# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY REPORT OF AUDIT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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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, 2017

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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, 2017 and 2016, 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, 2017, 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, 2017 and 2016, 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, 2017 and 2016. The LOSAP Trust Fund financial activities are included in the Borough's Trust Funds, and represent 12.7 percent and 15.2 percent of the assets and liabilities, respectively, of the Borough's Trust Funds as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

### 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, 2017 and 2016, 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, 2017 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 May 8, 2018 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 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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Jeffery C. Bliss

Registered Municipal Accountant

RMA Number CR00429

Fair Lawn, New Jersey May 8, 2018

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS CURRENT FUND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	Reference	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
ASSETS			
Cash	A-4	\$ 13,456,154	\$ 8,748,488
Cash - Change Fund	A-5	400	400
Grants Receivable	A-7	770,551	736,061
		14,227,105	9,484,949
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:		107.700	COO 0.4 **
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-9	487,708	699,345
Tax Title Liens Receivable	A-10	18,945	17,711
Property Acquired for Taxes at Assessed Valuation	A-11	29,400	29,400
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-12	74,434	46,452
Due from Animal Control Fund Due from Other Trust Fund	B-6 B-9	5,240	5,830
Due from Other Trust Fund	D-3	7,836	2,535
		623,563	801,273
Deferred Charges			
Special Emergency Authorizations	A-13		22,000
Emergency Authorizations	A-13 A-14	425,000	22,000
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		425,000	22,000
Total Assets		\$ 15,275,668	\$ 10,308,222
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LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE			
Appropriation Reserves	A-3,A-15	\$ 1,021,984	\$ 771,121
Encumbrances Payable	A-16	1,075,608	388,673
Accounts Payable	A-17	85,016	79,894
Due to Length of Service Award Program Fund	В	27,000	29,700
Fees Payable	A-25	10,205	7,632
Prepaid Taxes	A-18	4,437,192	180,143
Tax Overpayments	A-19	136,015	127,117
Local District School Taxes Payable	A-20		198,328
County Taxes Payable - Added and Omitted Taxes	A-23	82,969	130,311
Prepaid Revenues- Sewer Fees	A-26	61,939	85,254
Due to State of New Jersey Senior Citizens'			
and Veterans' Deductions	A-8	6,525	7,264
Reserve for Tax Appeals	A-27	882,629	650,166
Miscellaneous Reserves	A-28	384,292	384,292
Reserve for Grants:			
Unappropriated	A-29	13,098	3,515
Appropriated	A-30	659,113	700,281
		8,883,585	3,743,691
Reserve for Receivables	A	623,563	801,273
Fund Balance	A-1	5,768,520	5,763,258
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		\$ 15,275,668	\$ 10,308,222

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

### FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	Reference		<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED					
Fund Balance Utilized	A-2	\$	4,075,000	\$	3,500,000
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-2		4,195,902		3,583,004
Receipts from Delinquent Tax	A-2		451,620		227,497
Receipts from Current Taxes	A-2		47,391,306		46,050,189
Non-Budget Revenue	A-2		848,147		786,975
Other Credits to Income					
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	A-15		602,121		696,468
Outstanding Checks Voided	A-4		964		3,866
Statutory Excess in Animal Control Fund	B-6		5,240		5,830
Accounts Payable Cancelled	A-17		3,293		77,776
Appropriated Grant Reserves Cancelled	A-30		39,376		
Prior Year Interfunds Returned	Α		8,365		10,130
Total Income		-	57,621,334		54,941,735
EXPENDITURES					
Budget Appropriations					
Operations					
Salaries and Wages	A-3		5,119,859		4,559,781
Other Expenses	A-3		9,637,154		9,048,095
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures -					
Municipal	A-3		1,024,512		1,017,852
Capital Improvements	A-3		1,461,539		190,000
Municipal Debt Service	A-3		1,867,950		1,795,950
County Taxes Payable	A-22		5,525,896		5,330,665
Due County for Added Taxes	A-23		82,969		130,311
Local District School Taxes Payable	A-20		15,740,203		15,838,446
Regional High School Tax Payable	A-21		13,387,934		12,827,679
Municipal Open Space Taxes	A-24		103,913		104,371
Prior Year Senior Citizen Deduction Disallowed	A-8		1,067		500
Prior Year Revenues Refunded	A-1				120
Grant Receivables Cancelled	A-1		-		1,575
Interfund Advances Originating	Α	_	13,076		8,365
Total Expenditures			53,966,072	_	50,853,710
Excess in Revenue			3,655,262		4,088,025
Adjustments to Income Before Fund Balance:					
Expenditures included above which are by Statute Deferred Charges					
to Budget of Succeeding Year	A-14		425,000		-
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance			4,080,262		4,088,025
Fund Balance, January 1	A		5,763,258		5,175,233
	<del>-</del>	_	9,843,520		9,263,258
Decreased by:					
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	A-1		4,075,000		3,500,000
Fund Balance, December 31	Α	<u>\$</u>	5,768,520	\$	5,763,258
The accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of these Financial Statements					

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	Reference		<u>Budget</u>		Added by NJSA 40A:4-87		Realized		Excess or (Deficit)
Fund Balance Anticipated	A-I	\$	4,075,000		-10A,+-01	\$	4,075,000		(Detreit)
·	A-1	ų,	4,075,000	_		Φ	7,075,000		
Miscellaneous Revenues Licenses									
Alcoholic Beverages	A-12		16,250				18,090	\$	1,840
Other	A-2		20,000				55,095	Ψ	35,095
Fees and Permits	A-2		175,000				158,124		(16,876)
Fines and Costs - Municipal Court	A-12		150,000				194,637		44,637
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-12		55,000				73,780		18,780
Uniform Fire Safety Act Local Enforcement			20,000				75,750		10,700
Fees	A-12		80,000				118,082		38,082
Uniform Construction Code Fees	A-12		850,000				1,013,852		163,852
Energy Receipts Tax	A-12		1,262,378				1,262,378		,
Municipal Court Shared Service	A-12		193,602				183,221		(10,381)
PVRSD Special Police Shared Service	A-12			\$	27,504		27,504		(
Uniform Fire Safety Act - LEA Rebate	A-12		10,000		Ť		11,645		1,645
Cable TV Franchise Fees	A-12		90,000				127,861		37,861
Sewer Agreement - Marriott Corporation	A-12		85,254				85,254		,
Hotel/Motel Tax	A-12		190,000				195,763		5,763
Public and Private Revenues Offset With			•				•		,
Appropriations									
Clean Communities	A-7				17,689		17,689		
County of Bergen - Chestnut Ridge	A-7				485,446		485,446		
County of Bergen - Huff Park	A-7		21,093				21,093		
FEMA - Generator	A-7				100,000		100,000		
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and									
Drug Abuse	A-7		9,876				3,201		(6,675)
Police Donation - KPMG	A-7				10,000		10,000		
Police Donation - Wegmans	A-7				18,680		18,680		
Recycling Tonnage Grant	A-7		7,462				7,462		
Senior Citizens Activities	A-7		3,530				3,530		
Alcohol Education	A-29		1,251				1,251		-
Body Armor Grant - State Share	A-29		2,264		-		2,264		
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	A-1		3,222,960	_	659,319		4,195,902		313,623
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	A-1,A-2		175,000	_	<u>-</u>		451,620		276,620
Sub-Total General Revenues			7,472,960	_	659,319		8,722,522		590,243
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support									
of Municipal Budget			11 460 760				12 450 526		1.006.004
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	A-2		11,463,762 762,833		_		13,450,536 762,833		1,986,774
Minimum Library Tax	A-2		702,633	-			702,833		
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes			12,226,595	_			14,213,369	_	1,986,774
Total General Revenues	A-3	\$	19,699,555	\$	659,319		22,935,891	\$	2,577,017
Non-Budget Revenue	A-1,A-2						848,147		
						\$	23,784,038		

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ANALYSIS OF REALIZED REVENUES		
Allocation of Current Tax Collections		
Revenue from Current Taxes	A-1, A-9	\$ 47,391,306
Allocated to School, County and Municipal		
Open Space Taxes	A-20,A-21,A-22,A-23, A-24	34,840,916
		51,010,510
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriation		12,550,390
Add Appropriation "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes"	A-3	1,662,979
Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriation		<b>6</b> 1401000
Anabula for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriation	A-2	<u>\$ 14,213,369</u>
Licenses - Other		
Board of Health	A-12	\$ 55,095
	A-2	\$ 55,095
Fees and Permits		**************************************
Borough Clerk	A-12	\$ 4,670
Registrar of Vital Statistics	A-12	577
Planning Board	A-12	58,953
Police	A-12	2,362
Tax Collector - Tax Search Fees	A-12	252
Recreation	A-12	6,710
Construction Code Official -Zoning	A-12	84,600
	A-2	\$ 158,124
		100,121

### Reference

ANALYSIS OF NON-BUDGET REVENUE			
Excess Sewer Fees			\$ 395,534
Insurance Dividends			94,167
Sewer Fees			88,584
Traffic Control			70,045
Police Administration			36,819
Cell Tower			34,561
Police Equipment/Vehicles			30,685
Rental of Borough Property			24,000
Miscellaneous			24,070
PILOT - Montvale Commons			10,884
LOSAP Refund - Resignations			9,929
US DOT-Distracted Driver Program Reimbursement			5,500
US DOT-Occupancy Protection Program Reimbursem	ent		5,500
US DOT-Drive Sober Program Reimbursement			5,000
Recycling			4,279
Interest on Deposits			4,240
Sale of Assets			2,746
Police FICA			1,040
Sewer Connection Fees			352
Copies and Duplication Fees			 212
		A-2	\$ 848,147
	Cash Receipts	A-4	\$ 450,449
	Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-12	395,534
	Due From Other Trust Fund	B-9	 2,164
		A-2	\$ 848,147

Budget Modification Charged Reserved Cancelled OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS"  GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS  Administrative and Executive Salaries and Wages \$ 216,525 \$ 211,525 \$ 201,944 \$ 9,581
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Other Expenses 159,747 154,747 138,425 16,322
Mayor and Council
Salaries and Wages 46,150 46,150 46,147 3
Other Expenses 16,600 16,600 13,730 2,870
Borough Clerk
Salaries and Wages 140,125 140,125 139,593 532
Other Expenses 20,900 20,900 11,000 9,900
Elections 2.500 2.500 2.500
Salaries and Wages 2,500 2,500 905 1,595
Other Expenses 8,700 8,700 7,276 1,424
Financial Administration
Salaries and Wages 237,450 237,200 227,952 9,248
Other Expenses 22,100 22,100 13,723 8,377
Audit Services
Other Expenses 41,500 41,500 41,500
Assessment of Taxes
Salaries and Wages 36,450 36,450 36,427 23
Other Expenses 35,100 26,100 6,538 19,562
Collection of Taxes
Salaries and Wages 61,950 61,950 50
Other Expenses 20,300 20,300 14,694 5,606
Legal Services and Costs
Other Expenses 325,000 325,000 294,391 30,609
Engineering Services and Costs
Other Expenses 135,000 135,000 125,441 9,559
Cable TV Committee
Salaries and Wages 4,500 4,500 1,651 2,849
Other Expenses 6,525 6,525 580 5,945

OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS" (Continued)	<u>E</u> ued)		priated Budget After Modification		Expe Paid or <u>Charged</u>		<u>i</u> Reserved	Unexpended Balance <u>Cancelled</u>	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS (Continued)									
Historic Preservation Commission Other Expenses	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	47	\$ 953		
Historian Other Expenses		100		100			100		
Municipal Land Use Law Planning Board									
Salaries and Wages Other Expenses		89,300 218,725		89,300 207,475		87,771 177,615	1,529 29,860		
Zoning Official Salaries and Wages		8,975		8,975		8,950	25		
Code Enforcement and Administration Property Maintenance									
Salaries and Wages		3,275		3,275		3,260	15		
Insurance									
Life Insurance		2,900		2,900		2,537	363		
General Liability Workers Compensation		210,000 166,000		460,000 166,000		446,716 165,233	13,284 767		
Employee Group Health		1,107,700		1,107,700		998,326	109,374		
Employee Group Health -Waiver		35,000		35,000		25,000	10,000		
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS									
Fire									
Other Expenses		135,450		135,450		108,310	27,140		
Fire Hydrant Service		210,000		210,000		191,953	18,047		
Police									
Salaries and Wages		3,365,430		3,560,430		3,541,781	18,649		
Other Expenses		140,672		145,672		140,361	5,311		
Purchase of Police Vehicles		67,000		67,000		65,397	1,603		
Police Dispatch									
Other Expenses		40,000		40,000		31,084	8,916		

OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS" (Cont'd)	· ·		Exper Paid or <u>Charged</u>		eserved	Unexpended Balance <u>Cancelled</u>		
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS (Continued)								
First Aid Organization Other Expenses	\$	34,000	\$ 34,000	\$	22,191	\$	11,809	
Emergency Management Salaries and Wages Other Expenses		5,025 9,450	5,025 9,450		4,797 6,978		228 2,472	
Uniform Fire Safety Act Salaries and Wages Other Expenses		47,500 10,300	47,500 10,300		44,858 7,631		2,642 2,669	
Prosecutor Other Expenses		12,720	12,720		12,720			
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS								
Road Repair and Maintenance Other Expenses		10,000	15,000		9,182		5,818	
Sewer System Other Expenses		20,000	20,000				20,000	
Garbage and Trash Removal Other Expenses		575,000	575,000		551,062		23,938	
Recycling Other Expenses		5,000	5,000				5,000	
Public Buildings and Grounds Salaries and Wages Other Expenses		27,125 103,500	27,125 103,500		27,120 77,644		5 25,856	
Maintenance of All Vehicles Other Expenses		45,000	45,000		21,005		23,995	
Municipal Services Act Other Expenses		17,500	17,500		15,380		2,120	

	<u>Appropriated</u>			<u>Expended</u> Paid or				Unexpended	
	Budget		Budget After Modification		Charged		Reserved		Balance <u>Cancelled</u>
OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS" (Cont'd)									
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS									
Public Health Services Salaries and Wages Other Expenses	\$	3,000 91,300	\$	3,000 91,300	\$	2,150 67,055	\$	850 24,245	
Environmental Commission Salaries and Wages Other Expenses		1,450 8,700		1,950 8,700		1,560 8,269		390 431	
Animal Regulation Other Expenses		12,000		12,000		12,000			
Administration of Public Assistance Salaries and Wages Other Expenses		6,650 350		6,650 350		6,634 291		16 59	
PARK AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS									
Parks and Playgrounds Salaries & Wages Other Expenses		5,450 1,000		5,450 1,000		5,424		26 1,000	
Recreation Services and Programs Salaries and Wages Other Expenses		41,000 22,500		41,000 22,500		36,550 13,711		4,450 8,789	
Senior Citizen Van Salaries and Wages		15,000		16,000		15,472		528	
Senior Citizens Other Expenses		19,300		19,300		12,125		7,175	
Celebration of Public Events Other Expenses		27,500		27,500		24,952		2,548	
OTHER COMMON OPERATING FUNCTIONS									
PEOSHA Compliance Other Expenses		2,000		2,000				2,000	
Salary Adjustment Account		10,000						-	
MUNICIPAL COURT FUNCTIONS									
Municipal Court Administration Salaries and Wages Other Expenses		99,910 10,568		99,910 13,568		97,151 8,378		2,759 5,190	

	<u>Appro</u>	priated Expended Budget After Paid or		nded	Unexpended Balance
	Budget	-	Modification Charged		Cancelled
OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS" (Cont'd)				Reserved	Cambonoa
MUNICIPAL COURT FUNCTIONS (Continued)					
Public Defender					
Other Expenses	\$ 3,480	\$ 3,480	\$ 3,480		
STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE					
Construction Code Officials					
Salaries and Wages	171,800	171,800	159,100	\$ 12,700	
Other Expenses	75,854	75,854	41,941	33,913	
Building Subcode Official					
Salaries and Wages	42,500	42,500	40,474	2,026	
Plumbing Subcode Official					
Salaries and Wages	53,200	53,200	26,203	26,997	
Fire Subcode Official					
Salaries and Wages	17,625	17,625	15,618	2,007	
Electrical Subcode Official					
Salaries and Wages	43,000	43,000	40,702	2,298	
Elevator Subcode Official					
Other Expenses	23,000	32,000	23,000	9,000	
UNCLASSIFIED					
Utilities					
Gasoline	60,000	60,000	39,786	20,214	
Electricity	160,000	160,000	127,272	32,728	
Telephone	45,000	45,000	31,681	13,319	
Natural Gas	55,000	55,000	31,405	23,595	
Street Lighting	125,000	125,000	102,941	22,059	
Total Operations Within "CAPS"	9,513,906	9,941,906	9,132,551	809,355	-
Contingent	1,000	1,000		1,000	
Total Operations including Contingent -					
Within "CAPS"	9,514,906	9,942,906	9,132,551	810,355	<u> </u>
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	4,802,865	4,984,115	4,882,094	102,021	-
Other Expenses	4,712,041	4,958,791	4,250,457	708,334	

	<u>Appro</u>	priated	Expe	Unexpended	
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or <u>Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	Balance Cancelled
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	\$ 198,000 12,000 151,241 647,271	\$ 192,000 12,000 151,241 647,271	\$ 166,309 11,423 151,241 647,271	\$ 25,691 577 -	
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures Municipal Within "CAPS"	1,008,512	1,002,512	976,244	26,268	
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"	10,523,418	10,945,418	10,108,795	836,623	
OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"					
Maintenance of Free Public Library Chap. 82, 541 P.L. 85- Chap. 82, 541 P.L. 85- Addition	762,833 41,073	762,833 41,073	762,833 32,510	- 8,563	
Sewerage Processing and Disposal (Sanitation Chap. 74, P.L. 87) Contractual	890,000	890,000	887,313	2,687	
Reserve for Tax Appeals	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Recycling Tax	12,000	12,000	8,390	3,610	
Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)	52,500	52,500	27,000	25,500	
Police Dispatch/911 Other Expenses	189,000	189,000	189,000		
Office Exhcuses	103,000	107,000	107,000	-	

		Appro	priated	a4 A Gass		Expe	nded		Unexpe	
	D.	udget	_	et After fication		Paid or Charged	D.	eserved	Balaı Cance	
OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS" (Continued)	<u>D</u>	<u>uugu</u>	iviour	<u>neation</u>		Charged	K	<u>esci ved</u>	Cance	<u>meu</u>
Interlocal Services Agreements										
Municipal Court Administration Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	\$	108,240 67,812	\$	108,240 70,812	\$	105,247 62,607	\$	2,993 8,205		
Prosecutor Other Expenses		13,780		13,780		13,780				
Public Defender Other Expenses		3,770		3,770		3,770		-		
Pascack Valley Regional School District Special Police Salaries and Wages				27,504		27,504				
Pascack Valley Department of Public Works Department of Public Works Other Expenses	1,	579,250	1,	579,250		1,579,244		6		<u> </u>
Total Other Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	4,	720,258	4,	750,762		4,699,198		51,564		_
OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS" PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS OFFSET BY REVENUES										
Recycling Tonnage Grant		7,462		7,462		4,900		2,562		
CDBG-Senior Citizen Activities Clean Communities Grant		3,530		3,530 17,689		3,530		- 17,689		
Municipal Alliance Program  County Share		9,876		9,876					Ф С	,876
Local Share		2,469		2,469		800		1,669	\$ 9	,070
Alcohol Education and Rehab. Grant		1,251		1,251		000		1,251		
Body Armor Grant-State Share Police Donations - KPMG		2,264		2,264 10,000		2,264		10,000		-
Police Donations - Wegmans			,	18,680		11,000		7,680		
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues		26,852		73,221		22,494		40,851	9	,876
Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	4,	747,110	4,	823,983	_	4,721,692		92,415	9	,876
Detail:										
Salaries and Wages Other Expenses		108,240 638,870		135,744 688,239		132,751 4,588,941		2,993 89,422	9	<u>,876</u>

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

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

		<u>Appro</u> <u>Budget</u>	priated Budget After Modification	<u>Expe</u> Paid or <u>Charged</u>	nded Reserved	Unexpended Balance Cancelled
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"						
Capital Improvement Fund Road Improvement Fund Acquisition of Equipment - Police Departm Acquisition of Vehicles & Equipment - UC Various Office Improvements - UCC County of Bergen - Open Space - Huff Play County of Bergen Chestnut Ridge FEMA-Federal (Generator Project)	nent C	\$ 25,000 500,000 25,000 160,000 145,000 21,093	\$ 25,000 500,000 25,000 160,000 145,000 21,093 485,446 100,000	\$ 25,000 499,995 19,987 138,680 78,392 21,093 485,446 100,000	\$ 5,013 21,320 66,608 -	·
Total Capital Improvements Excluded from "C	APS"	876,093	1,461,539	1,368,593	92,946	
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"						
Payment of Bond Principal Interest on Bonds Interest on Notes		1,630,000 152,455 85,500	1,630,000 152,455 85,500	1,630,000 152,450 85,500		\$ 5
Total Municipal Debt Service Excluded from "CAPS"		1,867,955	1,867,955	1,867,950		5
DEFERRED CHARGES - MUNICIPAL - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"						
Emergency Authorization Special Emergency Authorizations- 5 years (N.J.S.40A4-55)		22,000	22,000	22,000		<u>-</u> _
Total Deferred Charges - Municipal - Excluded from "CAPS"		22,000	22,000	22,000		
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes - Excluded from "CAPS"		7,513,158	8,175,477	7,980,235	185,361	9,881
Subtotal General Appropriations		18,036,576	19,120,895	18,089,030	1,021,984	9,881
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		1,662,979	1,662,979	1,662,979		
Total General Appropriations		\$ 19,699,555	\$ 20,783,874	\$ 19,752,009	\$ 1,021,984	\$ 9,881
Re	eference	A-2	A-3	A-1	A,A-1	

		Appropriated Budget After Modification	Expended Paid or <u>Charged</u>
Budget as Adopted	A-3	\$ 19,699,555	
Appropriation by 40A:4-87	A-2	659,319	
Emergency Appropriation	A-14	425,000	
		\$ 20,783,874	
Cash Disbursed	A-4		\$ 15,839,422
Encumbrances Payable	A-16		1,075,608
Due to LOSAP Fund	В		27,000
Due to General Capital Fund	C-4		125,000
Deferred Charges			
Special Emergency Authorization	A-13		22,000
Reserve for Tax Appeals	A-27		1,000,000
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-2		1,662,979
			\$ 19,752,009

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS TRUST FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

ASSETS	Reference	2017	<u>2016</u>
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND Cash	В-3	\$ 17,577	\$ 19,660
OTHER TRUST FUND Cash	B-3	3,788,308	2,122,448
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND Cash	B-3	272,804	269,191
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND Cash	B-3	336,437	595,870
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM FUND (UNAUDITED)			
Investments Due from Current Fund	B A	617,568 27,000	508,509 29,700
		644,568	538,209
Total Assets		\$ 5,059,694	\$ 3,545,378

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS TRUST FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	Reference	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES			
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND			
Due to State of NJ - Fees Payable	B-4	\$ 18	\$ 18
Due to Current Fund	B-6	5,240	5,830
Reserve for Animal Control Expenditures	B-5	12,319	13,812
		17,577	19,660
OTHER TRUST FUND			
Due to Current Fund	B-9	7,836	2,535
Escrow Deposits	B-10	2,187,742	1,576,761
Payroll Deductions Payable	B-11	48,788	48,043
Miscellaneous Reserves and Deposits	B-12	1,543,942	495,109
		3,788,308	2,122,448
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND			
Due to State of NJ - Claims Payable	B-7	417	1,065
Reserve for Unemployment Compensation		, , ,	.,
Insurance Claims	B-8	272,387	268,126
		272,804	269,191
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND			
Encumbrances Payable	B-16	227,270	165,862
Reserve for Open Space Preservation	B-15	109,167	430,008
		336,437	595,870
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM FUND (UNAUDITED)			
Reserve for LOSAP Contributions	В	644,568	538,209
Total Liabilities and Reserves		\$ 5,059,694	\$ 3,545,378

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF REVENUES-REGULATORY BASIS OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

			<u>Antic</u>	ipate	<u>d</u>			
				Bu	dget After			
			Budget	Mo	difications		E	cess or
		9	(Memo)	(	Memo)	Realized	<u>(I</u>	Deficit)
Amount to be Raised by Taxation Reserve Funds Utilized		\$	102,383	\$	102,383 322,372	\$ 103,914 322,372	\$	1,531
		\$	102,383	<u>\$</u>	424,755	\$ 426,286	\$	1,531
	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, 2017

	<u>Appropriated</u>							
		Budget After Expendence						
		Budget	Mo	dification		Paid or		
	9	(Memo)	(	Memo)	9	Charged	<u>Re</u>	eserved
Development of Land for Recreation and Conservation								
Other Expenses			\$	374,495	\$	374,495		
Maintenance of Land for Recreation and Conservation								
Other Expenses				50,260		50,260		
Reserve for Future Use	\$	102,383		-		-	\$	-
	\$	102,383	\$	424,755	\$	424,755	<u>\$</u>	<u>-</u>
Referen	<u>ice</u>	B-1		B-1		B-15		

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS GENERAL CAPITAL FUND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	Reference	<u>2017</u>	2016
ASSETS			
Cash Deferred Charges to Future Taxation Funded	C-2,C-3	\$ 3,590,536	\$ 4,968,243 4,985,000
Unfunded	C-6	8,084,317	6,280,000
Total Assets		\$ 15,029,853	\$ 16,233,243
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE			
General Serial Bonds	C-13	\$ 3,355,000	\$ 4,985,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	C-14	7,600,000	5,700,000
Encumbrances Payable	C-8	1,993,591	3,670,880
Improvement Authorizations			
Funded	C-7	1,250	67,380
Unfunded	C-7	1,656,712	1,479,189
Capital Improvement Fund	C-9	107,741	180,241
Reserve for Payment of Debt	C-10	74,797	5,059
Reserve for Improvement of Field	C-11	90,945	80,645
Reserve for Preliminary Expenses	C-12	700	700
Fund Balance	<b>C</b> -1	149,117	64,149
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		\$ 15,029,853	\$ 16,233,243

There were bonds and notes authorized but not issued on December 31, 2017 and 2016 of \$507,500 and \$580,000, respectively. (Exhibit C-15)

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS GENERAL CAPITAL FUND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	Reference	<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>
Balance, January 1	С	\$ 64,149	\$	22,765
Increased by:				
Cancellation of Funded Improvement Authorizations	C-1			1,025
Premium on Notes Issued	C-2	 84,968		40,359
Balance, December 31	C	\$ 149,117	<u>\$</u>	63,124

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	Reference	<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>
ASSETS				
Cash	D-1	\$ 6,3	<u>\$62</u> <u>\$</u>	5,858
Total Assets		\$ 6,3	<u>62</u> \$	5,858
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES				
Reserve for Public Assistance Expenditures	D-2	\$ 6,3	62 \$	5,858
Total Liabilities and Reserves		\$ 6,3	62 \$	5,858

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
ASSETS		
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 17,854,914	\$ 17,755,602
Buildings and Building Improvements	13,557,931	13,305,961
Machinery and Equipment	8,539,645	8,141,920
	\$ 39,952,490	\$ 39,203,483
FUND BALANCE		
Investment in General Fixed Assets	\$ 39,952,490	\$ 39,203,483

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 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 and 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.

### 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.

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

<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.

<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 \$5,000 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

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

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

### **General Fixed Assets (Continued)**

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 Open Space Preservation Trust Fund) General Capital Fund Public Assistance Fund

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 2017 and 2016 the Borough Council increased the original budget by \$1,084,319 and \$21,607. The increase in 2017 was funded by additional aid allotted to the Borough in the amount of \$659,319 and emergency appropriations of \$175,000 for police salaries and \$250,000 for general liability settlement agreement. The increase in 2016 was funded by additional aid allotted to the Borough in the amount of \$21,607. In addition, the governing body approved several budget transfers during 2017 and 2016.

#### 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, 2017 and 2016, the book value of the Borough's deposits were \$21,468,578 and \$16,730,158 and bank and brokerage firm balances of the Borough's deposits amounted to \$21,764,985 and \$16,983,424, respectively. The Borough's deposits which are displayed on the various fund balance sheets as "cash" are categorized as:

		Bank Bala			
Depository Account		<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>	
Insured	\$	21,764,985	\$	16,983,424	
	<u>\$</u>	21,764,985	\$	16,983,424	

<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, 2017 and 2016, none of the Borough's bank balances were exposed to custodial credit risk.

## B. Investments

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, 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, Local Government investment pools, 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.

## NOTE 3 CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

## B. <u>Investments</u> (Continued)

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Borough had the following investments:

		Fair `	Value	
	(LOSAP)			
		<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	
Investment:				
Lincoln Financial Group LOSAP				
Investment Fund (Unaudited)	<u>\$</u>	617,568	\$ 508,	,50 <u>9</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, 2017 and 2016, \$617,568 and \$508,509 of the Borough's investments was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

	Fair Value			
	(LOSAP)			
		<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>
Uninsured and Collateralized:				
Collateral held by pledging financial institution's trust department				
but not in the Borough's name (Unaudited)	\$	617,568	\$	508,509

<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). The Borough does not have an investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, 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 quoted market prices, 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, 2017 and 2016 consisted of the following:

Carmont	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Current Property Taxes	\$ 487,708	\$ 699,345
Tax Title Liens	 18,945	 17,711
	\$ 506,653	\$ 717,056

In 2017 and 2016, the Borough collected \$451,620 and \$227,497 from delinquent taxes, which represented 63% and 89%, 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>20</u>	<u> 17</u>			<u>20</u>	<u> 16</u>	
	D	ue from	-	Due to	Dυ	e from	I	Due to
	<u>Otl</u>	er Funds	<u>Oth</u>	ner Funds	Oth	er Funds	<u>Oth</u>	<u>er Funds</u>
Current Fund	\$	13,076	\$	27,000	\$	8,365	\$	29,700
Trust Funds								
Animal Control				5,240				5,830
Other Trust				7,836				2,535
LOSAP Fund		27,000				29,700		
Total	\$	40,076	\$	40,076	\$	38,065	\$	38,065

The above balances are the result of revenues earned in one fund on behalf of another or appropriations raised in one fund which are due to 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 <u>Budgets</u>
2017 Current Fund Emergency Authorizations	\$ 425,000	\$ 425,000	
2016 Current Fund Special Emergency Authorizations (40A:4-55)	\$ 22,000	22,000	_

## 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	17	20	16
	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	\$ 4,572,969 1,195,551	\$ 4,175,000	\$ 5,005,197 758,061	\$ 4,075,000
	\$ 5,768,520	\$ 4,175,000	\$ 5,763,258	\$ 4,075,000

## 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, 2017 and 2016.

	Balance			Balance,
	December 31,			December 31,
	<u>2016</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>2017</u>				
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 17,755,602	\$ 197,844	\$ (98,532)	\$ 17,854,914
Buildings and Building Improvements	13,305,961	251,970		13,557,931
Machinery and Equipment	8,141,920	397,725		8,539,645
	\$ 39,203,483	<u>\$ 847,539</u>	\$ (98,532)	\$ 39,952,490
	Balance			Balance
	Balance December 31.			Balance, December 31.
	December 31,	Increases	Decreases	December 31,
2016		Increases	<u>Decreases</u>	
2016 Land and Land Improvements	December 31,	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u> \$ (150,120)	December 31, 2016
	December 31, 2015	Increases \$ 22,850		December 31, 2016
Land and Land Improvements	December 31, 2015 \$ 17,905,722	***************************************	\$ (150,120)	December 31, 2016 \$ 17,755,602
Land and Land Improvements Buildings and Building Improvements	December 31, 2015  \$ 17,905,722 13,966,991	\$ 22,850	\$ (150,120) (683,880)	December 31, 2016  \$ 17,755,602 13,305,961

#### 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 fund 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:

	2017	2016
Issued		
General		
Bonds and Notes	\$ 10,955,000	\$ 10,685,000
Less Funds Temporarily Held to Pay Bonds and Notes	 97,980	 5,059
Net Debt Issued	10,857,020	10,679,941
Authorized But Not Issued General		
Bonds and Notes	 507,500	 580,000
Net Bonds and Notes Issued and Authorized		
But Not Issued	\$ 11,364,520	\$ 11,259,941

#### **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 .504% and .506% at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

<u>2017</u>	<u>(</u>	Gross Debt	Deductions		Net Debt
General Debt	\$	11,462,500	\$ 97,980	\$	11,364,520
School Debt		7,949,538	 7,949,538		<u></u>
Total	\$	19,412,038	\$ 8,047,518	<u>\$</u>	11,364,520
<u>2016</u>	<u>(</u>	Gross Debt	<u>Deductions</u>		Net Debt
2016 General Debt	\$	Gross Debt 11,265,000	\$ <u>Deductions</u> 5,059	\$	Net Debt 11,259,941
			\$	\$	

## 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>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
3-1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal) Net Debt	\$ 78,864,882 11,364,520	\$ 77,826,626 11,259,941
Remaining Borrowing Power	\$ 67,500,362	\$ 66,566,685

## 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:

## **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:

\$3,775,000, 2010 Refunding Bonds, due in annual installments of \$450,000 to \$465,000		<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
through August, 2019, interest at 2.00% to 4.375%	\$	905,000	\$ 1,370,000
\$3,695,000, 2011 Bonds, due in annual installments of \$425,000 to \$430,000 through December, 2021, interest at 2.00% to 2.50%		1,705,000	2,130,000
\$3,745,000, 2012 Refunding Bonds, due in annual installments of \$740,000 to \$745,000 through October, 2018, interest at 4.00%		745,000	 1,485,000
	<u>\$</u>	3,355,000	\$ 4,985,000

## 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, 2017 is as follows:

Calendar		<u>Ger</u>	eral		
Year	=	<u>Principal</u>		<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$	1,625,000	\$	105,900	\$ 1,730,900
2019		875,000		47,563	922,563
2020		425,000		21,375	446,375
2021		430,000		10,750	 440,750
	\$	3,355,000	\$	185,588	\$ 3,540,588

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

The Borough's long-term capital debt activity for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

<u>2017</u>	Balance, December 31, 2016	Increases	Reductions	Balance, December 31, 2017	Due Within <u>Year</u>
General Capital Fund Bonds Payable	\$ 4,985,000	\$ -	\$ 1,630,000	\$ 3,355,000	\$ 1,625,000
	Balance, December 31, 2015	Increase	Reductions	Balance, December 31, 2016	Due Within One Year
2016 General Capital Fund Bonds Payable	\$ 6,580,000	\$ -	\$ 1,595,000	\$ 4,985,000	\$ 1,630,000

#### NOTE 9 MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)

## B. Short-Term Debt

The Borough's short-term debt activity for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was as follows:

## **Bond Anticipation Notes**

<u>2017</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	Rate (%)	Maturity <u>Date</u>	Balance, December 31, 2016	Renewals/ Issued	Retired/ <u>Redeemed</u>	Balance, December 31, 2017
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	\$ 4,300,000 1,400,000 	\$ 4,400,000 2,535,000 665,000 \$ 7,600,000	\$ 4,300,000 1,400,000 	\$ 4,400,000 2,535,000 665,000 \$ 7,600,000
				Balance, December 31,	Renewals/	Retired/	Balance, December 31,
<u>2016</u>				<u>2015</u>	Issued	Redeemed	<u>2016</u>
Gene	ral Capital Fund						
	Construction of New Firehouse Various Capital Improvements	1.50% 1.50%	8/25/2017 8/25/2017		\$ 4,300,000 1,400,000		\$ 4,300,000 1,400,000
				\$ -	\$ 5,700,000	\$ -	\$ 5,700,000

The purpose of these short-term borrowings was to provide resources for capital construction, acquisitions or improvement projects and other purposes permitted by State 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
<u>2017</u>			
Intersection Improvements	\$	905,824	2018
Various Road Improvements		430,018	2018
Fieldstone Turf Replacement and Improvements		977,271	2018
New Firehouse Construction		962,579	2018
<u>2016</u>			
New Firehouse Construction	\$	3,150,268	2018
Sanitary Sewer Extension Project		241,644	2017
Various Road Improvements		202,871	2017
Swim Pool Demolition		150,904	2017

#### 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 \$596,393 and \$590,906 at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. These amounts which is are considered material to the financial statements, are not reported either as an expenditure or liability.

#### **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.

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

## **Changes in Other Long-Term Liabilities (Continued)**

The Borough's changes in other long-term liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

<u>2017</u>	Balance, December 31,  2016	Additions	Reductions	Balance, December 31, 2017	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
Compensated Absences Net Pension Liability - PERS Net Pension Liability - PFRS Other Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 590,906 7,166,968 15,150,341 \$ 22,908,215	\$ 5,487 	\$ 1,405,923 2,498,821 \$ 3,904,744	\$ 596,393 5,761,045 12,651,520 \$ 19,008,958	\$ - <u>-</u> \$ -
<u>2016</u>	Balance, December 31,  2015	<u>Additions</u>	Reductions	Balance, December 31, 2016	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
2016  Compensated Absences Net Pension Liability - PERS Net Pension Liability - PFRS	December 31,	Additions \$ 2,393,202 2,874,554	Reductions  \$ 12,900 214,978 646,651	December 31,	Within

#### 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 with vesting occurring after 10 years of membership. PFRS is a cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan.

**Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)** – established in January 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide coverage, including post-retirement healthcare for those eligible employees whose local employers elected to do so, 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 and vesting occurs after 10 years of service for pension benefits and, if applicable, 25 years for post-retirement healthcare coverage. PERS is a cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan.

## 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. Membership is mandatory for such individuals with vesting occurring after one (1) year of membership. 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 work the minimum required hours but earn a base salary of at least \$5,000 are eligible for participation in the DCRP. 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 <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions">www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions</a>.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the retirement systems are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Employer contributions are recognized when payable to the retirement systems. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the retirement systems.

## NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

#### Investment Valuation

Investments are reported at fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. Mortgages are valued on the basis of future principal and interest payments, and are discounted at prevailing interest rates for similar instruments. The fair value of real estate investments is based on independent appraisals. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair values.

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 www.state.nj/treasury/doinvest.

## **Funded Status and Funding Progress**

As of July 1, 2016, the most recent actuarial valuation date, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2017, the aggregate funded ratio for all the State administered retirement systems, including local PERS and local PFRS is 35.79 percent with an unfunded actuarial accrued liability of \$142.3 billion. The aggregate funded ratio and unfunded accrued liability for the local PERS system is 48.10 percent and \$23.3 billion, respectively and the aggregate funded ratio and unfunded accrued liability for local PFRS is 58.60 percent and \$17.2 billion, respectively.

The funded status and funding progress of the retirement systems includes actuarial valuations which involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future. These amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the probability of future events.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective and are based on the benefits provided under the terms of the retirement systems in effect at the time of each valuation and also consider the pattern of the sharing of costs between the employer and members at that point in time. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations on the pattern of cost sharing between the employer and members in the future.

## **Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

In the July 1, 2016 actuarial valuations, the date of the most recent actuarial valuations, the projected unit credit was used as actuarial cost method, and the five year average of market value was used as asset valuation method for pension trust funds. The actuarial assumptions included (a) 7.00% for investment rate of return for all the retirement systems except CPFPF (1.00%) and (b) changes to projected salary increases applied through the year 2026 of 1.65-5.15 percent based on age for PERS and 2.10-9.98 percent based on age for PFRS.

## NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

## **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 based on 10.0% for PFRS, 7.20% for PERS and 5.50% for DCRP of employee's annual compensation for 2017.

#### **Annual Pension Cost (APC)**

Per the requirements of GASB Statement No. 27, Accounting for Pensions by State and Local Government Employees, for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 for PFRS and PERS, which are cost sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plans, annual pension cost equals contributions made. In the DCRP, which is a defined contribution plan, member contributions are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

During the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, 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:

<u>PFRS</u>	<u>PERS</u> (1)	<u>DCRP</u>
\$ 646,651	\$ 214,978	\$ 11,423
630,625	191,063	5,887
565,954	249,631	3,932
	\$ 646,651 630,625	\$ 646,651 \$ 214,978 630,625 191,063

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Municipal Library's portion of contribution for the year.

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

#### Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Borough reported a liability of \$5,761,045 and \$7,166,968, respectively, for its proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The Borough's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Borough's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating governmental entities, actuarially determined. As of the measurement date of June 30, 2017, the Borough's proportionate share was .02475 percent, which was an increase of .00055 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2016 of .02420 percent.

## NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

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

For the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the pension system has determined the Borough's pension expense to be \$243,186 and \$490,027, respectively, for PERS based on the actuarial valuation which is more than the actual contributions reported in the Borough's financial statements of \$214,978 and \$191,063, respectively. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, 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:

	2017			2016				
		Deferred Outflows <u>Resources</u>		Deferred Inflows Resources		Deferred Outflows 'Resources		Deferred Inflows Resources
Difference Between Expected and								
Actual Experience	\$	135,653			\$	133,284		
Changes of Assumptions		1,160,652	\$	1,156,397		1,484,613		
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual								
Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		39,229				273,283		
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between								
Borough Contributions and Proportionate Share								
of Contributions		365,298	***************************************	737,542		344,255	\$	1,008,698
Total	\$	1,700,832	\$	1,893,939	<u>\$</u>	2,235,435	\$	1,008,698

At December 31, 2017 the amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year	
Ending	
December 31,	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ (47,120)
2019	37,347
2020	17,764
2021	(94,187)
2022	 (106,911)
	\$ (193,107)

#### 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, 2017 was based on the June 30, 2017 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2016, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2017. The total pension liability reported for the year ended December 31, 2016 was based on the June 30, 2016 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2016. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement date:

<u>PERS</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Inflation Rate	2.25%	3.08%
Salary Increases:		
Through 2026	1.65-4.15% Based on Age	1.65-4.15% Based on Age
Thereafter	2.65-5.15% Based on Age	2.65-5.15% Based on Age
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%	7.65%
Mortality Rate Table	RP-2000	RP-2000

Assumptions for mortality improvements are based on Society of Actuaries Scale AA.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2016 and 2015 valuations were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period 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, 2017 and 2016, as reported for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, are summarized in the following table:

	2	2017	2016		
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	
Absolute Return/Risk Mitigation	5.00%	5.51%			
Cash Equivalents	5.50%	1.00%	5.00%	0.87%	
U.S. Treasuries	3.00%	1.87%	1.50%	1.74%	
Investment Grade Credit	10.00%	3.78%	8.00%	1.79%	
Mortgages			2.00%	1.67%	
High Yield Bonds			2.00%	4.56%	
Inflation-Indexed Bonds			1.50%	3.44%	
US Equity	30.00%	8.19%	26.00%	8.53%	
Non-US Developed Markets Equity	11.50%	9.00%	13.25%	6.83%	
Emerging Markets Equity	6.50%	11.64%	6.50%	9.95%	
Private Equity			9.00%	12.40%	
Hedge Funds/Absolute Return			12.50%	4.68%	
Real Estate (Property)			2.00%	6.91%	
Commodities			0.50%	5.45%	
Global Debt ex US			5.00%	-0.25%	
REIT			5.25%	5.63%	
Public High Yield	2.50%	6.82%			
Global Diversified Credit	5.00%	7.10%			
Credit Oriented Hedge Funds	1.00%	6.60%			
Debt Related Private Equity	2.00%	10.63%			
Debt Related Real Estate	1.00%	6.61%			
Private Real Asset	2.50%	11.83%			
Equity Related Real Estate	6.25%	9.23%			
Buyouts/Venture Capital	8.25%	13.08%			

#### Discount Rate

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

<u>Year</u>	Measurement Date	Discount Rate
2017	June 30, 2017	5.00%
2016	June 30, 2016	3.98%

#### 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:

Period of Projected Benefit

Payments for which the Following

Rates were Applied:

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

Through June 30, 2040

Municipal Bond Rate \*

From July 1, 2040 and Thereafter

#### Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability

The following presents the Borough's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 calculated using the discount rate of 5.00% and 3.98%, 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 (4.00% and 2.98%, respectively) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.00% and 4.98%, respectively) than the current rate:

2017	1% Decrease (4.00%)	Current Discount Rate (5.00%)	1% Increase <u>(6.00%)</u>
Borough's Proportionate Share of the PERS Net Pension Liability	\$ 7,146,967	\$ 5,761,045	\$ 4,606,400
	1% Decrease (2.98%)	Current Discount Rate (3.98%)	1% Increase (4.98%)
2016 Borough's Proportionate Share of the PERS Net Pension Liability	\$ 8,782,283	\$ 7,166,968	\$ 5,833,386

The sensitivity analysis was based on the proportionate share of the Borough's net pension liability at December 31, 2017 and 2016. A sensitivity analysis specific to the Borough's net pension liability was not provided by the pension system.

<sup>\*</sup> The municipal bond return rate used is 3.58% and 2.85% as of the measurement dates of June 30, 2017 and 2016, 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.

## 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, 2017 and 2016, the Borough reported a liability of \$12,651,520 and \$15,150,341, respectively, for its proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The Borough's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Borough's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating governmental entities, actuarially determined. As of the measurement date of June 30, 2017, the Borough's proportionate share was .08195 percent, which was an increase of .00264 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2016 of .07931 percent.

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the pension system has determined the Borough pension expense to be \$1,493,458 and \$1,894,491, respectively, for PFRS based on the actuarial valuation which is more than the actual contributions reported in the Borough's financial statements of \$646,651 and \$630,625, respectively. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, 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:

	2017				2016				
		Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources		Deferred Outflows of Resources		eferred nflows Lesources	
Difference Between Expected and									
Actual Experience	\$	82,076	\$	74,254			\$	99,313	
Changes of Assumptions		1,560,073		2,071,949	\$	2,098,447			
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual									
Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		241,421				1,061,554			
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between									
Borough Contributions and Proportionate Share									
of Contributions		1,018,966				962,030			
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Total	\$	2,902,536	<u>\$</u>	2,146,203	\$	4,122,031	\$	99,313	

## 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, 2017 the amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PFRS pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year		
Ending		
December 31,		<u>Total</u>
2018	\$	1,065,062
2019		1,301,528
2020		(222,942)
2021		(1,237,912)
2022	, <u>,</u>	(149,403)
	\$	756,333

## Actuarial Assumptions

The Borough's total pension liability reported for the year ended December 31, 2017 was based on the June 30, 2017 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2016, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2017. The total pension liability reported for the year ended December 31, 2016 was based on the June 30, 2016 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2016. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement date:

#### **PFRS**

<u> </u>	<u> 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Inflation Rate Salary Increases:	2.25%	3.08%
Through 2026	2.10-8.98% Based on Age	2.10-8.98% Based on Age
Thereafter	3.10-9.98% Based on Age	3.10-9.98% Based on Age
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%	7.65%
Mortality Rate Table	RP-2000	RP-2000

Assumptions for mortality improvements are based on Society of Actuaries Scale AA and one year using Scale BB.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2016 and July 1, 2015 valuations were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013.

#### 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, 2017 and 2016, as reported for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, are summarized in the following table:

	2	017	2016			
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target <u>Allocation</u>	Loug-Term Expected Real Rate of Return		
Absolute Return/Risk Mitigation	5.00%	5.51%				
Cash	5.50%	1.00%	5.00%	0.87%		
U.S. Treasuries	3.00%	1.87%	1.50%	1.74%		
Investment Grade Credit	10.00%	3.78%	8.00%	1.79%		
Mortgages			2.00%	1.67%		
High Yield Bonds			2.00%	4.56%		
Inflation-Indexed Bonds			1.50%	3.44%		
US Equity	30.00%	8.19%	26.00%	8.53%		
Non-US Developed Markets Equity	11.50%	9.00%	13.25%	6.83%		
Emerging Markets Equity	6.50%	11.64%	6.50%	9.95%		
Private Equity			9.00%	12.40%		
Hedge Funds/Absolute Return			12.50%	4.68%		
Real Estate (Property)			2.00%	6.91%		
Commodities			0.50%	5.45%		
Global Debt ex US			5.00%	-0.25%		
REIT			5.25%	5.63%		
Public High Yield	2.50%	6.82%				
Global Diversified Credit	5.00%	7.10%				
Credit Oriented Hedge Funds	1.00%	6.60%				
Debt Related Private Equity	2.00%	10.63%				
Debt Related Real Estate	1.00%	6.61%				
Private Real Asset	2.50%	11.83%				
Equity Related Real Estate	6.25%	9.23%				
Buyouts/Venture Capital	8.25%	13.08%				

#### Discount Rate

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

<b>Year</b>	<b>Measurement Date</b>	<b>Discount Rate</b>
2017	June 30, 2017	6.14%
2016	June 30, 2016	5.55%

#### 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:

Period of Projected Benefit

Payments for which the Following

Rates were Applied:

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

Through June 30, 2057

Municipal Bond Rate \*

From July 1, 2057 and Thereafter

#### Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability

The following presents the Borough's proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 calculated using the discount rate of 6.14% and 5.55%, 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 (5.14% and 4.55 %, respectively) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.14% and 6.55%, respectively) than the current rate:

2015	1% Decrease <u>(5.14%)</u>	Current Discount Rate (6.14%)	1% Increase (7.14%)
2017 Borough's Proportionate Share of the PFRS Net Pension Liability	\$ 16,669,419	\$ 12,651,520	\$ 9,350,359
	1% Decrease (4.55%)	Current Discount Rate (5.55%)	1% Increase <u>(6.55%)</u>
<u>2016</u>			
Borough's Proportionate Share of the PFRS Net Pension Liability	\$ 19,535,254	\$ 15,150,341	\$ 11,574,708

The sensitivity analysis was based on the proportionate share of the Borough's net pension liability at December 31, 2017 and 2016. A sensitivity analysis specific to the Borough's net pension liability was not provided by the pension system.

<sup>\*</sup> The municipal bond return rate used is 3.58% and 2.85% as of the measurement dates of June 30, 2017 and 2016, 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.

## 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, 2017 and 2016, the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Borough for the PFRS special funding situation is \$1,417,077 and \$1,272,253, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, 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 \$173,340 and \$162,497, respectively, which is more than the actual contributions the State made on behalf of the Borough of \$70,860 and \$48,749, respectively. 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 www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

#### NOTE 13 POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS

The Borough does not provide employee paid post retirement medical benefits to its active or retired employees.

#### 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), Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL) and the Bergen Municipal Employees Fund (BMED). 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 and worker's compensation (BJIF and MEL) and Employee Health Benefits (BMED). The Funds are risk-sharing public entity pools. The BJIF, MEL and BMED 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 Contributions				-	Claims mbursed	Ending <u>Balance</u>		
2017		None	\$	6,607	\$	2,346	\$	272,387		
2016		None		6,165		4,566		268,126		
2015	\$	50,000		6,053		5,443		266,527		

#### 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, 2017 and 2016. 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, 2017 and 2016, the Borough reserved \$882,629 and \$650,166, 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, 2017 and 2016, 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, 2017 and 2016, 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 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 for 2017 and 2016, respectively, for each eligible volunteer fire department member into the Plan. The total Borough contributions were \$27,000 and \$29,700 for 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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, 2017 and 2016 were \$12,924 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, 2017 and 2016, 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, 2017 and 2016 the Borough abated property taxes totaling \$70,932 and \$69,608, respectively, under the NJHMFA program. The Borough received \$10,884 and \$9,140 in PILOT payments under this program for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

**CURRENT FUND** 

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

Balance, December 31, 2016			\$ 8,748,488
Increased by:			
Taxes Receivable	\$	47,615,794	
Nonbudget Revenue		450,449	
Prepaid Revenues		61,939	
Due from State of NJ - Senior Citizens'			
and Veterans' Deductions		45,183	
Revenue Accounts Receivable		3,835,566	
Grants Receivable		626,328	
Receipts from Other Trust Fund		22,698	
Receipts from Animal Control Fund		6,220	
Fees Payable		85,919	
Prepaid Taxes		4,437,192	
Reserve for Grants - Unappropriated		13,098	
Petty Cash		800	
Outstanding Checks Voided		964	
Tax Overpayments	···	11,979	
			 57,214,129
			65,962,617
Decreased by Disbursements:			
2017 Budget Appropriations		15,839,422	
2016 Appropriation Reserves		149,803	
County Taxes Payable		5,525,896	
Due to County for Added and Omitted Taxes		130,311	
Local School District Tax Payable		15,938,531	
Regional High School Taxes Payable		13,387,934	
Payments to Open Space Preservation Trust Fund		103,914	
Payments to General Capital Fund		125,000	
Accounts Payable		24,320	
Encumbrances Payable		370,403	
Petty Cash		800	
Reserve for Grants - Appropriated		240	
Payments to Animal Control Fund		390	
Payments to Other Trust		25,835	
Payments to LOSAP Fund		29,700	
Tax Overpayments Refunded		3,081	
Fees Payable		83,346	
Tax Appeal Refunds		767,537	
			 52,506,463
Balance, December 31, 2017			\$ 13,456,154

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF CHANGE FUNDS

Office	Balance, December 3 2016	l,	Balance, December 31, 2017	
Tax Collector/Borough Clerk Dog/Cat License Registrar Municipal Court Police Department	2	00 5 50 00 50 -	\$ 100 50 200 50	
	<u>\$</u> 4	00 5	\$ 400	

**EXHIBIT A-6** 

## STATEMENT OF PETTY CASH FUND

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

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF GRANTS RECEIVABLE

NJ Department of Transportation -	Balance, December 31, 2016		Revenue Realized		Received		<u>Ca</u>	ncelled	Balance, December 31, 2017	
Magnolia/Terkuile	\$	75,953			\$	69,670	\$	6,283		
NJ Department of Transportation - Safe Routes to School		450,000							ø	450,000
FEMA - Gabion		450,000 199,458							\$	450,000 199,458
FEMA - Generator			\$	100,000						100,000
County of Bergen - Chestnut Ridge				485,446		485,446				
County of Bergen - Curb Program County of Bergen - Huff Park		10,650		21.002		10,650				21.002
Clean Communities Grant				21,093 17,689		17,689				21,093
Municipal Alliance Program				3,201		3,201				
Police Donations - KPMG				10,000		10,000				
Police Donations - Wegmans				18,680		18,680				
Recycling Tonnage Grant CDBG-Senior Citizen Activities		_		7,462 3,530		7,462 3,530				_
CDBG-Selffor Chizen Metryllics			_	<u> </u>		2,230		<del></del>		<del></del>
	\$	736,061	\$	667,101	<u>\$</u>	626,328	\$	6,283	<u>\$</u>	770,551
	Reserve for Grants-Appropriated							6,283		
									EXI	HIBIT A-8
STATEMENT SENIOR CITI										
Balance, December 31, 2016									\$	7,264
Increased by:										
Payment from State of New Jersey							\$	45,183		
Veterans'/Senior Citizen's Deductions Disallo		-						1,067		
Veterans'/Senior Citizen's Deductions Disallo	owed	by Tax Col	lecto	r - 2017				1,250		45 500
										47,500
										54,764
Decreased by:										
Senior Citizens' Deductions Per Tax Billings Veterans' Deductions Per Tax Billings								2,250 43,375		
Veterans Deductions Tel Tax Brings  Veterans 'Deductions Allowed by Tax Collections'  Veterans 'Deductions' Tel Tax Brings'  Veterans '	ctor-20	017						2,614		
									_	48,239
Balance, December 31, 2017									\$	6,525

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

<u>Year</u>	Balance, December 31, 2016	2017 <u>Levy</u>	\			<u>ns</u> 2017	Senior Citizens' and Veterans' Deductions Allowed	<u>Cancelled</u>	Transferred to Tax Title <u>Liens</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2017</u>	
2013	\$ 2,443				\$	2,443					
2014	5,234					5,234					
2015	5,282					5,282					
2016	686,386		\$ 1,067	-		438,661		\$ 12,388		\$ 236,404	
	699,345	-	1,067	-		451,620	-	12,388	-	236,404	
2017		\$ 47,695,925	1,250	\$ 180,1	<u>43</u> _	47,164,174	\$ 48,239	\$ 52,081	\$ 1,234	251,304	
	\$ 699,345	\$ 47,695,925	\$ 2,317	\$ 180,1	43 \$	47,615,794	\$ 48,239	\$ 64,469	\$ 1,234	\$ 487,708	
	ANALYSIS OF TAX YIELD General Purpo Added Taxes ( Local District Sch Regional High Sch County Taxes: County Taxes County Open Sp Due County for (54:4-63.1 et. s	54:4-63.1 et. seq.) nool Tax shool Tax  pace Added Taxes seq.) Space Tax Space Added Taxes unicipal Purposes 7 Tax	\$ 5,295,944 229,952 82,969 102,383	\$ 46,990,8 705,0 \$ 15,740,2 13,387,9 5,608,8 103,9	\$\frac{\\$2}{\$}\$ 03 34	47,695,925 47,695,925					

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF TAX TITLE LIENS RECEIVABLE

Balance, December 31, 2016	\$	17,711
Increased by: Transfers from Taxes Receivable - 2017		1,234
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$	18,945
STATEMENT OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR TAXES (AT ASSESSED VALUATION)	EXHI	BIT A-11
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$	29,400
Balance, December 31, 2017	<u>\$</u>	29,400

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	Balance,			Balance,
	December 31,	Accrued	C 11 , 1	December 31,
Demonstr Close	<u>2016</u>	<u>in 2017</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>2017</u>
Borough Clerk		e 19.000	e 10.000	
Licenses - Alcoholic Beverages		\$ 18,090	\$ 18,090	
Fees and Permits - Parking Permits		4,670	4,670	
Board of Health		55.005	55.005	
Licenses		55,095	55,095	
Register of Vital Statistics				
Fees and Permits		577	577	
Construction Code Official				
Uniform Construction Code Fees		1,013,852	1,013,852	
Fees and Permits - Other		84,600	84,600	
Police				•
Fees and Permits		2,362	2,362	
Tax Collector				
Fees and Permits		252	252	
Planning Board				
Fees and Permits		58,953	58,953	
Interest and Costs on Taxes	\$ 1,318	77,103	73,780	\$ 4,641
Recreation				
Fees and Permits		6,710	6,710	
Municipal Court				
Fines and Costs		207,572	194,637	12,935
Municipal Court Shared Service	45,134	185,404	183,221	47,317
Pascack Valley Regional School District				
Special Police Shared Service		27,504	27,504	
Energy Receipts Tax		1,262,378	1,262,378	
Cable TV Franchise Fees		127,861	127,861	
Sewer Agreement - Marriott		85,254	85,254	
Hotel/Motel Tax		195,763	195,763	
Uniform Fire Safety Act:		•	,	
Local Enforcement Fees		118,082	118,082	
LEA Rebate		11,645	11,645	<del></del>
Excess Sewer User Fees	-	405,075	395,534	9,541
	\$ 46,452	\$ 3,948,802	\$ 3,920,820	\$ 74,434
Cash Rec	eived		\$ 3,835,566	
Prepaid R	85,254			
			\$ 3,920,820	

<u>\$ - \$ 425,000 \$ - \$ 425,000</u>

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF DEFERRED CHARGES N.J.S. 40A:4-55 SPECIAL EMERGENCY

Date <u>Authorized</u>	<u>Purpose</u>		et Amount uthorized	Net.	/5 of Amount horized		Balance cember 31, 2016	:	ised in 2017 Judget		Balance, cember 31, 2017
4/10/2012	Reassessment of Real Property	\$	110,000	\$	22,000	<u>\$</u>	22,000	<u>\$</u>	22,000	<u>\$</u>	-
										EXH	IBIT A-14
STATEMENT OF DEFERRED CHARGES											
				Ва	alance			Ra	uised in	F	Balance,
				Dece	mber 31,	A	Added in		2017	Dec	ember 31,
				2	<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>	E	Budget		<u>2017</u>
Emergency Auth	norization (40A:4-47)					\$	425,000	\$		\$	425,000

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES

	Balance, December 31, 2016	Encumbrances <u>Cancelled</u>	Balance After <u>Modification</u>	Paid or <u>Charged</u>	Transfers/ Cancellations	Balance <u>Lapsed</u>
SALARIES AND WAGES						
Administrative and Executive	\$ 3,544		\$ 3,544			\$ 3,544
Mayor and Council	6		6			6
Borough Clerk	564		564			564
Elections	744		744			744
Financial Administration	1,996		1,996			1,996
Assessment of Taxes	48		48			48
Collection of Taxes	7		7			7
Cable TV Committee	2,186		2,186			2,186
Environmental Commission	280		280			280
Planning Board	2,251		2,251			2,251
Zoning Official	40		40			40
Code Enforcement and Administration Property Maint	27		27			27
Police	26,716		26,716	\$ 14,486		12,230
Emergency Management	937		937			937
Uniform Fire Safety Act	1,880		1,880	1,880		-
Public Buildings and Grounds	6		6			6
Public Health Services	190		190			190
Public Assistance	44		44			44
Parks and Playgrounds	21		21			21
Recreation Services and Programs	8,996		8,996			8,996
Senior Citizen Van	8,519		8,519			8,519
Municipal Court	3,279		3,279			3,279
Municipal Court - Shared Services	3,428		3,428			3,428
Construction Code Official	1,237		1,237			1,237
Building Subcode Official	997		997			997
Plumbing Subcode Official	1,061		1,061			1,061
Uniform Fire Code		\$ 1,880	1,880			1,880
Fire Subcode Official	2,005		2,005			2,005
Electrical Subcode Official	1,089		1,089			1,089
	71 000	1,880	73,978	16,366		57,612
OTHER EMPENIES	72,098	1,000	13,976	10,300		37,012
OTHER EXPENSES	26.000		26,000	0.761		17 220
Administrative and Executive	26,999		26,999	9,761		17,238
Mayor and Council	4,387		4,387	747		3,640
Borough Clerk	10,027		10,027			10,027
Elections	1,796		1,796	120		1,796
Financial Administration	5,433		5,433	138		5,295
Audit Services	40,000		40,000	38,000		2,000
Assessment of Taxes	14,340		14,340	528		13,812
Collection of Taxes	4,906	1.256	4,906			4,906
Legal Services and Costs	13,965	1,256	15,221	4 152		15,221
Engineering Services & Costs	13,916		13,916	4,153		9,763
Cable TV Commission	10,291		10,291			10,291
Historic Preservation Commission	1,000		1,000			1,000
Historian	150		150			150
Environmental Commission	522		522	10 105		522
Planning Board	31,991	**	31,991	18,105		13,886
Fire	20,495	28	20,523			20,523
Fire Hydrant Service	18,711		18,711	0.464		18,711
Police	14,448		14,448	8,464		5,984
Police Dispatch	34,954		34,954	25,771		9,183
Police Dispatch/911	1,781		1,781	170		1,781
First Aid Organization	4,546		4,546	162		4,384
Emergency Management	13,534		13,534			13,534
Uniform Fire Safety Act	1,817		1,817			1,817
Road Repair and Maintenance	10,000		10,000			10,000

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES

	Dec	alance, ember 31, <u>2016</u>		nbrances ncelled	Balance After odification	Paid or <u>Charged</u>		msfers/ ellations		Balance <u>Lapsed</u>
OTHER EXPENSES (Continued)	Φ.	05.064			05.054				•	25.044
Sewer System	\$	35,064	di	11 205	\$ 35,064				\$	35,064
Garbage and Trash Removal		15,994	\$	11,225	27,219					27,219
Recycling Tax		5,175		81	5,256					5,256
Recycling		3,242		1,200	4,442					4,442
Public Buildings and Grounds  Maintenance of All Vehicles		3,497 14,295			3,497 14,295					3,497 14,295
Municipal Services Act		1,588			1,588	\$ 55				1,533
Public Health Services		17,031			17,031	234				16,797
Administration of Public Assistance		17,031			17,031	25+				172
Animal Regulation		1,2		1,765	1,765					1,765
Parks and Playgrounds		1,000		.,	1,000					1,000
Recreation Services and Programs		9,767			9,767					9,767
Senior Citizens		11,169			11,169	611				10,558
Celebration of Public Events		125			125					125
PEOSHA Compliance		2,000			2,000					2,000
Utilities:										
Gasoline		19,389			19,389	3,071				16,318
Electricity		23,254			23,254	12,575				10,679
Telephone		9,378			9,378	3,343				6,035
Natural Gas		27,640			27,640	7,572				20,068
Street Lighting		12,329			12,329	2,046				10,283
Contingent		1,000			1,000					1,000
Social Security System		24,136			24,136					24,136
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan		3,113		95	3,208					3,208
Construction Code		2,429			2,429	747				1,682
Elevator Sub-Code				740	740					740
Maintenance of Free Public Library		14,360			14,360	14,360				-
Sewerage Processing and Disposal Insurance		321			321					321
Life Insurance		745			745					745
General Liability		2,553			2,553					2,553
Workers Compensation		3,482			3,482					3,482
Employee Group Health		54,234			54,234	54				54,180
Employee Group Health - Waiver		7,900			7,900	10 100				7,900
Length of Service Award Program		20,300			20,300	13,183				7,117
Municipal Court Municipal Court - Shared Services		3,936 2,423			3,936 2,423	105 113				3,831 2,310
Public Defender		2,423			2,423	113				2,310
Public Defender - Shared Services		264 26			264 26					264 26
Department of Public Works		20			40	•				20
Municipal Alliance Local Share		1,833			1,833					1,833
Clean Communities		1,607			1,607			1,607		1,000
Alcohol Education and Rehab.		1,514			1,514			1,514		_
Drunk Driving Enforce Grant		2,152			2,152	542		1,610		
Body Armor State Share		1,733			1,733	1,733		1,010		_
Improvement - Swim Pool Complex		36,600			36,600	1,755				36,600
Improvement - B with 1 our Complex					 				_	-
		699,023		16,390	 715,413	166,173		4,731	_	544,509
	\$	771,121	\$	18,270	\$ 789,391	\$ 182,539	. \$	4,731	<u>\$</u>	602,121
			4							
Cash Disbursed						\$ 149,803				
Accounts Payable Transfer To Appropriated Grant Reser	rves					32,736	\$	4,731		
Total						\$ 182,539	\$	4,731	ı	

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF ENCUMBRANCES PAYABLE

Balance, December 31, 2016		\$	388,673
Increased by:			
Charges to 2017 Budget Appropriations			1,075,608
			1,464,281
Decreased by:			
Cash Payments Cancellation Restored to Appropriation Reserves	\$ 370,403 18,270		
Cunomator restored to repropriation reserves	 10,270		388,673
Balance, December 31, 2017		\$	1,075,608
		EX	HIBIT A-17
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			
Balance, December 31, 2016		\$	79,894
Increased by:			
Transferred from Appropriation Reserves			32,736
			112,630
Decreased by:			112,030
Payments Cancelled to Operations	\$ 24,321 3,293		
Cancened to Operations	 3,293		27,614
Balance, December 31, 2017		\$	85,016
		EX	HIBIT A-18
STATEMENT OF PREPAID TAXES			
Balance, December 31, 2016		\$	180,143
Increased by:			
2018 Prepaid Taxes Received			4,437,192
			4,617,335
Decreased by:			
Application to 2017 Taxes Receivable			180,143
Balance, December 31, 2017		\$	4,437,192

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

Balance, December 31, 2016	\$	127,117
Increased by: Overpayments Received		11,979
		139,096
Decreased by: Refunded		3,081
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$	136,015
	EX	KHIBIT A-20
STATEMENT OF LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAXES PAYABLE		
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$	198,328
Increased by: 2017 Levy		15,740,203
		15,938,531
Decreased by: Payments	\$	15,938,531

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TAXES PAYABLE

Increased by:

2017 Levy \$ 13,387,934

Decreased by:

Payments \$ 13,387,934

EXHIBIT A-22

#### STATEMENT OF COUNTY TAXES PAYABLE

Increased by:

2017 Levy:

 General County Tax
 \$ 5,295,944

 County Open Space Tax
 229,952

\$ 5,525,896

Decreased by:

Payments \$ 5,525,896

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

Balance, December 31, 2016						\$	130,311			
Increased by: 2017 Added Tax Levy							82,969			
							213,280			
Decreased by: Payments							130,311			
Balance, December 31, 2017						\$	82,969			
						EXH	IBIT A-24			
STATEMENT OF MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TAXES										
Increased by: 2017 Levy				\$	102,383					
2017 Added Levy				<u></u>	1,531	\$	103,914			
Decreased by: Due to Open Space Preservation Trust Fund	·					\$	103,914			
EXHIBIT A-25 STATEMENT OF FEES PAYABLE										
	Balance, December 31	•	Dagaints	Diel	oursements	Dece	lance, mber 31,			
Matastan	<u>2016</u>	<b>.</b>	Receipts							
Marriage Licenses BOCA Fees	\$ 150 7,482		475 85,444	\$ —	600 82,746	\$	25 10,180			
	\$ 7,632	<u>\$</u>	85,919	\$	83,346	\$	10,205			

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF PREPAID REVENUE

		Balance, ember 31, 2016	<u>Receipts</u>	Cu	pplied to rrent Year Revenue	Balance, December 31,  2017		
Sewer Fees - Marriott	\$	85,254	\$ 61,939	\$	85,254	\$	61,939	
	<u>\$</u>	85,254	\$ 61,939	\$	85,254	\$	61,939	

**EXHIBIT A-27** 

#### STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR TAX APPEALS

Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 650,166
Increased by: Charges to 2017 Budget Appropriations	 1,000,000
	1,650,166
Decreased by: Tax Appeal Refunds	 767,537
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$ 882,629

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF MISCELLANEOUS RESERVES

	J	Balance,	E	Balance,
	Dec	cember 31,	Dec	ember 31,
		<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>
Arbitrage Rebate	\$	60,000	\$	60,000
Sale of Municipal Assets		20,326		20,326
Sale of Property - Affordable Housing (CDBG)		300,000		300,000
Security Deposit		3,966		3,966
	\$	384,292	\$	384,292

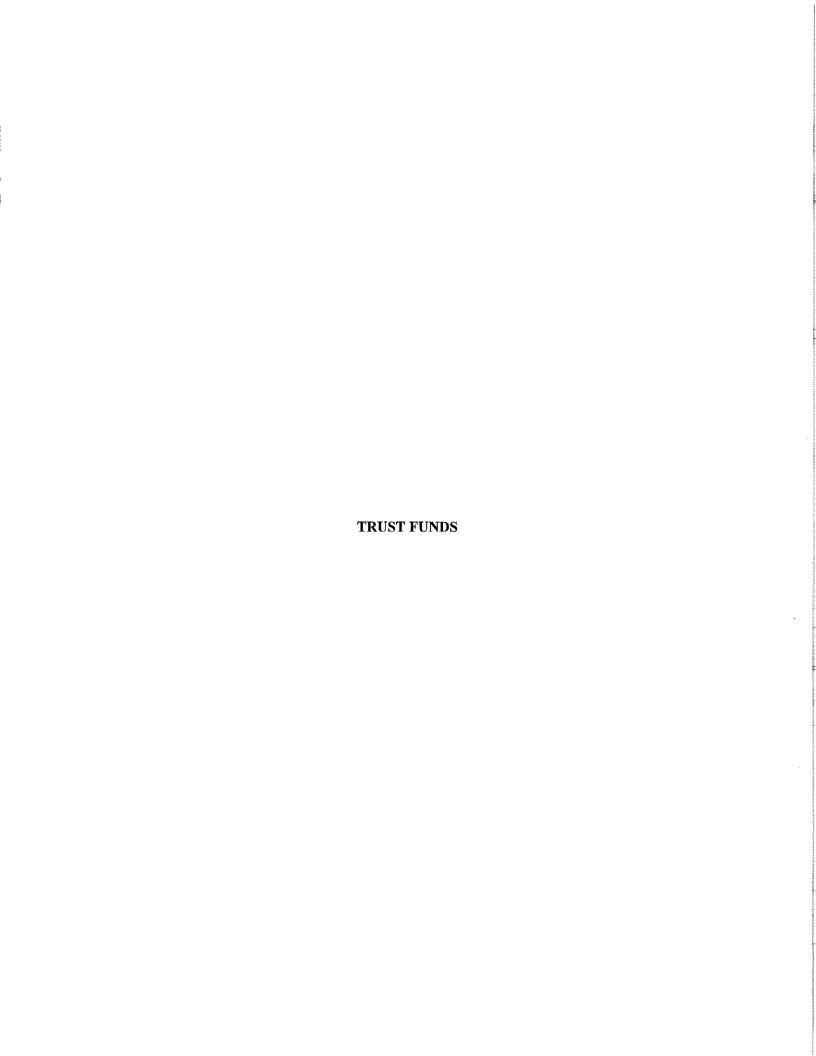
#### EXHIBIT A-29

#### STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR GRANTS - UNAPPROPRIATED

	Dece	Balance, December 31,  2016 Received						Balance, December 31, 2017		
Alcohol Ed and Rehab Body Armor Fund Recycling Tonnage		1,251 2,264	\$	772 2,428 9,898	\$	1,251 2,264	\$	772 2,428 9,898		
	<u>\$</u>	3,515	\$	13,098	\$	3,515	<u>\$</u>	13,098		

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF RESERVES FOR GRANTS - APPROPRIATED

	Balance,		Transfer from						F	Balance,	
	Dec	ember 31,	App	ropriation		Cash			December 31		
		<u>2016</u>	Reserves		<u>Disbursements</u>		Cancelled			<u>2017</u>	
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	\$	3,434	\$	1,610	\$	240			\$	4,804	
Alcohol Education and Rehab.		1,730		1,514						3,244	
Clean Community				1,607						1,607	
FEMA - Gabion		199,458								199,458	
NJDOT Safe Route to Schools		450,000								450,000	
NJDOT - Terkuile Rd.		18,232					\$	18,232		-	
NJDOT - Magnolia Ave.		27,427			***************************************			27,427	_		
	\$	700,281	\$	4,731	\$	240	\$	45,659	<u>\$</u>	659,113	
			Grants Receivable Cancellation Cancelled to Operations				\$	6,283 39,376			
							\$	45,659			



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

	Animal <u>F</u> ı	. Co	entrol		Other Trust <u>Fund</u>			Unemplo Insura <u>Fun</u>	nce		Open S Preservation <u>Fun</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2016		\$	19,660			\$	2,122,448	\$	269,191			\$	595,870
Increased by Receipts:													
State Dog License Fees	\$ 799												
Borough Dog License Fees	7,402												
Borough Cat License Fees	1,394												
Late Fees	240												
Interest Earned on Deposits				\$	6,505								
Escrow Deposits					3,658,743								
Miscellaneous Reserves and Deposits					1,589,662								
Payroll Deductions Payable					3,098,191								
Net Payroll Deposits					3,756,959								
Receipts from Current Fund	390				25,835					\$	103,914		
Employee Contributions-Unemployment	 				_			\$ 6,607					
			10,225				12,135,895	_	6,607				103,914
			29,885				14,258,343		275,798				699,784
Decreased by Disbursements:													
Animal Control Expenditures Under													
R.S. 4:19-15.11	5,289												
Payments to State for Dog License Fees	799												
Payments to State for Unemployment Claims								2,994					
Payments to Current Fund	6,220				22,698								
Escrow Deposits	ŕ				3,052,103								
Miscellaneous Reserves and Deposits					540,829								
Reserve for Open Space Preservation					,						197,485		
Encumbrances Payable											165,862		
Payroll Deductions Payable					3,097,446						,		
Net Payroll	-				3,756,959			-			_		
-		_	12,308	***		_	10,470,035		2,994	_			363,347
Balance, December 31, 2017		<u>\$</u>	17,577			\$	3,788,308	<u>\$</u>	272,804			\$	336,437

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

Balance, December 31, 2016	\$	18
Increased by: State Fees Collected		799
		817
Decreased by: Payments		799
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$	18
	EXHIB	IT B-5

## STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENDITURES ANIMAL CONTROL FUND

Balance, December 31, 2016		\$	13,812
Increased by:			
Dog License Fees Collected - 2017	\$ 7,402		
Cat License Fees Collected Late Fees	 1,394 240		
			9,036
			22,848
Decreased by:			
Expenditures Under R.S.4:19-15.11			
Cash Disbursements	5,289		
Statutory Excess Due Current Fund	 5,240		
		_	10,529
Balance, December 31, 2017		<u>\$</u>	12,319

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

Balance, December 31, 2016		\$	5,830
Increased by:			
Statutory Excess in Reserve for Animal Control Expenditures	\$ 5,240		
Receipts from Current Fund	 390		
			5,630
			11.460
			11,460
Decreased by:			
Payments to Current Fund			6,220
Balance, December 31, 2017		\$	5,240
Balance, December 31, 2017		Ψ	3,270

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF DUE TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY - CLAIMS PAYABLE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND

Balance, December 31, 2016	\$	1,065
Increased by:		
Unemployment Claims Charged to Reserve		2,346
		3,411
Decreased by:		
Cash Disbursements		2,994
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$	417
	EXI	HIBIT B-8

## STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND

Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 268,126
Increased by: Employee Contributions	6,607
	274,733
Decreased by: Unemployment Claims Due to State	2,346
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$ 272,387

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

Balance, December 31, 2016			\$	2,535
Increased by: Receipts from Current Fund Interest on Deposits	\$	25,835 2,164		
•		<del></del>		27,999
				30,534
Decreased by: Payments to Current Fund				22,698
Balance, December 31, 2017			\$	7,836
Analysis of Balance				
Due to Current Fund - Developers' Accutrak Trust Account-Interest  Due to Current Fund - Recreation			\$	2,196 640
Due to Current Fund - Flex Spending Account				5,000
			\$	7,836
			EXE	IIBIT B-10
STATEMENT OF ESCROW DEPOSITS OTHER TRUST FUND				
Balance, December 31, 2016			\$	1,576,761
Increased by:				
Developers' Deposits	\$ 3	,658,743		
Developers' Interest Earned		4,341		3,663,084
Decreased by:				5,239,845
Cash Disbursements				3,052,103
Balance, December 31, 2017			\$	2,187,742

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

Balance, December 31, 2016	\$	48,043
Increased by:		
Deposits: Payroll Deductions		2 000 101
rayion Deductions		3,098,191
		3,146,234
Decreased by:		
Disbursements:		
Payroll Deductions	_	3,097,446
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$	48,788

EXHIBIT B-12

## STATEMENT OF MISCELLANEOUS RESERVES AND DEPOSITS OTHER TRUST FUND

		Balance, cember 31,				Balance, ecember 31,
	<u>2016</u>		Receipts	<u>Disbursements</u>		<u>2017</u>
Engineering Fee Deposits	\$	26,348	\$ 5,840	\$ 6,124	\$	26,064
Planning Board Deposits		20,944				20,944
Affordable Housing Trust Fees		289,013	801,750			1,090,763
POAA Fees		614	328	299		643
Special Police Outside Duty Fees		47,333	612,771	465,888		194,216
Tax Title Lien Premiums		25,600	74,400			100,000
Celebration of Public Events Donations		783				783
Public Defender Fees		143	500			643
Performance Bond Deposits		37,162	4,800	2,800		39,162
DARE Program Donations		1,202				1,202
Uniform Fire Safety Act Penalty Monies		18,601	125			18,726
Fire Training/Equipment UFSA Penalty Monies		3,738	125			3,863
Historic Preservation Donations		1,621				1,621
Flex Spending Account Deposits		2,619	23,633	23,280		2,972
Vision Benefit Deposits		6,300	5,000	8,219		3,081
Retirement Dinner Deposits		221		49		172
Recreation			60,390	34,170		26,220
North/South Park-Improvement Donations		12,867		-	_	12,867
	\$	495,109	\$ 1,589,662	\$ 540,829	\$	1,543,942

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

Increased by:

Net Payroll Deposits

\$ 3,756,959

Decreased by:

Disbursements - Net Payroll

\$ 3,756,959

EXHIBIT B-14

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

Increased by:

2017 Levy 2017 Added Levy \$ 102,383 1,531

\$ 103,914

Decreased by:

Receipts from Current Fund

\$ 103,914

EXHIBIT B-15

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

Balance, December 31, 2016

\$ 430,008

Increased by:

Due from Current Fund

2017 Levy 2017 Added Levy \$ 102,383 1,531

103,914

533,922

Decreased by:

Cash Disbursements for Expenditures

Encumbrances Payable

197,485

227,270

424,755

Balance, December 31, 2017

\$ 109,167

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

Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 165,862
Increased by: Charges to Reserve for Open Space Preservation	227,270
Decreased by:	393,132
Cash Disbursements	165,862
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$ 227,270

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND** 

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

Balance, December 31, 2016		\$ 4,968,243
Increased by:		
Reserve for Improvement of Field	\$ 10,900	
Deferred Charges Unfunded	48,183	
Premium on Notes Issued	84,968	
Bond Anticipation Notes	1,900,000	
Receipts from Current Fund	 125,000	
		 2,169,051
		7,137,294
Decreased by Disbursements:		
Encumbrances Payable	3,446,158	
Reserve for Improvement of Field	600	
Expenditures Paid for Current Fund	 100,000	
		 3,546,758
Balance, December 31, 2017		\$ 3,590,536

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

Fund Balance		\$ 149,117			
Encumbrances Pa	yable	1,993,591			
Capital Improven	nent Fund	107,741			
Reserve for Paym	ent of Debt	74,797			
Reserve for Improvement of Field					
Reserve for Prelin	700				
Excess Note Proceeds					
Ord.					
<u>No.</u>	Improvement Description				
1405/1409	Construction of New Fire House	(201,914)			
1413	Various Capital Improvements - 2016	551,260			
1425	Various Capital Improvements - 2017	134,866			
1430	Acquisition of Property	666,250			
		\$ 3,590,536			

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF DUE FROM CURRENT FUND

Increased by:

Expenditures Paid for Current Fund Budget Appropriation - Capital Improvement Fund \$ 100,000

25,000

Decreased by:

Cash Receipts from Current Fund

\$ 125,000

125,000

**EXHIBIT C-5** 

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

Balance, December 31, 2016

\$ 4,985,000

Decreased by:

2017 Budget Appropriations to Pay Bonds

1,630,000

Balance, December 31, 2017

\$ 3,355,000

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

						_	Balance, Decen	nber 31, 2017
Ord. <u>No.</u>	Improvement Description	Balance December 31, 2016	2017 Authorizations	<u>Donations</u>	Balance December 31, 2017	Financed by Bond Anticipation <u>Notes</u>	Expenditures	Unexpended Improvement Authorization
1405/1409 1413 1425 1430	O Construction of New Firehouse Various Capital Improvements Various Capital Improvements Acquisition of Property	\$ 4,855,000 1,425,000	\$ 1,187,500 665,000	\$ 48,183	\$ 4,855,000 1,376,817 1,187,500 665,000	\$ 4,400,000 1,376,817 1,135,000 665,000	\$ 201,914	\$ 253,086 52,500
		\$ 6,280,000	\$ 1,852,500	\$ 48,183	\$ 8,084,317	\$ 7,576,817	\$ 201,914	\$ 305,586
				Bond Anticipation I Less: Excess Note		\$ 7,600,000		
				Ord No. 1413		23,183 \$ 7,576,817		
					Improvement Au Less: Unexpende			\$ 1,656,712
						Ord No. 1413 Ord No. 1425 Ord No. 1430	\$ 551,260 134,866 665,000	
								1,351,126
								\$ 305,586

### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

2017

							Author	izati	ons									
				Bala	nce		Deferred		Capital							В	alanc	e
Ord.		Ord.		<u>December</u>	31,2	<u> 2016</u>	Charges	In	nprovement	Enc	umbrances					Decem	ber 3	1,2017
No.	Improvement Description	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Funded</u>	]	<u>Jnfunded</u>	 <u>Unfunded</u>		Fund	<u>C</u>	ancelled	]	Expended	<u>C</u> :	ancelle <u>d</u>	<u>Funded</u>		<u>Unfunded</u>
	General Improvements																	
1153/1177/																		
1348	Various Capital Improvements - 2011	\$ 2,100,000	\$	43,685						\$	13,132			\$	56,817			
1386	Various Road Improvements	385,451		10,774								\$	10,774					
1389	Sanitary Sewer System	65,000		12,921											12,921			
1405/1409	Construction of New Firehouse	5,100,000			\$	572,141							319,055				\$	253,086
1413	Various Capital Improvements - 2016	1,500,000				907,048							355,788					551,260
1425	Various Capital Improvements - 2017	1,250,000					\$ 1,187,500	\$	62,500				1,062,634					187,366
1430	Acquisition of Property	700,000			_		 665,000		35,000				33,750		-	\$ 1,250	_	665,000
			\$	67,380	\$_	1,479,189	\$ 1,852,500	\$	97,500	\$	13,132	\$	1,782,001	\$	69,738	\$ 1,250	\$	1,656,712
			And the second	233														
								End	cumbrances			\$	1,782,001					
									serve for Pay	ment	of Debt	•		\$	69,738			
								1000	Journ Ion Lay		OI DUDE			<u></u>	05,750			
												æ	1 202 001	æ	CO 730			
												3	1,782,001	\$	69,738			

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF ENCUMBRANCES PAYABLE

Balance, December 31, 2016		\$	3,670,880
Increased by: Charges to Improvement Authorizations			1,782,001
Decreased by: Cancellations Restored to Improvement Authorizations	\$ 13,132		5,452,881
Payments	3,446,158		3,459,290
Balance, December 31, 2017		<u>\$</u>	1,993,591
STATEMENT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FU	JND	EX	ХНІВІТ С-9
Balance, December 31, 2016		\$	180,241
Increased by: Budget Appropriation Due from Current Fund			25,000
Decreased by:			205,241
Appropriation to Finance Improvement Authorizations			97,500
Balance, December 31, 2017		<u>\$</u>	107,741

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

Balance, December 31, 2016	\$	5,059
Increased by: Cancellation of Funded Improvement Authorizations		69,738
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$	74,797
STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF FIELD	EXHI	IBIT C-11
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$	80,645
Increased by: Cash Receipts - Field Use Fees		10,900
Decreased by: Cash Disbursements - Refunds	***************************************	91,545
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$	90,945
STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR PRELIMINARY EXPENSES	EXH	IBIT C-12
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$	700
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$	700

#### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF GENERAL SERIAL BONDS

Maturity of Bonds													
	Date		Outst		~			Balance,					Balance,
	of	Original	<u>Decembe</u>	<u>r 31,</u>	2017	Interest	I	December 31,				December 31,	
Issue	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Date</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>		<u>2016</u>	Increase	Ī	<u>Decrease</u>		<u>2017</u>
Refunding Bonds	5/11/2010 \$	3,775,000	8/15/2018 8/15/2019	\$	455,000 450,000	2.00-4.375	% \$	1,370,000		\$	465,000	s	905,000
			0, 10, 10, 10		100,000	2.00 1.075	, , ,	1,570,000		Ψ	105,000	J	703,000
General Improvement	12/16/2011	3,695,000	12/15/18-20		425,000								
			12/15/2021		430,000	2.00-2.50		2,130,000			425,000		1,705,000
Refunding Bonds	7/26/2012	3,745,000	10/1/2018		745,000	4.00		1,485,000	_		740,000		745,000
· ·					,						<del></del>		
							\$	4,985,000	\$ -	\$	1,630,000	<u>\$</u>	3,355,000
Paid by Budget Appropriation \$\\ \begin{array}{c} \\$ 1,630,000 \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\													

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Date of Issue of Original <u>Note</u>	Date of <u>Issue</u>	Date of <u>Maturity</u>	Interest Rate	Balance, December 31, 2016		December 31,		December 31,		<u>Increase</u>		<u>Decrease</u>		Balance, ecember 31, 2017
1405/1409	Construction of New Firehouse	8/25/2016	8/25/2016 8/24/2017	8/25/2017 8/24/2018	1.50% 2.25%	\$ 4,300,000	\$	4,400,000	\$	4,300,000	\$	4,400,000				
1413	Various Capital Improvements	8/25/2016	8/25/2016 8/24/2017	8/25/2017 8/24/2018	1.50% 2.25%	1,400,000		1,400,000		1,400,000		1,400,000				
1425	Various Capital Improvements	8/24/2017	8/24/2017	8/24/2018	2.25%			1,135,000				1,135,000				
1430	Acquisition of Property	8/24/2017	8/24/2017	8/24/2018	2.25%	-		665,000				665,000				
						\$ 5,700,000	<u>\$</u>	7,600,000	<u>\$</u>	5,700,000	\$	7,600,000				
						Renewals Issued for Cash	\$ <u>\$</u>	5,700,000 1,900,000 7,600,000	\$ <u>\$</u>	5,700,000						

#### EXHIBIT C-15

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

Ord. <u>No.</u>	Purpose	Balance cember 31, 2016	<u>Au</u>	2017	Bond Anticipation Notes Issued			<u>Donations</u>	Balance December 31, 2017	
1413	O Construction of New Firehouse Various Capital Improvements	\$ 555,000 25,000			\$	100,000	\$	25,000	\$	455,000
1425 1430	Various Capital Improvements Acquisition of Property	 -	\$	1,187,500 665,000		1,135,000 665,000		_		52,500
		\$ 580,000	\$	1,852,500	\$	1,900,000	\$	25,000	\$	507,500

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND

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

	Account	<u>t #1</u>	Account #2	Total	
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$	35	\$ 5,823	\$	5,858
Increased by: Receipts		<b>–</b>	7,066		7,066
		35	12,889		12,924
Decreased by: Disbursements			6,562		6,562
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$	35	\$ 6,327	\$	6,362

#### EXHIBIT D-2

#### STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES

	Αςςοι	<u>ınt #1</u>	Account #2	Total	
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$	35	\$ 5,823	\$	5,858
Increased by: Revenues		<b></b>	7,066		7,066
		35	12,889		12,924
Decreased by: Expenditures		-	6,562	_	6,562
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$	35	\$ 6,327	\$	6,362

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE STATEMENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REVENUES

	Account #1	<u>Ac</u>	count #2	<u>Total</u>		
State Aid Payments		\$	6,300	\$	6,300	
Supplemental Security Income: State/Municipal Refund			766		766	
Total Revenues/Receipts	<u>\$</u>	\$	7,066	\$	7,066	

EXHIBIT D-4

#### STATEMENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES

	Account #1	<u>Ac</u>	count #2	<u>Total</u>		
Current Year Assistance (Reported):						
Maintenance Payments		\$	1,162	\$ 1,162		
Temporary Rental Assistance	-		5,400	 5,400		
Total Expenditures/Disbursements	\$	\$	6,562	\$ 6,562		

# BOROUGH OF MONTVALE BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PART II
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016



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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, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 8, 2018. 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 financial statements.

#### 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.

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

Jeffrey C. Bliss

Registered Municipal Accountant

RMA Number CR00429

Fair Lawn, New Jersey May 8, 2018

#### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Federal Funding Department U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Passed Through County Dept. of Community	State Account <u>Number</u>	CFDA <u>Number</u>	Grant <u>Period</u>	Grant Award <u>Amount</u>	2017 Grant <u>Receipts</u>	Balance, January 1, 2017	Revenue <u>Realized</u>	Expenditures	Adjustments/ (Cancellations)	Balance, December 31, 2017	(Memo) Cumulative Expenditures
Development)  Community Development Block Grants  Public Services - Senior Citizens	N/A	14.218	2016	\$ 3,530	\$ 3,530		\$ 3,530	\$ 3,530			\$ 3,530
U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Passed Through State Department of Law and Public Safety) FEMA Disaster Assistance Grant - Gabion Walls FEMA Generator	4021-DR-NJ	97.036	2015 2017	199,458 100,000		\$ 199,458	100,000	100,000		\$ 199,458	- 100,000
U.S. Department of Transportation (Passed Through State Department of Law and Public Safety)		20.616		<b>-</b> 0							
Occupancy Protection Grant	066-1160-100-155 066-1160-100-157		2017 2017	5,500	5,500		5,500	5,500			5,500
Impaired Driving Countermeasure Distracted Driving Incentive	066-1160-100-158		2017	5,000 5,500	5,000 5,500	_	5,000 5,500	5,000 5,500	_	_	5,000 5,500
Distance Diving mountee	000-1100-100-136		2017	5,500	5,500		3,500				5,500
						\$ 199,458	\$ 119,530	\$ 119,530	\$ -	\$ 199,458	

Note - This schedule was 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, 2017

State Grant Program	Account Number	Grant <u>Year</u>	Grant <u>Award</u>	2017 Grant <u>Receipts</u>	Balance, January 1, 2017	Revenue <u>Realized</u>	Expended	Refunds (Cancellations)	Balance, December 31, 2017	(Memo) Cumulative Expenditures
Clean Communities Grant	042-4900-765-004	2017 2016	\$ 17,689 20,821	\$ 17,689	\$ 1,607	\$ 17,689			\$ 17,689 1,607	\$ 19,214
Recycling Tonnage Grant	042-4900-752-001	2017 2016	9,898 7,462	9,898		7,462	\$ 4,900		- 2,562	9,898 4,900
Municipal Drug and Alcohol Alliance Program(Passed Through County of Bergen)	N/A	2016	3,201	3,201		3,201		\$ (3,201)		
Body Armor Grant	066-1020-718-001	2017 2016 2015	2,428 2,264 2,352	2,428	1,733	2,264	2,264 1,733		-	2,264 2,352
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund	098-9735-760-001	2017 2016 2015 2014 2013	772 2,037 1,965 236 580	772	786 1,965 36 457	1,251			2,037 1,965 36 457	- 200 123
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	1110-448-031020-22	2016 2014	4,452 9,402		2,152 3,434		542 240		1,610 3,194	2,842 6,208
Dept. of Human Services General Assistance	054-7500-150-100-121/250	2017	6,300	6,300	5,823	6,300	6,562	766	6,327	6,562
Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Magnolia Ave Terkuile Rd. Safe Route to School	078-6320-480-AL5 078-6320-480-ALW 078-6320-480-XXX	2015 2015 2015	149,000 149,000 450,000	69,670	27,427 18,232 450,000 \$ 513,652	\$ 38,167	<u>-</u> \$ 16,241	(27,427) (18,232) 	450,000 487,484	121,573 130,768 -

Note - This schedule was 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, 2017

#### **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>		State		<u>Total</u>
Current Fund Public Assistance Fund	\$ 119,530 		\$ 31,867 6,300		\$ 151,397 6,300	
	<u>\$</u>	119,530	\$	38,167	\$	157,697

#### 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, 2017

Part I – Summary of Auditor's Results

#### **Financial Statements**

NOT APPLICABLE

Type of auditors' report issued on financial statements	Modified - Unaudited LOSAP	Fund
Internal control over financial reporting:		
1) Material weakness(es) identified	yes <u>X</u>	_no
2) Significant deficiency(ies) that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?	yesX	_none reported
Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?	yesX	_no
Federal Awards Section		
NOT APPLICABLE		
State Awards Section		

#### BOROUGH OF MONTVALE SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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, 2017

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, 2017

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

		Year 2017			<u>Year 2016</u>			
		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>			<u>Amount</u>	Percent	
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZE	D							
Fund Balance Utilized	\$	4,075,000	7.08	%	\$	3,500,000	6.37	%
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local								
Property Tax Levies		5,044,049	8.75			4,369,979	7.95	
Collection of Delinquent Taxes								
Tax and Tax Title Liens		451,620	0.78			227,497	0.41	
Collection of Current Tax Levy		47,391,306	82,25			46,050,189	83.82	
Other Credits to Income		659,359	1.14		***************************************	794,070	1.45	
Total Income		57,621,334	100.00	%		54,941,735	100.00	%
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EXPENDITURES								
Budget Expenditures								
Municipal Purposes		19,111,014	35.41	%		16,611,678	32.67	%
County Taxes		5,608,865	10.39			5,460,976	10.74	
Local & Regional School Taxes		29,128,137	53.98			28,666,125	56.37	
Municipal Open Space Taxes		103,913	0.19			104,371	0.21	
Other Expenditures		14,143	0.03			10,560	0.02	
Total Expenditures		53,966,072	100.00	%		50,853,710	100.00	%
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Excess in Revenue		3,655,262				4,088,025		
		2,022,202				,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		
Adjustments to Income before Fund Balance:								
Expenditures included above which are by								
Statute Deferred Charges to Budget of								
Succeeding Year		425,000				-		
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Statutory Excess to Fund Balance		4,080,262				4,088,025		
Statutory Excess to 1 and Salames		1,000,202				.,000,020		
Fund Balance, January 1		5,763,258				5,175,233		
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		9,843,520				9,263,258		
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Less: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue		4,075,000				3,500,000		
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Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$</u>	5,768,520			\$	5,763,258		

#### **Comparative Schedule of Tax Rate Information**

	201	<u>7</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>	20	)15
Tax Rate	\$	2.303	\$	2.260	\$	2.201
Apportionment of Tax Rate						
Municipal		0.562		0.549		0.540
Library		0.037		0.036		0.035
Municipal Open Space		0.005		0.005		0.005
County		0.260		0.259		0.262
County Open Space		0.011		0.003		0.003
Local School		0.772		0.778		0.747
Regional High School		0.656		0.630		0.609
Assessed Valuation						
2017	\$ 2,040,	418,647				
2016			\$ 2,037	,265,475		
2015					\$ 2,050	6,162,005

#### 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>	Tax Levy	<u>Cas</u>	h Collections	Percentage of <u>Collection</u>
2017	\$ 47,695,925	\$	47,391,306	99.36%
2016	47,142,888		46,325,189	98.26%
2015	45,649,731		45,255,293	99.13%

#### **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 <u>Tax Levy</u>
2017	\$ 487,708	\$ 18,945	\$	506,653	1.06%
2016	699,345	17,711		717,056	1.52%
2015	239,956	16,500		256,456	0.56%

#### 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:

Year	<u>Amount</u>
2017	\$29,400
2016	29,400
2015	29,400

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

			Utilized
		Balance,	In Budget of
	<u>Year</u>	December 31	Succeeding Year
Current Fund	2017	\$5,768,520	\$4,175,000
	2016	5,763,258	4,075,000
	2015	5,175,233	3,500,000
	2014	6,707,625	4,750,000
	2013	5,686,888	2,800,000

#### 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 Councilwoman
Doug Arendacs Councilman
Dieter Koelling Councilman
Michael Weaver Councilman
Elizabeth Grogger Councilwoman
Timothy Lane Councilman

Maureen Iarossi-Alwan

Kenneth Sesholtz

Borough Clerk/Administrator
Chief Financial Officer

Phillip Boggia Attorney
Carl Bello Treasurer
Fran Scordo Tax Collector
Michael Leposky Assessor

Jeffrey Fette Building Code Official

Jeremy Abrams Chief of Police
Katherine Bowen Director of Welfare
Susan Ruttenber Library Director
Harry D. Norton, Jr. Magistrate

Catherine Cullen Court Administrator and Violations Clerk (1/1/17 through 11/28/17)

Ann Levitzki Court Administrator and Violations Clerk (11/28/17 to Present)

Christopher Botta 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.

#### GENERAL COMMENTS

#### **Prior Year Finding Unresolved**

• Finding – Our audit of accrued time for compensated absences (unused sick and vacation days) revealed that there were minor differences in the recording of days used per the supporting attendance calendars, time cards and attendance reports. We also noted the January 2017 supporting attendance calendar was not available for audit.

**Recommendation** – Continued efforts be made to ensure attendance records and supporting reports be in agreement and supporting attendance calendars be retained and available for audit.

#### **Current Year Findings**

• **Finding** – Our audit revealed expenditures for the Borough's intersection improvement project were charged to and paid directly from developers escrow deposits in the Other Trust Fund.

**Recommendation** – Developers contributions toward Borough capital projects be appropriated by capital ordinance or as a special item of revenue and appropriation (Chapter 159) in the budget.

- Finding Our audit of COAH fees charged revealed the following:
  - Instances were noted were 50% of the estimated COAH fees was not paid in advance in accordance with the fee ordinance.
  - Assessed values utilized in the final fee calculation were not in agreement with the added assessment values per the added assessment tax duplicate.

Recommendation - COAH fees be calculated and collected in accordance with the Borough's approved fee ordinance.

#### 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 2017. 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.

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

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

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

Emergency Generator
Intersection Improvements
Montvale Roof Replacement
2017 Road Improvements
Upper Saddle River Road Improvements
Fieldstone Turf Replacement

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.

#### 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 2, 2017 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 2017, 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.

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

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

The last tax sale was held on October 26, 2017.

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
2017	2
2016	2
2015	2

#### 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.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 1. Continued efforts be made to ensure attendance records and supporting reports be in agreement and supporting attendance calendars be retained and available for audit.
  - 2. Developers contributions toward Borough capital projects be appropriated by capital ordinance or as a special item of revenue and appropriation (Chapter 159) in the budget.
  - 3. COAH fees be calculated and collected in accordance with the Borough's approved fee ordinance.

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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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