State contributions through the valuation date. The Borough's allocated shares of the special funding situation pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2023 and its share of the special funding situation NPL at that date were \$261,399 and \$2,298,056, respectively.

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Note 7. PENSION PLANS (CONT'D.)

C. Defined Contribution Retirement System (DCRP):

The Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DCRP) is a multiple employer defined contribution plan as defined in GASB Statement No. 68. The Plan is administered by The New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (Division). The Division has selected Prudential Financial to manage the DCRP on its behalf. The more significant aspects of the DCRP are as follows:

Plan Membership and Contributing Employers- Enrollment in the DCRP is required for state or local officials, elected or appointed on or after July 1, 2007; employees enrolled in PFRS or PERS on or after July 1, 2007, who earn salary in excess of established "maximum compensation" limits; employees otherwise eligible to enroll in PFRS or PERS on or after November 2, 2008, who do not earn the minimum annual salary for tier 3 enrollment but who earn salary of at least \$5,000 annually; and employees otherwise eligible to enroll in PFRS or PERS after May 21, 2010, who do not work the minimum number of hours per week required for tier 4 or tier 5 enrollment, but who earn salary of at least \$5,000 annually.

Contribution Requirement and Benefit Provisions - State and local government employers contribute 3% of the employees' base salary. Active members contribute 5.5% of base salary. Eligible members are provided with a defined contribution retirement plan intended to qualify for favorable Federal income tax treatment under IRC Section 401(a), a noncontributory group life insurance plan and a noncontributory group disability benefit plan. A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employee contributions shall immediately become and shall at all times remain fully vested and non-forfeitable. A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employer contributions shall be vested and non-forfeitable on the date the participant commences the second year of employment or upon his or her attainment of age 65, while employed by an employer, whichever occurs first.

The contribution policy is set by laws of the State of New Jersey and contributions are required by active members and participating employers. Plan members and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation, with the amount of contributions by the State of New Jersey contingent upon the annual Appropriations Act. As defined, the various retirement systems require employee contributions based on 7.50% for PERS, 10% for PFRS and 5.5% for DCRP of employees' base wages.

Note 8: POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH COVERAGE

Plan Description

The State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (the Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan with a special funding situation. It covers employees of local government employers that have adopted a resolution to participate in the Plan. The plan meets the definition of an equivalent arrangement as defined in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for the Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*; therefore, assets are accumulated to pay associated benefits. For additional information about the Plan, please refer to the State of New Jersey (the State), Division of Pensions and Benefits' (the Division) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which can be found at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>.

Benefits Provided

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

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Note 8: POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH COVERAGE (CONT'D)

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

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

Contributions

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

Plan Membership and Contributing Employers

Plan membership and contributing employers/non-employers consisted of the following at June 30, 2023:

	<u>2023</u>
Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	34,771
Active plan members	<u>65,613</u>
Total	<u>100,384</u>
Contributing Employers	590
Contributing Nonemployers	1

Nonspecial Funding Situation – The State of New Jersey's Total OPEB Liability for nonspecial funding situation was \$14,889,576,786 at June 30, 2023.

Components of Net OPEB Liability – The components of the collective net OPEB liability for Local Government Retired Employees Plan, including the State of New Jersey, is as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$14,889,576,786
Plan Fiduciary Net Position (Deficit)	<u>(116,962,691)</u>
Net OPEB Liability	<u>\$15,006,539,477</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	(0.79)%

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Note 8: POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH COVERAGE (CONT'D)

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs:

The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to 2023 in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases*:	
Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)	
Rate for all future years	2.75% to 6.55% based on years of service
Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)	
Rate for all future years	3.25% to 16.25% based on years of service

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

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021. Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of the PFRS and PERS experience studies prepared for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. 100% of active members are considered to participate in the Plan upon retirement.

Healthcare Trend Assumptions:

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend is initially 6.50% and decreases to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after nine years. For post-65 medical benefits PPO, the trend is increasing to 14.8% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2033. For HMO, the trend is increasing to 17.4% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2033. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 9.5% and decreases to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after seven years. For Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.00%.

Discount Rate:

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

Sensitivity of the State's Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following presents the collective net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the collective net OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.65%)	At Discount Rate (3.65%)	1% Increase (4.65%)
Total Net OPEB Liability - 2023	\$ 17,382,355,978	\$ 15,006,539,477	\$ 13,095,561,553
Borough's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 6,478,578	\$ 5,593,087	\$ 4,880,847

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Note 8: POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH COVERAGE (CONT'D)

Sensitivity of the State's Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates:

The following presents the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the healthcare trend rate as disclosed above as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
Total Net OPEB Liability - 2023	\$ 12,753,792,805	\$ 15,006,539,477	\$ 17,890,743,651
Borough's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 4,753,466	\$ 5,593,087	\$ 6,668,059

Special Funding Situation - The State of New Jersey's Total OPEB Liability for special funding situation was \$3,489,093,208 at June 30, 2023.

Special Funding Situation

Under Chapter 330, P.L. 1997, the State shall pay the premium or periodic charges for the qualified local police and firefighter retirees and dependents equal to 80 percent of the premium or periodic charge for the category of coverage elected by the qualified retiree under the State managed care plan or a health maintenance organization participating in the program providing the lowest premium or periodic charge. The State also provides funding for retiree health benefits to survivors of local police officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty under Chapter 271, P.L.1989. Therefore, these employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 75 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under this legislation directly to the plan, there is no net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to this legislation. The amounts of the State's Non-employer OPEB Liability that are attributable to employees and retirees of the Borough of Somerville was \$10,455,940 at June 30, 2023. These allocated liabilities represent 0.299675% of the State's Total Non-employer OPEB Liability for June 30, 2023. The OPEB Expense attributed to the Borough was \$(1,895,866) at June 30, 2023.

Note 9: ACCRUED SICK AND VACATION BENEFITS

Under the existing policy of the Borough, employees are allowed to accumulate unused sick pay over the life of their working careers which may be taken as time off or paid at a later date up to a maximum number of days as specified by contract. It is estimated that the cost of such unpaid sick pay would approximate \$2,361,003.35 and \$2,364,371.50 for 2024 and 2023. This amount represents the current value of all accumulations, and is not intended to portray amounts that would be recorded under GAAP. Expenditures for payment of accrued sick and vacation benefits are recorded in the period in which payments are made as part of the current year's operating budget appropriations.

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DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

Note 10: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Borough, together with other governmental units, is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (the Fund). The Fund, which is organized and operated pursuant to the regulatory authority of the Departments of Insurance and Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, provides for a pooling of risks, subject to established limits and deductibles. The Fund's governing board based upon actuarial and budgetary requirements calculates payments to the Fund. Each participant in the Fund is jointly and severally obligated for any deficiency in the amount available to pay all claims. Lines of coverage provided by the Fund include property; boiler and machinery; equipment floater; auto physical; blanket bond; auto liability; general liability; law enforcement liability; public official liability and worker compensation and employer liability. At December 31, 2022, the Fund reported for all years' combined, total assets of \$47,188,767.00, liabilities of \$34,787,575.00 and expenses of \$32,801,506.00, which includes loss reserves of \$34,528,956.00 and net position for all years of \$12,401,193.00. This is the latest available information.

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance – The Borough has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Benefit Reimbursement Method". Under this plan, the Borough is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund for benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The Borough is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State. The following table is a summary of Borough contributions, employee contributions, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and the ending balance of the Borough's trust fund for the 2024 and the previous two years.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Borough Contributions and Interest</u>	<u>Employee Contributions</u>	<u>Amount Reimbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2024	\$ 4,227.85	\$ 9,955.06	\$ 11,914.19	\$ 125,764.00
2023	3,393.24	9,070.41	2,393.08	123,495.28
2022	5,274.29	8,693.37	1,465.18	113,424.71

Note 11: LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)

The Borough has authorized a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) pursuant to section 457 (e) of the Internal Revenue Code and P.L. 1997, C. 388 as amended by P.L. 2001, C. 272 of the Statutes of New Jersey. The program provides for fixed annual contributions to a deferred income account for volunteer firefighters and first aid and rescue squad members who meet specified service criteria. The Borough sponsors the Program, which is administrated by a private contractor. The LOSAP Program is subject to an annual review in accordance with AICPA standards for attestation engagements. LOSAP review reports are available in the office of the Borough Clerk during scheduled working hours.

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Note 12: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Borough participates in several federal awards and state financial assistance grant programs. Entitlement to the funds is generally conditioned upon compliance with terms and conditions of the grant agreements and applicable regulations, including the expenditures of funds for eligible purposes. These programs are also subject to compliance and financial audits by the grantors or their representatives. As of December 31, 2024, the Borough does not believe that any material liabilities will result from such audits.

Contractual Commitments

The Borough of Somerville was a party to various construction contracts and commitments that totaled \$3,270,148.70 and \$3,104,423.71 in its General Capital Fund as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Litigation

As of the date of this report, the Borough has litigation pending that traditionally would be covered through the procurement of liability insurance coverages.

Tax Appeals

As of December 31, 2024, there were tax appeals pending before the New Jersey Tax Court of an undetermined amount. Judgments favorable to the taxpayers generally extend to two years following the year adjudicated and would also subject the Borough to a liability for statutory interest on the amount of taxes refunded from the date of payment to the date of refund (R.S. 54:3-27.2).

County taxes paid on the reductions in assessed valuations are subject to credits against the County tax levy of the year subsequent to the year in which the appeals are adjudicated.

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Borough has \$309,431.15 and \$299,787.06, respectively, set aside for potential tax appeals.

Federal and State Awards

The Borough participates in several Federal and State grant programs which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the Borough has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grant, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivable at December 31, 2024 may be impaired. In the opinion of management, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provisions have been recorded in the accompanying regulatory basis financial statements for such contingencies.

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Note 13: DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The Borough has instituted a Deferred Compensation Plan pursuant to section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and P.L. 1977, C. 381; P.L. 1978, C. 39; P.L. 1980, C. 78; and P.L. 1997, C. 116 of the Statutes of New Jersey. The Plan is an arrangement whereby a public employer may establish a plan and permit its employees to voluntarily authorize a portion of their current salary to be withheld and invested in one or more of the types of investments permitted under the governing regulations. The Borough has engaged a private contractor to administer the plan.

Note 14: INTERFUNDS

The following interfund balances remained on the balance sheet date at December 31, 2024:

<u>Fund:</u>	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
Current Fund	\$ 24,053.20	\$ 325,723.79
Grant Fund		1,949.99
Animal Control Fund		22,103.21
Trust Assessment Fund	12,439.62	22,875.06
Trust Other Fund	215,510.42	25,533.60
General Capital Fund	120,648.81	
Public Assistance Trust Fund	25,533.60	
	<u>\$ 398,185.65</u>	<u>\$ 398,185.65</u>

These interfund balances are not an indication that the respective fund cannot meet its obligation. The interfund amounts are reflective of year-end closing journals and adjustments. The balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

Note 15: GASB 77 TAX ABATEMENTS

The Borough has entered into several property tax abatement agreements in order to provide incentives to redevelop areas that are in need for improvement or to create economic growth. These agreements are authorized under various New Jersey state statutes. The following represent the Borough's tax abatement agreements:

<u>Entity Name</u>	<u>Commencement Date</u>	<u>Termination Date</u>	<u>Pilot Billing</u>	<u>Taxes if Billed In Full</u>	<u>Abated Taxes</u>
Cobalt	January 30, 2015	January 30, 2035	\$ 288,815.95	\$ 574,817.59	\$ 286,001.64
46 Main St. - Desapio	August 15, 2016	August 15, 2036	89,848.40	316,611.58	226,763.18
Soma	February 9, 2017	February 9, 2037	130,971.10	282,754.14	151,783.04
6 North Doughty	February 23, 2018	February 23, 2038	36,296.10	82,119.62	45,823.52
Davenport	March 20, 2018	March 20, 2038	98,813.13	301,076.29	202,263.16
Station House	September 5, 2018	September 5, 2038	252,937.28	691,514.10	438,576.82
Parc View	January 25, 2019	January 25, 2039	424,983.28	827,793.78	402,810.50
Avalon Bay	April 6, 2020	April 6, 2040	1,097,624.39	2,011,484.05	913,859.66
Somerville Town Center	May 27, 2020	May 27, 2040	556,972.20	758,157.73	201,185.53
Pulte Homes	July 21, 2020	July 21, 2040	1,286,624.38	2,078,795.73	792,171.35
50 Kirby	August 1, 2024	December 31, 2049	18,713.27	158,120.00	139,406.73
			<u>\$ 4,282,599.48</u>	<u>\$ 8,083,244.61</u>	<u>\$ 3,800,645.13</u>

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Note 16: GOVERNMENTAL FIXED ASSETS

The Borough's governmental fixed assets are reported as follows:

	Balance December 31, <u>2023</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance December 31, <u>2024</u>
Land	\$ 10,571,500.00	\$ 917,100.00		\$ 11,488,600.00
Buildings/Improvements	10,498,600.00	20,537,600.00		31,036,200.00
Equipment	<u>7,845,577.00</u>	<u>1,024,489.00</u>	<u>\$ 763,173.00</u>	<u>8,106,893.00</u>
	<u>\$ 28,915,677.00</u>	<u>\$ 22,479,189.00</u>	<u>\$ 763,173.00</u>	<u>\$ 50,631,693.00</u>
	Balance December 31, <u>2022</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance December 31, <u>2023</u>
Land	\$ 10,571,500.00			\$ 10,571,500.00
Buildings/Improvements	10,498,600.00			10,498,600.00
Equipment	<u>7,000,227.00</u>	<u>\$ 871,406.00</u>	<u>\$ 26,056.00</u>	<u>7,845,577.00</u>
	<u>\$ 28,070,327.00</u>	<u>\$ 871,406.00</u>	<u>\$ 26,056.00</u>	<u>\$ 28,915,677.00</u>

Note 17: SALE OF WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM

The Borough sold its wastewater collection system to its water service provider, New Jersey American Water, on October 3, 2023, for a purchase price of \$7,000,000 of which \$4,890,246.59 sale proceeds were used by the Borough to effectuate the defeasance and redemption of the outstanding Series 2016 Bonds, Series 2020 Bonds, and the payment of the 2023B Note. The sale followed a voter referendum that took place in November 2022, which passed with 75 percent of the voters approving the sale of the system.

On such date, the Borough provided funds (cash), for deposit with the Escrow Agent which will be sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the Defeased Bonds, through and including February 15, 2026, with respect to the Series 2016 Bonds and through and including November 1, 2027, with respect to the Series 2020 Bonds and the principal of the 2023B Note at maturity on January 30, 2024.

In addition, the Borough established a liability to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$407,000.00 for the repayment of Community Development Block Grant funding.

As a result of the transaction, the Sewer Utility Operating Fund will no longer be operational or presented in the financial statements. Comparative prior-year balances are shown for informational purposes only.

Note 18: BUILD TO SUIT LEASE

The Borough entered into a build to suit lease with FD Stonewater, LLC. on January 17, 2022 for a building of approximately 45,475 gross square feet and associated improvements in Somerville, NJ. The lease is for forty years, commencing on the date the work is substantially completed which became effective on August 15, 2024. The rental payments will be made in quarterly installments on each February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 throughout the term of the lease in payments ranging from \$431,667.48 to \$628,198.11. Total fixed net rent over the 40 year term of the lease is \$96,508,840.

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Note 19: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Borough has evaluated subsequent events occurring after December 31, 2024, through the date of June 27, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based on this evaluation, the Borough has determined that no subsequent event has occurred which requires disclosure in the financial statements.

**BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

PART II

**SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Current Fund

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND AND GRANT FUND

CASH AND INVESTMENTS - TREASURER
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	REF.	CURRENT FUND	GRANT FUND
Balance, December 31, 2023	A	\$ 21,830,538.24	\$ 1,621,385.43
Increased by Receipts:			
Taxes Receivable	A-7	\$ 46,646,206.79	
Prepaid Property Taxes	A-7	359,776.30	
Tax Title Liens	A-7	3,696.75	
Due from State of New Jersey-Ch. 73, P.L. 1976	A-8	31,750.00	
Various Payables and Reserves	A-10	5,352,630.73	
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-11	8,687,435.09	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-11	14,872.23	
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	A-11	310,844.89	
Interfund Loans Received/Returned	A-13	6,961.19	
Tax Overpayments	A-15	18,481.61	
Grants Receivable	A-16		\$ 1,039,490.20
Due from Current Fund	A-17		1,694.12
Grants Unappropriated	A-19		
		<u>61,432,655.58</u>	<u>1,041,184.32</u>
		83,263,193.82	2,662,569.75
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Fund Balance - Refund of Sewer Revenue	A-1	16,832.79	
Budget Expenditures	A-3	23,625,164.90	
Various Payables and Reserves	A-10	285,751.32	
Taxes Payable	A-12	33,713,642.13	
Interfund Loans Disbursed/Returned	A-13	1,694.12	
2023 Appropriation Reserves	A-14	707,685.12	
Tax Overpayments	A-15	79,767.83	
Grants Appropriated	A-18		1,093,159.94
		<u>58,430,538.21</u>	<u>1,093,159.94</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	A	\$ <u>24,832,655.61</u>	\$ <u>1,569,409.81</u>
Analysis of Balance			
Cash	A	\$ 22,466,655.61	
Investment in BAN's	A	<u>2,366,000.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 24,832,655.61</u>	

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

CHANGE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, <u>2023</u>	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, <u>2024</u>
Clerk	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Police	50.00	50.00
Construction Code	25.00	25.00
Municipal Court	100.00	100.00
Vital Statistics	50.00	50.00
Recreation	100.00	100.00
	<u>\$ 350.00</u>	<u>\$ 350.00</u>
<u>REF.</u>	A	A

SCHEDULE OF MAINTENANCE LIENS RECEIVABLE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2024 and 2023	A	\$ <u>1,512.00</u>

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

YEAR	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	2024 LEVY	ADDED TAXES	COLLECTIONS		STATE VETERANS' AND SENIOR CITIZENS' DEDUCTIONS	TRANSFERRED TO TAX TITLE LIENS	CANCELED	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024
				2023	2024				
2023	\$ 457,259.70				\$ 413,475.98	\$ 250.00		\$ 43,533.72	
2024		\$ 46,907,347.66	\$ 118,619.53	\$ 231,000.40	46,232,730.81	32,500.00	\$ 41,949.07	36,467.97	\$ 451,318.94
	<u>\$ 457,259.70</u>	<u>\$ 46,907,347.66</u>	<u>\$ 118,619.53</u>	<u>\$ 231,000.40</u>	<u>\$ 46,646,206.79</u>	<u>\$ 32,750.00</u>	<u>\$ 41,949.07</u>	<u>\$ 80,001.69</u>	<u>\$ 451,318.94</u>
<u>REF.</u>	A			A	A-4	A-8	A-7	Reserve	A
					<u>Prepaid Taxes</u>		A-4	\$ 359,776.30	
<u>ANALYSIS OF 2024 PROPERTY TAX LEVY</u>					Prepaid Taxes - December 31, 2024		A	\$ 359,776.30	
<u>TAX YIELD</u>					<u>Tax Title Lien Activity</u>				
General Purpose Tax	\$ 46,832,590.56				Tax Title Lien Balance - December 31, 2023		A	\$ 430,228.24	
Added Taxes (54:4-63.1 et. seq.)	<u>74,757.10</u>				Cash Receipts		A-4	(3,696.75)	
				\$ 46,907,347.66	Transferred from Taxes Receivable		A-7	41,949.07	
					Adjustments		Res.	<u>2,121.12</u>	
<u>Tax Levy</u>					Tax Title Lien Balance - December 31, 2024		A	\$ 470,601.68	
Local District School Tax	A-12 \$ 26,863,089.00				<u>Current Year Tax Collections:</u>				
Special District Taxes	A-12 839,010.84				N.J. Senior Cit. & Vets		A-2	\$ 32,500.00	
County Tax	A-12 6,001,793.41			\$ 33,713,642.13	Prepaid Taxes -2023		A-2	231,000.40	
County Added and Omitted	A-12 <u>9,748.88</u>				Current Year Collections		A-2	<u>46,232,730.81</u>	
Local Taxes:									
Taxes	A-2 13,125,605.50						A-1	\$ 46,496,231.21	
Added Taxes	<u>68,100.03</u>				<u>Delinquent Collections:</u>				
				13,193,705.53	Prior Year Taxes		A-2	\$ 413,475.98	
				<u>\$ 46,907,347.66</u>					

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

DUE FROM STATE OF NEW JERSEY PER CH. 129, P.L. 1976
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

REF.

Balance, December 31, 2023	A		\$	43,348.51
Increased by:				
Deductions Allowed Per Tax Billings	Below	\$	32,500.00	
Deductions Allowed by Collector	Below		250.00	
Deductions Allowed by Collector - 2023	A-1, A-7		<u>250.00</u>	
				<u>33,000.00</u>
				76,348.51
Decreased by:				
Receipts	A-4		31,750.00	
Deductions Disallowed	Below		<u>250.00</u>	
				<u>32,000.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	A		\$	<u><u>44,348.51</u></u>

Analysis of Realized Revenue for 2024:

Deductions Allowed Per Tax Billings	Above	\$	32,500.00	
Deductions Allowed by Collector	Above		250.00	
Deductions Disallowed by Collector	Above		<u>(250.00)</u>	
Realized as Revenue	A-7		\$	<u><u>32,500.00</u></u>

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR TAXES (AT ASSESSED VALUATION)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

REF.

Balance, December 31, 2024 and 2023	A	\$	<u><u>28,500.00</u></u>
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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

VARIOUS ACCOUNTS PAYABLES AND RESERVES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	BUDGET REVENUES	BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS	TRANSFER FROM APPROP RESERVES	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024
Accounts Payable:							
Vendor Accounts Payable	\$ 85,718.33	\$ 8,976.00	\$ 15,079.55			\$ 140,671.02	\$ 220,285.80
Due to HUD - Transferred from Sewer Utility Fund		407,000.00					407,000.00
Due County - PILOT		205,315.86	205,315.86				
Subtotal	85,718.33	621,291.86	220,395.41			140,671.02	627,285.80
Reserve for:							
Master Plan	10,000.00						10,000.00
Property Revaluation	2,200.00						2,200.00
Sale of Municipal Assets	276,374.45	7,204.96		\$ 50,000.00			233,579.41
Sale of Municipal Assets - Sale of Sewer Utility		4,722,156.32					4,722,156.32
Tax Appeals	299,787.06		65,355.91		\$ 75,000.00		309,431.15
Library Surplus	14,220.00						14,220.00
Emergency Insurance Reimbursement	800.00						800.00
Debt Due to Sewer Utility Sale	30,914.35	1,977.59		30,000.00			2,891.94
Municipal Relief Tax	146,474.94			146,474.94			
Subtotal	780,770.80	4,731,338.87	65,355.91	226,474.94	75,000.00		5,295,278.82
Total	\$ 866,489.13	\$ 5,352,630.73	\$ 285,751.32	\$ 226,474.94	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 140,671.02	\$ 5,922,564.62
<u>REF.</u>	A	A-4	A-4	A-2, A-11	A-3	A-14	A

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

NONBUDGET REVENUES & VARIOUS ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DECEMBER</u> <u>31, 2023</u>	<u>ACCRUED</u> <u>IN 2024</u>	<u>COLLECTED BY</u> <u>TREASURER</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DECEMBER</u> <u>31, 2024</u>
Revenue Accounts Receivable:					
Municipal Court - Fines and Costs		\$ 14,872.23	\$ 21,029.61	\$ 14,872.23	\$ 21,029.61
		<u>14,872.23</u>	<u>21,029.61</u>	<u>14,872.23</u>	<u>21,029.61</u>
Non-Budget Revenue:					
Administrative Fees			230,082.65	230,082.65	
Billboard Fees			17,500.00	17,500.00	
Landlord Registration Fees			7,800.00	7,800.00	
Miscellaneous			5,929.28	5,929.28	
PILOTS			31,982.19	31,982.19	
Police Reports			13,890.80	13,890.80	
Senior Citizens & Veterans Deduct. - Admin Fee			630.00	630.00	
Settlement Fees			3,029.97	3,029.97	
			<u>310,844.89</u>	<u>310,844.89</u>	
	A-1, A-2, A-4				
		\$ <u>14,872.23</u>	\$ <u>331,874.50</u>	\$ <u>325,717.12</u>	\$ <u>21,029.61</u>
	<u>REF.</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Reserve</u>	<u>A-4</u>	<u>A</u>
<u>Analysis of Miscellaneous Revenues:</u>					
Current Year Collections	A-4			\$ 8,687,435.09	
Municipal Relief Fund Aid	A-2,A-10			146,474.94	
Reserve for Debt - Sewer Sale Proceeds	A-2,A-10			30,000.00	
Sale of Municipal Assets	A-2,A-10			50,000.00	
Grants Realized - Grant Fund	A-2,A-13			<u>3,308,976.98</u>	
				12,222,887.01	
Prior Year Revenue Accounts Receivable	Above , A-4			<u>14,872.23</u>	
	A-1 , A-2			\$ <u>12,237,759.24</u>	

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

TAXES PAYABLE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>	<u>TAXES</u> <u>LEVIED</u>	<u>CASH</u> <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2024</u>
County - General	\$	\$ 4,835,760.09	\$ 4,835,760.09	\$
County - Library		663,279.34	663,279.34	
County - Open Space		502,753.98	502,753.98	
County - Subtotal		6,001,793.41	6,001,793.41	
County - Added & Omitted		9,748.88	9,748.88	
County - All		6,011,542.29	6,011,542.29	
Local School Taxes		26,863,089.00	26,863,089.00	
Special District Taxes		839,010.84	839,010.84	
	\$	\$ 33,713,642.13	\$ 33,713,642.13	\$
	A	A-1, A-2, A-7	A-4	A

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

INTERFUNDS RECEIVABLE/PAYABLE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>	<u>CASH</u> <u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>CASH</u> <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>ADJUSTMENT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2024</u>
Grant Fund		\$ (4,665.01)	\$ 2,715.02	\$ 1,694.12	\$ 1,694.12	\$ (1,949.99)
Assessment Trust Fund		12,439.62				12,439.62
Animal Control Trust Fund		(26,349.38)	4,246.17			(22,103.21)
Other Trust Fund		215,510.42				215,510.42
General Capital Fund		97,773.75				97,773.75
Sewer Operating Fund		<u>11,579.04</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>(11,579.04)</u>	<u> </u>
		<u>\$ 306,288.44</u>	<u>\$ 6,961.19</u>	<u>\$ 1,694.12</u>	<u>\$ (9,884.92)</u>	<u>\$ 301,670.59</u>
			A-4	Below	A-1	
Interfunds Receivable	A	\$ (31,014.39)				\$ (24,053.20)
Interfunds Payable	A	<u>337,302.83</u>				<u>325,723.79</u>
		<u>\$ 306,288.44</u>				<u>\$ 301,670.59</u>
	<u>REF.</u>					
Grants Revenue - Budget	A-2, A-11			\$ (3,308,976.98)		
Grants Appropriated - Budget	A-3			<u>3,310,671.10</u>		
	A-4			<u>\$ 1,694.12</u>		
				Above		

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

2023 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	ENCUMBERED 2023	BALANCE AFTER MODIFICATION	PAID OR CHARGED	BALANCE LAPSED
<u>Salaries and Wages:</u>					
Administrative and Executive	\$ 28,909.07	\$	\$ 28,909.07	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 26,209.07
Borough Clerk	850.12		850.12		850.12
Elections	2,567.42		2,567.42		2,567.42
Financial Administration	34,275.80		34,275.80		34,275.80
Assessment of Taxes	493.12		493.12		493.12
Collection of Taxes	10,563.78		10,563.78		10,563.78
Public Buildings and Grounds	7,263.12		7,263.12		7,263.12
Fire	20,025.65		20,025.65		20,025.65
Uniform Fire Safety Act	1,078.37		1,078.37		1,078.37
Police	240,738.97		240,738.97	10,650.82	230,088.15
Road Repairs and Maintenance	7,652.39		7,652.39		7,652.39
Board of Health	23,005.02		23,005.02		23,005.02
Parks and Playgrounds	8,000.00		8,000.00		8,000.00
Recreation	17,907.73		17,907.73		17,907.73
Community Development	17,544.74		17,544.74		17,544.74
Electrical Inspector	708.15		708.15		708.15
Total Salaries and Wages	421,583.45		421,583.45	13,350.82	408,232.63
<u>Other Expenses:</u>					
Administrative and Executive	144,015.98	19,568.79	163,584.77	20,007.62	143,577.15
Elections	1,806.29		1,806.29		1,806.29
Financial Administration	36,548.36	6,034.08	42,582.44	6,034.08	36,548.36
Annual Audit	3,000.00	54,000.00	57,000.00	52,582.80	4,417.20
Assessment of Taxes	2,581.86		2,581.86		2,581.86
Collection of Taxes	7,142.16	1,787.13	8,929.29	1,653.83	7,275.46
Legal Services and Costs	50,000.00	4,333.00	54,333.00	4,333.00	50,000.00
Municipal Prosecutor		1,665.93	1,665.93	1,665.93	
Engineering Services and Costs	7,315.84	545.23	7,861.07	5,494.74	2,366.33
Public Buildings and Grounds	36,765.23	13,241.67	50,006.90	13,977.36	36,029.54
Planning and Zoning	4,527.22	7,700.54	12,227.76	7,334.38	4,893.38
Zoning Board of Adjustments	11,409.65	963.21	12,372.86	463.21	11,909.65
Department of Technology	18,500.88	21,583.68	40,084.56	9,143.25	30,941.31
Insurance					
Group Insurance	642,011.47	122,192.00	764,203.47	110,341.00	653,862.47
Other Insurance Premiums	75,055.68		75,055.68	8,260.00	66,795.68
Prescription Drug/Dental Program	11,332.80		11,332.80		11,332.80
Health Benefit Waivers	9,916.36		9,916.36		9,916.36
Fire	301.26	14,494.86	14,796.12	11,983.34	2,812.78
Uniform Fire Safety Act	1,122.69	1,182.00	2,304.69	1,063.00	1,241.69
Police	204.19	126,829.76	127,033.95	112,428.74	14,605.21
Emergency Management Services	21,200.00		21,200.00		21,200.00
School Crossing Guard - Contractual	58,006.89	14,915.58	72,922.47	13,655.43	59,267.04
Road Repairs and Maintenance	169,610.23	81,031.04	250,641.27	84,233.18	166,408.09
Snow Removal		1,384.16	1,384.16	1,384.16	
Sanitary Sewer System	10,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00
Garbage and Trash Removal	300,902.29	130,478.53	431,380.82	203,408.53	227,972.29
Recycling	1,826.30	37,312.07	39,138.37	37,312.07	1,826.30
Board of Health	1,284.64	10,301.78	11,586.42	10,301.78	1,284.64
Dog Regulations - Contractual	408.00		408.00		408.00
Parks and Playgrounds - Contracted Services	1,500.96	6,004.33	7,505.29	5,042.83	2,462.46
Recreation	15,314.68	2,623.36	17,938.04	2,607.16	15,330.88
Celebration of Public Events	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
Municipal Court	13,228.10	2,500.00	15,728.10	2,278.80	13,449.30
Community Development	36,147.75	5,261.86	41,409.61	5,376.41	36,033.20
Street Lighting	4,990.02	58,662.97	63,652.99	44,177.69	19,475.30
Fire Hydrant Fees	4,486.24	25,192.78	29,679.02	13,002.96	16,676.06
Telephone	37,535.85	4,587.46	42,123.31	3,562.67	38,560.64
Water	12,835.11	7,470.39	20,305.50	7,470.39	12,835.11
Electricity	135,266.36	22,722.87	157,989.23	24,201.70	133,787.53
Gasoline	18,093.97	54,855.28	72,949.25	10,223.28	62,725.97
Contingent	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	10,242.01		10,242.01		10,242.01
Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)	3,000.00		3,000.00		3,000.00
Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)	8,344.64		8,344.64		8,344.64
Matching Funds for Grants	3,305.88		3,305.88		3,305.88
Total Other Expenses	1,933,087.84	861,426.34	2,794,514.18	835,005.32	1,959,508.86
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$ 2,354,671.29	\$ 861,426.34	\$ 3,216,097.63	\$ 848,356.14	\$ 2,367,741.49

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Disbursements
Accounts Payable

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\$ 707,685.12
140,671.02
\$ 848,356.14

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND
 TAX OVERPAYMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	A	\$ 83,400.90
Increased by:		
Cash Receipts	A-4	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 10px;">18,481.61</div> <hr style="width: 100px;"/> </div>
		101,882.51
Decreased by:		
Cash Payments - Refunds	A-4	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 10px;">79,767.83</div> <hr style="width: 100px;"/> </div>
Balance, December 31, 2024	A	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 10px;">\$ 22,114.68</div> <hr style="width: 100px; border-top: 3px double black;"/> </div>

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GRANT FUND

STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS RECEIVABLE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	ACCRUED 2024	RECEIPTS	UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVE APPLIED	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024
Municipal Alliance Grant	\$ 2.26	\$ 6,776.49	\$ 6,778.75		
Municipal Alliance Grant	5,613.99		4,794.40		819.59
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	1,858.59				1,858.59
ARP - Assistance to Firefighter Grant 2024		15,000.00			15,000.00
ANJEC - GS Butterfly Garden Grant		1,500.00	1,500.00		
Assistance to Firefighters Grant 2022	49,000.00		48,958.20		41.80
Body Armor Replacement Fund		2,675.60		\$ 2,675.60	
BPU Community Energy Plan Grant		10,000.00			10,000.00
Bulletproof Vest Program	6,491.17	1,866.63			8,357.80
Chambers Park Improvement	2,541,600.00				2,541,600.00
CDBG 2024 Park Improvements - Carol Pager		150,000.00			150,000.00
Clean Communities Program		31,501.82	31,501.82		
CDBG Curbs & Sidewalks 2022	100,000.00				100,000.00
COVID Aid for Public Library Touchless Fixtures and UV Lighting	11,860.43				11,860.43
COVID Aid for Senior Housing UV Lighting	80,000.00				80,000.00
Community Development Block Grant	114,763.38				114,763.38
Daniel Roberts House Renovations - 2022	218,907.00				218,907.00
DMHAS Youth Leadership	2,648.65				2,648.65
Emergency Management	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00		
Green Acres Grant	143,355.00				143,355.00
Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Grant - Solar Farm	8,000,000.00				8,000,000.00
Hazardous Discharge Grant - Ground Water		2,074,230.00			2,074,230.00
Hazardous Discharge Grant 60 Cornell Blvd		817,636.00	817,636.00		
Historic Grant County	71,742.50				71,742.50
Local Recreational Improvement Grant		75,000.00			75,000.00
NJ Safe Corridors Grant	39.65				39.65
NJ Urban and Community Forestry Grant Stewardship Tree Planting Grant	137,210.00				137,210.00
Opioid Settlement Proceeds	7,361.90	81,617.51	87,104.10	1,875.31	
Recreational Improvement Grant - 2023	70,000.00				70,000.00
Recycling Tonnage Grant		9,216.93	9,216.93		
Regional Center Partnership Challenge Som-Pop Retail Grant	20,000.00				20,000.00
Preserve New Jersey Preservation Grant	442.26				442.26
Safety and Risk Grant		9,956.00			9,956.00
Somerville Flood Acquisition Project	454,325.00				454,325.00
Transit Village Streetscape Improvements	43,333.97				43,333.97
Youth Services Grant		12,000.00	12,000.00		
	<u>\$ 12,090,555.75</u>	<u>\$ 3,308,976.98</u>	<u>\$ 1,039,490.20</u>	<u>\$ 4,550.91</u>	<u>\$ 14,355,491.62</u>

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
CURRENT FUND

INTERFUNDS RECEIVABLE/PAYABLE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>	<u>ADJUSTMENT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2024</u>
Interfunds			
Current Fund	\$ <u>4,665.01</u>	\$ <u>(2,715.02)</u>	\$ <u>1,949.99</u>
	\$ <u>4,665.01</u>	\$ <u>(2,715.02)</u>	\$ <u>1,949.99</u>
<u>REF.</u>	A	below	A
Cash Received from Current Fund	A-4	\$ 1,694.12	
Grants Revenue - Budget	A-16	3,308,976.98	
Grants Appropriated - Budget	A-18	(3,310,671.10)	
Grants Unappropriated	A-19	<u>(2,715.02)</u>	
		\$ <u>(2,715.02)</u>	
		above	

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GRANT FUND

RESERVE FOR STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS - APPROPRIATED
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	TRANSFERRED FROM 2024 BUDGET	PAID OR CHARGED	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024
Municipal Alliance Grant 16	\$ 836.10				\$ 836.10
Municipal Alliance Grant 23	8,257.96			8,257.96	
Municipal Alliance Grant 24			\$ 8,470.61	727.21	7,743.40
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Grant	17,532.68			2,000.00	15,532.68
American Rescue Plan Act - Civic Center/Public Shelter Fit Out	127,726.55	\$ 175,103.43		302,829.98	
ANJEC - GS Butterfly Garden Grant			1,500.00		1,500.00
Assistance to Firefighter Grant 2022	41.80				41.80
ARP - Assistance to Firefighter Grant 2024			15,000.00	14,997.15	2.85
Body Armor Replacement Fund	5,437.12		2,675.60	8,112.72	
BPU Community Energy Plan Grant			10,000.00		10,000.00
Bulletproof Vest Program	2,625.50		1,866.63	4,492.13	
Chambers Park Improvement	2,536,600.00				2,536,600.00
CDBG 2022 Curbs & Sidewalks	2,567.54			2,567.54	
CDBG 2023 Curbs & Sidewalks	83,700.00	13,395.93		97,095.93	
CDBG 2024 Park Improvements - Carol Pager			150,000.00	150,000.00	
Community Development Block Grant	88,463.38	3,719.82		92,183.20	
Clean Communities Program 21	122.14				122.14
Clean Communities Program 22	6,016.25			359.40	5,656.85
Clean Communities Program 23	27,740.21			5,282.11	22,458.10
Clean Communities Program 24			31,501.82	7,638.88	23,862.94
COVID Aid for Public Library Touchless Fixtures and UV Lighting	11,860.43				11,860.43
COVID Aid for Senior Housing UV Lighting	80,000.00			36,536.62	43,463.38
Daniel Roberts House Renovations - 2022	218,907.00			218,907.00	
DEP Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund		10,477.93	817,636.00	10,477.93	817,636.00
DMHAS Youth Leadership	2,648.65			300.00	2,348.65
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund		22,838.90		22,838.90	
EMAA Grant - Office of Emergency Management	5,000.00	1,458.37	10,000.00	9,458.37	7,000.00
Emergency Responder Grant	1,006.97				1,006.97
Garden Club of Somerset Hills Tree Planting and Community Garden Grant	372.00				372.00
Green Acres Grant	470,473.38	73,763.22		73,763.22	470,473.38
Hazardous Discharge Grant	50,233.27				50,233.27
Hazardous Discharge Grant - Ground Water			2,074,230.00		2,074,230.00

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GRANT FUND

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SHEET #2

RESERVE FOR STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS - APPROPRIATED
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	TRANSFERRED FROM 2024 BUDGET	PAID OR CHARGED	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024
Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund	\$ 353.83				\$ 353.83
Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund 2023		\$ 482,489.36		\$ 482,489.36	
Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Landfill Solar Farm	8,000,000.00				8,000,000.00
Historical Preservation Grant	58,285.00	28,898.80		87,183.80	
Lepp Pool Renovations SC Open Space Trust	19,467.92				19,467.92
Local Recreational Improvement Grant			\$ 75,000.00		75,000.00
Metlife Tree Planting Grant	1,317.50				1,317.50
NJ DOT Transit Village	230,000.00				230,000.00
NJ Urban and Community Forestry Grant Stewardship Tree Planting Grant	124,410.00	8,590.08		116,864.40	16,135.68
Opioid Settlement Proceeds	34,371.67		81,617.51	5,000.00	110,989.18
Recreational Improvement Grant - 2023	70,000.00			70,000.00	
Recycling Tonnage Grant			9,216.93		9,216.93
Regional Center Challenge Grant 13	26,000.00				26,000.00
Regional Center Partnership Challenge Som-Pop Retail Grant	40,000.00			20,000.00	20,000.00
SIF Safety and Risk Grant			9,956.00	9,956.00	
Somerset County - RVSA - Green Acres Grant	2,051.12				2,051.12
Somerville Flood Acquisition Project	454,325.00				454,325.00
Stormwater Assistance Grant	2,527.46				2,527.46
Sustainable Jersey Community Garden	388.53				388.53
Sustainable Jersey PSE&G Energy Grant	2,500.00			1,837.85	662.15
Transit Village Streetscape Improvements	2,616.61	60,115.20		60,115.20	2,616.61
Youth Service - 2020/2021	3.34			3.34	
Youth Service - 2021/2022	1,553.43			1,553.43	
Youth Service - 2022/2023	1,298.87			543.23	755.64
Youth Service - 2023/2024			12,000.00	4,181.39	7,818.61
	<u>\$ 12,819,639.21</u>	<u>880,851.04</u>	<u>\$ 3,310,671.10</u>	<u>\$ 1,928,554.25</u>	<u>\$ 15,082,607.10</u>
<u>REF.</u>	A	A	A-17		A
Disbursements (Net of Refunds)	A-4			\$ 1,093,159.94	
Encumbrances Payable	A			<u>835,394.31</u>	
				<u>\$ 1,928,554.25</u>	

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GRANT FUND

RESERVE FOR STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS - UNAPPROPRIATED
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, <u>2023</u>	CASH <u>RECEIPTS</u>	ANTICIPATED <u>AS REVENUE</u>	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, <u>2024</u>
American Rescue Plan Act	\$ 0.01	\$	\$	\$ 0.01
Body Armor Grant	2,675.60	2,715.02	2,675.60	2,715.02
Opioid Settlement Proceeds	1,875.31		1,875.31	
Somerville Landfill Green Seam	2,235.00			2,235.00
	<u>\$ 6,785.92</u>	<u>\$ 2,715.02</u>	<u>\$ 4,550.91</u>	<u>\$ 4,950.03</u>
<u>REF.</u>	A	A-17	A-16	A

Trust Fund

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
TRUST FUND

CASH AND RESERVE ACTIVITY
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Cash		Adjustments	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
		Receipts	Disbursements		
Assessment Trust Fund:					
Due from Current Fund	\$ (12,439.62)				\$ (12,439.62)
Due to General Capital Fund	22,875.06				22,875.06
Fund Balance	32.08				32.08
Total	10,467.52				10,467.52
Animal Control:					
Due to Current Fund	26,349.38	\$ 123.82	\$ 4,369.99		22,103.21
Due to State of Nj - License Fees	3.00	439.20	439.20		3.00
Animal Control Reserves	2,591.86	4,316.67	3,710.50		3,198.03
Total	28,944.24	4,879.69	8,519.69		25,304.24
Trust - Other Funds:					
Accounts Receivable - HUD	(8,261.00)			\$ (8,261.00)	
CDBG Receivable	(44,385.89)			(44,385.89)	
Interfunds Receivable:					
Due from Current Fund	(215,510.42)				(215,510.42)
	(268,157.31)			(52,646.89)	(215,510.42)
Interfunds Payable:					
Due to Public Assistance Fund	25,533.60				25,533.60
	25,533.60				25,533.60
Reserve for:					
Miscellaneous Deposits	3,434,536.45	2,188,702.05	2,330,228.17	154,711.75	3,138,298.58
Payroll Agency	223,556.74	1,608,903.95	1,486,730.95		345,729.74
CDBG Expenditures	44,385.89			44,385.89	
SUI Fund	123,495.28	14,182.91	11,914.19		125,764.00
Builders Escrow	170,143.04	2,125,142.33	2,074,052.24	8,741.47	212,491.66
Tax Redemption Trust	810,600.00	756,760.88	981,460.88		585,900.00
Recreation Trust	185,720.40	146,368.95	81,128.54	76,177.04	174,783.77
Housing Assistance Program	115,071.93	2,840,424.33	2,845,935.67	8,261.00	101,299.59
Law Enforcement Trust	41,616.07	1,222.33	10,449.84		32,388.56
Credit Card Fee Accounts	9,701.50	277.71	2,841.21		7,138.00
Planning/Zoning Escrow	257,807.45	257,742.90	239,910.26		275,640.09
Encumbrances	121,622.32			(239,630.26)	361,252.58
	5,295,633.36	9,939,728.34	10,064,651.95	52,646.89	5,170,709.75
	\$ 5,335,045.12	\$ 9,944,608.03	\$ 10,073,171.64	\$ 52,646.89	\$ 5,206,481.51

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
TRUST FUND

RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FUND EXPENDITURES
ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

REF.

Balance, December 31, 2023	B		\$	2,591.86
Increased by:				
Dog License Fees	B-1	\$	3,545.80	
Cat License Fees	B-1		610.00	
Misc Fees	B-1		<u>160.87</u>	
				<u>4,316.67</u>
				<u>6,908.53</u>
Decreased by:				
Expenditures under R.S. 4:19-15.11:				
Disbursements	B-1			<u>3,710.50</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	B		\$	<u><u>3,198.03</u></u>

LICENSE FEES COLLECTED

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2022	\$ 4,756.60
2023	<u>4,503.20</u>
	<u>\$ 9,259.80</u>

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
TRUST FUND

MISCELLANEOUS DEPOSITS
OTHER TRUST FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2023 Encumbered	Cash		Dec. 31, 2024 Encumbered	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
			Receipts	Disbursements		
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 39,476.72		\$ 11,585.40			\$ 51,062.12
Performing Deposits	630,292.98		59,858.04	\$ 178,311.74		511,839.28
Planning Board Escrow	149,037.72	\$ 3,870.00		20,652.90	\$ 3,870.00	128,384.82
Engineering Escrow	242,368.46		149,427.82	220,313.26	2,424.14	169,058.88
POAA	8,694.81		4,628.00			13,322.81
Street Openings	54,373.36					54,373.36
Fire Safety	26,043.88		12,625.00	900.00		37,768.88
UFC Penalties - Fire Dept.	28,839.16	4,149.00	12,625.00	32,267.26	741.61	12,604.29
Public Defender Fees	22,328.96		1,360.00			23,688.96
Sewer Escrow	7,083.13					7,083.13
Demolition Project	12,190.94					12,190.94
Reserve for Retirement	648,386.68		5,000.00	134,174.94		519,211.74
Community Day	52.46					52.46
Police Community Policing	2,543.08					2,543.08
Storm Recovery Trust	1,039,805.06	18,334.00	490,252.37	385,230.61	144,460.34	1,018,700.48
Police K9 Unit Donations			1,910.00	794.99		1,115.01
Affordable Housing Trust Fund			100,000.00			100,000.00
Donations - Fire Museum	4,925.68		1,462.00	1,454.53	357.98	4,575.17
Historic Advisory Committee Donations	147.32		81.56			228.88
Hurricane Sandy Donations	500.00					500.00
Donations - Fire Equipment	21,300.00		13,471.89	27,715.90		7,055.99
Police O/T	119,788.95		1,200,896.97	1,201,859.07		118,826.85
Road Opening Inspections	199,561.93		111,193.00	77,460.00	69,733.50	163,561.43
Cable TV	57,281.08					57,281.08
Environmental Commission	7,378.46		10,625.00	8,190.00		9,813.46
Community Garden Trust	431.59		1,700.00	399.90		1,731.69
Developers Escrow - Desapio Infrastructure	46,340.77	95,269.32		40,503.07	54,746.50	46,360.52
Jersey Strong Inspection	4,918.88					4,918.88
Abandoned & Vacant Property Enforcement	50,000.00					50,000.00
Sanitary Landfill Closure	10,444.39					10,444.39
	<u>\$ 3,434,536.45</u>	<u>\$ 121,622.32</u>	<u>\$ 2,188,702.05</u>	<u>\$ 2,330,228.17</u>	<u>\$ 276,334.07</u>	<u>\$ 3,138,298.58</u>

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General Capital Fund

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

CASH - TREASURER
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2023	C	\$	7,435,192.13
Increased by Receipts:			
Premium on BAN Sale	C-1	\$	32,604.06
Capital Improvement Fund	C-4		4,000,000.00
Grants, Loans and Other Receivables	C-7		624,219.90
Bond Anticipation Notes	C-9		6,547,000.00
Reserve for Payment of Future Debt Service	C-14		<u>103,450.00</u>
			11,307,273.96
			<u>18,742,466.09</u>
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Improvement Authorizations	C-8		2,436,022.51
Bond Anticipation Notes	C-9		<u>6,547,000.00</u>
			<u>8,983,022.51</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	C	\$	<u><u>9,759,443.58</u></u>

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

ANALYSIS OF CASH
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	BALANCE DEC. 31, <u>2023</u>	BALANCE DEC. 31, <u>2024</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 161,563.78	\$ 194,167.84
Capital Improvement Fund	54,711.83	1,562,711.83
Improvement Authorizations-Funded	8,288,033.77	8,321,144.14
Unfunded Improvements Expended - Listed on C-6	(1,611,025.20)	(1,630,673.09)
Unexpended Proceeds of Bond Anticipation Notes - C-6	155,183.72	109,747.49
Contracts Payable	3,104,423.71	3,270,148.70
Reserve for Grant Receivable	1,437,800.00	1,742,026.25
Reserve for Payment of Future Debt Service	543,709.35	747,159.35
Due from Somerset County Improvement Authority	(3,303.34)	(3,303.34)
Interfunds	(120,648.81)	(120,648.81)
State Aid Receivable	<u>(4,575,256.68)</u>	<u>(4,433,036.78)</u>
	<u>\$ 7,435,192.13</u>	<u>\$ 9,759,443.58</u>

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	C	\$ 54,711.83
Increased by:		
2024 Budget Appropriation	C-2	<u>4,000,000.00</u>
		4,054,711.83
Decreased by:		
Improvement Authorizations Funded	C-8	<u>2,492,000.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	C	<u>\$ 1,562,711.83</u>

C-5

DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - FUNDED
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	C	\$ 14,050,997.07
Decreased by:		
2024 Budget Appropriation - Serial Bonds	C-10	\$ 815,000.00
2024 Budget Appropriation - NJEIT Loans	C-11	225,194.13
2024 Budget Appropriation - SCIA Leases	C-16	<u>76,123.76</u>
		<u>1,116,317.89</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	C	<u>\$ 12,934,679.18</u>

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - UNFUNDED
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

ORDINANCE NUMBER	IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	PRIOR PERIOD RECEIPT OF GRANT AWARDS	NOTES PAID BY BUDGET APPROPRIATION	FUNDED BY DEBT ISSUANCE	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024	ANALYSIS OF BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024		
							BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES	EXPENDITURES	UNEXPENDED IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS
2499	Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 30,008.09				\$ 30,008.09		\$ 30,008.09	
2518	Various Improvements	2,950.00				2,950.00			\$ 2,950.00
2550	Various Improvements	20,577.72				20,577.72			20,577.72
2570	Various Improvements	14,500.00				14,500.00		13,219.34	1,280.66
2574	Site Remediation at Landfill - amended	250,000.00				250,000.00			250,000.00
2617	Parking Garage	7,250,000.00		\$ 113,000.00		7,137,000.00	\$ 6,547,000.00		590,000.00
2650	Firetruck	653,322.92				653,322.92		653,245.92	77.00
2670/2684	Various Improvements	1,729,000.00	\$ 77,773.75			1,651,226.25		934,199.74	717,026.51
2675	Station Road Extension to Route 206	129,333.80				129,333.80			129,333.80
2715	Various Equipment and Furniture for Emergency Services Facility	33,715.00			\$ 33,715.00				
		<u>\$ 10,113,407.53</u>	<u>\$ 77,773.75</u>	<u>\$ 113,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 33,715.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,888,918.78</u>	<u>\$ 6,547,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,630,673.09</u>	<u>\$ 1,711,245.69</u>
REF.	C		C-15, C-18	C-9	C-9	C	C-9	C-3	
Improvement Authorizations Unfunded		C-8							\$ 1,820,993.18
Less: Unexpended Proceeds of Bond Anticipation Notes - Ordinance #2617		C-3							<u>(109,747.49)</u>
									<u>\$ 1,711,245.69</u>

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

DUE FROM VARIOUS GRANTOR AGENCIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Ordinance Number	Balance December 31. 2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance December 31. 2024
Receivable					
New Jersey DOT	2361	\$ 250,000.00		\$ 250,000.00	
Community Development Block Grant	2361	16,309.21		16,309.21	
New Jersey DOT	2377	230,000.00		230,000.00	
New Jersey DOT	2420	27,910.69		27,910.69	
NJ Economic Development Authority - Hazardous Discharge	2482	1,675,290.76			\$ 1,675,290.76
New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT)	2482	435,871.00			435,871.00
Somerset County Improvement Authority (SCIA) - Fire Truck	2505	51.60			51.60
New Jersey Safe Routes to Schools	2550	457,016.14			457,016.14
New Jersey DOT - Davenport	2614	122,781.03			122,781.03
New Jersey DOT	2638	100,000.00		100,000.00	
New Jersey DOT - Various Road Improvements	2670	394,000.00			394,000.00
New Jersey DOT - Pocket Park Transit Village	2670	72,226.25			72,226.25
New Jersey DOT - ReHill Ave, Safe Streets to NJ Transit	2702	793,800.00			793,800.00
New Jersey DOT - Lincoln Ave / Cleveland St. and SRTS	2731		\$ 482,000.00		482,000.00
		\$ 4,575,256.68	\$ 482,000.00	\$ 624,219.90	\$ 4,433,036.78
	<u>REF.</u>	C	C-15	Below	C
Cash Receipts - 2024 Budget Appropriations	C-2			\$ 524,219.90	
Cash Receipts - Grants	C-2 , C-15			100,000.00	
				\$ 624,219.90	

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>ORDINANCE</u>	<u>IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION</u>	<u>ORIGINAL DATE OF ISSUE</u>	<u>DATE OF ISSUE</u>	<u>DATE OF MATURITY</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>BALANCE DEC. 31, 2023</u>	<u>INCREASED</u>	<u>DECREASED</u>	<u>BALANCE DEC. 31, 2024</u>
2617	Parking Garage	02/04/21	01/31/23	01/30/24	5.00%	\$ 6,660,000.00		\$ 6,660,000.00	
2617	Parking Garage	02/04/21	01/29/24	01/28/25	4.00%		\$ 6,547,000.00		\$ 6,547,000.00
2715	Various Equipment and Furniture for Emergency Services Facility	11/09/23	11/09/23	01/30/24	5.10%	<u>33,715.00</u>		<u>33,715.00</u>	
						<u>\$ 6,693,715.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,547,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,693,715.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,547,000.00</u>
					<u>REF.</u>	C	C-2	Below	C
					Issued for Cash	C-2		\$ 6,547,000.00	
					Paid by Budget Appropriation	C-6		113,000.00	
					Funded by debt issuance	C-6		<u>33,715.00</u>	
								<u>\$ 6,693,715.00</u>	

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
 GENERAL SERIAL BONDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

PURPOSE	DATE OF ISSUE	ORIGINAL ISSUE	MATURITIES OF BONDS			INTEREST RATE	BALANCE DEC. 31, 2023	DECREASE	BALANCE DEC. 31, 2024
			OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 2024						
			DATE	AMOUNT					
General Obligation Bonds	04/14/16	\$ 6,770,000.00	02/15/25	\$ 450,000.00	2.000%	\$ 3,020,000.00	\$ 425,000.00	\$ 2,595,000.00	
			02/15/26	500,000.00	2.000%				
			02/15/27	525,000.00	2.000%				
			02/15/28	550,000.00	2.000%				
			02/15/29	570,000.00	2.750%				
General Obligation Bonds	11/04/20	4,575,000.00	11/01/25	265,000.00	4.000%	3,890,000.00	265,000.00	3,625,000.00	
			11/01/26	275,000.00	4.000%				
			11/01/27	280,000.00	4.000%				
			11/01/28	285,000.00	4.000%				
			11/01/29	295,000.00	2.000%				
			11/01/30	300,000.00	2.000%				
			11/01/31	305,000.00	2.000%				
			11/01/32	310,000.00	2.000%				
			11/01/33	315,000.00	2.000%				
			11/01/34	325,000.00	2.000%				
			11/01/35	330,000.00	2.000%				
			11/01/36	340,000.00	2.000%				
			SCIA Bond Payable	9/29/2022	4,570,000.00				09/01/25
09/01/26	260,000.00	5.00%							
09/01/27	270,000.00	5.00%							
09/01/28	285,000.00	5.00%							
09/01/29	300,000.00	5.00%							
09/01/30	315,000.00	5.00%							
09/01/31	330,000.00	5.00%							
09/01/32	345,000.00	5.00%							
09/01/33	365,000.00	5.00%							
09/01/34	380,000.00	5.00%							
09/01/35	400,000.00	5.00%							
09/01/36	420,000.00	5.00%							
09/01/37	445,000.00	5.00%							
						\$ 11,395,000.00	\$ 815,000.00	\$ 10,580,000.00	
REF.						C	C-5	C	

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK LOAN
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>DATE OF ISSUE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ISSUE</u>	<u>MATURITIES OF BONDS OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 2024</u>		<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>BALANCE DEC. 31, 2023</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>BALANCE DEC. 31, 2024</u>
			<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>				
Loan Revenue Bonds Series 2019A	8/1/2019	\$ 3,384,514.00	2025	\$ 230,194.13	5.00%	\$ 2,381,941.39	\$ 225,194.13	\$ 2,156,747.26
			2026	235,194.13	5.00%			
			2027	235,194.13	5.00%			
			2028	235,194.13	5.00%			
			2029	240,194.13	2.00%			
			2030	245,194.13	2.00%			
			2031	245,194.13	2.13%			
			2032	245,194.13	2.25%			
			2033	245,194.22	2.50%			
						<u>\$ 2,381,941.39</u>	<u>\$ 225,194.13</u>	<u>\$ 2,156,747.26</u>
					<u>REF.</u>	C	C-5	C

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

DUE FROM SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

REF.

Balance, December 31, 2024 and 2023

C

\$ 3,303.34

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

DUE FROM CURRENT FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

REF.

Balance, December 31, 2024 and 2023

C

\$ 97,773.75

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

RESERVE FOR PAYMENT OF FUTURE DEBT SERVICE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Balance, December 31, 2023	<u>REF.</u> C		\$	543,709.35
Increased by:				
Current Year Receipt of Grant Awards	C-7 , C-15	\$	100,000.00	
Cash Receipts - Contributions	C-2		<u>103,450.00</u>	
				<u>203,450.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	C		\$	<u><u>747,159.35</u></u>

SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR GRANTS RECEIVABLE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Balance, December 31, 2023	<u>REF.</u> C		\$	1,437,800.00
Increased by:				
Grants Awarded - Ord 2731	C-7		<u>482,000.00</u>	
				1,919,800.00
Decreased by:				
Prior Period Receipt of Grant Awards	C-6	\$	77,773.75	
Current Year Receipt of Grant Awards	C7 , C-14		<u>100,000.00</u>	
				<u>177,773.75</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	C		\$	<u><u>1,742,026.25</u></u>
Analysis of Balance				
Ordinance 2670			\$	466,226.25
Ordinance 2702				793,800.00
Ordinance 2731				<u>482,000.00</u>
			\$	<u><u>1,742,026.25</u></u>

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

SCIA LEASES PAYABLE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>DATE OF ISSUE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ISSUE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL REQUIREMENTS OF LOAN OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 2024</u>		<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023</u>	<u>DECREASED</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024</u>
			<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>				
SCIA Lease Payable - Fire Truck	2016	\$ 808,000.00	03/01/25	\$ 38,705.49	2.25%	\$ 274,055.68	\$ 76,123.76	\$ 197,931.92
			09/01/25	39,141.01	2.25%			
			03/01/26	39,581.43	2.25%			
			09/01/26	40,026.80	2.25%			
			03/01/27	40,477.19	2.25%			
						<u>\$ 274,055.68</u>	<u>\$ 76,123.76</u>	<u>\$ 197,931.92</u>
					<u>REF.</u>	C	C-5	C

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

DUE FROM TRUST ASSESSMENT FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

REF.

Balance, December 31, 2024 and 2023	C	\$ <u>22,875.06</u>
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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>ORDINANCE NUMBER</u>	<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023</u>	<u>RECEIPT OF PRIOR PERIOD GRANT AWARDS</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024</u>
2499	Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 30,008.09		\$ 30,008.09
2518	Various Improvements	2,950.00		2,950.00
2550	Various Improvements	20,577.72		20,577.72
2570	Various Improvements	14,500.00		14,500.00
2574	Site Remediation at Landfill - amended	250,000.00		250,000.00
2617	Parking Garage	590,000.00		590,000.00
2650	Firetruck	653,322.92		653,322.92
2670/2684	Various Improvements	1,729,000.00	\$ 77,773.75	1,651,226.25
2675	Station Road Extension to Route 206	129,333.80		129,333.80
		<u>\$ 3,419,692.53</u>	<u>\$ 77,773.75</u>	<u>\$ 3,341,918.78</u>
<u>REF.</u>		C	C-6	C

Sewer Utility Fund

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SEWER UTILITY FUND

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
COLLECTOR - TREASURER
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>OPERATING FUND</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	D	\$ 5,207,483.25	
Increased by Receipts:			
Interest on Deposits	D-1	\$ 167,807.46	
Miscellaneous	D-1	79.71	
Interest and Penalties	D-1	7,404.55	
Consumer Accounts Receivable	D-1, D-3	<u>89,277.26</u>	
			<u>264,568.98</u>
			5,472,052.23
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	D-1	65.00	
Fund Balance Transferred to Current Fund - Sale of Utility	D-1	4,722,156.32	
2023 Appropriation Reserves	D-6	336,793.91	
Accounts Payable	D-8	6,037.00	
Due to HUD - Transferred to Current Fund	D	<u>407,000.00</u>	
			<u>5,472,052.23</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	D	\$ <u><u> </u></u>	

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SEWER UTILITY FUND

CONSUMER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2023	D	\$	89,633.34
Decreased by:			
Collections	D-1,D-2	\$	89,277.26
Cancelled	Reserve		<u>356.08</u>
			<u>89,633.34</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	D	\$	<u><u>-</u></u>

D-4

RENT OVERPAYMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2023	D	\$	12,006.99
Decreased by:			
Canceled to Fund Balance	D-1		<u>12,006.99</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	D	\$	<u><u>-</u></u>

D-5

SEWER UTILITY LIENS RECEIVABLE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2023	D	\$	1,850.00
Decreased by:			
Cancelled	Reserve		<u>1,850.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	D	\$	<u><u>-</u></u>

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SEWER UTILITY FUND

2023 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES DEC. 31, 2023	BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS	PAID OR CHARGED	BALANCE LAPSED
Operating:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 21,317.11		\$ 21,317.11		\$ 21,317.11
Other Expenses	197,132.82	\$ 37,067.10	234,199.92	\$ 25,466.71	208,733.21
Share of Costs	632,093.60	1.30	632,094.90	311,327.20	320,767.70
	<u>\$ 850,543.53</u>	<u>\$ 37,068.40</u>	<u>\$ 887,611.93</u>	<u>\$ 336,793.91</u>	<u>\$ 550,818.02</u>
<u>REF.</u>	D	D		D-5	D-1

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SEWER UTILITY FUND

INTERFUNDS RECEIVABLE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>	<u>CANCELED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2024</u>
Interfunds:			
Current Fund	\$ <u>11,579.04</u>	\$ <u>11,579.04</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
	\$ <u><u>11,579.04</u></u>	\$ <u><u>11,579.04</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>
<u>REF.</u>	D	D-1	D

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SEWER UTILITY FUND
 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2023	D	\$	48,481.68
Decreased by:			
Canceled to Fund Balance	D-1	\$	42,444.68
Cash Disbursements	D-2		<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; display: inline-block;">6,037.00</div>
			<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black; display: inline-block;">48,481.68</div>
Balance, December 31, 2024	D	\$	<div style="border-bottom: 3px double black; display: inline-block;">-</div>

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SEWER UTILITY FUND

ACCRUED INTEREST ON BONDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	D	\$ 4,050.00
Decreased by:		
Canceled to Fund Balance	D-1	<u>4,050.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	D	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>

Parking Utility Fund

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
PARKING UTILITY FUND

SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>OPERATING</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>
Balance, December 31, 2023	E	\$ 1,242,507.96	\$ 32,479.85
Increased by Receipts:			
Parking Meters	E-2	\$ 560,855.69	\$
Parking Permits	E-2	10,335.00	
Desapio Deck Contributions	E-2	76,000.00	
Parking Impact Fees	E-2	53,244.00	
Miscellaneous	E-2	52,008.26	
Capital Improvement Fund	E-12		50,000.00
		<u>752,442.95</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
		1,994,950.91	82,479.85
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	E-1	500.00	
2024 Appropriations	E-3	597,720.74	
2023 Appropriation Reserves	E-6	<u>40,268.18</u>	
		<u>638,488.92</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2024	E	\$ <u><u>1,356,461.99</u></u>	\$ <u><u>82,479.85</u></u>

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
PARKING UTILITY FUND

ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL CASH
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, <u>2024</u>	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, <u>2023</u>
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 78,632.19	\$ 28,632.19
Improvement Authorizations:		
Ord 2712-23 Improvements to Parking Lot #6	<u>3,847.66</u>	<u>3,847.66</u>
	<u>\$ 82,479.85</u>	<u>\$ 32,479.85</u>
<u>REF.</u>	E	E

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
PARKING UTILITY FUND

2023 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>	<u>ENCUMBRANCES</u> <u>PAYABLE</u> <u>DEC. 31, 2023</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>AFTER</u> <u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>PAID OR</u> <u>CHARGED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>LAPSED</u>
Operating:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 110,305.46	\$	\$ 110,305.46	\$	\$ 110,305.46
Other Expenses	<u>264,715.63</u>	<u>56,551.79</u>	<u>321,267.42</u>	<u>41,469.92</u>	<u>279,797.50</u>
	<u>\$ 375,021.09</u>	<u>\$ 56,551.79</u>	<u>\$ 431,572.88</u>	<u>\$ 41,469.92</u>	<u>\$ 390,102.96</u>
<u>REF.</u>	E	E			E-1
Cash Disbursements	E-4			\$ 40,268.18	
Accounts Payable	E-7			<u>1,201.74</u>	
				<u>\$ 41,469.92</u>	

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
PARKING UTILITY FUND

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	E	\$ 14,895.00
Increased by:		
Transfer from 2023 Appropriation Reserves	E-6	<u>1,201.74</u>
		16,096.74
Decreased by:		
Canceled	E-1	<u>14,895.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	E	\$ <u><u>1,201.74</u></u>

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
PARKING UTILITY FUND

FIXED CAPITAL
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>ORD NO.</u>	<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ORDINANCE</u>		<u>BALANCE DEC. 31, 2023</u>	<u>BALANCE DEC. 31, 2024</u>
		<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>		
	<u>Parking Improvements:</u>				
2616-20	Improvements to Parking Lot #8	06/15/20	\$ 175,000.00	\$ <u>146,367.81</u>	\$ <u>146,367.81</u>
				\$ <u>146,367.81</u>	\$ <u>146,367.81</u>
			<u>REF.</u>	E	E

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
PARKING UTILITY FUND

FIXED CAPITAL AUTHORIZED AND UNCOMPLETED
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

ORD NO.	IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION	ORDINANCE		BALANCE	BALANCE
		DATE	AMOUNT	DEC. 31, 2023	DEC. 31, 2024
	Parking Improvements:				
2712-23	Improvement to Parking Lot #6	08/07/23	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
				\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
			REF.	E	E

BOROUGH OF BESOMERVILLE
PARKING UTILITY FUND

IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

ORDINANCE NUMBER	IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION	ORDINANCE		BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024
		DATE	AMOUNT	FUNDED	FUNDED
<u>Parking Improvements:</u>					
2712-23	Improvements to Parking Lot #6	08/07/23	\$ 175,000.00	\$ <u>3,847.66</u>	\$ <u>3,847.66</u>
				\$ <u><u>3,847.66</u></u>	\$ <u><u>3,847.66</u></u>
			REF.	E	E

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
PARKING UTILITY FUND

DEFERRED RESERVE FOR .AMORTIZATION
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>ORD NO.</u>	<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>		<u>BALANCE DEC. 31, 2023</u>	<u>BALANCE DEC. 31, 2024</u>
	<u>Parking Improvements</u>	<u>Date</u>		
2712-23	Improvements to Parking Lot #6	08/07/23	\$ <u>175,000.00</u>	\$ <u>175,000.00</u>
			\$ <u>175,000.00</u>	\$ <u>175,000.00</u>
		<u>REF.</u>	E	E

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RESERVE FOR .AMORTIZATION
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>ORD NO.</u>	<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>		<u>BALANCE DEC. 31, 2023</u>	<u>BALANCE DEC. 31, 2024</u>
	<u>Parking Improvements</u>	<u>Date</u>		
2616-20	Improvements to Parking Lot #8	06/15/20	\$ <u>146,367.81</u>	\$ <u>146,367.81</u>
			\$ <u>146,367.81</u>	\$ <u>146,367.81</u>
		<u>REF.</u>	E	E

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
PARKING UTILITY FUND

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	E	\$ 28,632.19
Increased by:		
2024 Budget Appropriation	E-4	<u>50,000.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	E	<u><u>\$ 78,632.19</u></u>

Public Assistance Trust Fund

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND

DUE FROM TRUST OTHER FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

REF.

Balance - December 31, 2024 and 2023	F	\$	<u><u>25,533.60</u></u>
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RESERVE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

REF.

Balance - December 31, 2024 and 2023	F	\$	<u><u>25,533.60</u></u>
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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PART III

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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

Independent Auditors' Report

**Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Borough Council
Borough of Somerville
County of Somerset, New Jersey**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, ("Division"), the regulatory basis financial statements of the Borough of Somerville ("Borough") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Borough's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 6, 2025 in which we expressed an adverse opinion on the conformity of the statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America due to the differences between those principles and the financial reporting provisions of the Division.

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") as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Borough's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Borough's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Borough'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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

**Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Borough Council
Borough of Somerville
County of Somerset, New Jersey**

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

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 Borough's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

Cranford, New Jersey
June 27, 2025

Anthony Branco

Anthony Branco, CPA
Registered Municipal Accountant, No. 595



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

Independent Auditors' Report

**Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Borough Council
Borough of Somerville
County of Somerset, New Jersey**

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, New Jersey's ("Borough") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Borough's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024. The Borough's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States ("*Government Auditing Standards*") and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance"). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Borough and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Borough's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

**Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Borough Council
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County of Somerset, New Jersey**

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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

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

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

Cranford, New Jersey
June 27, 2025

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BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Grant Number	Federal A.L. Number	Award Amount	Cash Receipts	Expenditures	Passed - Through To Subrecipients	Cumulative Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</u>							
Direct Program:							
Housing Voucher Cluster:							
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	NJ39V097013/026	14.871	\$ 2,845,935.67	\$ 2,840,424.33	\$ 2,845,935.67	Not applicable	\$ 2,845,935.67
Passed Through County of Somerset:							
Community Development Block Programs - Entitlement Grants Cluster:							
2022 Curbs and Sidewalks		14.218	100,000.00		2,514.50		99,946.96
2023 Curbs and Sidewalks		14.218	100,000.00		68,610.40		84,910.40
2024 Park Improvements		14.218	150,000.00		5,595.80		5,595.80
Sub-total Community Development Block Programs - Entitlement Grants Cluster					76,720.70	Not applicable	184,857.36
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				2,840,424.33	2,922,656.37	Not applicable	3,035,793.03
<u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u>							
Passed Through Office of Emergency Management Performance Grant:							
Emergency Management Performance Grant	066-1200-100-726	97.042	32,500.00	20,000.00	9,375.03		16,041.63
Passed Through State Department of Law and Public Safety:							
FEMA - Disaster Grants - Public Assistance							
(Presidentially Declared Disasters) - Hurricane IDA		97.036	458,252.37	458,252.37	458,252.37		458,252.37
Passed Through NJ Department of Community Affairs:							
COVID-19 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - ARP		97.044	15,000.00	48,958.20	14,997.15	Not applicable	14,997.15
Total U. S. Department of Homeland Security				527,210.57	482,624.55	Not applicable	489,291.15
<u>U.S. Department of Transportation</u>							
Passed Through N.J. Department of Transportation:							
Highway Planning and Construction- Safe Routes to School Program (SPX)	078-6300-480-ICT	20.205	853,536.00		9,483.26		428,992.61
Total U.S. Department of Transportation					9,483.26	Not applicable	428,992.61
<u>U.S. Department of the Treasury</u>							
Passed Through - State of New Jersey:							
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund		21.027	1,262,616.76		205,890.06	Not applicable	1,165,676.84
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury					205,890.06		1,180,673.99
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards				\$ 3,367,634.90	\$ 3,620,654.24		\$ 5,134,750.78

See Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOTE 1: GENERAL

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards present the activity of all federal award programs of the Borough of Somerville. The Borough of Somerville is defined in Note 1(A) to the financial statements. To the extent identified, the federal awards and state financial assistance that passed through

NOTE 2: BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (OCBOA), which differ in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) applicable to local government units and as detailed in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

NOTE 3: RELATIONSHIP TO REGULATORY BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with amounts reported in the Borough's financial statements.

NOTE 4: RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards agree with the amounts reported in the related federal financial reports, where required.

NOTE 5: INDIRECT COST RATE

The Borough has elected not to use the ten percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed by the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Circular Letter 15-08.

**BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Section I – Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued on financial statements Unmodified Regulatory Basis

Internal control over financial reporting:

- | | | | |
|---|-----------|----------------------|------|
| 1) Material weakness(es) identified | _____ Yes | _____ <u>X</u> _____ | No |
| 2) Significant deficiency(ies) that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? | _____ Yes | _____ <u>X</u> _____ | None |

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?	_____ Yes	_____ <u>X</u> _____	No
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Federal Awards Section

Internal Control over major programs:

- | | | | |
|---|-----------|----------------------|------|
| 1) Material weakness(es) identified | _____ Yes | _____ <u>X</u> _____ | No |
| 2) Significant deficiency(ies) that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? | _____ Yes | _____ <u>X</u> _____ | None |

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs	<u>Unmodified</u>
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Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	_____ Yes	_____ <u>X</u> _____	No
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Identification of major federal programs:

A.L. Number(s)

14.871

Name of Federal Program or Cluster

Housing Voucher Cluster:
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs

_____ \$750,000 _____

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

_____ X _____ Yes _____ No

**BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Part II – Schedule of Financial Statements Findings

None.

Part III – Major Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

None.

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PART IV

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUNDS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

ASSETS	CURRENT FUND AND GRANT FUND	TRUST FUND	GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	PARKING UTILITY FUND	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND	GOVERNMENTAL FIXED ASSETS	MEMORANDUM TOTAL ONLY	
							DEC. 31, 2024	DEC. 31, 2023
Cash and Investments	\$ 26,402,415.42	\$ 5,206,481.51	\$ 9,759,443.58	1,438,941.84			\$ 42,807,282.35	\$ 42,708,613.92
Due from State of NJ - SC/Vet Deductions	44,348.51						44,348.51	43,348.51
Accounts Receivable:								
State & Federal Grants Receivable	14,355,491.62		4,433,036.78				18,788,528.40	16,725,252.32
Taxes, Assessments, Liens & Utility Charges	923,432.62						923,432.62	980,483.28
Interfund Loans	24,053.20	227,950.04	120,648.81		\$ 25,533.60		398,185.65	419,599.68
Other Accounts Receivable	21,029.61		3,303.34				24,332.95	18,175.57
Property Acquired for Taxes at Assessed Valuation	28,500.00						28,500.00	28,500.00
Fixed Assets - General						\$ 50,631,693.00	50,631,693.00	28,915,677.00
Fixed Capital - Utility				321,367.81			321,367.81	321,367.81
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:								
General Capital Fund			22,823,597.96				22,823,597.96	24,164,404.60
	<u>\$ 41,799,270.98</u>	<u>\$ 5,434,431.55</u>	<u>\$ 37,140,030.47</u>	<u>\$ 1,760,309.65</u>	<u>\$ 25,533.60</u>	<u>\$ 50,631,693.00</u>	<u>\$ 136,791,269.25</u>	<u>\$ 114,325,422.69</u>

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE	CURRENT FUND	TRUST FUND	GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	PARKING UTILITY FUND	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND	GOVERNMENTAL FIXED ASSETS	MEMORANDUM TOTAL ONLY	
							DEC. 31, 2024	DEC. 31, 2023
Bonds and Notes Payable			\$ 17,127,000.00				\$ 17,127,000.00	\$ 18,088,715.00
Loans Payable			2,354,679.18				2,354,679.18	2,655,997.07
Prepaid Taxes, Assessments, Utility Charges and Licenses	\$ 359,776.30						359,776.30	231,000.40
Tax, Assessment, Lien, License and Utility Charge Overpayments	22,114.68						22,114.68	84,330.21
Appropriation Reserves	1,386,368.74			233,499.84			1,619,868.58	3,580,235.91
Reserve for Encumbrances/Accounts Payable	2,233,897.87	\$ 361,255.58	3,270,148.70	23,481.16			5,888,783.31	5,622,088.61
Amts. Pledged to Specific Purposes	5,295,278.82	5,002,632.02	4,051,897.43	78,632.19	\$ 25,533.60		14,453,974.06	8,297,970.60
Escrow Funds							-	-
Improvement Authorizations			10,142,137.32	3,847.66			10,145,984.98	10,255,732.48
Interfund Loans	327,673.78	70,511.87					398,185.65	419,599.68
Investments in Governmental Fixed Assets						\$ 50,631,693.00	50,631,693.00	28,915,677.00
Reserve for Amortization of Costs of Fixed Capital Acquired or Authorized				321,367.81			321,367.81	321,367.81
Reserve for Certain Assets Acquired or Receivables & Inventories	997,015.43						997,015.43	1,057,743.70
Reserve for State and Federal Grants								
Appropriated and Unappropriated	15,087,557.13						15,087,557.13	12,826,425.13
Fund Balance	16,089,588.23	32.08	194,167.84	1,099,480.99			17,383,269.14	21,968,539.09
	<u>\$ 41,799,270.98</u>	<u>\$ 5,434,431.55</u>	<u>\$ 37,140,030.47</u>	<u>\$ 1,760,309.65</u>	<u>\$ 25,533.60</u>	<u>\$ 50,631,693.00</u>	<u>\$ 136,791,269.25</u>	<u>\$ 114,325,422.69</u>

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

Revenue and Other Income Realized	Year 2024		Year 2023	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 5,800,000.00	8.57	\$ 2,750,000.00	4.45
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local Property Tax Levies	14,934,885.85	22.08	13,365,095.84	21.61
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	417,172.73	0.62	459,107.82	0.74
Collection of Current Tax Levies	46,496,481.21	68.73	45,275,595.88	73.20
Total Income	67,648,539.79	100.00	61,849,799.54	100.00
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Budget Expenditures:				
Municipal Purposes	29,168,422.50	46.37	22,716,700.65	41.00
County Taxes	6,011,542.29	9.56	5,774,546.95	10.43
Local School Taxes	26,863,089.00	42.71	26,075,437.00	47.06
Other Expenditures	855,843.63	1.36	838,627.37	1.51
Total Expenditures	62,898,897.42	100.00	55,405,311.97	100.00
Excess in Revenue Over Expenditures	4,749,642.37		6,444,487.57	
Fund Balance January 1	17,139,945.86		13,445,458.29	
	21,889,588.23		19,889,945.86	
Less:				
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	5,800,000.00		2,750,000.00	
Fund Balance December 31	\$ 16,089,588.23		\$ 17,139,945.86	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE
IN FUND BALANCE - SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND

Revenue and Other Income Realized	Year 2024		Year 2023	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
Fund Balance Utilized		0.00	\$ 125,000.00	3.34
Rents	89,277.26	10.22	2,281,661.99	61.03
Miscellaneous From Other Than Membership Fees	784,611.41	89.78	1,332,123.95	35.63
Total Income	873,888.67	100.00	3,738,785.94	100.00
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Budget Expenditures:				
Operating		0.00	2,465,000.00	91.39
Capital Improvements				0.00
Debt Service		0.00	86,300.00	3.20
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures		0.00	138,528.00	5.14
Other Expenditures	4,733,800.36	100.00	7,514.35	0.28
Total Expenditures	4,733,800.36	100.00	2,697,342.35	100.00
(Deficit) / Excess in Revenue (under) / Over Expenditures	(3,859,911.69)		1,041,443.59	
Fund Balance January 1	3,859,911.69		2,943,468.10	
	-		3,984,911.69	
Less:				
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	-		125,000.00	
Fund Balance December 31	\$ -		\$ 3,859,911.69	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE
IN FUND BALANCE - PARKING UTILITY OPERATING FUND

Revenue and Other Income Realized	Year 2024		Year 2023	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 170,000.00	12.81	\$ 190,000.00	18.45
Parking Meters	560,855.69	42.25	521,493.37	50.63
Parking Permits	10,335.00	0.78	24,230.00	2.35
Parking Deck Fees	129,244.00	9.74	128,164.00	12.44
Miscellaneous From Other Than Parking Related Fees	457,006.22	34.43	166,199.34	16.13
Total Income	1,327,440.91	100.00	1,030,086.71	100.00
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Budget Expenditures:				
Operating	733,500.00	85.89	731,000.00	73.62
Capital Improvements	50,000.00	5.85	125,000.00	12.59
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	70,000.00	8.20	35,000.00	3.53
Other Expenditures	500.00	0.06	101,879.52	
Total Expenditures	854,000.00	100.00	992,879.52	89.74
Excess in Revenue Over Expenditures	473,440.91		37,207.19	
Fund Balance January 1	796,040.08		948,832.89	
	1,269,480.99		986,040.08	
Less:				
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	170,000.00		190,000.00	
Fund Balance December 31	\$ 1,099,480.99		\$ 796,040.08	

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF TAX RATE INFORMATION*

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Tax Rate:</u>	<u>\$3.953</u>	<u>\$3.862</u>	<u>\$3.761</u>

Apportionment of Tax Rate:

Municipal:	<u>1.185</u>	<u>1.179</u>	<u>1.170</u>
County:	<u>0.459</u>	<u>0.440</u>	<u>0.410</u>
Local School:	<u>2.309</u>	<u>2.243</u>	<u>2.181</u>

Assessed Valuation:

2024	<u>\$1,155,855,300.00</u>	
2023		<u>\$1,154,354,400.00</u>
2022		<u>\$1,153,098,900.00</u>

*Per Abstract of Ratables, Somerset County, NJ

Note: Under the provisions of Chapter 129, L.1976, the County Board of Taxation estimated the amount of approved Veterans and Senior Citizens Tax Deductions for 2024 to be \$32,750.00.

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>Calendar Year</u>		<u>Tax Levy</u>		<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Collection</u>
2024	\$	46,907,347.66	\$	46,496,231.21	99.12%
2023		45,778,030.89		45,275,595.88	98.90%
2022		44,765,656.83		43,962,506.62	98.21%

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>Calendar 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	\$ 470,601.68	\$ 432,837.33	\$ 903,439.01	1.93%
2023	430,228.24	457,259.70	887,487.94	1.94%
2022	387,122.48	464,344.18	851,466.66	1.90%

PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY TAX TITLE LIEN LIQUIDATION

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

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ 28,500.00
2023	28,500.00
2022	28,500.00

COMPARISON OF SEWER UTILITY LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>SEWER UTILITY Levies</u>	<u>Collections*</u>
2024	\$ -	\$ 89,277.26
2023	2,213,424.18	2,281,661.99
2022	2,817,437.99	2,983,988.16

*Include collections against prior year balances.

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUND BALANCES

	<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year</u>
Current Fund	2024	\$ 16,089,588.23	\$ 5,000,000.00
	2023	17,139,945.86	5,800,000.00
	2022	13,445,458.29	2,750,000.00
	2021	11,445,711.14	3,950,000.00
	2020	9,427,161.97	2,700,000.00

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUND BALANCES

		<u>Balance</u>	Utilized in Budget of Succeeding <u>Year</u>
Sewer Utility	2024	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Fund	2023	3,859,911.69	-
	2022	2,943,468.10	125,000.00
	2021	2,503,133.21	300,000.00
	2020	2,352,880.72	150,000.00
Parking Utility	2024	\$ 1,099,480.99	\$ 150,000.00
Operating Fund	2023	796,040.08	170,000.00
	2022	948,832.89	190,000.00
	2021	807,424.17	220,000.00
	2020	740,847.80	227,500.00

OFFICIALS IN OFFICE AND SURETY BONDS

The following officials were in office as at December 31, 2024:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF BOND</u>
Brian Gallagher	- Mayor	*
Roger Vroom	- President of Council	*
RanD Pitts	- Councilperson	*
Glen Denys	- Councilperson	*
Theresa Bonner	- Councilperson	*
Gina Stravic	- Councilperson	*
Thompson Mitchell	- Councilperson	*
Kevin Sluka	- Business Administrator, Borough Clerk, Election Officer	*
Paige Elster	- Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector	*
Paige Elster	- Sewer Utility Collector	*
Jenni Peterson	- Court Administrator	*
Katherine Howes	- Magistrate	*
Jeremy Soloman, Esq.	- Attorney	
Dave Meyers	- Construction Code Official, Electrical Subcode Official, Plumbing Sub Code Official	
John Muselli	- Community Development Director, Code Official, Zoning Officer	
Robert Lynn Jr.	- Fire Official	
Matthew D. Loper	- Borough Engineer	
Rodney Hadley	- Public Works Manager	
Kathleen Gerndt	- Recreation Director	
Brett Trout	- Tax Assessor	
Dennis Manning	- Police Chief	

* All officials and employees handling and collecting Borough Funds are covered by Public Employees Blanket Bond of \$1,000,000.00 under the Joint Insurance Fund.

All of the bonds were examined and were properly executed.

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PART V

GENERAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

**BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

GENERAL COMMENTS

An audit of the financial accounts and transactions of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, New Jersey, for the calendar year ended December 31, 2024, has been completed. The General Comments are herewith set forth:

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Finance Department and the other various offices and departments collecting fees within the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, New Jersey.

The audit did not and could not determine the character of services rendered for which payment had been made or for which reserves had been set up, nor could it determine the character, proper price or quantity of materials supplied for which claims had been passed. Cash on hand was counted and cash and investment balances were reconciled with independent certifications obtained directly from the depositories. Revenues and receipts were established and verified as to source and amount insofar as the records permitted.

INTERNAL CONTROL MATTERS

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, New Jersey as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Borough's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis.

A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

GENERAL COMMENTS

INTERNAL CONTROL MATTERS (Cont'd.)

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

With respect to the reporting of internal control matters, standards require that only a significant deficiency and/or a material weakness need be reported in writing to management and those charged with governance.

The control deficiencies reported are not considered to be significant deficiencies nor material weaknesses. In addition, these control deficiencies are not required to be reported in writing, however, control deficiencies are presented to management and those charged with governance in this report as a means to present those matters identified in review of the Borough's internal controls and as a means to inform management and those charged with governance as to the auditing standards requirements with respect to internal controls.

As indicated below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be control deficiencies.

In addition, during our audit, we noted certain matters involving the internal control and other operational matters that are presented for your consideration. This letter does not affect our report dated June 6, 2025 on the financial statements of the Borough of Somerville. Our comments and recommendations, which have been discussed with appropriate members of management, are intended to improve the internal control or result in other operating efficiencies.

OTHER MATTERS

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

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 states "Every contract or agreement, for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or the contract price whereof is to be paid with or out of public funds not included within the terms of Section 3, of this act, shall be awarded by the Governing Body of the contracting unit after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this act or specifically by any other law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or furnished for a sum exceeding in the aggregate the amount set forth in, or the amount calculated by the Governor pursuant to (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3c), except by contract or agreement."

On January 22, 2021, the Local Public Contracts Law was amended, effective on July 1, 2020. The amendment addresses the bid threshold (Section 7, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3), thereby increasing the amount from \$40,000 to \$44,000 under which a contract may be awarded without public advertising for those municipalities that have appointed a Qualified Purchasing Agent. The maximum bid threshold remains at \$17,500 for those municipalities that do not have a Qualified Purchasing Agent. As of December 31, 2024, the Borough has a Qualified Purchasing Agent.

A review of the Borough's purchasing procedures indicates bids were requested by public advertising for the following items tested, as disclosed in the official minutes.

GENERAL COMMENTS

OTHER MATTERS (Cont'd.)

Purchases, Contracts or Agreements Not Required to be Advertised (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1)

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6-1 states, "Except contracts which require the performance of professional services, all contracts or agreements which do not require public advertising for bids and the estimated cost of process exceeds fifteen percent of the bid threshold or \$6,600.

Reference is made to the Local Public Contract Guidelines and Local Public Contract Regulations (1977) promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

Material, Supplies, Equipment, Service Rentals, Construction and Repairs:

Professional Services, Road improvements, Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Street Sweeper

State Contracts:

Fire Fighting Safety Equipment

The minutes indicated the adoption of resolutions authorizing the purchase through state approved vendors as required by N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.2.

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

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

A test examination of expenditures revealed no individual payments, contracts or agreements in excess of \$17,500 or \$44,000 as applicable "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.A. 40A:11-6.

Any interpretations as to possible violation of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 and N.J.A.C. 5:30-14 would be in the province of the municipal solicitor.

Compliance with P.L. 2005, c.271

The threshold for Pay-to-Play is set at \$17,500, with no escalator provision. "Pay-to-Play" laws cover all contracts (not just professional services as some believe). Any contract (or aggregation of purchases of similar goods or services) that does not meet "fair and open" standards requires the Borough to obtain the necessary c. 271 documents. The provisions of c. 271 became effective on January 1, 2006.

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A non-compliance would result with the issuance of purchase orders exceeding \$17,500 during the fiscal period without a “fair and open” process, and without obtaining the requisite disclosures. It is important to note that the laws and regulations implementing “Pay-to-Play” focus on vendors rather than categories of goods and services. While this change may appear subtle, it greatly expands the monitoring required to assure continuing compliance.

Tests of expenditures indicated the Borough had the required documentation for compliance with P.L. 2005, c.271 for items tested.

Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments

N.J.S. 54:4-67, as amended, provides the method for authorizing interest and the maximum rate to be charged for the non- payment of taxes or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquent.

The governing body, on January 1, 2024, adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

WHEREAS, R.S. 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the governing body to fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquent and may provide that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within ten (10) days after the date upon which the same is payable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council does hereby fix the rate of interest at eight percent (8%) per annum on the first One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) and at eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of One thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) from the date when any tax installment shall be payable and delinquent until the said installment together with interest is paid provided, however, that if any installments shall be paid within ten (10) days after the date payable, in that event there shall be no interest charged.

“In addition, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, there is hereby fixed as a penalty to be charged to a tax payer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year of 6 percent to the amount of delinquency”.

The audit of the Collector’s records on a test basis indicated that interest on all delinquent accounts was calculated in accordance with the foregoing resolution for items tested.

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

The last tax sale was held on October 16, 2024. There were no properties excluded from the sale. There are no properties payable on an installment basis.

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Liens</u>
CY 2024	6
CY 2023	6
CY 2022	6

GENERAL COMMENTS

OTHER MATTERS (Cont'd.)

Investments

The Borough has adopted a formal cash management plan policy in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 of the Local Fiscal Affairs Law, which requires that “each local unit shall adopt a cash management plan and shall deposit its fund pursuant to that plan”.

Interfund Balances

Interfund Balances appear in the balance sheets of the Borough’s financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024.

These interfunds, in most cases, were from prior years and should be cleared by cash transfer where feasible.

Purchase Order and Encumbrance System

The Borough of Somerville utilizes a purchase order system for its expenditures in connection with its budgetary accounting system during the year under review. The accounting is processed on a data processing system for budgetary control. Transactions are approved based on availability of funds. Purchase orders were available for all cash disbursement transactions selected by us for testing. Tests of the system disclosed that compliance was in generally good order during the year. Tests of purchases orders and encumbrances indicated the Borough had the required documentation for items tested. The processing of confirming orders was noted.

It is suggested the Borough review policies and procedures to eliminate the use of confirming orders.

Payment of Claims

Payments of claims were examined on a test basis for the year under review. There were no exceptions noted for items tested.

Surety Bonds

The “List of Officials”, included as part of the Supplementary Data section of this report, discloses the status of surety bond coverage’s in effect at December 31, 2024. The minimum surety bond requirements for both the Tax Collector and Municipal Court were met for the year 2024.

During July 1998 the Local Finance Board completed a readopting of the Board’s general rules in the New Jersey Administrative Code. Based upon the new provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-8.3 and 8.4, local units are encouraged to utilize new recommended amounts in lieu of the minimum amounts in order to provide a higher level of security of public funds. The Borough’s surety bond Coverage meets the new recommended amounts as it is covered under the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund.

Municipal Court

The financial records maintained by the Municipal Court during the period were reviewed. The examination of the general account included review, on a test basis, that deposits were properly recorded and spread by receipt category and disbursements were made to the appropriate agencies on a timely basis.

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OTHER MATTERS (Cont'd.)

The bank reconciliations for both the general and bail accounts were made available for review. The examination of the bail account's financial and supporting records maintained by the Municipal Court revealed no exceptions for items tested.

The processing of traffic and criminal cases entered on the State's on-line computer system revealed no exceptions for items tested.

Condition of Records - Other Officials Collecting Fees

Our tests of the records maintained for other officials collecting fees were designed to determine that minimum levels of internal controls and accountability were met, that cash receipts were deposited or turned over to the Treasurer's accounts within a 48-hour period as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15, and that the fees charged were in accordance with the provisions of the Borough Code and that monthly financial reports are being submitted to the Finance Department timely. There were no exceptions with the items tested.

Condition of Records - Collector of Revenues

The records maintained by the Collector of Revenues were reviewed. Computerized cash receipt records were agreed to manual controls daily and in total monthly with no exceptions noted for items tested. No exceptions were noted for the testing of computerized real estate tax billings and billing adjustments for real estate taxes.

Condition of Records - Finance Office

The financial records maintained by the Finance Department during the period were reviewed. A general ledger was maintained for each fund, and was found to be suitable to serve as the basis for financial statement preparation. Control accounts were generally in proof with supporting detail.

Administration and Accounting of State & Federal Grants

During 2024, the Borough operated programs that were funded in whole or in part by state or federal grant awards. As part of the acceptance of these funds, the Borough is required to make assurances to the grantor agency that it will comply, in its general operations as well as in the operation of grant funded programs, with various laws and regulations. In addition, the individual grant contracts impose specific compliance requirements for the operations of each program.

The acceptance of grant funds also places additional requirements upon the Borough with respect to the Borough's system of internal controls. Based upon the matrix of requirements applicable to a specific grant, the Borough's internal controls are required to include systems and policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance with the many requirements.

We noted that the Finance office made an effort to review prior years' grant receivable balances and unexpended grant reserve balances for proper disposition at December 31, 2024. It was noted that the Borough continues to carry unexpended balances of grant awards that are several years old. This condition may have resulted from the decentralized management of the various grant programs. In the current environment, it is possible that grant program coordinators may have reported expenditures that were not charged to grant program appropriations. We suggest that the Borough continue to monitor prior years' unexpended grant reserves and that proper disposition is made in compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreements.

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OTHER MATTERS (Cont'd.)

Internal Control Documentation

AU Section 325 sets forth requirements upon the auditee that includes the documentation of its internal controls. We suggest the Borough initiate this process and also consider utilizing the framework established by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) for its documentation, which includes the five components of internal controls, as follows: Control Environment; Risk Assessment; Control Activities; Information and Communication; and Monitoring. In addition, we suggest the documentation should also include the internal controls that exist over grant compliance along with providing for this documentation in conjunction with information relating to job descriptions and procedures manual.

Cybersecurity

As part of its overall risk management, the Borough reviews security measures in place relating to its Information Technology (IT), including the use of specialized assessments. With the ever increasing challenges relating to cybersecurity, each organization determines what particular assessment or combination of assessments best fits its information security strategy. We suggest management continue to assess risks related to cybersecurity along with the utilization of specialized assessments, which would also include a periodic reporting mechanism to those charged with governance.

The Local Finance Board, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, adopted the following requirements, previously identified as “technical accounting directives” as codified in the New Jersey Administrative Code, as follows:

Compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:30:

N.J.A.C. 5:30 – 5.2 - Encumbrance Accounting: This directive requires the development and implementation of accounting systems, which can reflect the commitment of funds at the point of commitment. The Borough is in compliance with this directive.

N.J.A.C. 5:30 -5.6 - Fixed Asset Accounting: This directive requires the development and implementation of accounting systems which assigns values to covered assets and can track additions, retirements and transfers of inventoried assets.

N.J.A.C. 5:30 – 5.7 - General Ledger Accounting System: This directive requires the establishment and maintenance of a general ledger for, at least, the Current Fund. The Borough is in compliance with this directive.

Compliance with Local Finance Notices

In accordance with Local Finance Notice No. CFO-10, Uniform Construction Code, expenditure records were tested for compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:23.17(c)2, and no exceptions were noted for those items tested.

The Borough was not required to prepare and file a corrective action plan for the year 2023, pursuant to Local Finance Notice No. 92-15 issued by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as there were no recommendations.

A copy of this report was filed with the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services. A summary or synopsis of this report was prepared for publication and filed with the Borough Clerk.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend the following:

None

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We shall be pleased to confer on any questions that might arise with respect to any matters in this report.

We desire to express our appreciation for the assistance and courtesies rendered by the Borough officials and employees during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,

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