# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY REPORT OF AUDIT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

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### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PART I
REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Borough Council Borough of Montvale Montvale, New Jersey

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

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets - regulatory basis of the various funds and account group of the Borough of Montvale, as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis for the years then ended, and the related statement of revenues - regulatory basis and statement of expenditures - regulatory basis of the various funds for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial accounting and reporting provisions and practices that demonstrate compliance with the regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as described in Note 1. 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 misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with 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 prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Borough of Montvale on the basis of the financial accounting and reporting provisions and practices that demonstrate compliance with the regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the financial reporting requirements of the State of New Jersey for municipal government entities.

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

#### Adverse Opinion on 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" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the Borough of Montvale as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, or changes in financial position for the years then ended.

#### Basis for Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

As discussed in Note 17 of the financial statements, the financial statements – regulatory basis of the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) Trust Fund have not been audited, and we were not required by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, to audit nor were we engaged to audit the LOSAP Trust Fund financial statements as part of our audit of the Borough's financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018. The LOSAP Trust Fund financial activities are included in the Borough's Trust Funds, and represent 17.8 percent and 13.4 percent of the assets and liabilities, respectively, of the Borough's Trust Funds as of December 31, 2019 and 2018.

#### Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the LOSAP Trust Fund financial statements been audited as described in the "Basis for Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting" paragraph above, the financial statements – regulatory basis referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position – regulatory basis of the various funds and account group of the Borough of Montvale as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the results of operations and changes in fund balance – regulatory basis of such funds for the years then ended and the respective revenues – regulatory basis and expenditures – regulatory basis of the various funds for the year ended December 31, 2019 in accordance with the financial accounting and reporting provisions and practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as described in Note 1.

#### Other Matters

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements of the Borough of Montvale as a whole. The supplementary schedules listed in the table of contents, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance, and the supplementary data and letter of comments and recommendations section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements of the Borough of Montvale.

The supplementary schedules listed in the table of contents, schedule of expenditures of federal awards and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the 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. In our opinion, the supplementary schedules listed in the table of contents, schedule of expenditures of federal awards and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The supplementary data and letter of comments and recommendations section has not been subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated September 15, 2020 on our consideration of the Borough of Montvale's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Borough of Montvale's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the Borough of Montvale's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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RMA Number CR00429

Fair Lawn, New Jersey September 15, 2020

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS CURRENT FUND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

ASSETS	Reference	<u>2019</u>	2018
Cash	A-4	\$ 8,955,892	\$ 9,266,186
Cash - Change Fund	A-5 A-7	400 510 403	400
Grants Receivable	A-1	519,402	218,000
		9,475,694	9,484,586
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:			
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-9	205,582	241,187
Tax Title Liens Receivable	A-10	25,220	20,196
Property Acquired for Taxes at Assessed Valuation	A-11	29,400	29,400
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-12	56,716	62,471
Due from Animal Control Fund	B-6	3,732	3,017
Due from Other Trust Fund	B-9	144,193	27,052
		464,843	383,323
Deferred Charges			
Emergency Authorizations	A-13	<del></del>	33,000
		-	33,000
Total Assets		\$ 9,940,537	\$ 9,900,909
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE			
Appropriation Reserves	A-3,A-14	\$ 1,646,300	\$ 1,070,083
Encumbrances Payable	A-15	918,073	922,522
Accounts Payable	A-16	258,510	246,052
Due to Length of Service Award Program Fund	В	24,300	27,000
Fees Payable	A-24	32,866	6,816
Prepaid Taxes	A-17	316,650	432,277
County Taxes Payable - Added and Omitted Taxes	A-22	21,185	16,905
Prepaid Revenues - Sewer Fees	A-25	53,575	26,772
Due to State of New Jersey Senior Citizens'			•
and Veterans' Deductions	A-8	9,596	7,775
Reserve for Tax Appeals	A-26	1,001,875	951,875
Miscellaneous Reserves	A-27	384,292	384,292
Reserve for Grants:			
Unappropriated	A-28	18,216	19,912
Appropriated	A-29	77,082	48,055
		4,762,520	4,160,336
Reserve for Receivables	A	464,843	383,323
Fund Balance	A-1	4,713,174	5,357,250
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		\$ 9,940,537	\$ 9,900,909

#### COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS - CURRENT FUND

#### FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

	Reference	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED			
Fund Balance Utilized	A-2	\$ 4,250,000	\$ 4,175,000
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-2	3,922,013	3,130,082
Receipts from Delinquent Tax	A-2	239,398	623,961
Receipts from Current Taxes	A-2	48,046,233	48,040,440
Non-Budget Revenue	A-2	1,064,366	1,111,619
Other Credits to Income		044.406	#10 # <b>2</b> 0
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	A-14	841,406	719,522
Statutory Excess in Animal Control Fund	B-6	3,732	3,017
Accounts Payable Cancelled	A-1		20,568
Appropriated Grant Reserves Cancelled	A-1	20.060	150,577
Prior Year Interfunds Returned	A	30,069	13,076
Total Income		58,397,217	57,987,862
EXPENDITURES			
Budget Appropriations			
Operations		•	
Salaries and Wages	A-3	5,398,450	5,261,073
Other Expenses	A-3	9,100,166	9,181,307
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures -			
Municipal	A-3	1,268,157	1,532,691
Capital Improvements	A-3	937,606	553,000
Municipal Debt Service	A-3	1,776,820	1,901,900
County Taxes Payable	A-21	5,470,989	5,688,893
Due County for Added Taxes	A-22	21,185	16,905
Local District School Taxes Payable	A-19	16,771,966	16,349,965
Regional High School Tax Payable	A-20	13,790,303	13,637,934
Municipal Open Space Taxes	A-23	102,581	103,295
Prior Year Senior Citizen Deduction Disallowed	A-8	194	100
Refund Prior Year Revenue	A-4	4,951	
Interfund Advances Originating	Α	147,925	30,069
Total Expenditures		54,791,293	54,257,132
Excess in Revenue		3,605,924	3,730,730
Adjustments to Income Before Fund Balance:			
Expenditures included above which are by Statute Deferred Charges			
to Budget of Succeeding Year	A-13		33,000
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance		3,605,924	3,763,730
Fund Balance, January 1	A	5,357,250	5,768,520
		8,963,174	9,532,250
Decreased by: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	A-1	4,250,000	4,175,000
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Fund Balance, December 31	Α	\$ 4,713,174	\$ 5,357,250

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS CURRENT FUND

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

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			Added		Excess
	Reference	Budget	by NJSA <u>40A:4-87</u>	Realized	or ( <u>Deficit)</u>
Surplus Anticipated	A-1	\$ 4,250,000		\$ 4,250,000	
Miscellaneous Revenues					
Licenses					
Alcoholic Beverages	A-12	17,000		17,840	\$ 840
Other	A-2	43,000		50,795	7,795
Fees and Permits	A-2	195,000		254,408	59,408
Fines and Costs - Municipal Court	A-12	182,500		181,356	(1,144)
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-12	63,000		69,905	6,905
Interest on Investments and Deposits	A-12	5,000		16,591	11,591
Uniform Fire Safety Act Local Enforcement					
Fees	A-12	117,500		116,970	(530)
Uniform Construction Code Fees	A-12	260,000		533,321	273,321
Energy Receipts Tax	A-12	1,262,378		1,262,378	-
Municipal Court Shared Service	A-12	194,402		179,586	(14,816)
Uniform Fire Safety Act - LEA Rebate	A-12	10,000		17,760	7,760
Cable TV Franchise Fees	A-12	127,500		131,138	3,638
Sewer Agreement - Marriott Corporation	A-12	26,772		26,772	-
Pascack Valley - Special Police Shared Service	A-12	146,625	\$ 6,950	153,468	(107)
Hotel/Motel Tax	A-12	195,000		188,722	(6,278)
Reserve for Field Maintenance	A-4	5,000		5,000	-
Public and Private Revenues Offset With					
Appropriations					
County of Bergen - Office of the County Prosecutor	A-7		35,100	35,100	-
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and					
Drug Abuse	A-7	9,876		9,876	-
NJ DOT - Various Street Improvements	A-7		207,000	207,000	-
Police Donation - Wegmans	A-7		1,771	1,771	-
Police Donation	A-7		21,691	21,691	-
Environmental Donation	A-7		200,000	200,000	-
Bergen County Open Space - Field Improvements	A-7	113,538	65,000	178,538	-
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	A-7		9,805	9,805	-
Bullet Proof Vest - Federal	A-28	2,000		2,000	-
BCMJIF - Safety Incentive	A-28	1,750		1,750	-
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation	A-28	1,391		1,391	-
Body Armor Grant - State Share	A-28	2,775		2,775	-
Clean Communities Grant	A-28	16,921	18,887	35,808	-
Recycling Tonnage Grant	A-28	8,498		8,498	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	A-1	3,007,426	566,204	3,922,013	348,383
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	A-1,A-2	220,000	**	239,398	19,398
Sub-Total General Revenues		7,477,426	566,204	8,411,411	367,781
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support					
of Municipal Budget					
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes		11,392,716		12,844,351	1,451,635
Minimum Library Tax		759,925	-	759,925	1,431,033
Millian Biolay Xax		100,520			
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes	A-2	12,152,641	_	13,604,276	1,451,635
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Total General Revenues	A-3	\$ 19,630,067	\$ 566,204	22,015,687	\$ 1,819,416
Non-Budget Revenue	A-1,A-2			1,064,366	
				\$ 23,080,053	

ANALYSIS OF REALIZED REVENUES		Reference	
Allocation of Current Tax Collections Revenue from Current Taxes		A 1 A 0	\$ 48,046,233
Revenue Irom Current Taxes		A-1, A-9	\$ 48,046,233
Allocated to School, County and Municipal			2645502
Open Space Taxes		A-19,A-20,A-21,A-22,A-23	36,157,024
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriation			11,889,209
Add Appropriation "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes"		A-3	1,715,067
Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriation		A-2	\$ 13,604,276
Licenses - Other			
Board of Health		A-12	\$ 50,795
		A-2	\$ 50,795
Fees and Permits			
Borough Clerk		A-12	\$ 3,950
Registrar of Vital Statistics Planning Board		A-12 A-12	951 133,834
Police		A-12 A-12	3,698
Tax Collector		A-12	436
Recreation		A-12	2,665
Construction Code Official - Zoning		A-12	108,874
		A-2	\$ 254,408
		Reference	
ANALYSIS OF NON-BUDGET REVENUE		Keterence	
Excess Sewer Fees			\$ 305,735
Refund from Suez Water			130,000
Insurance Dividends			117,946
Traffic Control Reimbursements - PY			88,725
Sewer Fees - Interlocal Agreements			82,079
Contributions - Memorial Sloan Kettering			72,000
Police Outside Duty Administration Fee			48,483
Police Outside Duty Vehicle Fee			47,197
Cell Tower Fees			33,257
Sale of Assets			27,524
Miscellaneous			73,320
Rental of Borough Property PILOT - Montvale Commons			24,000 8,600
Distracted Driver Grant Reimbursement			5,500
Distracted Differ Grant Kennouisement			
		A-2	\$ 1,064,366
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	Cook Pagaints	A 4	¢ 750 (21
	Cash Receipts Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-4 e A-12	\$ 758,631 305,735
	Actional Accounts Reconstitution	- 1112	
		A-2	\$ 1,064,366

	Appro	Appropriated Budget After		Expended Paid or				Unexpended Balance
OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS"	Budget	Me	odification	!	Charged	<u>R</u>	eserved	Cancelled
GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS								
Administrative and Executive								
Salaries and Wages	\$ 249,500	\$	249,500	\$	246,687	\$	2,813	
Other Expenses	218,813		218,813		203,384		15,429	
Mayor and Council								
Salaries and Wages	49,400		49,400		49,326		74	
Other Expenses	33,600		33,600		27,162		6,438	
Borough Clerk								
Salaries and Wages	148,100		148,100		146,244		1,856	
Other Expenses	21,050		21,050		11,155		9,895	
Elections								
Salaries and Wages	2,500		2,500		1,271		1,229	
Other Expenses	10,100		10,100		7,275		2,825	
Financial Administration					•			
Salaries and Wages	219,000		219,000		213,886		5,114	•
Other Expenses	27,500		27,500		13,057		14,443	
Audit Services								
Other Expenses	42,400		42,400		13,600		28,800	
Assessment of Taxes								
Salaries and Wages	36,600		36,600		36,565		35	
Other Expenses	37,000		37,000		8,789		28,211	
Collection of Taxes								
Salaries and Wages	65,100		65,100		65,032		68	
Other Expenses	20,300		20,300		16,686		3,614	
Legal Services and Costs								
Other Expenses	345,000		345,000		342,597		2,403	
Engineering Services and Costs								
Other Expenses	150,000		150,000		140,689		9,311	
Cable TV Committee								
Salaries and Wages	6,300		6,300		508		5,792	
Other Expenses	22,675		22,675		17,353		5,322	

	Appropriated Budget After Budget Modification		Expe Paid or Charged		<u>i</u> Reserved	Unexpended Balance Cancelled	
OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS" (Continued)	<del>-</del>						
GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS (Continued)							
Historic Preservation Commission							
Other Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$	1,000	\$	100	\$ 900	
Historian							
Other Expenses	100		100			100	
Municipal Land Use Law Planning Board							
Salaries and Wages	94,500		94,500		92,780	1,720	
Other Expenses	174,100		170,100		76,881	93,219	
Zoning Official							
Salaries and Wages	9,450		9,450		9,403	47	
Code Enforcement and Administration							
Property Maintenance							
Salaries and Wages	3,500		3,500		3,425	75	
Insurance							
Life Insurance	3,100		3,100		2,640	460	
General Liability	239,000		239,000		227,230	11,770	
Workers Compensation	164,000		164,000		154,542	9,458	
Employee Group Health	867,000		867,000		646,531	220,469	
Employee Group Health -Waiver	67,500		67,500		56,416	11,084	
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS							
Fire							
Other Expenses	156,550		156,550		140,019	16,531	
Fire Hydrant Service	220,000		220,000		183,312	36,688	
Police							
Salaries and Wages	3,594,400	3	3,594,400		3,505,175	89,225	
Other Expenses	215,600		215,532		214,473	1,059	
Purchase of Police Vehicles	140,000		140,000		136,118	3,882	
Police Dispatch							
Other Expenses	40,000		40,000		11,973	28,027	
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	<u>Appro</u> Budget	Appropriated  Budget After  lget Modification			Expe Paid or Charged		eserved	Unexpended Balance Cancelled
OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS" (Cont'd)	200500	2120		•	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		<u>Sumomou</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS (Continued)								
First Aid Organization Other Expenses	\$ 34,000	\$	34,000	\$	29,853	\$	4,147	
Emergency Management Salaries and Wages Other Expenses	9,900 16,700		9,900 16,700		9,888 246		12 16,454	
Uniform Fire Safety Act Salaries and Wages Other Expenses	80,000 10,950		80,000 10,950		71,306 10,104		8,694 846	
Prosecutor Other Expenses	13,475		14,475		14,333		142	
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS								
Road Repair and Maintenance Other Expenses	75,000		75,000		50,702		24,298	
Sewer System Other Expenses	100,000		100,000		100,000		-	
Snow Removal Other Expenses	150,000		150,000				150,000	
Garbage and Trash Removal Other Expenses	625,000		625,000		609,967		15,033	
Recycling Other Expenses	5,000		5,000		-		5,000	
Public Buildings and Grounds Salaries and Wages Other Expenses	28,500 111,500		28,500 111,500		28,492 101,430		8 10,070	
Maintenance of All Vehicles Other Expenses	55,000		55,000		24,842		30,158	
Municipal Services Act Other Expenses	20,000		20,000		461		19,539	

	<u>Appropriated</u> Budget After		Expende Paid or				Unexpended Balance	
OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS" (Cont'd)	Budget		odification		Charged	<u>R</u>	eserved	Cancelled
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS								
Public Health Services Salaries and Wages Other Expenses	\$ 3,200 94,500	\$	3,200 94,500	\$	1,900 68,038	\$	1,300 26,462	
Environmental Commission Salaries and Wages Other Expenses	4,000 13,250		4,000 15,250		3,450 13,250		550 2,000	
Animal Regulation Other Expenses	13,000		13,000		10,800		2,200	
Administration of Public Assistance Salaries and Wages Other Expenses	7,000 520		7,000 520		6,970 305		30 215	
PARK AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS								
Parks and Playgrounds Other Expenses	6,000		6,000		2,528		3,472	
Recreation Services and Programs Salaries and Wages Other Expenses	57,000 19,200		57,000 19,200		56,650 13,530		350 5,670	
Senior Citizen Van Salaries and Wages	20,000		20,000		13,367		6,633	
Senior Citizens Other Expenses	26,000		26,000		25,919		81	
Celebration of Public Events Other Expenses	35,000		35,000		34,464		536	
OTHER COMMON OPERATING FUNCTIONS								
PEOSHA Compliance Other Expenses	2,000		2,000		,		2,000	
Salary Adjustment Account	10,000		9,500				9,500	
MUNICIPAL COURT FUNCTIONS								
Municipal Court Administration Salaries and Wages Other Expenses	109,360 13,734		109,360 13,734		103,679 8,897		5,681 4,837	

	Appro	priated	_	<u>Expended</u>			
	Budget After <u>Budget</u> <u>Modification</u>		Paid or <u>Charged</u>	Dogomiod	Balance Cancelled		
OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS" (Cont'd)	Budget	Wodification	Charged	Reserved	Cancened		
MUNICIPAL COURT FUNCTIONS (Continued)							
Public Defender							
Other Expenses	\$ 3,675	\$ 3,675	\$ 3,675				
STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE							
Construction Code Officials							
Salaries and Wages	212,500	212,500	211,585	\$ 915			
Other Expenses	61,700	61,700	53,861	7,839			
Building Subcode Official							
Salaries and Wages	42,750	42,750	42,521	229			
Plumbing Subcode Official							
Salaries and Wages	27,600	27,600	27,529	71			
Fire Subcode Official							
Salaries and Wages	16,500	17,000	16,833	167			
Electrical Subcode Official							
Salaries and Wages	42,800	42,800	42,761	39			
Elevator Subcode Official							
Other Expenses	35,000	35,000	35,000	-			
UNCLASSIFIED							
Utilities							
Gasoline	60,000	60,000	38,038	21,962			
Electricity	158,600	158,600	125,336	33,264			
Telephone	45,000	45,000	37,432	7,568			
Natural Gas	54,100	54,100	24,105	29,995			
Street Lighting	125,000	125,000	97,903	27,097			
Total Operations Within "CAPS"	10,348,752	10,347,684	9,194,234	1,153,450	-		
Contingent	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	-		
C				<del> </del>			
Total Operations including Contingent -							
Within "CAPS"	10,350,752	10,349,684	9,194,234	1,155,450			
Detail:							
Salaries and Wages	5,149,460	5,149,460	5,007,233	142,227	-		
Other Expenses	5,201,292	5,200,224	4,187,001	1,013,223	_		

	Appro	priated	Expe	Unexpended	
	<u>Budget</u>	Budget After Modification	Paid or <u>Charged</u>	Reserved	Balance <u>Cancelled</u>
DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES-MUNICIPAL WITHIN "CAPS"					
STATUTORY CHARGES					
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.) Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DCRP) Public Employees Retirement System Police and Fireman's Retirement System	\$ 205,000 11,000 167,862 851,295	\$ 205,000 11,000 167,862 851,295	\$ 181,629 4,556 167,862 851,295	\$ 23,371 6,444 -	
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures Municipal Within "CAPS"	1,235,157	1,235,157	1,205,342	29,815	_
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"	11,585,909	11,584,841	10,399,576	1,185,265	-
OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"					
Maintenance of Free Public Library Chap. 82, 541 P.L. 85 - Minimum Chap. 82, 541 P.L. 85 - Addition	759,925 56,896	759,925 56,896	759,856 56,896	69	
Sewerage Processing and Disposal (Sanitation Chap. 74, P.L. 87) Contractual	900,000	900,000	892,624	7,376	
Reserve for Tax Appeals	50,000	50,000	50,000		
Recycling Tax	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	
Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)	55,000	55,000	24,300	30,700	
Police Dispatch/911 Other Expenses	195,000	195,000	195,000	-	

#### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS CURRENT FUND

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

		Appro	pria	<u>priated</u>		Expended			Unexpended	
				ludget After		Paid or	_		Balance	
OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS" (Continued)		<u>Budget</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Modification</u>		<u>Charged</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>eserved</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>	
Interlocal Services Agreements										
Municipal Court Administration										
Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	\$	113,890 62,662	\$	113,890 62,662	\$	107,910 60,744	\$	5,980 1,918		
Prosecutor Other Expenses		14,025		15,025		14,918		107		
Public Defender										
Other Expenses		3,825		3,825		3,825		-		
Pascack Valley Regional School District Special Police										
Salaries and Wages		129,000		135,100		135,024		76		
Other Expenses		17,625		18,475		18,475		-		
Pascack Valley Department of Public Works Department of Public Works										
Other Expenses	_	1,640,200	_	1,640,200		1,640,200		-	•	
Total Other Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		4,008,048		4,015,998		3,959,772		56,226	-	
OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS" PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS OFFSET BY REVENUES										
Recycling Tonnage Grant		8,498		8,498				8,498		
Bergen County Municipal JIF Safety Incentive Program		1,750		1,750		1,553		197		
Clean Communities Grant Municipal Alliance Program		16,921		35,808		15,368		20,440		
County Share		9,876		9,876				9,876		
Local Share		2,469		2,469				2,469		
Alcohol Education and Rehab. Grant		1,391		1,391				1,391		
Bullet Proof Vest		2,000		2,000				2,000		
Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant				9,805				9,805		
Body Armor Grant-State Share		2,775		2,775				2,775		
Office of the County Prosecutor-MEA				35,100		35,100				
Police Donations - Wegmans Police Donations - Hekemian-Quad		-	_	1,771 21,691		1,771 21,691				
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues		45,680	_	132,934		75,483		57,451		
Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		4,053,728	_	4,148,932		4,035,255		113,677	-	
Detail:										
Salaries and Wages		242,890		248,990		242,934		6,056		
Other Expenses	_	3,810,838		3,899,942		3,792,321		107,621		

		<u>Appropriated</u> Budget After		<u>Expe</u> Paid or	Unexpended Balance	
		Budget	Modification	Charged	Reserved	Cancelled
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"						
Capital Improvement Fund Open Space - LaTrenta Improvements Acquisition of Equipment - Police Department Acquisition of Vehicles and Equipment - UCC Acquisition of Vehicles and Equipment - Fire D Various Improvements - Buildings and Grounds Donation - Park, Pond and Trail Improvements NJDOT - Improvements to Various Streets		62,000 113,538 65,000 45,000 45,000 135,000	\$ 62,000 178,538 65,068 45,000 45,000 200,000 207,000	\$ 62,000 175,854 65,068 43,704 44,000 134,597 65,025	\$ 2,684 1,296 1,000 403 134,975 207,000	
Total Capital Improvements Excluded from "CAPS	····	465,538	937,606	590,248	347,358	
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"						
Payment of Bond Principal Interest on Bonds Interest on Notes		1,415,000 361,825	1,415,000 361,825	1,415,000 361,820		\$ 5
Total Municipal Debt Service Excluded from "CAPS"		1,776,825	1,776,825	1,776,820		5
DEFERRED CHARGES - MUNICIPAL - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"						
Emergency Authorization		33,000	33,000	33,000		-
Total Deferred Charges - Municipal - Excluded from "CAPS"		33,000	33,000	33,000		
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes - Excluded from "CAPS"		6,329,091	6,896,363	6,435,323	461,035	5
Subtotal General Appropriations		17,915,000	18,481,204	16,834,899	1,646,300	5
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		1,715,067	1,715,067	1,715,067		
Total General Appropriations	<u>\$</u>	19,630,067	\$ 20,196,271	\$ 18,549,966	\$ 1,646,300	\$ 5
Refer	ence	A-2	A-3	A-1	A,A-1	

\$ 18,549,966

Budget After Paid or Modification Charges	
Modification Charge	₫
Budget as Adopted A-3 \$ 19,630,067	
Appropriation by 40A:4-87 A-2 566,204	
\$ 20,196,271	
<u> </u>	
C-1 D'11	3.50
Cash Disbursed A-4 \$ 15,704,7	270
Encumbrances Payable A-15 918,6	)73
Due to LOSAP Trust Fund B 24,7	300
Due to General Capital Fund C-4 105,7	256
Deferred Charges	
Special Emergency Authorization A-13 33,	000
Reserve for Tax Appeals A-26 50,	000
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes A-2 1,715,0	)6 <u>7</u>
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## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS TRUST FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

ASSETS	Reference	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND Cash	B-3	\$ 18,963	\$ 16,284
OTHER TRUST FUND Cash	B-3	2,876,018	3,374,660
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND Cash	B-3	280,642	275,161
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND Cash	B-3	176,666	116,262
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM FUND (UNAUDITED)			
Investments Due from Current Fund	B A	699,622 24,300	560,595 27,000
		723,922	587,595
Total Assets		\$ 4,076,211	\$ 4,369,962

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS TRUST FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

	Reference	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES			
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND			
Due to State of NJ - Fees Payable	B-4	\$ 18	\$ 18
Due to Current Fund	B-6	3,732	3,017
Reserve for Animal Control Expenditures	B-5	15,213	13,249
		18,963	16,284
OTHER TRUST FUND			
Due to Current Fund	B-9	144,193	27,052
Escrow Deposits	B-10	1,133,085	1,724,531
Payroll Deductions Payable	B-11	60,276	57,313
Miscellaneous Reserves and Deposits	B-12	1,538,464	1,565,764
		2,876,018	3,374,660
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND			
Due to State of NJ - Claims Payable	B-7	21	5
Reserve for Unemployment Compensation	В,	21	J
Insurance Claims	B-8	280,621	275,156
		280,642	275,161
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND			
Encumbrances Payable	B-16	35,820	2,230
Reserve for Open Space Preservation	B-10 B-15	140,846	114,032
reserve for open opace reservation	р 13	110,010	111,032
		176,666	116,262
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM FUND (UNAUDITED)			
Reserve for LOSAP Contributions	В	723,922	587,595
Reserve for Books Continuations	Б	123,722	
Total Liabilities and Reserves		\$ 4,076,211	\$ 4,369,962

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF REVENUES-REGULATORY BASIS OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	<u>Anticipated</u>								
				Bu	dget After				
		Е	Budget	Mo	difications			Ex	cess or
		<u>(1</u>	Memo)	(Memo)		Realized		(Deficit)	
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u> </u>	\$	102,184	\$	102,184	\$	102,581	\$	397
	(	\$	102,184	\$	102,184	<u>\$</u>	102,581	\$	397
	Reference		B-2		B-2		B-15		

**EXHIBIT B-2** 

#### STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES-REGULATORY BASIS OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	<u>Appropriated</u>							
		Budget After						
		Budget	Mo	dification	Paid or			
		(Memo)		(Memo)		Charged		Reserved
Maintenance of Land for Recreation and Conservation								
Other Expenses			\$	75,767	\$	75,767		
Reserve for Future Use	\$	102,184		26,417		_	\$	26,417
	\$	102,184	\$	102,184	\$	75,767	\$	26,417
Refere	<u>ence</u>	B-1		B-1		B-15		

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS GENERAL CAPITAL FUND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

	Reference	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
ASSETS			
Cash	C-2,C-3	\$ 3,191,927	\$ 3,372,649
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation			
Funded	C-5	9,620,000	11,035,000
Unfunded	C-6	2,351,250	
Total Assets		\$ 15,163,177	<u>\$ 14,407,649</u>
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE			
General Serial Bonds	C-12	\$ 9,620,000	\$ 11,035,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	C-13	2,300,000	
Encumbrances Payable	C-8	1,045,425	1,150,910
Improvement Authorizations			
Funded	C-7	1,140,721	1,791,889
Unfunded	C-7	675,620	
Capital Improvement Fund	C-9	2,191	63,941
Reserve for Payment of Debt	C-10	109,480	109,480
Reserve for Improvement of Fields	C-11	117,495	106,645
Fund Balance	C-1	152,245	149,784
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		\$ 15,163,177	\$ 14,407,649

There were bonds and notes authorized but not issued on December 31, 2019 and 2018 of \$51,250 and \$0, respectively. (Exhibit C-14)

#### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

#### FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

	Reference	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Balance, January 1	C	\$ 149,784	\$ 149,117
Increased by: Premiums on Bonds and Notes Issued	C-2	 2,461	 667
Balance, December 31	C	\$ 152,245	\$ 149,784

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

	Reference	<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>
ASSETS				
Cash	D-1	\$	4,593	\$ 6,362
Total Assets		\$	4,593	\$ 6,362
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES				
Reserve for Public Assistance Expenditures	D-2	\$	4,593	\$ 6,362
Total Liabilities and Reserves		\$	4,593	\$ 6,362

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
ASSETS		
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 19,058,038	\$ 19,058,038
Buildings and Building Improvements	15,476,881	15,389,598
Machinery and Equipment	9,265,646	8,980,023
	\$ 43,800,565	\$ 43,427,659
FUND BALANCE		
Investment in General Fixed Assets	\$ 43,800,565	\$ 43,427,659



#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Reporting Entity

The Borough of Montvale (the "Borough") was incorporated in 1894 and operates under an elected Mayor and Council form of government. The Mayor is elected to a four-year term and the six council members are elected at-large, two each year for terms of three years. The Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the Borough and as such presides over all public meetings and makes appointments to various boards. The Borough Council exercises all legislative powers including final adoption of the municipal budget and bond ordinances and confirmation of the Mayor's appointments, and all executive authority which is not specifically provided to the Mayor, by state law. A Borough Administrator is appointed by the Borough Council and is responsible for the implementation of the policies of the Mayor and Council, for the administration of all Borough affairs and for the day to day operations of the Borough. The Borough Administrator is the Chief Administrative Officer for the Borough. The Borough's major operations include public safety, road repair and maintenance, sanitation, recreation and parks, and general administrative services.

GASB requires the financial reporting entity to include both the primary government and component units. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Borough is financially accountable. The Borough is financially accountable for an organization if the Borough appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the Borough is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Borough is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Borough is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the Borough is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Borough in that the Borough approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. The Borough is not includable in any other reporting entity as a component unit.

The financial statements contained herein include only those boards, bodies, officers or commissions as required by NJS 40A:5-5. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Borough do not include the municipal library nor the volunteer fire department, which are considered component units under GAAP. Complete financial statements of the above component units can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer of the respective entity.

#### B. Description of Regulatory Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Borough of Montvale have been prepared on a basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles and practices prescribed or permitted by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division") which is a regulatory basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Such principles and practices are designed primarily for determining compliance with legal provisions and budgetary restrictions and as a means of reporting on the stewardship of public officials with respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the Borough accounts for its financial transactions through separate funds, which differ from the fund structure required by GAAP.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. GASB has adopted accounting statements to be used by governmental units when reporting financial position and results of operations in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. (GAAP). The municipalities in the State of New Jersey do not prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP and thus do not comply with all of the GASB pronouncements.

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### C. Basis of Presentation – Financial Statements

The Borough uses funds, as required by the Division, to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial administration by segregating transactions related to certain Borough functions or activities. The Borough also uses an account group, which is designed to provide accountability for certain assets that are not recorded in those Funds.

The Borough has the following funds and account group:

<u>Current Fund</u> – This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature and the assets and liabilities related to such activities, including Federal and State grants not accounted for in another fund.

<u>Trust Funds</u> - These funds are used to account for assets held by the government in a trustee capacity. Funds held by the Borough as an agent for individuals, private organizations, or other governments are recorded in the Trust Funds.

<u>Animal Control Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for fees collected from dog and cat licenses and expenditures which are regulated by NJS 4:19-15.11.

<u>Other Trust Fund</u> - This fund is established to account for the assets and resources, which are held by the Borough as a trustee or agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds. These funds include dedicated fees/proceeds collected, developer deposits, payroll related deposits and funds deposited with the Borough as collateral.

<u>Unemployment Insurance Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for employee and employer contributions for the purpose of providing unemployment benefits to former eligible employees.

<u>Open Space Preservation Trust Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for the resources which have accumulated from a dedicated tax, to be used for the preservation of municipal open space, recreation and farmland property.

<u>Length of Service Awards Program Fund (LOSAP)</u> – This fund is established to account for the tax-deferred income benefits to active volunteer members of emergency service organizations of the Borough.

<u>General Capital Fund</u> – This fund is used to account for the receipt and disbursement of funds used and related financial transactions related to the acquisition or improvement of general capital facilities and other capital assets, other than those acquired in the Current Fund.

<u>Public Assistance Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for the receipt and disbursement of funds that provide assistance to certain residents of the Borough pursuant to Title 44 of New Jersey Statutes.

<u>General Fixed Assets Account Group</u> - This account group is used to account for all general fixed assets of the Borough. The Borough's infrastructure is not reported in the account group.

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### C. Basis of Presentation – Financial Statements (Continued)

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

<u>Reclassifications</u> - Certain reclassifications may have been made to the December 31, 2018 balances to conform to the December 31, 2019 presentation.

#### Financial Statements - Regulatory Basis

The GASB Codification also requires the financial statements of a governmental unit to be presented in the basic financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The Borough presents the regulatory basis financial statements listed in the table of contents which are required by the Division and which differ from the basic financial statements required by GAAP. In addition, the Division requires the regulatory basis financial statements listed in the table of contents to be referenced to the supplementary schedules. This practice differs from reporting requirements under GAAP.

#### D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the accounting principles and practices prescribed by the Division in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The Borough of Montvale follows a modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method of accounting, revenues, except State/Federal Aid, are recognized when received and expenditures are recorded when incurred. The accounting principles and practices prescribed or permitted for municipalities by the Division ("regulatory basis of accounting") differ in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to local government units. The more significant differences are as follows:

<u>Cash and Investments</u> - Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the government. Investments are reported at cost and are limited by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 et seq. with the exception of LOSAP Trust Fund investments which are reported at fair value and are limited by N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.19. GAAP requires that all investments be reported at fair value.

<u>Inventories</u> - The costs of inventories of supplies for all funds are recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The costs of inventories are not included on the various balance sheets. GAAP requires inventories to be recorded as assets in proprietary-type funds.

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Property Tax Revenues/Receivables - Real property taxes are assessed locally, based upon the assessed value of the property. The tax bill includes a levy for Municipal, County, and School purposes. The bills are mailed annually in June for that calendar year's levy. Taxes are payable in four quarterly installments on February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. The amounts of the first and second installments are determined as one-quarter of the total tax levied against the property for the preceding year. The installment due the third and fourth quarters is determined by taking the current year levy less the amount previously charged for the first and second installments, with the remainder being divided equally. If unpaid on these dates, the amount due becomes delinquent and subject to interest at 8% per annum, or 18% on any delinquency amount in excess of \$1,500. A penalty of up to 6% of the delinquency may be imposed on a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the fiscal year in which the charges become delinquent. The school levy is turned over to the Board of Education as expenditures are incurred, and the balance, if any, must be transferred as of December 31, of each fiscal year. County taxes are paid quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15, to the County by the Borough. When unpaid taxes or any municipal lien, or part thereof, on real property, remains in arrears on April first in the year following the calendar year levy when the same became in arrears, the collector in the municipality shall, subject to the provisions of the New Jersey Statutes, enforce the lien by placing the property on a standard tax sale. The Borough also has the option when unpaid taxes or any municipal lien, or part thereof, on real property remains in arrears on the 11th day of the eleventh month in the fiscal year when the taxes or lien became in arrears, the collector in the municipality shall, subject to the provisions of the New Jersey Statutes, enforce the lien by placing property on an accelerated tax sale, provided that the sale is conducted and completed no earlier than in the last month of the fiscal year. The Borough may institute annual in rem tax foreclosure proceedings to enforce the tax collection or acquisition of title to the property. In accordance with the accounting principles prescribed by the State of New Jersey, current and delinquent taxes are realized as revenue when collected. Since delinquent taxes and liens are fully reserved, no provision has been made to estimate that portion of the tax receivable and tax title liens that are uncollectible. GAAP requires property tax revenues to be recognized in the accounting period when they become susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they are both levied and available), reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts.

<u>Miscellaneous Revenues/Receivables</u> - Miscellaneous revenues are recognized on a cash basis. Receivables for the miscellaneous items that are susceptible to accrual are recorded with offsetting reserves on the balance sheet of the Borough's Current Fund. GAAP requires such revenues to be recognized in the accounting period when they become susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they are both measurable and available).

Grant and Similar Award Revenues/Receivables - 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 as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the grantor or provider have been met.

<u>Property Acquired for Taxes</u> – Property acquired for taxes 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 as a capital asset in the government-wide financial statements at fair value on the date of acquisition.

<u>Interfunds</u> - Interfund receivables in the Current Fund are recorded with offsetting reserves, which are created by charges to operations. Income is recognized in the year the receivables are liquidated. Interfund receivables in the other funds are not offset by reserves. GAAP does not require the establishment of an offsetting reserve for interfunds and, therefore, does not recognize income in the year liquidated.

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

<u>Deferred Charges</u> – Certain expenditures, operating deficits and other items are required to be deferred to budgets of succeeding years. GAAP requires expenditures, operating deficits and certain other items generally to be recognized when incurred, if measurable.

Funded and unfunded debt authorizations for general capital projects are also recorded as deferred charges and represent permanent long-term debt issues outstanding (funded) and temporary debt issues outstanding or unissued debt authorizations (unfunded), respectively. GAAP does not permit the recording of deferred charges for funded and unfunded debt authorizations.

<u>Appropriation Reserves</u> – Appropriation reserves are recorded as liabilities and are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding year. Lapsed appropriation reserves are recorded as additions to income. Appropriation reserves do not exist under GAAP.

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

**Encumbrances** - Contractual orders outstanding at December 31, are reported as expenditures and liabilities through the establishment of an encumbrance payable. Encumbrances do not constitute expenditures or liabilities under GAAP.

<u>Compensated Absences</u> - Expenditures relating to obligations for unused vested accumulated vacation and sick leave are not recorded until paid; however, municipalities may establish and budget reserve funds subject to NJSA 40A:4-39 for the future payment of compensated absences. GAAP requires that the amount that would normally be liquidated with expendable available financial resources be recorded as an expenditure in the operating funds and the remaining obligations are recorded as a long-term obligation in the government-wide financial statements.

<u>Tax Appeals and Other Contingent Losses</u> - Losses arising from tax appeals and other contingent losses are recognized at the time a decision is rendered by an administrative or judicial body; however, municipalities may establish reserves transferred from tax collections or by budget appropriation for future payments of tax appeal losses. GAAP requires such amounts to be recorded when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated.

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

<u>General Fixed Assets</u> - In accordance with NJAC 5:30-5.6, Accounting for Governmental Fixed Assets, the Borough of Montvale has developed a fixed assets accounting and reporting system. Fixed assets are defined by the Borough as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$2,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years.

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

General Fixed Assets purchased after December 31, 1995 are stated at cost. Donated fixed assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

General Fixed Assets purchased prior to December 31, 1995 are stated as follows:

Land and Buildings
Machinery and Equipment

Assessed Value Replacement Cost

No depreciation has been provided for in the financial statements.

Expenditures for construction in progress are recorded in the General Capital Fund until such time as the construction is completed and put into operation for general fixed assets.

GAAP requires that capital assets be recorded in proprietary-type funds as well as the government-wide financial statement at historical or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. In addition, GAAP requires depreciation on capital assets to be recorded in proprietary-type funds as well as in the government-wide financial statements.

<u>Use of Estimates</u> - The preparation of financial statements requires management of the Borough to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of accrued revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

**A.** <u>Budgets and Budgetary Accounting</u> - An annual budget is required to be adopted and integrated into the accounting system to provide budgetary control over revenues and expenditures. Budget amounts presented in the accompanying financial statements represent amounts adopted by the Borough and approved by the State Division of Local Government Services as per N.J.S.A. 40A:4 et seq.

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

Trust Funds (Except the Open Space Preservation Trust Fund) General Capital Fund Public Assistance Fund

#### NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Continued)

#### A. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (Continued)

The governing body is required to introduce and approve the annual budget no later than February 10, of the fiscal year. The budget is required to be adopted no later than March 20, and prior to adoption must be certified by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. The Director of the Division of Local Government Services, with the approval of the Local Finance Board may extend the introduction and approval and adoption dates of the municipal budget. The budget is prepared by fund, function, activity and line item (salary or other expense) and includes information on the previous year. The legal level of control for appropriations is exercised at the individual line item level for all operating budgets adopted. The governing body of the municipality may authorize emergency appropriations and the inclusion of certain special items of revenue to the budget after its adoption and determination of the tax rate. During the last two months of the fiscal year, the governing body may, by a 2/3 vote; amend the budget through line item transfers. Management has no authority to amend the budget without the approval of the governing body. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the line item level. During 2019 and 2018 the Borough Council increased the original budget by \$566,204 and \$50,803. The increases in 2019 were funded by additional aid allotted to the Borough in the amount of \$17,803 and emergency appropriations of \$33,000 for administrative expenses. In addition, the governing body approved several budget transfers during 2019 and 2018.

#### NOTE 3 CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Borough considers petty cash, change funds, cash in banks, certificates of deposit and deposits with the New Jersey Cash Management Fund as cash and cash equivalents.

#### A. Cash Deposits

The Borough's deposits are insured through either the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF), Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) or New Jersey's Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). The Borough is required to deposit their funds in a depository which is protecting such funds pursuant to GUDPA. The New Jersey Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act requires all banks doing business in the State of New Jersey to pledge collateral equal to at least 5% of the average amount of its public deposits and 100% of the average amount of its public funds in excess of the lesser of 75% of its capital funds or \$200 million for all deposits not covered by the FDIC or NCUSIF.

Bank balances are insured up to \$250,000 in the aggregate by the FDIC for each bank. NCUSIF insures credit union accounts up to \$250,000 in the aggregate for each financial institution. SIPC replaces cash claims up to a maximum of \$250,000 for each failed brokerage firm. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the book value of the Borough's deposits were \$15,505,101 and \$16,427,964 and bank and brokerage firm balances of the Borough's deposits amounted to \$16,692,720 and \$16,716,146, respectively. The Borough's deposits which are displayed on the various fund balance sheets as "cash" are categorized as:

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		Bank Balance		
Depository Account		<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>
Insured	<u>\$</u>	16,692,720	\$	16,716,146
	\$	16,692,720	\$	16,716,146

<u>Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits</u> – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Borough does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2019 and 2018 none of the Borough's bank balances were exposed to custodial credit risk.

#### NOTE 3 CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

#### B. <u>Investments</u>

The Borough is permitted to invest public funds in accordance with the types of securities authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1. Investments include bonds or other obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America, Government Money Market Mutual Funds, any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligations bear a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor; bonds or other obligations of the Borough or bonds or other obligations of the school districts which are a part of the Borough or school districts located within the Borough, Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date of not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, issued by New Jersey school district, municipalities, counties, and entities subject to the "Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law," (C.40A:5A-1 et seq.); Other bonds or obligations having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase may be approved by the Division of Investments in the Department of the Treasury for investment by local units; Local Government investment pools, deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4); and agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities, if transacted in accordance with NJSA 40A:5-15.1 (8a-8e). In addition, the Borough is permitted to invest LOSAP Funds with the types of eligible investments authorized in NJAC 5:30-14.19. LOSAP investments include interest bearing accounts or securities, in which savings banks of New Jersey are authorized to invest their funds, New Jersey Cash Management Fund, fixed and variable individual or group annuity contracts, mutual fund shares or fixed and variable life insurance contracts.

As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Borough had the following investments:

	Fair Value <u>(LOSAP)</u>			
		2019	<u>2018</u>	
Investment:				
Lincoln Financial Group LOSAP				
Investment Fund (Unaudited)	\$	699,622	\$ 560,5	<u>95</u>

<u>Custodial Credit Risk – Investments</u> – For an investment, this is the risk, that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Borough will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are held by an outside party. The Borough does not have a policy for custodial risk. As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, \$699,622 and \$560,595 of the Borough's investments was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

		Value SAP)	
	2019		<u>2018</u>
Uninsured and Collateralized:			
Collateral held by pledging financial institution's trust department			
but not in the Borough's name (Unaudited)	\$ 699,622	\$	560,595

#### NOTE 3 CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

#### B. Investments (Continued)

<u>Interest Rate Risk</u> – The Borough does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

<u>Credit Risk</u> – State law limits investments as noted above (N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 and NJAC 5:30-14.19). The Borough does not have an investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Borough's investment in Lincoln Financial Group a subsidiary of Lincoln National Life Insurance Company was rated Baa1 by Moody's Investor Service.

<u>Concentration of Credit Risk</u> – The Borough places no limit in the amount the Borough may invest in any one issuer. More than five (5) percent of the Borough's investments are in Lincoln Financial Group. These investments are 100% of the Borough's total investments.

The fair value of the above-listed investments was based on information provided by Lincoln Financial Group.

Interest earned in the General Capital Fund, Animal Control Fund and certain Other Trust Funds are assigned to the Current Fund in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting.

#### NOTE 4 TAXES RECEIVABLE

Receivables at December 31, 2019 and 2018 consisted of the following:

<u>Current</u>		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Property Taxes	\$	205,582	\$ 241,187
Tax Title Liens	***************************************	25,220	 20,196
	\$	230,802	\$ 261,383

In 2019 and 2018, the Borough collected \$239,398 and \$623,961 from delinquent taxes, which represented 92% and 123%, respectively of the prior year delinquent taxes receivable balance.

#### NOTE 5 DUE TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS

As of December 31, interfund receivables and payables that resulted from various interfund transactions were as follows:

	<u>2019</u>				•			
	Γ	ue from		Due to	D.	ue from	J	Due to
	<u>Ot</u>	her Funds	<u>Ot</u>	her Funds	<u>Oth</u>	er Funds	<u>Oth</u>	er Funds
Current Fund	\$	147,925	\$	24,300	\$	30,069	\$	27,000
Trust Funds								
Animal Control				3,732				3,017
Other Trust				144,193				27,052
LOSAP Fund		24,300				27,000		-
Total	\$	172,225	<u>\$</u>	172,225	\$	57,069	\$	57,069

The above balances are the result of expenditures being paid by one fund on behalf of another and/or revenues earned in one fund on behalf of another fund.

The Borough expects all interfund balances to be liquidated within one year.

#### NOTE 6 DEFERRED CHARGES TO BE RAISED IN SUCCEEDING BUDGETS

Under the regulatory basis of accounting, certain expenditures are required to be deferred to budgets of succeeding years. At December 31, the following deferred charges are reported on the balance sheets of the following funds:

	Balance December 31,	Subsequent Year Budget Appropriation	Balance to Succeeding Budgets
<u>2019</u>		<del></del>	•
There are none.			
2018 Current Fund Emergency Authorizations	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000	\$ -

#### NOTE 7 FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

Under the regulatory basis of accounting, fund balances in the Current Fund are comprised of cash surplus (fund balance) and non-cash surplus (fund balance). All or part of cash surplus as of December 31 may be anticipated in the subsequent year's budget. The non-cash surplus portion of fund balance may be utilized in the subsequent year's budget with the prior written consent of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services if certain guidelines are met as to its availability. Fund balances at December 31, which were appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in their own respective fund's budget for the succeeding year were as follows:

	20	119	201	2018			
	Fund	Utilized	Fund	Utilized			
	Balance	in Subsequent	Balance	in Subsequent			
	December 31,	Year's Budget	December 31,	Year's Budget			
Current Fund Cash Surplus Non-Cash Surplus	\$ 4,193,772 519,402	\$ 4,100,000	\$ 5,106,250 251,000	\$ 4,250,000			
	\$ 4,713,174	\$ 4,100,000	\$ 5,357,250	\$ 4,250,000			

#### NOTE 8 FIXED ASSETS

#### A. General Fixed Assets

The following is a summary of changes in the general fixed assets account group for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

	Balance			Balance,
	December 31,			December 31,
	<u> 2018</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>2019</u>
2019				
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 19,058,038			\$ 19,058,038
Buildings and Building Improvements	15,389,598	\$ 87,283		15,476,881
Machinery and Equipment	8,980,023	497,139	\$ (211,516)	9,265,646
	\$ 43,427,659	\$ 584,422	\$ (211,516)	\$ 43,800,565
	Balance			Balance,
	Balance December 31,			Balance, December 31,
	December 31,	Increases	Decreases	•
2018		<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	December 31,
2018 Land and Land Improvements	December 31,	<u>Increases</u> \$ 1,209,498	<u>Decreases</u> \$ (6,374)	December 31, 2018
	December 31, 2017			December 31, 2018 \$ 19,058,038
Land and Land Improvements	December 31, 2017  \$ 17,854,914	\$ 1,209,498	\$ (6,374)	December 31, 2018 \$ 19,058,038

#### NOTE 9 MUNICIPAL DEBT

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

The Borough's debt is summarized as follows:

Issued		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
General			
Bonds and Notes	\$	11,920,000	\$ 11,035,000
Less Funds Temporarily Held to Pay Bonds and Notes		109,480	 109,480
Net Debt Issued		11,810,520	10,925,520
Authorized But Not Issued General			
Bonds and Notes		51,250	 <del>-</del>
Net Bonds and Notes Issued and Authorized			
But Not Issued	<u>\$</u>	11,861,770	\$ 10,925,520

#### **Statutory Net Debt**

The statement of debt condition that follows is extracted from the Borough's Annual Debt Statement and indicates a statutory net debt of .513% and .478% at December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

<u>2019</u>	9	Gross Debt		<u>Deductions</u>		Net Debt
General Debt	\$	11,971,250	\$	109,480	\$	11,861,770
School Debt		6,200,948	**********	6,200,948		
Total	\$	18,172,198	<u>\$</u>	6,310,428	<u>\$</u>	11,861,770
<u>2018</u>	9	Gross Debt		<u>Deductions</u>		Net Debt
2018 General Debt	\$	Gross Debt 11,035,000	\$	<u>Deductions</u> 109,480	\$	Net Debt 10,925,520
	-		\$		\$	

## NOTE 9 MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)

## **Statutory Borrowing Power**

The Borough's remaining borrowing power under N.J.S. 40A:2-6, as amended, at December 31, was as follows:

		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
3-1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal) Net Debt	\$	80,997,756 11,861,770	\$ 79,950,911 10,925,520
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$</u>	69,135,986	\$ 69,025,391

#### A. Long-Term Debt

The Borough's long-term debt consisted of the following at December 31:

## **General Obligation Bonds**

The Borough levies ad valorem taxes to pay debt service on general obligation bonds. General obligation bonds outstanding at December 31 are as follows:

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\$3,775,000, 2010 Refunding Bonds, due in an annual	<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>
installment of \$450,000 through August, 2019, interest at 3.00% to 4.375%		\$	450,000
amough August, 2017, interest at 5.00% to 4.575%		Ψ	450,000
\$3,695,000, 2011 Bonds, due in annual			
installments of \$425,000 to \$430,000			
through December, 2021, interest at 2.50%	\$ 855,000		1,280,000
\$9,305,000, 2018 Bonds, due in annual			
installments of \$540,000 to \$905,000			
through August, 2030, interest at 3.00% to 5.00%	 8,765,000		9,305,000
	\$ 9,620,000	\$	11,035,000

## NOTE 9 MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)

## A. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

The Borough's principal and interest for long-term debt issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2019 is as follows:

Calendar		Gen	<u>ieral</u>		
Year		<b>Principal</b>		<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2020	\$	1,270,000	\$	322,525	\$ 1,592,525
2021		1,275,000		286,550	1,561,550
2022		905,000		250,450	1,155,450
2023		760,000		223,300	983,300
2024		760,000		200,500	960,500
2025-2029		3,855,000		497,650	4,352,650
2030		795,000		23,850	 818,850
	<u>\$</u>	9,620,000	\$	1,804,825	\$ 11,424,825

## **Changes in Long-Term Municipal Debt**

The Borough's long-term capital debt activity for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 were as follows:

2010	Balance, December 31, 2018	<u>Increase</u>	Reductions	Balance, December 31, 2019	Due Within One Year
2019 General Capital Fund Bonds Payable	\$ 11,035,000	\$ -	\$ 1,415,000	\$ 9,620,000	\$ 1,270,000
	Balance, December 31, 2017	<u>Increase</u>	Reductions	Balance, December 31, 2018	Due Within One Year
2018 General Capital Fund Bonds Payable	\$ 3,355,000	\$ 9,305,000	\$ 1,625,000	\$ 11,035,000	\$ 1,415,000

#### NOTE 9 MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)

## B. Short-Term Debt

The Borough's short-term debt activity for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 was as follows:

#### **Bond Anticipation Notes**

<u>2019</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	Rate (%)	Maturity <u>Date</u>	Balance, December 31, 2018	Renewals/ <u>Issued</u>	Retired/ <u>Redeemed</u>	Balance, December 31, 2019
Gene	ral Capital Fund						
	Various Capital Improvements	1.50%	8/21/2020	<del>_</del>	\$ 2,300,000	<u> </u>	\$ 2,300,000
				\$	\$ 2,300,000	\$ -	\$ 2,300,000
<u>2018</u>				Balance, December 31, 2017	Renewals/ <u>Issued</u>	Retired/ <u>Redeemed</u>	Balance, December 31, 2018
Gene	ral Capital Fund						
	Construction of New Firehouse Various Capital Improvements Acquisition of Property	2.25% 2.25% 2.25%	8/24/2018 8/24/2018 8/24/2018	2,535,000 665,000	<del>_</del>	\$ 4,400,000 2,535,000 665,000	<del>-</del>
				\$ 7,600,000	<u> </u>	\$ 7,600,000	<u>\$ -</u>

The purpose of these short-term borrowings was to provide resources for capital construction, acquisitions or improvement projects and other purposes permitted by the Local Bond Law NJSA 40A:2 et. seq. The amounts issued for governmental activities are accounted for in the General Capital Fund.

State law requires that notes are to be issued for a period not exceeding one year and may be renewed from time to time for additional periods, none of which shall exceed one year. All bond anticipation notes, including renewals, shall mature and be paid not later than the first day of the fifth month following the close of the tenth fiscal year following the date of the original notes. In addition any note renewed beyond the third anniversary date of the original note, requires one legally payable installment to be paid.

#### NOTE 10 CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS

As of December 31, the Borough had the following commitments with respect to unfinished capital projects:

Capital Project	-	onstruction ommitment	Estimated Date of Completion
2019 Various Road Improvements Sanitary and Storm Sewer Repairs Municipal Complex HVAC Upgrades LaTrenta Field Synthetic Turf	\$	286,478 43,942 180,992 567,569	2020 2020 2020 2020
2018 Various Road Improvements Municipal Complex Fieldstone Turf Replacement and Improvements New Firehouse Construction	\$	1,246,322 46,150 10,446 65,864	2019 2019 2019 2019

#### NOTE 11 OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

#### A. Compensated Absences

Under the existing policies and labor agreements of the Borough, certain employees are allowed to accumulate (with certain restrictions) unused sick leave over the life of their working careers and to redeem such unused leave time in cash (with certain limitations) upon retirement.

It is estimated that the current cost of such unpaid compensation and salary related payments would approximate \$627,035 and \$760,624 at December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. These amounts which is are considered material to the financial statements, are not reported either as an expenditure or liability.

#### NOTE 11 OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)

#### **Changes in Other Long-Term Liabilities**

Under the regulatory basis of accounting, certain other long-term liabilities which may be considered material to the financial statements are not reported either as an expenditure or a liability. However, under the regulatory basis of accounting, these other long-term liabilities and related information are required to be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements in conformity with the disclosure requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

The Borough's changes in other long-term liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 were as follows:

<u>2019</u>	Balance, December 31, 2018	Additions	Reductions	Balance, December 31, 2019	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
Compensated Absences/Terminal Leave Net Pension Liability - PERS Net Pension Liability - PFRS	\$ 760,624 4,633,623 11,782,802		\$ 133,589 361,042 752,489	\$ 627,035 4,272,581 11,030,313	\$ - 
Other Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 17,177,049	\$ -	\$ 1,247,120	\$ 15,929,929	\$ -
2018	Balance, December 31, 2017	Additions	Reductions	Balance, December 31, 2018	Due Within One Year
Compensated Absences/Terminal Leave	\$ 596,393	\$ 212,385	\$ 48.154	\$ 760.624	\$ 51,918
Net Pension Liability - PERS Net Pension Liability - PFRS	5,761,045 12,651,520		\$ 48,154 \$ 1,127,422 868,718	\$ 760,624 4,633,623 11,782,802	J1,916

#### NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the following contributory defined benefit public employee retirement systems (retirement systems) covering substantially all state and local government employees which includes those Borough employees who are eligible for pension coverage.

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)** – established in July 1944, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:16A to provide coverage to substantially all full time county and municipal police or firemen and State firemen appointed after December 31, 1944. Membership is mandatory for such employees. PFRS is a cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation. For additional information about PFRS, please refer to the State Division of Pension and Benefits (Division's) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

#### NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

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

The following represents the membership tiers for PFRS:

Tier	<b>Definition</b>
1	Members who were enrolled prior to May 22, 2010
$\hat{2}$	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% (tier 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.

**Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)** – established in January 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide coverage, to substantially all full-time employees of the State or any county, municipality, school district, or public agency provided the employee is not a member of another State-administered retirement system. Membership is mandatory for such employees. PERS is a cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. For additional information about PERS, please refer to the State Division of Pension and Benefits (Division's) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

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

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

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

Service retirement benefits of 1/55<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tier 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tier 3 and 4 members with 25 or more years of service credit before age 62, and tier 5 members 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 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 a least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least ten years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

#### NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the following defined contribution public employee retirement program covering certain state and local government employees which include those Borough employees who are eligible for pension coverage.

**Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)** – established under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2008 to provide coverage to elected and certain appointed officials, effective July 1, 2007 and employees enrolled in PERS on or after July 1, 2007 who earn in excess of established annual maximum compensation limits (equivalent to annual maximum wage for social security deductions). This provision was extended by Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, effective May 21, 2010, to new employees (Tier 2) of the PFRS and new employees who would otherwise be eligible to participate in PERS and do not earn the minimum salary required or do not work the minimum required hours but earn a base salary of at least \$5,000 are eligible for participation in the DCRP. Membership is mandatory for such individuals with vesting occurring after one (1) year of membership. DCRP is a defined contribution pension plan.

#### **Other Pension Funds**

The state established and administers a Supplemental Annuity Collective Trust Fund (SACT) which is available to active members of the State-administered retirement systems to purchase annuities to supplement the guaranteed benefits provided by their retirement system. The state or local governmental employers do not appropriate funds to SACT.

The cost of living increase for PFRS and PERS are funded directly by each of the respective systems, but are currently suspended as a result of reform legislation.

According to state law, all obligations of each retirement system will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should any retirement system be terminated.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of each of the above systems, funds, and trust. The financial reports may be accessed via the New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

#### **Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the retirement systems are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental organizations. In doing so, the Division adheres to reporting requirements established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The accrual basis of accounting is used for measuring financial position and changes in net position of the pension trust funds. Under this method, contributions are recorded in the accounting period in which they are legally due from the employer or plan member, and deductions are recorded at the time the liabilities are due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan. The accounts of the Division are organized and operated on the basis of funds. All funds are accounted for using an economic resources measurement focus.

#### NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

#### **Investment Valuation**

The Division of Investment, Department of the Treasury, State of New Jersey (Division of Investment) manages and invests certain assets of the retirement systems. Prudential retirement is the third-party administrator for the DCRP and provides record keeping, administrative services and investment options. Investment transactions are accounted for on a trade or investment date basis. Interest and dividend income is recorded on the accrual basis, with dividends accruing on the ex-dividend date. The net increase or decrease in the fair value of investments includes the net realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Investment, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements of the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund. The financial report may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Investment, P.O. Box 290, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0290, or at <a href="https://www.state.nj/treasury/doinvest">www.state.nj/treasury/doinvest</a>.

#### **Collective Net Pension Liability**

The collective net pension liability of the participating employers for local PERS at June 30, 2019 and 2018 is \$18.1 billion and \$19.7 billion, respectively, and the plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability is 56.27 and 53.60%, respectively. The collective net pension liability of the participating employers for local PFRS at June 30, 2019 and 2018 is \$14.2 billion and \$15.4 billion, respectively and the plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability is 65.00% and 62.48%, respectively.

The total pension liabilities were determined based on actuarial valuations as of July 1, 2018 and 2017 which were rolled forward to June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

#### **Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

In the July 1, 2018 and 2017 PERS and PFRS actuarial valuations, the actuarial assumptions and methods used in these valuations were described in the Actuarial Assumptions and Methods section of the Actuary's report and are included here in this note to the financial statements. The pension systems selected economic and demographic assumptions and prescribed them for use for purposes of compliance with GASB Statement No. 68. The Actuary provided guidance with respect to these assumptions, and it is their belief that the assumptions represent reasonable expectations of anticipated plan experience.

#### **Employer and Employee Pension Contributions**

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 for 2019 and 2018 based on 10.0% for PFRS, 7.50% (effective July 1, 2018) and 7.34% (effective July 1, 2017) for PERS and 5.50% for DCRP of employee's annual compensation.

For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 for PFRS and PERS, which are cost sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plans, employers' contributions are based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. In the DCRP, which is a defined contribution plan, member contributions are matched by a 3% employer contribution. All contributions made by the Borough for 2019, 2018 and 2017 were equal to the required contributions.

#### NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

#### **Employer and Employee Pension Contributions (Contributions)**

During the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017, the Borough, was required to contribute for normal cost pension contributions, accrued liability pension contributions and non-contributory life insurance premiums the following amounts which equaled the required contributions for each respective year:

Year Ended December 31	<u>PFRS</u>	<u>PERS</u> (1)	<u>DCRP</u>
2019	\$ 851,295	\$ 234,082	\$ 4,556
2018	725,274	229,268	10,782
2017	646,651	214,978	11,423

(1) Includes Municipal Library's portion of contribution for the year.

In addition for the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017 the Borough contributed for long-term disability insurance premiums (LTDI) \$343, \$1,054 and \$504, respectively for PERS.

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

The regulatory basis of accounting requires participating employers in PERS and PFRS to disclose in accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, (GASB No.68) their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective pension expense excluding that attributable to employer-paid member contributions. The employer allocation percentages presented are based on the ratio of the contributions as an individual employer to total contributions to the PERS and PFRS during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018. Employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes.

## **Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)**

At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Borough reported a liability of \$4,272,581 and \$4,633,623, respectively, for its proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The Borough's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the ratio of the Borough's contributions to the pension plan relative to the total contributions of all participating governmental entities during the measurement period. As of the measurement date of June 30, 2019, the Borough's proportionate share was .02371 percent, which was an increase of .00018 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2018 of .02353 percent.

#### NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

## Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the pension system has determined the Borough pension expense (benefit) to be \$(15,166) and \$35,844, respectively, for PERS based on the actuarial valuations which are less than the actual contributions reported in the Borough's financial statements of \$234,082 and \$229,268, respectively. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Borough's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS pension which are not reported on the Borough's financial statements are from the following sources:

	2019			2018				
	(	eferred Outflows Resources		Deferred Inflows Resources	(	Deferred Outflows <u>Resources</u>		Deferred Inflows Resources
Difference Between Expected and								
Actual Experience	\$	76,687	\$	18,874	\$	88,364	\$	23,892
Changes of Assumptions		426,633		1,482,999		763,544		1,481,586
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual								
Earnings on Pension Plan Investments				67,444				43,464
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between								
Borough Contributions and Proportionate Share								
of Contributions		200,399		371,916		266,490		691,746
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Total	\$	703,719	\$	1,941,233	\$	1,118,398	\$	2,240,688

At December 31, 2019 the amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS pension will be recognized in pension expense (benefit) as follows:

Year	
Ending	
December 31,	<u>Total</u>
2020	\$ (265,385)
2021	(377,336)
2022	(390,061)
2023	(188,958)
2024	 (15,774)
	\$ (1,237,514)

#### NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

#### Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The Borough's total pension liability reported for the year ended December 31, 2019 was based on the June 30, 2019 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2019. The total pension liability reported for the year ended December 31, 2018 was based on the June 30, 2018 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2017, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2018. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement date:

<u>PERS</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Inflation Rate: Price Wage	2.75% 3.25%	2.25%
Salary Increases:		
Through 2026	2.00-6.00% Based on Years of Service	1.65-4.15% Based on Age
Thereafter	3.00%-7.00% Based on Years of Service	2.65%-5.15% Based on Age
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%	7.00%
Mortality Rate Table	Pub-2010	RP-2000

Assumptions for mortality improvements are based on Society of Actuaries Scale MP for 2019 and AA for 2018.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2018 and 2017 valuations were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018 and July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014, respectively.

#### NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

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

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

#### Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rate of return (expected returns, net of pension plans investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plans' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, as reported for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, are summarized in the following table:

_	2019		2018		
Asset Class	Target <u>Allocation</u>	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	4.67%	5.00%	5.51%	
Cash Equivalents	5.00%	2.00%	5.50%	1.00%	
U.S. Treasuries	5.00%	2.68%	3.00%	1.87%	
Investment Grade Credit	10.00%	4.25%	10.00%	3.78%	
US Equity	28.00%	8.26%	30.00%	8.19%	
Non-US Developed Markets Equity	12.50%	9.00%	11.50%	9.00%	
Emerging Markets Equity	6.50%	11.37%	6.50%	11.64%	
High Yield	2.00%	5.37%	2.50%	6.82%	
Global Diversified Credit	-	-	5.00%	7.10%	
Credit Oriented Hedge Funds	-	<b></b>	1.00%	6.60%	
Debt Related Private Equity	-	-	2.00%	10.63%	
Debt Related Real Estate	-	-	1.00%	6.61%	
Real Assets	2.50%	9.31%	2.50%	11.83%	
Equity Related Real Estate	-	-	6.25%	9.23%	
Buyouts/Venture Capital	-	-	8.25%	13.08%	
Private Credit	6.00%	7.92%	-	-	
Real Estate	7.50%	8.33%	-	-	
Private Equity	12.00%	10.85%	-	144	

#### Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liabilities of the PERS plan was as follows:

Calendar		
<u>Year</u>	Measurement Date	<b>Discount Rate</b>
2019	June 30, 2019	6.28%
2018	June 30, 2018	5.66%

#### NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

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

#### Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

#### Discount Rate (Continued)

The following table represents the crossover period, if applicable, for the PERS defined benefit plan:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Period of Projected Benefit		
Payments for which the Following		
Rates were Applied:		
Long-Term Expected Rate of Return	Through June 30, 2057	Through June 30, 2046
Municipal Bond Rate *	From July 1, 2057	From July 1, 2046
	and Thereafter	and Thereafter

<sup>\*</sup> The municipal bond return rate used is 3.50% and 3.87% as of the measurement dates of June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. 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.

#### Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability

The following presents the Borough's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability as of December 31, 2019 and 2018 calculated using the discount rate of 6.28% and 5.66%, respectively, as well as what the Borough's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower 5.28% and 4.66%, respectively or 1-percentage-point higher 7.28% and 6.66%, respectively than the current rate:

<u>2019</u>	1% Decrease (5.28%)	Current Discount Rate (6.28%)	1% Increase (7.28%)
Borough's Proportionate Share of the PERS Net Pension Liability	\$ 5,396,964	\$ 4,272,581	\$ 3,325,129
<u>2018</u>	1% Decrease (4.66%)	Current Discount Rate (5.66%)	1% Increase (6.66%)
Borough's Proportionate Share of the PERS Net Pension Liability	\$ 5,826,247	\$ 4,633,623	\$ 3,633,088

The sensitivity analysis was based on the proportionate share of the Borough's net pension liability at December 31, 2019 and 2018. A sensitivity analysis specific to the Borough's net pension liability was not provided by the pension system.

#### NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

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

#### Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

#### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the PERS pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial report from the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits. The financial report may be accessed via the New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits, website at <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions">www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions</a>.

#### Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)

At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Borough reported a liability of \$11,030,313 and \$11,782,802, respectively, for its proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The Borough's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the ratio of the Borough's contributions to the pension plan relative to the total contributions of all participating governmental entities during the measurement period. As of the measurement date of June 30, 2019, the Borough's proportionate share was .09013 percent, which was an increase of .00305 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2018 of .08708 percent.

For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the pension system has determined the Borough pension expense to be \$1,553,586 and \$1,401,529, respectively, for PFRS based on the actuarial valuations which are more than the actual contributions reported in the Borough's financial statements of \$851,295 and \$725,274, respectively. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Borough's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PFRS pension which are not reported on the Borough's financial statements are from the following sources:

	2019			2018				
	(	Deferred Outflows Resources		Deferred Inflows Resources		Deferred Outflows Resources		Deferred Inflows Resources
Difference Between Expected and								
Actual Experience	\$	93,110	\$	69,835	\$	119,875	\$	48,760
Changes of Assumptions		377,959		3,564,896		1,011,395		3,019,729
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual								
Earnings on Pension Plan Investments				149,457				64,463
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between								
Borough Contributions and Proportionate Share								
of Contributions		1,256,113		_		1,340,306		
Total	<u>\$</u>	1,727,182	\$	3,784,188	\$	2,471,576	<u>\$</u>	3,132,952

#### NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

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

#### Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)

At December 31, 2019 the amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PFRS pension will be recognized in pension expense (benefit) as follows:

Year	
Ending	
December 31,	<u>Total</u>
2020	\$ (214,516)
2021	(822,419)
2022	(575,616)
2023	(264,102)
2024	 (180,353)
	\$ (2,057,006)

#### Actuarial Assumptions

The Borough's total pension liability reported for the year ended December 31, 2019 was based on the June 30, 2019 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2019. The total pension liability reported for the year ended December 31, 2018 was based on the June 30, 2018 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2017, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2018. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement date:

<u>PFRS</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Inflation Rate: Price Wage	2.75% 3.25%	2.25%
Salary Increases:		
Through	All Future Years 3.25%-15.25% Based on Years of Service	2026 2.10%-8.98% Based on Age
Thereafter	Not Applicable	3.10%-9.98% Based on Age
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%	7.00%
Mortality Rate Table	Pub - 2010	RP-2000

Assumptions for mortality improvements are based on Society of Actuaries Scale MP for 2019 and AA for 2018.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2018 and July 1, 2017 valuations were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018 and July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013, respectively.

#### NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

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

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)

#### Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rate of return (expected returns, net of pension plans investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plans' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, as reported for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, are summarized in the following table:

	2019		2018		
_	Target	Long-Term Expected Real	Target	Long-Term Expected Real	
Asset Class	<b>Allocation</b>	Rate of Return	<b>Allocation</b>	Rate of Return	
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	4.67%	5.00%	5.51%	
Cash Equivalents	5.00%	2.00%	5.50%	1.00%	
U.S. Treasuries	5.00%	2.68%	3.00%	1.87%	
Investment Grade Credit	10.00%	4.25%	10.00%	3.87%	
US Equity	28.00%	8.26%	30.00%	8.19%	
Non-US Developed Markets Equity	12.50%	9.00%	11.50%	9.00%	
Emerging Markets Equity	6.50%	11.37%	6.50%	11.64%	
High Yield	2.00%	5.37%	2.50%	6.82%	
Global Diversified Credit	-	-	5.00%	7.10%	
Credit Oriented Hedge Funds	-	-	1.00%	6.60%	
Debt Related Private Equity	-	-	2.00%	10.63%	
Debt Related Real Estate	-	-	1.00%	6.61%	
Real Assets	2.50%	9.31%	2.50%	11.83%	
Equity Related Real Estate	-	-	6.25%	9.23%	
Buyouts/Venture Capital	-	an .	8.25%	13.08%	
Private Credit	6.00%	7.92%	-	-	
Real Estate	7.50%	8.33%	-	-	
Private Equity	12.00%	10.85%	-	-	

#### Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liabilities of the PFRS plan was as follows:

Calendar		
<b>Year</b>	Measurement Date	<b>Discount Rate</b>
2019	June 30, 2019	6.85%
2018	June 30, 2018	6.51%

#### NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

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

#### Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)

#### Discount Rate (Continued)

The following table represents the crossover period, if applicable, for the PFRS defined benefit plan:

<u>2018</u>
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n July 1, 2062
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<sup>\*</sup> The municipal bond return rate used is 3.50% and 3.87% as of the measurement dates of June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. 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.

#### Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability

The following presents the Borough's proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability as of December 31, 2019 and 2018 calculated using the discount rate of 6.85% and 6.51%, respectively, as well as what the Borough's proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower 5.85% and 5.51%, respectively or 1-percentage-point higher 7.85% and 7.51%, respectively than the current rate:

2019	1% Decrease ( <u>5.85%)</u>	Current Discount Rate (6.85%)	1% Increase (7.85%)
Borough's Proportionate Share of the PFRS Net Pension Liability	\$ 14,908,964	\$ 11,030,313	\$ 7,820,171
<u>2018</u>	1% Decrease (5.51%)	Current Discount Rate (6.51%)	1% Increase <u>(7.51%)</u>
Borough's Proportionate Share of the PFRS Net Pension Liability	\$ 15,769,818	<u>\$ 11,782,802</u>	\$ 8,494,240

The sensitivity analysis was based on the proportionate share of the Borough's net pension liability at December 31, 2019 and 2018. A sensitivity analysis specific to the Borough's net pension liability was not provided by the pension system.

#### NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

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

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)

#### Special Funding Situation – PFRS

Under N.J.S.A. 43:16A-15, the Borough is responsible for their own PFRS contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed which legally obligated the State to make contributions if certain circumstances occurred. The legislation which legally obligates the State is as follows: Chapter 8, P.L. 2000, Chapter 318, P.L. 2001, Chapter 86, P.L. 2001, Chapter 511, P.L. 1991, Chapter 109, P.L. 1979, Chapter 247, P.L. 1993 and Chapter 201, P.L. 2001. The amounts contributed on behalf of the Borough by the State under this legislation is considered to be a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Accordingly, the Borough's proportionate share percentage of the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows determined under GASB Statement No. 68 is zero percent and the State's proportionate share is 100% for PFRS under this legislation.

At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Borough for the PFRS special funding situation is \$1,741,707 and \$1,600,499, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the pension system has determined the State's proportionate share of the pension expense attributable to the Borough for the PFRS special funding situation is \$202,372 and \$189,577, respectively, which are more than the actual contributions the State made on behalf of the Borough of \$117,355 and \$94,788, respectively. At December 31, 2019 (measurement date June 30, 2019) the State's share of the PFRS net pension liability attributable to the Borough was .09013 percent, which was an increase of .00305 percent from its proportionate share measured as of December 31, 2018 (measurement date June 30, 2018) of .08708 percent. The State's proportionate share attributable to the Borough was developed based on actual contributions made to PFRS allocated to employers based upon covered payroll. These on-behalf contributions have not been reported on the Borough's financial statements.

#### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the PFRS pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial report from the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits. The financial reports may be accessed via the New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits, website at <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions">www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions</a>.

#### NOTE 13 POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the post-retirement health benefit program plan for participating municipalities including certain eligible former Borough employees and/or their dependents under a special funding situation.

#### Plan Description and Benefits Provided

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the following post-retirement health benefit program covering substantially all eligible local government employees from local participating employers.

State Health Benefit Program Fund – Local Government Retired (the Plan) (including Prescription Drug Program Fund) – 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 (GASB Statement No. 75); 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) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which can be found at https://www.state.ni.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml.

The Plan provides medical and prescription drug to retirees and their covered dependents of the employers. Under the provisions of Chapter 88, P.L. 1974 and Chapter 48, P.L. 1999, local government employers electing to provide postretirement medical coverage to their employees must file a resolution with the Division. Under Chapter 88, local employers elect to provide benefit coverage based on the eligibility rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission. Chapter 48 allows local employers to establish their own age and service eligibility for employer paid health benefits coverage for retired employees. Under Chapter 48, the employer may assume the cost of postretirement medical coverage for employees and their dependents who: 1) retired on a disability pension; or 2) retires 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) retires 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.

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 coverage.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of the above Fund. The financial reports may be assessed via, the New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits website at <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions">www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions</a>.

#### NOTE 13 POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (Continued)

#### Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the OPEB plan are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to government organizations. In doing so, the Division adheres to reporting requirements established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The accrual basis of accounting is used for measuring financial position and changes in net position of the other postemployment benefit plan. Under this method, contributions are recorded in the accounting period in which they are legally due from the employer or plan member, and deductions are recorded at the time the liabilities are due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan. The accounts of the Division are organized and operated on the basis of funds. All funds are accounted for using an economic resources measurement focus.

#### **Investment Valuation**

Investments are reported at fair value. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair values.

#### **Collective Net OPEB Liability**

The collective net OPEB liability of the participating employers and the State, as the non-employer contributing entity, of the Plan at June 30, 2019 and 2018 is \$13.5 billion and \$15.7 billion, respectively, and the plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability is 1.98% and 1.97%, respectively.

The total OPEB liabilities were determined based on actuarial valuations as of June 30, 2018 and 2017 which were rolled forward to June 30, 2019 and 2018.

#### Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

In the June 30, 2018 and 2017 OPEB actuarial valuations, the actuarial assumptions and methods used in these valuations were described in the Actuarial Assumptions and Methods section of the Actuary's report and are included here in this note to the financial statements. The Plan selected economic and demographic assumptions and prescribed them for use for purposes of compliance with GASB Statement No. 75. The Actuary provided guidance with respect to these assumptions, and it is their belief that the assumptions represent reasonable expectations of anticipated plan experience.

#### **Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contribution**

The funding policy for the OPEB plan is pay-as-you-go; therefore, there is no prefunding of the liability. However, due to premium rates being set prior to each calendar year, there is a minimal amount of net position available to cover benefits in future years. Contributions to pay for the health benefit premiums of participating employees in the OPEB plan are collected from the State of New Jersey, participating local employers, and retired members. The State of New Jersey makes contributions to cover those employees eligible under Chapter 330, P.L. 1967, as disclosed previously. Local employers remit employer contributions on a monthly basis. Retired member contributions are generally received on a monthly basis.

The employers participating in the OPEB plan made contributions of \$346.4 million and \$421.2 million and the State of New Jersey, as the non-employer contributing entity, contributed \$43.9 million and \$53.5 million for fiscal years 2019 and 2018, respectively.

The State sets the employer contribution rate based on a pay-as-you-go basis rather than the actuarial determined contribution an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No. 75. The actuarial determined contribution represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) of the plan using a systematic and rational method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with OPEB through the Plan. The Borough is not required to make contributions to the State Plan under the special funding situation. The State as a non-employer contributing entity makes contributions to the Plan under a special funding situation.

#### NOTE 13 POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (Continued)

## OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expenses and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

The regulatory basis of accounting requires participating employers in the State Health Benefit Program Fund – Local Government Retired Plan to disclose in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits other than Pension (GASB No. 75)* their proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective OPEB expense excluding that attributable to retiree-paid member contributions. The employer allocation percentages presented are based on the ratio of the contributions made as an individual employer toward the actuarially determined contribution amount to total contributions to the plan during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018. Employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes.

#### Special Funding Situation

Under N.J.S.A. 43:3C-24 the Borough is responsible for their own OPEB contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed which legally obligated the State to make contributions if certain circumstances occurred. The legislation which legally obligates the State is as follows: Chapter 330, P.L. 1997 and Chapter 271, P.L., 1989. Under Chapter 330, P.L. 1997, the State pays the premiums or periodic charges for the qualified local police and firefighter retirees and dependents equal to 80 percent of the premium of 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. The amounts contributed on behalf of the Borough by the State under this legislation is considered to be a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 75 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Accordingly, the Borough's proportionate share percentage of the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows determined under GASB Statement No. 75 is zero percent and the State's proportionate share is 100% of OPEB under this legislation.

At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability attributable to the Borough for the OPEB special funding situation is \$6,672,692 and \$7,872,257, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 the plan has determined the State's proportionate share of the OPEB expense attributable to the Borough for the OPEB special funding situation is \$88,448 and \$238,302, respectively. At December 31, 2019, (measurement date June 30, 2019), the State's share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Borough was .12076 percent, which was a decrease of .00593 percent from its proportionate share measured as of December 31, 2018 (measurement date June 30, 2018) of .12669 percent. The State's proportionate share attributable to the Borough was developed based on eligible plan members subject to the special funding situation. This data takes into account active members from both participating and non-participating employer locations and retired members currently receiving OPEB benefits.

#### NOTE 13 POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (Continued)

# OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expenses and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

#### Actuarial Assumptions

The Borough's total OPEB liability reported for the year ended December 31, 2019 was based on the June 30, 2019 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2019. The total OPEB liability reported for the year ended December 31, 2018 was based on the June 30, 2018 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2017, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2018. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement date:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Inflation Rate	2.50%	2.50%
Salary Increases* PERS: Initial Fiscal Year Applied Through Rate Rate Thereafter	2026 2.00% to 6.00% 3.00% to 7.00%	2026 1.65% to 8.98% 2.65% to 9.98%
PFRS: Initial Fiscal Year Applied Through Rate Rate Thereafter	Rate for All Future Years 3.25% to 15.25% Not Applicable	2026 1.65% to 8.98% 2.65% to 9.98%
Mortality PERS	Pub-2010 General Classification Headcount-Weighted Healthy Employee Male/Female Mortality Table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2019.	RP-2006 Headcount-Weighted Healthy Employee Male/Female Mortality Table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2017.
PFRS	Pub-2010 Safety Classification Headcount-Weighted Healthy Employee Male/Female Mortality Table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2019.	RP-2006 Headcount-Weighted Healthy Employee Male/Female Mortality Table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2017.
Long-Term Rate of Return	2.00%	1.00%

<sup>\*</sup>Salary increases are based on the defined benefit pension plan that the member is enrolled in and for 2019 the members years of service and for 2018 the members age.

For the June 30, 2019 measurement date healthcare cost trend rates for pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend is initially 5.7% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after eight years. For post-65 medical benefits, the actual fully-insured Medicare Advantage trend rates for fiscal year 2020 are reflected. The assumed post-65 medical trend is 4.5% for all future years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 7.5% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after eight years.

#### NOTE 13 POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (Continued)

# OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expenses and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

For the June 30, 2018 measurement date healthcare cost trend rates for pre-Medicare preferred provider organization (PPO) and health maintenance organization (HMO) medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 5.8% and decreases to a 5.0% long-term trend rate after eight years. For self-insured post-65 PPO and HMO medical benefits, the trend rate is 4.5%. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 8.0% decreasing to a 5.0% long-term trend rate after seven years. The Medicare Advantage trend rate is 4.5% and will continue in all future years.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were based on the results of the PFRS and PERS experience studies prepared for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018 and July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018, respectively. The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on the results of the PFRS and PERS experience studies prepared for July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013 and July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014, respectively.

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

#### Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

As the OPEB plan only invests in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB investments was based off the best-estimate ranges of future real rates of return (expected returns, net of OPEB plan investment expense and inflation) for cash equivalents, which is 2.00% and 1.00% as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

#### Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liabilities of the plan was as follows:

Calendar <u>Year</u>	Measurement Date	Discount Rate
2019	June 30, 2019	3.50%
2018	June 30, 2018	3.87%

The discount rate represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the Division. 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.

## **OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial report from the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits. The financial reports may be accessed via the New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits, website at <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions">www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions</a>.

#### NOTE 14 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Borough is exposed to various risks of loss related to general liability, automobile coverage, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; termination of employees and natural disasters. The Borough has obtained commercial insurance coverage to guard against these events to minimize the exposure to the Borough should they occur.

The Borough of Montvale is a member of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (BJIF), Bergen Municipal Employee Benefit Fund (BMED) and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL). The joint insurance funds are both an insured and self-administered group of municipalities established for the purpose of insuring against property damage, general liability, motor vehicles and equipment liability, worker's compensation and medical, prescription and dental coverages. The Funds are risk-sharing public entity pools. The BJIF, BMED and MEL coverage amounts are on file with the Borough.

The relationship between the Borough and respective insurance funds is governed by a contract and by-laws that have been adopted by resolution of each unit's governing body. The Borough is contractually obligated to make all annual and supplementary contributions to the insurance funds, to report claims on a timely basis, to cooperate with the management of the funds, its claims administrator and attorneys in claims investigation and settlement, and to follow risk management procedures as outlined by the funds. Members have a contractual obligation to fund any deficit of the funds attributable to a membership year during which the municipality was a member.

The funds provide its members with risk management services, including the defense of and settlement of claims, and established reasonable and necessary loss reduction and prevention procedures to be followed by the members. Complete financial statements of the funds can be obtained by contacting the respective fund's Treasurer.

There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the previous year nor have there been any settlements in excess of insurance coverage in any of the prior three years.

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 is a summary of Borough contributions, employee contributions, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and the ending balance of the Borough's unemployment compensation trust fund for the current and previous two years:

Year Ended December 31	Borough <u>Contributions</u>	Employee Contributions		* *		-	Claims mbursed	Ending Balance
2019	None	\$	7,665	\$	2,200	\$ 280,621		
2018	None		6,598		3,829	275,156		
2017	None		6,607		2,346	272,387		

#### NOTE 15 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Borough is a party defendant in some lawsuits, none of a kind unusual for a municipality of its size and scope of operation. In the opinion of the Borough's Attorney, the potential claims against the Borough not covered by insurance policies would not materially affect the financial condition of the Borough.

Pending Tax Appeals - Various tax appeal cases were pending in the New Jersey Tax Court at December 31, 2019 and 2018. Amounts claimed have not yet been determined. The Borough is vigorously defending its assessments in each case. Under the accounting principles prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the Borough does not recognize a liability, if any, until these cases have been adjudicated. The Borough expects such amounts, if any, could be material. As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Borough reserved \$1,001,875 and \$951,875, respectively in the Current Fund for tax appeals pending in the New Jersey Tax Court. Funding of any ultimate liability would be provided for in succeeding years' budget or from fund balance.

Federal and State Awards - The Borough participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the Borough may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, significant amounts of grant expenditure have not been audited by the various grantor agencies but the Borough believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on the overall financial position of the Borough.

#### NOTE 16 FEDERAL ARBITRAGE REGULATIONS

The Borough is subject to Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code as it pertains to the arbitrage rebate on all tax-exempt obligations, both long and short-term debt. Under the 1986 Tax Reform Act, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) required that all excess earnings from investment proceeds be rebated to the IRS. Arbitrage, for purposes of these regulations, is defined as the difference between the yield on the investment and the yield on the obligations issued. If there are excess earnings, this amount may be required to be rebated to the IRS. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Borough has not estimated its estimated arbitrage earnings due to the IRS, if any.

#### NOTE 17 LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)-UNAUDITED

The Borough of Montvale Length of Service Award Program (the Plan) was created by a Borough ordinance adopted on August 10, 1999 pursuant to 457 (e)(11)(13) of the Internal Service Code of 1986, as amended, except for provisions added by reason of the Length of Service Award Program as enacted into federal law in 1997. The voters of the Borough of Montvale approved the adoption of the Plan at the general election held on November 2, 1999.

The first year of eligibility for entrance into the Plan was calendar year 2000. The tax deferred income benefits for emergency services volunteers, consisting of the Volunteer Fire Department and the First Aid Organization, come from contributions made solely by the Borough on behalf of those volunteers who meet the criteria of a plan created by the governing body.

#### NOTE 17 LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)-UNAUDITED (Continued)

If an active member meets the year of active service requirement, a LOSAP must provide a benefit between the minimum contribution of \$100 and a maximum contribution of \$1,150 per year. While the maximum amount is established by statute, it is subject to periodic increases that are related to the consumer price index (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185(f). The Division of Local Government Services issues the permitted maximum increase annually.

The Borough of Montvale has contributed \$1,350 and \$1,350 for 2019 and 2018, respectively, for each eligible volunteer fire department and volunteer ambulance corp. member into the Plan. The Borough also contributed \$24,300 and \$27,000 for 2019 and 2018, respectively for each eligible volunteer first aid squad members into the Plan.

In accordance with the amendments to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and the State Deferred Revenue Regulations, the Borough has placed the amounts deferred, including earnings, in a trust for the exclusive benefit of the plan participants and their beneficiaries.

Lincoln Financial Group is the administrator of the plan. The Borough's practical involvement in administering the plan is essentially limited to verifying the eligibility of each participant and remitting the funds to the plan administrator.

#### **Vesting and Benefits**

A volunteer is eligible to receive a distribution of funds upon completing 5 (five) cumulative years as an active member of the volunteer organization. Certain restrictions and tax implications may result in the event of a withdrawal of funds from the Plan.

If a volunteer member does not vest and terminates their association with the emergency service organization, the funds are returned to the sponsoring agency's surplus.

#### **Reporting Requirements**

The New Jersey Administrative Code NJAC 5:30-14.49 requires that the Borough perform a separate review report of the plan in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statements on Standards for Accounting and Auditing Review Services. Since a review does not constitute an audit, the financial statements pertaining to the Plan are presented as unaudited in this report as part of the Borough's Trust Fund.

#### **Interlocal Services Agreement**

The Boroughs of Park Ridge, Woodcliff Lake and Montvale entered into an interlocal service agreement for the purposes of reimbursing the Borough of Park Ridge as sponsoring agency for a length of service awards program for the Tri-Borough Volunteer Ambulance Corps., a volunteer organization which services each of the Boroughs.

The contributions are made in accordance with the plan established by the Borough of Park Ridge pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:14-183 et seq. Montvale's share of the Tri-Borough Volunteer Ambulance Corps. LOSAP contributions for the year ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 were \$12,308 and \$11,283, respectfully.

Since the Borough of Park Ridge is the sponsoring agency, all contributions and financial transactions related to the Tri-Borough Volunteer Ambulance Corps. are reported on the financial statements of the Borough of Park Ridge's length of Service Awards Program and are not included in this report.

#### **NOTE 18 TAX ABATEMENTS**

For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Borough provided property tax abatements through certain programs authorized under State statutes. This program includes the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Financing Act (NJHMFA).

The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Financing Act (NJSA 55:14K et. seq.) allows for property tax abatements for residential rental housing projects financed by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency. These property tax abatements last for the term of the original mortgage financing so long as the residential rental housing project remains subject to the NJHMFA Law and regulations. The process begins when the municipality passes by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate, that such residential rental housing project shall be exempt from property tax provided that an agreement is entered into with the housing sponsor for payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs) to the municipality. The agreement can require the housing sponsor to a PILOT payment to the municipality in an amount up to 20% of the annual gross revenue from each housing project. For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 the Borough abated property taxes totaling \$72,780 and \$71,887, respectively, under the NJHMFA program. The Borough received \$8,600 in PILOT payments under this program for both years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

#### NOTE 19 INFECTIOUS DISEASE OUTBREAK – COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The World Health Organization has declared a pandemic following the global outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus, which was first discovered in China and has since spread to other countries, including the United States (and to the Borough) (the "COVID-19 Crisis"). On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency to unlock federal funds and assistance to help states and local governments fight the pandemic. Governor Phil Murphy, of the State of New Jersey, has also instituted mandatory measures via various executive orders to contain the spread of the virus, including closing schools and nonessential businesses and limiting social gatherings. These measures, which alter the behavior of businesses and people, are expected to have negative impacts on regional, state and local economies and significant declines in the financial markets in the United States and volatility attributed to concerns about the duration of the pandemic and its continued economic impact. Recently, the United States Congress has passed relief and stimulus legislation. This legislation is intended to address the financial impact of the pandemic on the U.S. economy and financial markets. It is too early to predict if the legislation will have its intended affect.

In compliance with the Governor's executive orders, the Borough has instituted necessary precautions and procedures, so as to allow the Borough to continue to provide services during this time. The Borough is functioning administratively, and its departments continue to operate both remotely and on-site, where safe and practicable. The Borough will continue to collect property taxes and other municipal revenues. At this time, it is not possible to predict any other financial impacts as a result of this pandemic on the Borough's operations; however, such amounts, if any, could be material.

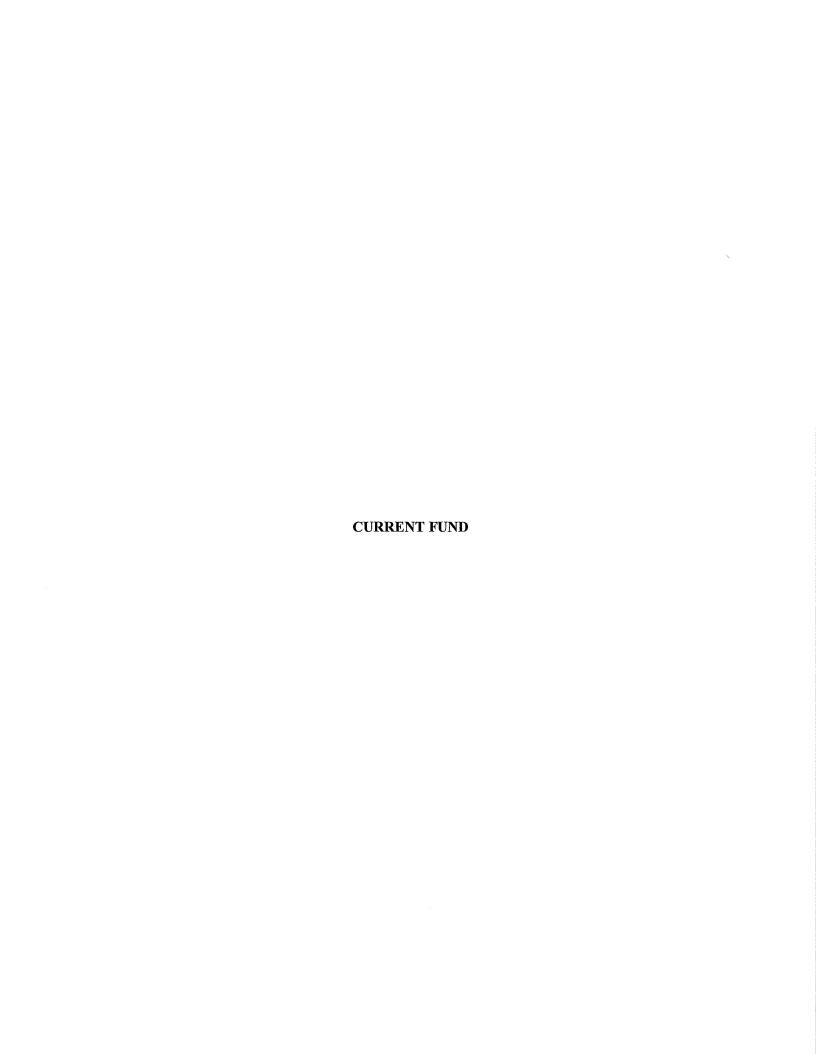
#### NOTE 20 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

#### **Debt Authorized**

On May 12, 2020 the Borough adopted a bond ordinance authorizing the issuance \$2,179,500 in Bonds or bond anticipation notes to fund various capital improvements. As of the date of this report the Borough has not issued nor awarded the sale of said bonds or notes.

#### **Bond Anticipation Notes**

On August 20, 2020 the Borough issued bond anticipation notes in the amount of \$2,325,000 to temporarily finance expenditures related to various capital projects. The Borough awarded the sale of said notes to Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. at an interest rate of 1.25%. These notes dated August 20, 2020 will mature on August 20, 2021.



## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF CASH - COLLECTOR - TREASURER

Balance, December 31, 2018		\$ 9,266,186
Increased by:		
Taxes Receivable	\$ 47,813,104	
Non-Budget Revenue	758,631	
Prepaid Revenues	53,575	
Due from State of NJ - Senior Citizens'		
and Veterans' Deductions	41,877	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	3,478,664	
Grants Receivable	362,379	
Receipts from Other Trust Fund	46,087	
Receipts from Animal Control Fund	3,017	
Fees Payable	52,589	
Tax Overpayments	33,071	
Prepaid Taxes	316,650	
Reserve for Field Maintenance - General Capital Fund	5,000	
Reserve for Grants - Unappropriated	50,526	
Petty Cash	 800	
		 53,015,970
		62,282,156
Decreased by Disbursements:		
2019 Budget Appropriations	15,704,270	
2018 Appropriation Reserves	210,118	
County Taxes Payable	5,470,989	
Due to County for Added and Omitted Taxes	16,905	
Local School District Tax Payable	16,771,966	
Regional High School Taxes Payable	13,790,303	
Payments for Other Trust Fund	139,218	
Payments to Other Trust Fund	22,701	
Payments to Open Space Preservation Trust Fund	102,581	
Payments to LOSAP Fund	27,000	
Payments to General Capital Fund	105,256	
Encumbrances Payable	877,180	
Petty Cash	800	
Reserve for Grants - Appropriated	22,416	
Fees Payable	26,539	
Tax Overpayments Refunded	33,071	
Refund Prior Year Revenue	 4,951	
		 53,326,264
Balance, December 31, 2019		\$ 8,955,892

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF CHANGE FUNDS

Office Office		Balance, December 31, 2018		Balance, December 31, 2019	
Tax Collector/Borough Clerk	\$	100	\$	100	
Dog/Cat License Registrar		50		50	
Municipal Court		200		200	
Police Department		50		50	
	\$	400	\$	400	

EXHIBIT A-6

## STATEMENT OF PETTY CASH FUND

	Received From	Returned To <u>Treasurer</u>		
Office	<u>Treasurer</u>			
Borough Clerk	\$ 800	9 \$ 800		

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF GRANTS RECEIVABLE

	Balance, December 31. Revenue			Balance, December 31,			
		2018	]	Realized	Received		2019
NJ Department of Transportation -							
Various Street Improvements - 2018	\$	218,000			\$ 125,608	\$	92,392
Various Street Improvements - 2019			\$	207,000			207,000
Municipal Alliance Program				9,876	3,504		6,372
Environmental Donations				200,000	200,000		-
Police Donations				21,691	21,691		-
Police Donations - Wegmans				1,771	1,771		-
Bergen County Open Space - Field Improvements				178,538			178,538
County of Bergen - County Prosecutor				35,100			35,100
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund		#		9,805	9,805		<u>-</u>
	\$	218,000	\$	663,781	\$ 362,379	\$	519,402

**EXHIBIT A-8** 

# STATEMENT OF DUE TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY SENIOR CITIZENS' AND VETERANS' DEDUCTIONS

Balance, December 31, 2018		\$	7,775
Increased by:			
Payment from State of New Jersey \$ 4	11,877		
Veterans'/Senior Citizen's Deductions Disallowed by Tax Collector - 2018	194		
Veterans'/Senior Citizen's Deductions Disallowed by Tax Collector - 2019	1,500		
			43,571
		:	51,346
Decreased by:			
Senior Citizens' Deductions Per Tax Billings	1,250		
Veterans' Deductions Per Tax Billings	10,000		
Veterans'/Senior Citizen's Deductions Allowed by Tax Collector - 2019	500		
			41,750
Balance, December 31, 2019		\$	9,596

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY

<u>Year</u>	Balance, December 31, 2019 2018 Levy			Ca <u>Colle</u> <u>2018</u>	ash ctior	u <u>s</u> 2019	Ē	Senior Citizens' and Veterans' Deductions Allowed		<u>Cancelled</u>		Transferred to Tax Title <u>Liens</u>		Balance, cember 31, 2019
2018	\$ 241,187	\$ 194			\$	239,398			\$	2	\$	1,867	\$	114
2019	\$ 48,47	79,680 1,500	<u>\$</u>	432,277		47,573,706	\$	41,750		224,822		3,157		205,468
	<u>\$ 241,187</u> <u>\$ 48,47</u>	79,680 \$ 1,694	<u>\$</u>	432,277	\$	47,813,104	<u>\$</u>	41,750	<u>\$</u>	224,824	<u>\$</u>	5,024	<u>\$</u>	205,582
	Analysis of 2019 Property Ta	ax Levy												
	ANALYSIS OF 2019 PROPE TAX YIELD General Purpose Tax Added Taxes (54:4-63.1 et.		\$	48,292,189 187,491	<u>\$</u>	48,479,680								
	TAX LEVY Local District School Tax Regional High School Tax County Taxes:		\$	16,771,966 13,790,303										
	County Taxes County Open Space Due County for Added Taxe (54:4-63.1 et. seq.)	\$ 5,244,034 226,955 es 21,185												
	Municipal Open Space Tax Municipal Open Space Added	102,184		5,492,174										
	Local Tax for Municipal Purp Minimum Library Tax Additional Tax Levied	poses 11,392,716 759,925 170,015		102,581 12,322,656										
				.2,522,050	\$	48,479,680								

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF TAX TITLE LIENS RECEIVABLE

\$ 20,196
 5,024
\$ 25,220
\$ 

**EXHIBIT A-11** 

### STATEMENT OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR TAXES (AT ASSESSED VALUATION)

Balance, December 31, 2018	\$ 29,400
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 29,400

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

		Dece	alance, ember 31, 2018		Accrued in 2019		<u>Collected</u>		Balance, cember 31, 2019
Borough Clerk									
Licenses - Alcoholic Beverage	es			\$	17,840	\$	17,840		
Fees and Permits - Parking Pe	rmits				3,950		3,950		
Board of Health									
Licenses					50,795		50,795		
Register of Vital Statistics									
Fees and Permits					951		951		
Construction Code Official									
Uniform Construction Code F	ees				533,321		533,321		
Fees and Permits - Other					108,874		108,874		
Police									
Fees and Permits					3,698		3,698		
Tax Collector	,								
Fees and Permits - Tax Search	Fees				436		436		
Planning Board									
Fees and Permits					133,834		133,834		
Recreation									
Fees and Permits					2,665		2,665		
Municipal Court									
Fines and Costs		. \$	10,520		174,937		181,356	\$	4,101
Interest and Costs on Taxes			5,062		68,629		69,905		3,786
Interest on Investments and Dep	posits				16,591		16,591		
Municipal Court Shared Service	e		40,086		187,671		179,586		48,171
Pascack Valley Regional School	ol District								
Special Police Shared Service					153,468		153,468		
Energy Receipts Tax					1,262,378		1,262,378		
Cable TV Franchise Fees					131,138		131,138		
Sewer Agreement - Marriott					26,772		26,772		
Hotel/Motel Tax					188,722		188,722		
Uniform Fire Safety Act:									
Local Enforcement Fees					116,970		116,970		
LEA Rebate					17,760		17,760		` 
Excess Sewer User Fees (MRN	A)		6,803		299,590		305,735		658
		\$	62,471	\$	3,500,990	\$	3,506,745	\$	56,716
				-				-	
	Cash Received					\$	3,478,664		
	Prepaid Revenues Ap	plied				•	26,772		
	Due from Other Trust	-					1,309		
						\$	3,506,745		

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF DEFERRED CHARGES

	Balance cember 31, <u>2018</u>	A	dded in 2019	aised in 2019 Budget	Balance, December 31, 2019	
Emergency Authorization (40A:4-47)	\$ 33,000	\$		\$ 33,000	\$	_
	\$ 33,000	\$	-	\$ 33,000	\$	

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES

	Balance, cember 31, 2018	Encumbrances Cancelled		Balance After <u>Modification</u>		Paid or Charged	Transfers		Balance <u>Lapsed</u>
SALARIES AND WAGES									2 451
Administrative and Executive	\$ 2,451			\$ 2,451				\$	2,451
Mayor and Council	11			11					11
Borough Clerk	1,264			1,264					1,264
Elections	1,599			1,599					1,599
Financial Administration	19,343			19,343					19,343
Assessment of Taxes	3,389			3,389					3,389
Collection of Taxes	62			62					62
Cable TV Committee	2,723			2,723					2,723
Planning Board	2,418			2,418					2,418
Zoning Official	21			21					21
Code Enforcement and Administration Property Maint	25			25	æ	12.026			25
Police	63,534			63,534	\$	13,926			49,608
Emergency Management	1,130			1,130 1,663					1,130 1,663
Uniform Fire Safety Act	1,663 38			38					38
Public Buildings and Grounds Public Health Services	657			657					657
Environmental Commission	830			830					830
Public Assistance	13			13					13
Recreation Services and Programs	50			50					50
Senior Citizen Van	9,360			9,360					9,360
Municipal Court	3,252			3,252					3,252
Municipal Court - Shared Services	3,527			3,527					3,527
Special Police - Shared Services	116			116					116
Salary Adjustment Account	1,000			1,000					1,000
Construction Code Official	7,738			7,738					7,738
Building Subcode Official	17			17					17
Plumbing Subcode Official	73			73					73
Fire Subcode Official	20			20					20
Electrical Subcode Official	 84		= .	84		-		_	84
	 126,408			126,408		13,926	<u> </u>	_	112,482
OTHER EXPENSES									
Administrative and Executive	\$ 13,418			\$ 13,418		4,210			9,208
Mayor and Council	4,412			4,412		232			4,180
Borough Clerk	6,570			6,570					6,570
Elections	4,430			4,430					4,430
Financial Administration	8,015			8,015		1,674			6,341
Audit Services	41,600			41,600		26,635			14,965
Assessment of Taxes	29,126	\$ 200	)	29,326					29,326
Collection of Taxes	6,068			6,068					6,068
Legal Services and Costs	3,638			28,638		5,284			23,354
Engineering Services & Costs	16,663			26,663		20,806			5,857
Cable TV Commission	2,238			2,238					2,238
Historic Preservation Commission	1,000			1,000					1,000
Historian	100			100		0.1			100
Planning Board	108,390	4.5.00		47,390		91			47,299
Fire	12,043	16,804	4	28,847					28,847
Fire Hydrant Service	28,027			28,027		4.000			28,027
Police Purchase of Police Vahiolog	12,347			12,347		4,928			7,419
Purchase of Police Vehicles	11,061			11,061					11,061
Police Dispatch	11,303			11,303		0 421			11,303 4,374
First Aid Organization	12,795 8,358			12,795 8,358		8,421			4,374 8,358
Emergency Management Uniform Fire Safety Act	8,358 4,171	59	a	4,230					4,230
Road Repair and Maintenance	46,010	895		46,905					46,905
Sewer System	25,225	072	-	25,225		15,306			9,919

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES

		alance, ember 31, 2018	ımbrances ıncelled	Balance After odification		Paid or Charged	T	ransfers		Balance Lapsed
OTHER EXPENSES (Continued)										
Garbage and Trash Removal	\$	34,684		\$ 34,684	\$	33,056			\$	1,628
Recycling Tax		4,913		4,913						4,913
Recycling		3,320		3,320						3,320
Public Buildings and Grounds		26,666		26,666		1,773				24,893
Maintenance of All Vehicles		12,446		37,446		23,059				14,387
Municipal Services Act		855		4,355		1,468				2,887
Public Health Services		25,460		25,460						25,460
Environmental Commission		706	\$ 21,779	22,485						22,485
Administration of Public Assistance		23		23						23
Animal Regulation		2,965		2,965						2,965
Parks and Playgrounds		1,000		1,000						1,000
Recreation Services and Programs		12,880	50	12,930						12,930
Senior Citizens		8,585		8,585		5,729				2,856
PEOSHA Compliance		2,000		2,000						2,000
Utilities:										
Gasoline		13,972		13,972		3,397				10,575
Electricity		34,481		34,481		9,842				24,639
Telephone		909		8,409		3,425				4,984
Natural Gas		29,637		29,637		4,400				25,237
Street Lighting		22,312		22,312		9,474				12,838
Contingent		1,000		1,000						1,000
Social Security System		30,945		30,945						30,945
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan		3,568		3,568						3,568
Construction Code		34,202		34,202		1,888				32,314
Maintenance of Free Public Library		15,252		15,252		-,				15,252
Sewerage Processing and Disposal		224		224						224
Insurance		227		224						224
Life Insurance		268		268						268
General Liability		4,133		4,133		1,000				3,133
Workers Compensation		877		877		1,000				877
Employee Group Health		81,195		71,195						71,195
Employee Group Health - Waiver		10,000		10,000						10,000
Length of Service Award Program		25,500		25,500		9,744				15,756
Municipal Court		2,370		2,370		,,,,,				2,370
Municipal Court - Shared Services		13,178		13,178						13,178
Special Police - Shared Services		42		42						42
Department of Public Works - Shared Services		22		22						22
Municipal Alliance		22		22						22
Local Share		2,469		2,469						2,469
Body Armor Grant - State Share		848		848		848				2,407
Alcohol Education and Rehab. Fund		772		772		0.10	\$	772		_
Recycling Tonnage Grant		9,898		9,898		9,750	Ψ	148		_
			795	4,912		7,750		140		4,912
Acquisition of Equipment - Fire Dept.		4,117 2,210	173	2,210		2,210				4,714
Various Improvements - Buildings and Grounds NJDOT - Improvements to Various Streets		45,763	4,760	50,523		4,410		50,523		-
NJDO1 - Improvements to Various Streets		43,703	 4,700	 30,323				30,323	-	
		943,675	 45,342	 989,017		208,650		51,443		728,924
	\$	1,070,083	\$ 45,342	\$ 1,115,425	\$	222,576	<u>\$</u>	51,443	<u>\$</u>	841,406
Cash Disbursed					\$	210,118				
Accounts Payable						12,458				
Transfer to Appropriated Grant Reser	ves				_		\$	51,443		
Total					<u>\$</u>	222,576	\$	51,443		

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF ENCUMBRANCES PAYABLE

Balance, December 31, 2018		\$	922,522
Increased by:			
Charges to 2019 Budget Appropriations			918,073
			1,840,595
Decreased by:			1,040,575
Cash Payments	\$ 877,180		
Cancellation Restored to Appropriation Reserves	 45,342		922,522
			722,322
Balance, December 31, 2019		\$	918,073
		EXI	HIBIT A-16
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			
Balance, December 31, 2018		\$	246,052
Increased by: Transferred from Appropriation Reserves			12,458
Balance, December 31, 2019		\$	258,510
STATEMENT OF PREPAID TAXES		EXI	HIBIT A-17
Balance, December 31, 2018		\$	432,277
Increased by: 2020 Prepaid Taxes Received			316,650
			748,927
Decreased by:			
Application to 2019 Taxes Receivable			432,277
Balance, December 31, 2019		\$	316,650

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

Increased by:

Overpayments in 2019

\$ 33,071

Decreased by:

Overpayments Refunded

33,071

EXHIBIT A-19

STATEMENT OF LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAXES PAYABLE

Increased by:

2019 Levy

\$ 16,771,966

Decreased by:

Payments

\$ 16,771,966

**EXHIBIT A-20** 

STATEMENT OF REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TAXES PAYABLE

Increased by:

2019 Levy

\$ 13,790,303

Decreased by:

Payments

\$ 13,790,303

**EXHIBIT A-21** 

STATEMENT OF COUNTY TAXES PAYABLE

Increased by:

2019 Levy:

General County Tax County Open Space Tax \$ 5,244,034 226,955

\$ 5,470,989

Decreased by:

Payments

\$ 5,470,989

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF DUE COUNTY FOR ADDED AND OMITTED TAXES

Balance, December 31, 2018							\$	16,905
Increased by: 2019 Added Tax Levy		,						21,185
								38,090
Decreased by: Payments								16,905
Balance, December 31, 2019							\$	21,185
							EXH	TBIT A-23
STATEMENT OF M	1UNIC	IPAL OI	PEN	N SPACE TA	XES			
Increased by: 2019 Levy					\$	102,184		
2019 Added Levy						397	\$	102,581
Decreased by:								
Due to Open Space Preservation Trust Fund							\$	102,581
STATEM	ENT O	F FEES	PA <sup>°</sup>	YABLE			EXH	IBIT A-24
	Ba	lance,					Ba	ılance,
		mber 31,						mber 31,
	2	018		Receipts	<u>Disb</u>	<u>ursements</u>	2	2019
Marriage Licenses	\$	150	\$	430	\$	480	\$	100
BOCA Fees		6,666		52,159		26,059		32,766
	\$	6,816	<u>\$</u>	52,589	<u>\$</u>	26,539	\$	32,866

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF PREPAID REVENUE

	Dec	ealance, ember 31, 2018		Receipts	Cı	applied to arrent Year Revenue		Balance, cember 31, 2019
Sewer Fees - Marriott	\$	26,772	\$	53,575	\$	26,772	\$	53,575
	\$	26,772	<u>\$</u>	53,575	<u>\$</u>	26,772	\$	53,575
							EX	KHIBIT A-26
STATEMENT OI	F RES	ERVE FO	OR '	TAX APPEA	LS			
Balance, December 31, 2018							\$	951,875
Increased by: Charges to 2019 Budget Appropriations								50,000
Balance, December 31, 2019							\$	1,001,875
STATEMENT OF	F MIS	CELLAN	ЕΟ	US RESERV	ES		EX	KHIBIT A-27
						Balance, cember 31,		Balance, cember 31,
					De	2018	176	2019
Arbitrage Rebate Sale of Municipal Assets Sale of Property - Affordable Housing (CDBG) Security Deposit					\$	60,000 20,326 300,000 3,966	\$	60,000 20,326 300,000 3,966
					\$	384,292	\$	384,292

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR GRANTS - UNAPPROPRIATED

	В	alance,			Re	ealized as	E	Balance,
	Dec	ember 31,			В	udgeted	Dec	ember 31,
		<u>2018</u>	<u>R</u>	eceived	F	Revenue		<u>2019</u>
Alcohol Education and Rehab Fund	\$	1,391	\$	723	\$	1,391	\$	723
Body Armor Grant - State				2,775		2,775		-
Clean Communities Grant		16,921		18,887		35,808		-
Bergen County Municipal JIF - Safety Incentive				3,500		1,750		1,750
Federal DOJ - Police Bulletproof Vest Program		1,600		2,080		2,000		1,680
Recycling Tonnage Grant				22,561		8,498		14,063
	\$	19,912	\$	50,526	\$	52,222	\$	18,216

EXHIBIT A-29

#### STATEMENT OF RESERVES FOR GRANTS - APPROPRIATED

	Dece	lance, mber 31, 018	Transfe Approp Rese	riation		nid or arged	Dec	alance, ember 31, 2019
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	\$	4,625			\$	3,120	\$	1,505
Alcohol Education and Rehab. Fund		3,892	\$	772				4,664
Clean Communities Grant		19,296				19,296		
Donation Police - KPMG		10,000						10,000
Donation Police - Wegmans		7,680						7,680
NJDOT - Various Street Improvements				50,523				50,523
Recycling Tonnage Grant	2,562			148	,	-		2,710
	\$	48,055	\$ :	51,443	\$	22,416	\$	77,082

Cash Disbursed \$ 22,416

TRUST FUNDS

#### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF TRUST CASH - TREASURER

	Animal <u>Fu</u>			Other Trust Insu		loyment rance <u>ınd</u>		Open S Preservation Fun	on Trust		
Balance, December 31, 2018		\$ 16,284		\$	3,374,660		\$	275,161		\$ 116	5,262
Increased by Receipts:											
State Dog License Fees	\$ 658										
Borough Dog License Fees	6,073										
Borough Cat License Fees	846										
Late Fees	150										
Interest Earned on Deposits			\$ 4,854								
Escrow Deposits			909,341								
Miscellaneous Reserves and Deposits			919,909								
Payroll Deductions Payable			1,712,042								
Net Payroll Deposits			3,381,428								
Receipts from Current Fund	-		22,701						\$ 102,581		
Employee Contributions-Unemployment	 		 _			\$ 7,665			 		
		7,727		_	6,950,275			7,665		102	2,581
		24,011			10,324,935			282,826		218	3,843
Decreased by Disbursements:											
Animal Control Expenditures Under											
R.S. 4:19-15.11	1,373										
Payments to State for Dog License Fees	658										
Payments to State for Unemployment Claims						2,184					
Payments to Current Fund	3,017		46,087			·					
Escrow Deposits	•		1,504,332					*			
Miscellaneous Reserves and Deposits			807,991								
Reserve for Open Space Preservation			,						39,947		
Encumbrances Payable									2,230		
Payroll Deductions Payable			1,709,079								
Net Payroll	 		3,381,428						 -		
	 	5,048	 	_	7,448,917	 		2,184		42	2,177
Balance, December 31, 2019		\$ 18,963		<u>\$</u>	2,876,018		\$	280,642		\$ 176	5,666

\$ 15,213

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF DUE TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY - FEES PAYABLE ANIMAL CONTROL FUND

Balance, December 31, 2018			\$	18
Increased by: State Fees Collected				658
				676
Decreased by: Payments				658
Balance, December 31, 2019			<u>\$</u>	18
		E	XHI	IBIT B-5
STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENANT ANIMAL CONTROL FUND	NDITUI	RES		
Balance, December 31, 2018			\$	13,249
Increased by:				
Dog License Fees Collected Cat License Fees Collected Late Fees	\$	6,073 846 150		
				7,069
				20,318
Decreased by: Expenditures Under R.S.4:19-15.11				
Cash Disbursements		1,373		
Statutory Excess Due Current Fund		3,732		5,105
				2,102

Balance, December 31, 2019

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF DUE TO CURRENT FUND ANIMAL CONTROL FUND

Balance, December 31, 2018	\$	3,017
Increased by: Statutory Excess in Reserve for Animal Control Expenditures		3,732
		6,749
Decreased by:		
Payments to Current Fund		3,017
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$	3,732
	EXI	HIBIT B-7
STATEMENT OF DUE TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY - CLAIMS PAYABLE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND		
Balance, December 31, 2018	\$	5
Increased by:		2 200
Unemployment Claims Charged to Reserve		2,200
Degreesed by		2,205
Decreased by: Cash Disbursements		2,184
Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>\$</u>	21
		HIBIT B-8
STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND	NCE	
Balance, December 31, 2018	\$	275,156
Increased by: Employee Contributions	<u>,</u>	7,665
		282,821
Decreased by: Unemployment Claims Due to State		2,200
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$	280,621

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF DUE TO CURRENT FUND OTHER TRUST FUND

Balance, December 31, 2018		\$	27,052
Increased by: Expendigures Paid by Current Fund - Miscellaneous Reserves Receipts from Current Fund Interest on Deposits	\$ 139,218 22,701 1,309		163,228
Decreased by: Payments to Current Fund			190,280
Balance, December 31, 2019		\$	144,193
Analysis of Balance			
Due from Current Fund - Payroll  Due to Current Fund - Developers' Accutrak Trust Account-Interest  Due to Current Fund - Police Outside Detail  Due to Current Fund - Flex Spending Account		\$ 	(124) 99 139,218 5,000 144,193
		EXI	HIBIT B-10
STATEMENT OF ESCROW DEPOSITS OTHER TRUST FUND			
Balance, December 31, 2018		\$	1,724,531
Increased by: Developers' Deposits Developers' Interest Earned	\$ 909,341 3,545		912,886
			2,637,417
Decreased by: Cash Disbursements			1,504,332
Balance, December 31, 2019		\$	1,133,085

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS PAYABLE OTHER TRUST FUND

Balance, December 31, 2018	\$	57,313
Increased by:		
Deposits:		
Payroll Deductions	_	1,712,042
		1,769,355
Decreased by:		
Disbursements: Payroll Deductions	_	1,709,079
Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>\$</u>	60,276

#### EXHIBIT B-12

### STATEMENT OF MISCELLANEOUS RESERVES AND DEPOSITS OTHER TRUST FUND

	Balance, December 3 2018	1, <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	Balance, December 31, 2019
Engineering Fee Deposits	\$ 26,93	1 \$ 7,140	\$ 9,762	\$ 24,309
Planning Board Deposits	20,94	4	•	20,944
Affordable Housing Trust Fees	1,058,78	5 44,221	22,450	1,080,556
POAA Fees	47	9 178		657
Special Police Outside Duty Fees	93,37	3 595,315	653,646	35,042
Tax Title Lien Premiums	168,60	0 79,100	80,200	167,500
Celebration of Public Events Donations	8	3 19,600	19,600	83
Public Defender Fees	86	8 925		1,793
Performance Bond Deposits	42,15	9 4,450	4,050	42,559
DARE Program Donations	1,20	2		1,202
Uniform Fire Safety Act Penalty Monies	18,72	6 2,370	4,067	17,029
Fire Training/Equipment UFSA Penalty Monies	3,86	3 1		3,864
Historic Preservation Donations	1,62	1		1,621
Flex Spending Account Deposits	3,10	· ·	•	1,381
Vision Benefit Deposits	5,70	2 5,000	7,461	3,241
Retirement Dinner Deposits	1,12	1 13,986	13,765	1,342
Recreation Fees	55,33	•	123,029	63,343
Self Insurance - Employee Health Ins. Deductibles	50,00	0		50,000
North/South Park-Improvement Donations	12,86	7		12,867
Community Policing Program Donations		11,270	2,139	9,131
	\$ 1,565,76	<u>4</u> <u>\$ 919,909</u>	\$ 947,209	\$ 1,538,464
	Cash Disburs Due to Curre		\$ 807,991 139,218	
			\$ 947,209	

#### **BOROUGH OF MONTVALE** STATEMENT OF NET PAYROLL PAYABLE OTHER TRUST FUND

Increased by:

Net Payroll Deposits

\$ 3,381,428

Decreased by:

Disbursements - Net Payroll

\$ 3,381,428

**EXHIBIT B-14** 

#### STATEMENT OF DUE FROM CURRENT FUND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

Increased by:

2019 Levy 2019 Added Levy 102,184

397

102,581

Decreased by:

Receipts from Current Fund

102,581

EXHIBIT B-15

#### STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

Balance, December 31, 2018

114,032

Increased by:

Due from Current Fund

2019 Levy 2019 Added Levy

102,184 \$

397

102,581

216,613

75,767

Decreased by:

Cash Disbursements for Expenditures

35,820

**Encumbrances Payable** 

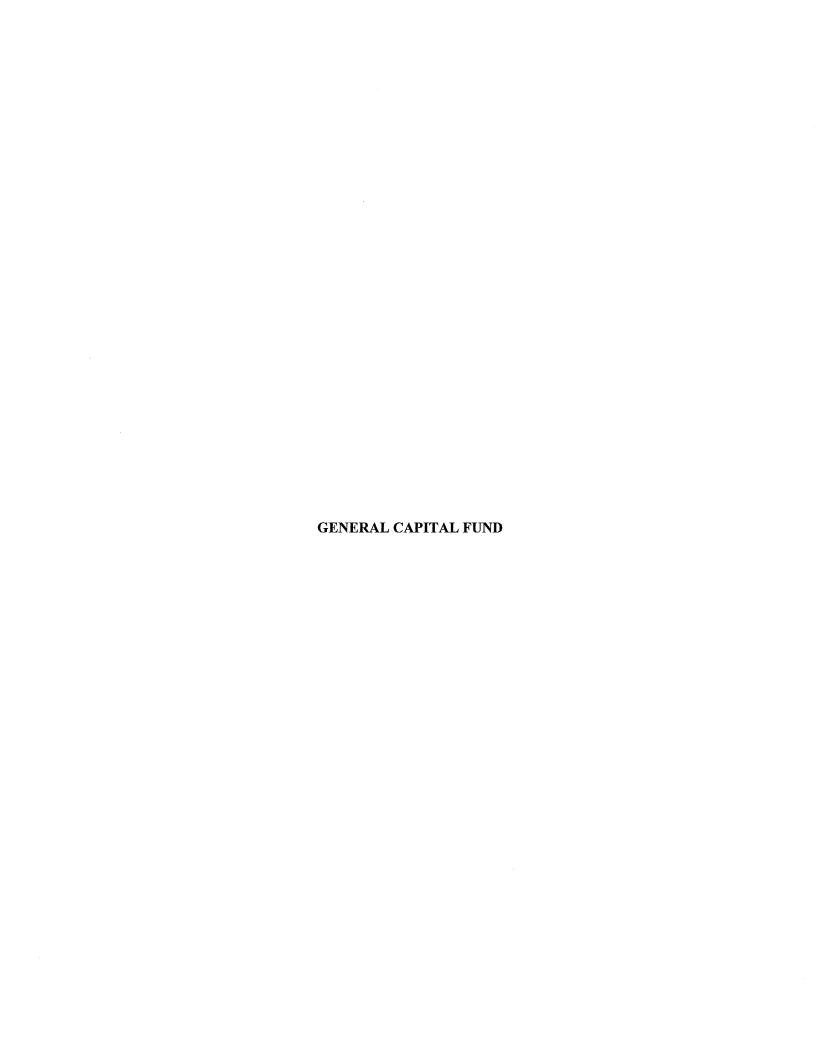
39,947

Balance, December 31, 2019

140,846

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF ENCUMBRANCES PAYABLE OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

Balance, December 31, 2018	\$ 2,230
Increased by: Charges to Reserve for Open Space Preservation	 35,820
Decreased by	38,050
Decreased by: Cash Disbursements	 2,230
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 35,820



#### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF GENERAL CAPITAL CASH - TREASURER

Balance, December 31, 2018		\$	3,372,649
Increased by:			
Premium on Serial Bonds Issued	\$ 2,461		
Receipts from Current Fund	105,256		
Reserve for Improvement of Field	15,850		
Bond Anticipation Notes Issued	2,300,000		
		•	2,423,567
			5,796,216
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Payments made for Current Fund	43,256		
Encumbrances Payable	1,145,444		
Improvement Authorizations	1,410,589		
Reserve for Improvement of Fields	 5,000		
			2,604,289
Balance, December 31, 2019		\$	3,191,927

#### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE ANALYSIS OF GENERAL CAPITAL CASH

Fund Balance Encumbrances P Capital Improver Reserve for Payr Reserve for Impr	ment Fund	\$ 152,245 1,045,425 2,191 109,480 117,495
Ord.		
<u>No.</u>	Improvement Description	
1413	Various Capital Improvements - 2016	187,016
1425	Various Capital Improvements - 2017	97,584
1430	Acquisition of Property	613,986
1447	Various Capital Improvements - 2018	242,135
1470	Various Capital Improvements - 2019	624,370
		\$ 3,191,927

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF DUE FROM CURRENT FUND

Increased by:

Expenditures Paid for Current Fund

\$ 43,256

Budget Appropriation - Capital Improvement Fund

62,000

\$ 105,256

Decreased by:

Cash Receipts from Current Fund

\$ 105,256

**EXHIBIT C-5** 

#### STATEMENT OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - FUNDED

Balance, December 31, 2018

\$ 11,035,000

Decreased by:

2019 Budget Appropriations to Pay Bonds

1,415,000

Balance, December 31, 2019

\$ 9,620,000

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - UNFUNDED

					Analysis of	f Balance, Decembe	r 31, 2	2019
					Financed by			
		Balance		Balance	Bond		Un	expended
Ord.		December 31,	2019	December 31,	Anticipation		Imj	provement
No.	Improvement Description	<u>2018</u>	<u>Authorizations</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Au</u> 1	thorization
1470	Various Capital Improvements		\$ 2,351,250	\$ 2,351,250	\$ 2,300,000		\$	51,250
		\$ -	\$ 2,351,250	\$ 2,351,250	\$ 2,300,000	\$ -	\$	51,250
			Impro		zations - Unfunded expended Proceeds		\$	675,620
					Ord. 2019-1470			624,370
							\$	51,250

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

Ord. <u>No.</u>	Improvement Description	Ord. <u>Amount</u>		ance r 31, 2018 <u>Unfunded</u>		2019 Auth Deferred Charges <u>Jnfunded</u>	C	ons apital ovement Fund		ncelled mbrances	<u>Expended</u>		Ba <u>December</u> Funded		2019 Infunded
1405/1409 1413 1425 1430 1447	General Improvements Construction of New Firehouse Various Capital Improvements - 2016 Various Capital Improvements - 2017 Acquisition of Property Various Capital Improvements - 2018	\$ 5,100,000 1,500,000 1,250,000 700,000 1,750,000	\$ 34,459 187,016 92,118 613,986 864,310						\$	5,466	\$ 34,459 622,175	\$	187,016 97,584 613,986 242,135		
1470	Various Capital Improvements - 2019	2,475,000	-		<u>\$</u>	2,351,250	\$	123,750			 1,799,380			\$	675,620
			\$ 1,791,889	\$ -	<u>\$</u>	2,351,250	\$	123,750	<u>\$</u>	5,466	\$ 2,456,014	<u>\$</u>	1,140,721	<u>\$</u>	675,620
							Cash I	Disbursem	ents		\$ 1,410,589				

Encumbrances Payable

1,045,425

\$ 2,456,014

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF ENCUMBRANCES PAYABLE

Balance, December 31, 2018		\$	1,150,910
Increased by: Charges to Improvement Authorizations			1,045,425
Decreased by: Payments Cancelled Encumbrances Restored to Improvement Authorizations	\$ 1,145,444 5,466		2,196,335 1,150,910
Balance, December 31, 2019		<u>\$</u>	1,045,425
STATEMENT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FU	J <b>ND</b>	EX	КНІВІТ С-9
Balance, December 31, 2018		\$	63,941
Increased by: Budget Appropriation Due from Current Fund			62,000
Decreased by:			125,941
Appropriation to Finance Improvement Authorizations			123,750
Balance, December 31, 2019		\$	2,191

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR PAYMENT OF DEBT

Balance, December 31, 2018	\$	109,480
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$	109,480
STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF FIELDS	EXH	IIBIT C-11
Balance, December 31, 2018	\$	106,645
Increased by: Cash Receipts - Field Use Fees		15,850
Decreased by:		122,495
Payment to Current Fund as Anticipated Revenue		5,000
Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>\$</u>	117,495

\$ 1,415,000

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF GENERAL SERIAL BONDS

	Date of	Original			Balance, Interest December 31,				Balance, December 31,	
<u>Issue</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Date</u>	Amount	Rate	<u>2018</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>2019</u>	
Refunding Bonds	5/11/2010	\$ 3,775,000	8/15/2019	\$ 450,000	3.00-4.375 %	\$ 450,000		\$ 450,000		
General Improvement	12/16/2011	3,695,000	12/15/2020 12/15/2021	425,000 430,000	2.50 2.50	1,280,000		425,000	\$ 855,000	
General Improvement	8/23/2018	9,305,000	8/18/2020-21 8/15/2022 8/15/2023 8/15/2024 8/15/2025 8/15/2026 8/15/2027 8/15/2028-29 8/15/2030	845,000 905,000 760,000 760,000 765,000 770,000 775,000 795,000	3.00 3.00 3.00 5.00 5.00 4.00 3.00 3.00 3.00	9,305,000	<del>-</del>	540,000	8,765,000	
						\$ 11,035,000 \$	-	\$ 1,415,000	\$ 9,620,000	

Paid by Budget Appropriation

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Date of Issue of Original Note	Date of <u>Issue</u>	Date of <u>Maturity</u>	Interest Rate	Balance, December 31,  2018		Increase	<u>Decrease</u>		Balance, cember 31, 2019
1470	Various Capital Improvements	8/21/2019	8/21/2019	8/21/2020	1.50%		<u>\$</u>	2,300,000		\$	2,300,000
						\$ -	<u>\$</u>	2,300,000	\$ -	<u>\$</u>	2,300,000
						Issued for Cash	\$	2,300,000			

#### EXHIBIT C-14

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED

Ord. No.	<u>Purpose</u>	Balance December 31, 2018	2019 <u>Authorizations</u>	Bond Anticipation Notes <u>Issued</u>	Balance December 31, 2019	
1470	Various Capital Improvements		\$ 2,351,250	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 51,250	
		\$ -	\$ 2,351,250	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 51,250	

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND

#### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASH - TREASURER

	Account #1		Account #2	<u>Total</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2018	\$	35	\$ 6,327	\$	6,362
Increased by: Receipts				_	
		35	6,327		6,362
Decreased by: Disbursements		_	1,769		1,769
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$	35	\$ 4,558	<u>\$</u>	4,593

#### **EXHIBIT D-2**

#### STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES

	Account #1		Account #2	<u>Total</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2018	\$	35	\$ 6,327	\$ 6,362	
Increased by: Revenues	***************************************	***		<del></del>	
		35	6,327	6,362	
Decreased by: Expenditures		<u>-</u>	1,769	1,769	
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$	35	\$ 4,558	\$ 4,593	

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES

	Account #1	Acco	ount #2	<u>Total</u>	
Current Year Assistance (Reported):					
Maintenance Payments		\$	369	\$	369
Emergency Assistance - Rent			700		700
Emergency Assistance - Security Deposit			700		700
Total Expenditures/Disbursements	<u>\$</u>	\$	1,769	<u>\$</u>	1,769

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PART II
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019



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

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Borough Council Borough of Montvale Montvale, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the financial statements - regulatory basis of the Borough of Montvale as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 15, 2020. Our report on the financial statements - regulatory basis was modified to indicate that the financial statements were not prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America but rather prepared in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, to meet the financial reporting requirements of the State of New Jersey for municipal government entities as described in Note 1. In addition, our report on the financial statements - regulatory basis was modified on the regulatory basis of accounting because of the presentation of the unaudited LOSAP Trust Fund.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

However, we noted certain matters that are not required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> that we reported to management of the Borough of Montvale in Part III of this report of audit entitled, "Letter of Comments and Recommendations".

#### **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 of Montvale's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the Borough of Montvale's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

LERCH, Vivci & HICSIDS, CCP

LERCH, VINCI & HIGGINS, LLP Certified Public Accountants Registered Municipal Accountants

Jeffrey C. Bliss

Registered Municipal Accountant

RMA Number CR00429

Fair Lawn, New Jersey September 15, 2020

#### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Federal Funding Department U.S. Department of Transportation	State Account <u>Number</u>	CFDA <u>Number</u>	Grant <u>Period</u>	Grant Award <u>Amount</u>	2019 Grant <u>Receipts</u>	Balance, January 1, 2019	Revenue <u>Realized</u>	Expenditures	(Cancellations)	Balan Decemb <u>201</u>	er 31,	Cum	lemo) nulative nditures
(Passed Through State Department of Law and Public Safety) Distracted Driving Incentive	066-1160-100-158	20.616	2019	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500		\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500				\$	5,500
U.S. Department of Justice Police Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program Police Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	N/A N/A	16.607 16.607	2019 2018	2,080 1,600	2,080		400 1,600			\$	400 1,600		-
						\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,500	<u> </u>	\$	2,000		

Note - The Federal Award Programs were not subject to an audit in accordance with U.S. Uniform Guidance

See Accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

#### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

State Grant Program	Account Number	Grant <u>Year</u>	Grant <u>Award</u>	2019 Grant <u>Receipts</u>	Balance, January 1, 2019	Revenue <u>Realized</u>	Expended	Refunds (Cancellations)	Balance, December 31, 2019	(Memo) Cumulative Expenditures
Clean Communities Grant	042-4900-765-004	2019 2018 2017 2016	\$ 18,887 16,921 17,689 20,821	\$ 18,887	\$ 17,689 1,607	\$ 18,887 16,921	\$ 15,368 17,689 1,607		\$ 18,887 1,553 -	\$ 15,368 17,689 20,821
Recycling Tonnage Grant	042-4900-752-001	2019 2017 2016	22,561 9,898 7,462	22,561	9,898 2,562	8,498	9,750		8,498 148 2,562	9,750 4,900
Municipal Drug and Alcohol Alliance Program (Passed Through County of Bergen)	N/A	2019	9,876	3,504		9,876			9,876	
Body Armor Grant	066-1020-718-001	2019 2017	2,775 2,428	2,775	848	2,775	\$ 848		2,775	2,428
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund	098-9735-760-001	2019 2018 2017 2016 2015 2014 2013	723 1,391 772 2,037 1,965 236 580	723	772 1,875 1,965 36 16	1,391			1,391 772 1,875 1,965 36 16	162 200 564
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	1110-448-031020-22	2019 2016 2014	9,805 4,452 9,402	9,805	1,610 3,015	9,805	105 3,015		9,805 1,505 -	2,947 9,402
Dept. of Human Services General Assistance	054-7500-150-100-121/250	2017	6,300		6,327		1,769		4,558	1,769
Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Various Streets Various Streets	078-6320-480-XXX 078-6320-480-XXX	2019 2018	207,000 218,000	125,608	45,763 \$ 93,983	207,000 	<u> </u>	4,760 \$ 4,760	207,000 50,523 \$ 323,745	167,477

Note - The State Financial Assistance Programs were not subject to an audit in accordance with New Jersey OMB 15-08

See Accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

#### **NOTE 1 GENERAL**

The accompanying schedules present the activity of all federal awards and state financial assistance programs of the Borough of Montvale. The Borough is defined in Note 1(A) to the Borough's financial statements. All federal financial assistance received directly from federal agencies, as well as federal awards and state financial assistance passed through other government agencies is included on the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance.

#### **NOTE 2 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The accompanying schedules are prepared and presented using the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed for municipalities by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey which differ in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to local government units. This basis of accounting is described in Note 1 to the Borough's financial statements.

#### NOTE 3 RELATIONSHIP TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with amounts reported in the Borough's financial statements. Financial assistance revenues are reported in the Borough's financial statements on a basis of accounting described above as follows:

		<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Fund	\$	7,500	\$ 275,153	\$ 282,653
	\$	7,500	\$ 275,153	\$ 282,653

#### NOTE 4 RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules may not necessarily agree with the amounts reported in the related federal and state financial reports due to timing differences between the Borough's fiscal year and grant program year.

#### NOTE 5 DE MINIMIS INDIRECT COST RATE

The Borough has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the U.S. Uniform Guidance.

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

 $Part\ I-Summary\ of\ Auditor's\ Results$ 

# **Financial Statements**

	Type of auditors' report issued on financial statements	Modified - U	naudited LO	OSAP :	Fund
	Internal control over financial reporting:				
	1) Material weakness(es) identified		yes	X	no
	2) Significant deficiency(ies) that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?		yes	X	none reported
	Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?		yes	X	no
<u>Fec</u>	leral Awards Section  NOT APPLICABLE				

# **State Awards Section**

NOT APPLICABLE

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Part 2 - Schedule of Financial Statement Findings

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with Chapter 5.18-5.20 of *Government Auditing Standards*.

There were none.

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

This section identifies the status of prior-year findings related to the basic financial statements and federal and state awards that are required to be reported in accordance with Chapter 6.12 of *Government Auditing Standards*.

# **STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

There were none.

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

### PART III

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

LETTER OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - CURRENT FUND $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left($

	<u>Year 2019</u>					<u>Year 2018</u>			
		<u>Amount</u>	Percent Percent			<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>		
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZE	ED								
Fund Balance Utilized	\$	4,250,000	7.29	%	\$	4,175,000	7.21	%	
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local									
Property Tax Levies		4,986,379	8.54			4,241,701	7.31		
Collection of Delinquent Taxes									
Tax and Tax Title Liens		239,398	0.41			623,961	1.08		
Collection of Current Tax Levy		48,046,233	82.26			48,040,440	82.84		
Other Credits to Income		875,207	1.50			906,760	1.56	-	
Total Income	_	58,397,217	100.00	%	_	57,987,862	100.00	<u></u> %	
EXPENDITURES									
Budget Expenditures									
Municipal Purposes		18,481,199	33.73	%		18,429,971	33.97	%	
County Taxes		5,492,174	10.02			5,705,798	10.52	,	
Local & Regional School Taxes		30,562,269	55.78			29,987,899	55.27	1	
Municipal Open Space Taxes		102,581	0.19			103,295	0.19	l .	
Other Expenditures		153,070	0.28			30,169	0.05	-	
Total Expenditures		54,791,293	100.00	%		54,257,132	100.00	%	
Excess in Revenue		3,605,924				3,730,730			
Adjustments to Income before Fund Balance: Expenditures included above which are by									
Statute Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year						33,000			
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance		3,605,924				3,763,730			
Fund Balance, January 1	_	5,357,250			_	5,768,520			
		8,963,174				9,532,250			
Less: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	_	4,250,000			_	4,175,000			
Fund Balance, December 31	\$	4,713,174			\$	5,357,250			

# **Comparative Schedule of Tax Rate Information**

	<u>2019</u>		2018	<u>2017</u>
Tax Rate	\$ 2.363	\$	2.334	\$ 2.303
Apportionment of Tax Rate				
Municipal	0.557		0.559	0.562
Library	0.037		0.037	0.037
Municipal Open Space	0.005		0.005	0.005
County	0.257		0.265	0.260
County Open Space	0.010		0.011	0.011
Local School	0.821		0.794	0.772
Regional High School	0.676		0.663	0.656
Assessed Valuation				
2019	\$ 2,043,681,222			
2018		\$ 2,0	059,761,422	
2017				\$ 2,040,418,647

# **Comparison of Tax Levies and Collection**

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

<u>Year</u>	,	<u> Tax Levy</u>	<u>Cas</u>	h Collections	Percentage of <u>Collection</u>
2019	\$	48,479,680	\$	48,046,233	99.11%
2018		48,310,658		48,040,440	99.44%
2017		47,695,925		47,391,306	99.36%

# **Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens**

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

December 31, <u>Year</u>	mount of elinquent <u>Taxes</u>	 mount of Fax Title <u>Liens</u>	<u>D</u>	Total elinquent	Percentage of Tax Levy
2019 2018 2017	\$ 205,582 241,187 487,708	\$ 25,220 20,196 18,945	\$	230,802 261,383 506,653	0.48% 0.54% 1.06%

# Property Acquired by Tax Title Lien Liquidation

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

Amount
\$29,400
29,400
29,400

### **Comparative Schedule of Fund Balances**

		Utilized
	Balance,	In Budget of
Year	December 31	Succeeding Year
2019	\$4,713,174	\$4,100,000
2018	5,357,250	4,250,000
2017	5,768,520	4,175,000
2016	5,763,258	4,075,000
2015	5,175,233	3,500,000
	2019 2018 2017 2016	Year         December 31           2019         \$4,713,174           2018         5,357,250           2017         5,768,520           2016         5,763,258

#### OFFICIALS IN OFFICE AND SURETY BONDS

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

<u>Name</u> <u>Title</u>

Michael Ghassali Mayor

Rose Curry
Doug Arendacs
Dieter Koelling
Annmarie Russo-Vogelsang
Elizabeth Gloeggler
Timothy Lane
Councilwoman
Councilwoman
Councilwoman
Councilwoman
Councilwoman

Maureen Iarossi-Alwan Borough Clerk/Administrator

Kenneth Sesholtz Chief Financial Officer (1/1/2019 to 11/30/2019)
Rebecca Overgaard Chief Financial Officer (10/1/2019 to 12/31/2019)

Boggia & Boggia, Esqs. Attorney
Christine Kalafut Treasurer
Fran Scordo Tax Collector
Ray Tighe Assessor

Jeffrey Fette Building Code Official

Joseph Sanfilippo Chief of Police
Katherine Bowen Director of Welfare
Paul Shaver Library Director
Harry D. Norton, Jr. Magistrate

Ann Levitzki Court Administrator

Brian Eyerman Prosecutor
Maser Consulting, PA Engineer

There is a statutory bond limit in the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund that covers the Treasurer, Tax Collector, Library Treasurer and any assistant or deputy "in title to" these positions, Magistrates, Court Administrators and Court Clerk up to \$1,000,000 with a member deductible of \$1,000.

#### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE LETTER OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### GENERAL COMMENTS

#### **Current Year Findings**

• Finding – Our audit of the open purchase orders revealed various outstanding purchase orders from prior years in the Current Fund that appear to be invalid at year end. Additionally, there appear to be several old, outstanding purchase orders in the General Capital Fund at year end that should be reviewed and cleared of record.

**Recommendation** – It is recommended that the Borough review the outstanding open purchase orders at year end for validity and all old invalid orders be cleared of record.

### Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised for NJS 40A:11-4

N.J.S. 40A:11-4 states "Every contract or agreement, for the performance of 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 made or awarded only 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 of the bid threshold except by contract or agreement."

The bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 was \$17,500 for 2019. The Borough has adopted a resolution increasing the threshold to \$40,000 and has appointed a qualified purchasing agent in accordance with regulations established by the Division of Local Government Services.

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

The minutes indicate that bids were requested by public advertising for the following items:

Sanitary and Storm Sewer Repairs
On-call Roadway Maintenance
HVAC Upgrades at Borough Hall
2019 Road Improvement Program
Installation of Synthetic Turf at LaTrenta Field

The minutes indicate that resolutions were adopted and advertised authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S. 40A:11-5. In as much as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishings 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 violations existed.

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE LETTER OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS (Continued)**

#### Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised for NJS 40A:11-4 (Continued)

#### Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments

The New Jersey statutes provide the method for authorizing interest and the maximum rates 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, 2019 adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

"BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the rate of interest on delinquent taxes for the year 2019, shall be computed at the rate of eight (8%) percent per annum and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate of interest on delinquent taxes in excess of \$1,500 shall be computed at eighteen (18%) percent per annum, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a grace period of ten (10) days be given on delinquent taxes without interest."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in connection with any delinquency of taxes, assessments or municipal charges in excess of \$10,000 which has not been paid prior to the end of a calendar year, there shall be imposed a penalty in a sum equal to six (6%) percent of the delinquency in excess of \$10,000.

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

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE LETTER OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

### **Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens**

The last tax sale was held on October 24, 2019

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

December 31,	Number of Liens
2019	3
2018	2
2017	2

### **Management Suggestions**

- Escrow deposit, engineering fee deposit and planning board deposit accounts should be reviewed and appropriate action be taken to clear of record old inactive accounts.
- The Borough should memorialize by resolution the current policy revising the health benefits contribution rate for non-union (PBA) employees to 10% of the employee's respective health benefits premium.

#### **APPRECIATION**

We desire to express our appreciation to the Borough Clerk/Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector and other Borough staff who assisted us during the course of our audit.

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE LETTER OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Borough review the outstanding open purchase orders at year end for validity and all old invalid orders be cleared of record.

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A review was performed on all prior year recommendations and corrective action was taken on all, except the recommendation denoted with an asterisk (\*).

The problems and weaknesses noted in our audit were not of such magnitude that they would affect our ability to express an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole.

Should any questions arise as to our comments and recommendations, or should you desire assistance in implementing our recommendations, please do not hesitate to call us.

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