

BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
REPORT OF AUDIT
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

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BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PART I

REPORT OF AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Borough Council
Borough of Cliffside Park
Cliffside Park, 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 Cliffside Park, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, 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, 2016, 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 Cliffside Park 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 Cliffside Park as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, or changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, 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 Cliffside Park as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, 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, 2016 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 Cliffside Park as a whole. The supplementary schedules listed in the table of contents, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) 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 Cliffside Park.

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.

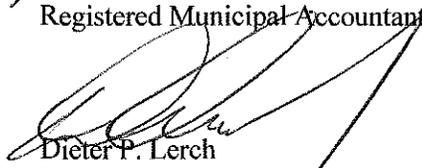
The supplementary data and letter of comments and recommendations section has not been subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 21, 2017 on our consideration of the Borough of Cliffside Park'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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Borough of Cliffside Park's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS
CURRENT FUND
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

ASSETS	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash	A-4	\$ 8,595,794	\$ 7,075,454
Cash - Change Funds	A-5	250	250
Grants Receivable	A-6	596,053	939,933
Due from State of NJ for Senior Citizens' and Veterans' Deductions	A-7	<u>6,500</u>	<u>4,500</u>
		<u>9,198,597</u>	<u>8,020,137</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves			
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-8	1,279,455	858,251
Tax Title Liens	A-9	13,245	12,725
Property Acquired for Taxes - Assessed Valuation	A-10	31,387	31,387
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-11	39,871	31,900
Due from General Capital Fund	C-12	<u>-</u>	<u>773,290</u>
		<u>1,363,958</u>	<u>1,707,553</u>
Deferred Charges-Special Emergency Authorizations	A-27	-	340,000
Deferred Charge- Overexpenditure of Appropriations	A-26	<u>21,918</u>	<u>21,918</u>
		<u>21,918</u>	<u>361,918</u>
 Total Assets		 <u>\$ 10,584,473</u>	 <u>\$ 10,089,608</u>

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of these Financial Statements

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS
CURRENT FUND
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015
(Continued)**

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Liabilities			
Appropriation Reserves	A-3	\$ 681,254	\$ 547,796
Encumbrances Payable	A-14	729,197	390,547
Accounts Payable	A-22	35,281	35,281
Due to General Capital Fund	C-12	299,670	
Due to Other Trust Fund	B-6	21,918	21,918
Tax Overpayments	A-13	151,411	97,556
Reserve for Tax Appeals	A-17	425,758	412,285
Prepaid Taxes	A-18	654,363	549,512
Local School District Taxes Payable	A-16	442,289	
Special Emergency Note Payable	A-29	-	300,000
Reserve for Sale of Assets	A-28	-	105,239
Reserve for FEMA Audit Recovery	A-23	100,000	-
Reserve for Summer Food Program	A-21	3,177	17,213
Reserve for Sewer Hook Up Fees	A-24	58,260	214,957
Reserve for Insurance	A-25	-	107,907
Reserve for Grants - Unappropriated	A-19	78,439	60,409
Reserve for Grants - Appropriated	A-20	23,199	27,110
		<u>3,704,216</u>	<u>2,887,730</u>
Reserve for Receivables	A	1,363,958	1,707,553
Fund Balance	A-1	<u>5,516,299</u>	<u>5,494,325</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		<u>\$ 10,584,473</u>	<u>\$ 10,089,608</u>

BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
REGULATORY BASIS - CURRENT FUND
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED			
Fund Balance Utilized	A-2	\$ 4,400,000	\$ 4,300,000
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-2	6,365,090	7,270,465
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	A-2	855,939	1,069,898
Receipts from Current Taxes	A-2	63,470,096	61,741,579
Non-Budget Revenue	A-2	296,278	422,994
Other Credits to Income			
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	A-12	415,755	199,584
Prior Year Interfunds Returned	A	573,290	26,241
Other Payable Cancelled	A		17,065
Reserve for Pension Cancelled	A		785
Reserve for Sale of Assets Cancelled	A-28	39	
Appropriated Grant Reserves Cancelled	A-20	27,110	-
		<u>76,403,597</u>	<u>75,048,611</u>
Total Income			
EXPENDITURES			
Budget Appropriations			
Operations			
Salaries and Wages	A-3	11,280,786	10,644,824
Other Expenses	A-3	14,943,384	14,484,067
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	A-3	2,747,141	2,916,103
Capital Improvements	A-3	1,045,870	1,292,327
Municipal Debt Service	A-3	2,664,603	3,521,670
County Taxes Payable	A-15	7,223,085	6,857,841
Due County for Added and Omitted Taxes	A-15	23,831	20,107
County Open Space Tax	A-15	74,694	72,547
Local District School Taxes Payable	A-16	31,764,375	30,749,714
Refund Prior Year Revenue	A-4	105,410	513
Grants Receivable Cancelled	A-7	108,444	-
		<u>71,981,623</u>	<u>70,559,713</u>
Total Expenditures			
Excess in Revenues		4,421,974	4,488,898
Adjustments to Income Before Fund Balance			
Expenditures Included Above Which by Statute are Deferred			
Charges to succeeding Year's Budget		-	21,918
		<u>4,421,974</u>	<u>4,510,816</u>
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance			
Fund Balance, January 1	A	5,494,325	5,283,509
		9,916,299	9,794,325
Decreased by:			
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	A-1	4,400,000	4,300,000
Fund Balance, December 31	A	<u>\$ 5,516,299</u>	<u>\$ 5,494,325</u>

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of these Financial Statements

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
CURRENT FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	Reference	2016 Budget	Added by NJS 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
FUND BALANCE ANTICIPATED	A-1	\$ 4,400,000	-	\$ 4,400,000	-
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
Licenses					
Alcoholic Beverages	A-11	32,300		38,234	\$ 5,934
Other	A-11	11,700		21,855	10,155
Fees and Permits	A-2	63,700		56,708	(6,992)
Fines and Costs					
Municipal Court	A-11	390,000		580,447	190,447
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-11	157,000		164,854	7,854
Parking Meters	A-11	47,300		50,667	3,367
Recreation Fees	A-11	148,000		118,171	(29,829)
Uniform Construction Code Fees	A-11	266,500		379,846	113,346
Interest on Investments and Deposits	A-11	21,400		20,578	(822)
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act	A-11	96,492		96,492	-
Energy Receipts Tax	A-11	1,030,595		1,030,595	-
EMS Billing Contract	A-11	570,000		527,180	(42,820)
Cell Tower Rents	A-11	55,000		62,000	7,000
Developer's Fees	A-11	141,579		141,579	-
Developer's Fees-Ground Lease Payments	A-11	783,147		783,147	-
Developer's Minimum Preferred Dividend	A-11	555,000		555,000	-
Borough of Edgewater-CFO	A-11	15,000		15,000	-
Board of Education- Security Officers	A-11	76,500		78,270	1,770
Reserve for Sale of Assets	A-28	105,200		105,200	-
Reserve for Insurance	A-25	107,907		107,907	-
Due from General Capital Fund	A	200,000		200,000	-
Franchise Fees	A-11	299,000		301,135	2,135
State and Federal Revenues Offset with Appropriations					
CDBG- Palisade Ave Streetscape Phase II	A-6		\$ 165,500	165,500	-
CDBG- Manhattan Place Pump Station Emergency Generator	A-6		25,000	25,000	-
CDBG- Little League Field Improvements	A-6		154,000	154,000	-
FEMA- Hazardous Mitigation Grant- Generator	A-6		75,000	75,000	-
Bergen County Open Space-Little League Field Improvements	A-6		52,475	52,475	-
Bergen County Open Space-Spray Park	A-6	100,000		100,000	-
CDBG-Spray Park	A-6	253,895		253,895	-
NJDOA- Summer Food Program	A-21		43,946	43,946	-
Reserve for Alcohol Education & Rehab	A-19	5,009		5,009	-
Reserve for Clean Communities	A-19	39,473		39,473	-
Reserve for Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	A-19	5,000		5,000	-
Reserve for Body Armor	A-19	4,457		4,457	-
Reserve for Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Rehabilitation	A-19	6,470	-	6,470	-
Total Miscellaneous Revenues		<u>5,587,624</u>	<u>515,921</u>	<u>6,365,090</u>	<u>261,545</u>
RECEIPTS FROM DELINQUENT TAXES	A-2	858,000	-	855,939	(2,061)
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED FOR SUPPORT OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET					
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	A-2,A-8	24,702,397		27,765,757	3,063,360
Minimum Library Tax	A-2,A-8	987,656	-	987,656	-
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	A-2	<u>25,690,053</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,753,413</u>	<u>3,063,360</u>
Total General Revenues		<u>\$ 36,535,677</u>	<u>\$ 515,921</u>	40,374,442	<u>\$ 3,322,844</u>
Non-Budget Revenue	A-1,A-2			<u>296,278</u>	
				<u>\$ 40,670,720</u>	

BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
CURRENT FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016
(Continued)

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2016</u>
ANALYSIS OF REALIZED REVENUES		
Allocation of Current Tax Collection		
Revenue from Collections	A-8	\$ 63,670,096
Less: Transferred to Reserve for Tax Appeals	A-17	<u>200,000</u>
		\$ 63,470,096
Less: Allocated to School and County Taxes	A-15,A-16	<u>39,085,985</u>
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations		24,384,111
Add Appropriation "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes"	A-3	<u>4,369,302</u>
Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	A-2	<u>\$ 28,753,413</u>
 Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		
Delinquent Tax Collections	A-2, A-8	<u>\$ 855,939</u>
 Fees and Permits - Other		
Board of Adjustment	A-11	\$ 22,250
Planning Board	A-11	1,900
Board of Health	A-11	21,270
Police	A-11	4,889
Tax Collector	A-11	310
Borough Clerk	A-11	880
Registrar of Vital Statistics	A-11	<u>5,209</u>
	A-2	<u>\$ 56,708</u>

BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
CURRENT FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016
(Continued)

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2016</u>
ANALYSIS OF NON-BUDGET REVENUES		
Fire Permits & Reports		\$ 75,705
Reimbursements		48,235
Miscellaneous		31,669
Grant in Aid- Housing		27,097
Sale of Assets		23,284
Aurora Land Lease		50,000
North Bergen Sewer Charges		11,723
DMV Inspections		650
Donations		3,900
2% Administrative Payment - Senior Citizen & Veterans' Deductions		1,780
Uniform Fire Safety - State		17,011
Election Rent		600
Borough Clerk		4,594
Duplicate Tax Bills		<u>30</u>
	A-2	<u>\$ 296,278</u>
Cash Collected	A-4	<u>\$ 296,278</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS - CURRENT FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>Expended 2016</u>		<u>Cancelled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserves</u>	
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS					
OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
General Administration					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 168,000	\$ 167,004	\$ 167,004		
Other Expenses	70,000	66,063	66,063		
Mayor and Council					
Salaries and Wages	101,000	100,092	100,092		
Other Expenses	18,000	18,000	18,000		
Municipal Clerk					
Salaries and Wages	230,000	217,634	217,634		
Other Expenses	75,000	95,000	92,427	\$ 2,573	
Financial Administration					
Salaries and Wages	140,000	121,344	121,344		
Other Expenses	50,000	50,000	50,000		
Annual Audit	125,000	145,000	143,488	1,512	
Assessment of Taxes					
Salaries and Wages	75,000	72,769	72,769		
Other Expenses	45,000	29,862	29,862		
Revenue Administration (Tax Collection)					
Salaries and Wages	235,000	230,986	230,986		
Other Expenses	60,000	75,000	72,751	2,249	
Legal Services and Costs					
Other Expenses	400,000	315,725	315,725		
Engineering Services and Costs					
Other Expenses	180,000	157,121	157,121		
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION					
Planning Board					
Salaries and Wages	5,000	3,020	3,020		
Other Expenses	15,000	4,469	4,469		
Board of Adjustments					
Salaries and Wages	4,500	5,620	5,620		
Other Expenses	25,000	12,912	12,912		
INSURANCE					
General Liability	2,500,000	2,438,444	2,426,876	11,568	
Unemployment	10,000	10,000	10,000		
Employee Group Health	3,330,000	3,395,165	3,395,165		

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS - CURRENT FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>Expended 2016</u>		<u>Cancelled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserves</u>	
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS (Continued)					
OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS" (Continued)					
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Fire					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 275,000	\$ 255,935	\$ 255,935		
Other Expenses	130,000	130,000	107,035	\$ 22,965	
Uniform Fire Safety Act (Ch. 383, P.L. 1983)					
Salaries and Wages	67,000	69,141	69,141		
Other Expenses	15,000	15,458	15,458		
Fire Hydrant Service	85,000	85,000	80,825	4,175	
Police					
Salaries and Wages	6,050,000	5,932,763	5,932,763		
Other Expenses					
Special Police	3,000	3,000	3,000		
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	250,000	334,696	331,349	3,347	
Purchase of Police Cars	100,000	97,887	97,887		
Municipal Prosecutor's Office					
Salaries & Wages	24,000	24,000	23,163	837	
Emergency Management Services					
Other Expenses	45,000	50,531	50,531		
School Security Officers-Other Salaries and Wages	135,000	133,816	133,816		
Emergency Management Services - Ambulance					
Salaries and Wages	90,000				
Other Expenses	80,000	41,223	41,223		
Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism & Drug Abuse	25,000	28,994	28,994		
Municipal Court					
Salaries and Wages	240,000	240,000	222,493	17,507	
Other Expenses	50,000	50,000	44,242	5,758	
Public Defender					
Salaries and Wages	7,500	7,500	7,412	88	
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS					
Streets and Road Maintenance					
Salaries and Wages	1,232,000	1,232,000	1,134,313	97,687	
Other Expenses	50,000	50,000	17,782	32,218	
Snow Removal					
Salaries and Wages	50,000	50,000	25,386	24,614	
Other Expenses	85,000	85,000	82,745	2,255	
Other Public Works Functions					
Sewer System					
Salaries and Wages	4,800	4,800	4,800		
Other Expenses	30,000	30,000	16,918	13,082	
Parking Meters					
Other Expenses	2,000	2,000		2,000	

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS - CURRENT FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>Expended 2016</u>		<u>Cancelled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserves</u>	
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS (Continued)					
OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS" (Continued)					
Other Public Works Functions (continued)					
Solid Waste Collection					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 460,000	\$ 460,000	\$ 459,043	\$ 957	
Other Expenses	10,000	10,000	10,000		
Buildings and Grounds					
Salaries and Wages	340,000	340,000	256,670	83,330	
Other Expenses	80,000	155,657	155,657	-	
Vehicle Maintenance	500,000	541,170	541,170		
Borough of Fairview Taxes	73,000	74,294	74,294		
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
Board of Health					
Salaries and Wages	116,000	116,000	115,994	6	
Other Expenses	110,000	128,532	128,532		
Community Mental Health Organization					
Other Expenses	3,000	3,000	3,000		
PARK & RECREATION FUNCTIONS					
Maintenance of Parks					
Salaries and Wages	345,000	345,000	293,451	51,549	
Other Expenses	45,000	89,168	89,168		
Recreation Services & Programs					
Salaries and Wages	210,000	268,501	268,501		
Other Expenses	300,000	300,000	291,376	8,624	
Summer Food Program		43,946	30,146	13,800	
OTHER COMMON OPERATING FUNCTIONS					
Celebration of Public Event, Anniversary or Holiday					
Other Expenses	30,000	30,000	29,766	234	
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE APPROPRIATIONS OFFSET BY DEDICATED REVENUES (NJAC 5:23-4-17) CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION					
Building Inspector					
Salaries and Wages	230,000	244,361	244,361		
Other Expenses	7,000	17,359	17,359	-	
Elevator Inspector					
Other Expenses	12,000	12,000	12,000		

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS - CURRENT FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	Appropriations		Expended 2016		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS (Continued)					
OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS" (Continued)					
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE					
APPROPRIATIONS OFFSET BY DEDICATED REVENUES (NJAC 5:23-4-17) (Continued)					
Electrical Inspector					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000		
Rent Leveling Board					
Other Expenses	10,000	10,142	10,142		
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES					
Fuel Oil	175,000	175,000	104,392	\$ 70,608	
Electricity	190,000	190,000	188,003	1,997	
Telephone	175,000	198,108	198,108		
Natural Gas	22,000	22,000	15,073	6,927	
Street Lighting	250,000	250,000	197,026	52,974	
Water	70,000	83,393	83,393		
LANDFILL/ SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS					
Contractual- Bergen County	800,000	800,000	793,893	6,107	-
Total Operations Within "CAPS"	21,561,800	21,604,605	21,063,057	541,548	-
Contingent	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-
Total Operations including Contingent - Within "CAPS"	21,562,800	21,605,605	21,063,057	542,548	-
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	10,846,800	10,654,286	10,377,711	276,575	
Other Expenses (Including Contingent)	10,716,000	10,951,319	10,685,346	265,973	-
DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES - MUNICIPAL WITHIN "CAPS" (Continued)					
Statutory Charges					
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	550,000	551,141	551,141		
Consolidated Police & Fireman's Pension Fund	16,000	16,000		16,000	
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan	25,000	25,000	20,531	4,469	
Police and Firemen's Retirement System	1,255,000	1,255,000	1,251,615	3,385	
Public Employees Retirement System	560,000	560,000	559,344	656	-
Total Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures - Municipal within "CAPS"	2,406,000	2,407,141	2,382,631	24,510	-
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	23,968,800	24,012,746	23,445,688	567,058	-

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**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS - CURRENT FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	Appropriations		Expended 2016		Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserves	
OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"					
Implementation of 9-1-1 System					
Police Communications					
Other Expenses	18,000	18,000	18,000		
Emergency Response Services-Ambulance					
Salaries & Wages	535,000	535,000	532,977	\$ 2,023	
Billing Services	35,000	35,000	35,000		
Recycling Tax	25,000	25,000	25,000		
EDUCATIONAL FUNCTIONS					
Maintenance of Free Public Library (Ch. 82 & 541, P.L.)	987,656	987,656	987,656		
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES					
Sewer Service Charges - Contractual BCUA, Fort Lee, Edgewater	2,866,000	2,866,000	2,807,005	58,995	-
Total Other Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>4,466,656</u>	<u>4,466,656</u>	<u>4,405,638</u>	<u>61,018</u>	<u>-</u>
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues					
Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	6,470	6,470	6,470		
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	
Body Armor	4,457	4,457	4,457	-	
Alcohol Educ. & Rehab	5,009	5,009	5,009	-	
Clean Communities	39,473	39,473	39,473	-	-
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	<u>60,409</u>	<u>60,409</u>	<u>60,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements					
Borough of Edgewater (CFO)					
Salaries and Wages	15,000	15,000	15,000		
Cliffside Park Board of Education					
Salaries and Wages- Security Officers	76,500	76,500	76,500	-	-
Total Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements	<u>91,500</u>	<u>91,500</u>	<u>91,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>4,618,565</u>	<u>4,618,565</u>	<u>4,557,547</u>	<u>61,018</u>	<u>-</u>
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	626,500	626,500	624,477	2,023	
Other Expenses	3,992,065	3,992,065	3,933,070	58,995	-

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BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS - CURRENT FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>Expended 2016</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"					
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		
Improvements to Borough Streets	75,000	75,000	21,823	\$ 53,177	
Purchase of Computers	20,000	20,000	20,000	-	
Preliminary Expense for Capital Improvements	75,000	75,000	75,000		
CDBG-Spray Park	253,895	253,895	253,895		
Bergen County Open Space-Spray Park	100,000	100,000	100,000		
CDBG- Little League Field		154,000	154,000		
Bergen County Opens Space- Little League Field		52,475	52,474	1	
FEMA-Generator		75,000	75,000	-	
CDBG-Generator		25,000	25,000		
CDBG-Palisade Avenue Phase II	-	165,500	165,500	-	-
Total Capital Improvements Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>573,895</u>	<u>1,045,870</u>	<u>992,692</u>	<u>53,178</u>	<u>-</u>
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"					
Payment of Bonds Principal	1,195,000	1,195,000	1,195,000		
Payments of Bond Anticipation Notes and Capital Notes	174,000	174,000	174,000		
Interest on Notes	245,000	245,000	244,489		\$ 511
Interest on Bonds	1,051,115	1,051,115	1,051,114	-	1
Total Municipal Debt Service Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>2,665,115</u>	<u>2,665,115</u>	<u>2,664,603</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>512</u>
DEFERRED CHARGES					
Emergency Authorization	340,000	340,000	340,000	-	-
Total Deferred Charges	<u>340,000</u>	<u>340,000</u>	<u>340,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total General Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>8,197,575</u>	<u>8,669,550</u>	<u>8,554,842</u>	<u>114,196</u>	<u>512</u>
Subtotal General Appropriations	<u>32,166,375</u>	<u>32,682,296</u>	<u>32,000,530</u>	<u>681,254</u>	<u>512</u>
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>4,369,302</u>	<u>4,369,302</u>	<u>4,369,302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total General Appropriations	<u>\$ 36,535,677</u>	<u>\$ 37,051,598</u>	<u>\$ 36,369,832</u>	<u>\$ 681,254</u>	<u>\$ 512</u>

Reference

A-2

A,A-1

Reference

Budget as Adopted
Appropriations Added by 40A:4-87

A-2

\$ 36,535,677

A-2

515,921\$ 37,051,598

Cash Disbursed
Encumbrances Payable
Deferred Charges-Special Emergency Authorization
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes

A-4

\$ 30,931,333

A-14

729,197

A-27

340,000

A-2

4,369,302\$ 36,369,832

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS
TRUST FUNDS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
ASSETS			
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND			
Cash	B-1	\$ 9,007	\$ 4,572
OTHER TRUST FUND			
Cash	B-1	1,170,190	872,065
Due from Current Fund	B-6	<u>21,918</u>	<u>21,918</u>
		1,192,108	893,983
Total Assets		<u>\$ 1,201,115</u>	<u>\$ 898,555</u>
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE			
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND			
Reserve for Animal Control Fund Expenditures	B-9	\$ 9,007	\$ 4,572
		<u>9,007</u>	<u>4,572</u>
OTHER TRUST FUND			
Reserve for Unemployment Expenditures	B-3	6,971	22,066
Payroll Deductions Payable	B-5	10,847	11,947
Miscellaneous Reserves	B-7	1,164,120	857,764
Due to State of NJ - Unemployment Claims	B-4	<u>10,170</u>	<u>2,206</u>
		1,192,108	893,983
Total Liabilities and Reserves		<u>\$ 1,201,115</u>	<u>\$ 898,555</u>

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**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

ASSETS	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash	C-2, C-3	\$ 1,650,813	\$ 2,560,280
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Trustee	C-2, C-3	681,541	1,675,368
Deferred Charges - Funded	C-5	25,257,000	26,452,000
Deferred Charges - Unfunded	C-6	16,791,393	15,169,019
Due from Current Fund	C-12	299,670	
County Open Space Grant Receivable	C-14	-	29,100
Deferred Charge- Cancelled Grants Receivable	C-13	<u>29,100</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total Assets		 <u>\$ 44,709,517</u>	 <u>\$ 45,885,767</u>
 LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE			
Capital Improvement Fund	C-4	\$ 24,309	\$ 74,309
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	C-7	16,742,000	15,016,000
Serial Bonds Payable	C-8	25,257,000	26,452,000
Improvement Authorizations			
Funded	C-9	261,699	168,956
Unfunded	C-9	751,772	597,948
Contracts/Accounts Payable	C-10	1,404,989	2,526,711
Due to Current Fund	C-12	-	773,290
Reserve for Payment of Debt	C-16	173,110	-
Reserve for Interest (Developer)	C-11	-	15,398
Reserve for Premium- Due to Developer	C-15	-	156,106
Reserve for Special Counsel	C-17	7,621	18,032
Fund Balance	C-1	<u>87,017</u>	<u>87,017</u>
 Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		 <u>\$ 44,709,517</u>	 <u>\$ 45,885,767</u>

There were bonds authorized but not issued at December 31, 2016 and 2015 of \$153,019, respectively. (Exhibit C-18)

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Balance, January 1	C	\$ <u>87,017</u>	\$ <u>87,017</u>
Balance, December 31	C	\$ <u>87,017</u>	\$ <u>87,017</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
ASSETS			
Cash	D-2	\$ 215,484	\$ 149,968
Total Assets		<u>\$ 215,484</u>	<u>\$ 149,968</u>
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCES			
Fund Balances			
General Fund	D-1	147,396	73,198
Gift Fund	D-1	<u>68,088</u>	<u>76,770</u>
Total Fund Balances		<u>215,484</u>	<u>149,968</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balances		<u>\$ 215,484</u>	<u>\$ 149,968</u>

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BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2015)

	General Fund	Gift Fund	Total Year 2016	Total Year 2015 (Memo Only)
Revenues:				
Borough Appropriations	\$ 987,656		\$ 987,656	\$ 965,872
State Library Aid	10,541		10,541	10,317
Fines, Lost Books, Cards, Misc.	23,781		23,781	22,585
Donations		\$ 12,750	12,750	1,285
Grant Money	15,000		15,000	19,000
Miscellaneous	8,607	-	8,607	271
	<u>1,045,585</u>	<u>12,750</u>	<u>1,058,335</u>	<u>1,019,330</u>
Total Revenues				
Expenditures:				
Salaries and Wages	562,302		562,302	647,609
Employee Benefits	162,570		162,570	154,945
Other Expenses				
Copier	8,469		8,469	8,455
Magazines, Newspapers, Newsletter	7,849		7,849	6,962
Library Supplies	4,156		4,156	2,140
Maintenance Supplies	3,121		3,121	3,721
Heating and Air Conditioning Maintenance	2,690		2,690	
Utilities	35,423		35,423	38,061
Insurance	7,684		7,684	7,536
Materials	47,462		47,462	69,967
Meetings and Dues	4,530		4,530	1,968
Printing	180		180	12,600
Grounds Maintenance	26,017		26,017	20,702
Museum Membership		5,450	5,450	6,285
Furniture & Equipment	6,859		6,859	304
Miscellaneous	6,789		6,789	8,316
Computerization	8,934		8,934	28,618
BCCLS	57,289		57,289	43,270
Programs	19,063	15,982	35,045	45,794
	<u>971,387</u>	<u>21,432</u>	<u>992,819</u>	<u>1,107,253</u>
Total Expenditures				
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	74,198	(8,682)	65,516	(87,923)
Fund Balance, January 1	<u>73,198</u>	<u>76,770</u>	<u>149,968</u>	<u>237,891</u>
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 147,396</u>	<u>\$ 68,088</u>	<u>\$ 215,484</u>	<u>\$ 149,968</u>

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**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS
GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
ASSETS		
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 26,117,696	\$ 25,321,704
Buildings and Building Improvements	19,228,836	19,028,229
Machinery and Equipment	9,883,180	9,386,078
Construction in Progress	<u>9,877,505</u>	<u>8,285,165</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 65,107,217</u>	 <u>\$ 62,021,176</u>
 FUND BALANCE		
Investment in General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 65,107,217</u>	<u>\$ 62,021,176</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Borough of Cliffside Park (the "Borough") was incorporated in 1895 and operates under an elected Mayor and Council form of government. The Mayor is elected to serve a four-year term and may succeed that term by re-election. He is empowered, amongst his legal powers as head of the municipal government, to: (i) provide for the proper execution of local and State laws; (ii) recommend to the Borough Council measures he deems in the best interest of the Borough; (iii) nominate and, with the advice and consent of the Borough Council, appoint most subordinate officers of the Borough; and (iv) maintain peace and order. Although he presides over meetings of the Borough Council, the Mayor votes only in case of a tie. State law requires that he be a member of the Planning Board and the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Public Library. The six Council members are elected at-large, two each year, for terms of three years. The Council exercises general legislative powers conferred upon it by State law to protect and promote the general welfare of the Borough. Among these are the right to enact ordinances, approve resolutions, approve mayor appointments, adopt the annual budget and determine the tax levy. The Council, acting in committees, oversees the various departments and functions of the Borough Government. The Borough's major operations include public safety, road repair and maintenance, sanitation, fire protection, recreation and parks, health services, 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 volunteer fire department or redevelopment agency, 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 Cliffside Park 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.

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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:

Current Fund – 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.

Trust Funds - 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.

Animal Control Fund - 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.

Other Trust Fund - 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.

Community Development Block Grant Fund - This fund is used to account for grant proceeds, program income and related expenditures for Federal Block grant entitlements.

General Capital Fund – 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.

Free Public Library Fund – This fund is used to account for receipts and disbursements from the Borough Library's activities generated by services provided in the community.

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

Comparative Data - 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.

Reclassifications - Certain reclassifications may have been made to the December 31, 2015 balances to conform to the December 31, 2016 presentation.

Financial Statements – Regulatory Basis

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

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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 Cliffside Park 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:

Cash and Investments - 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. GAAP requires that all investments be reported at fair value.

Inventories - 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.

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

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Miscellaneous Revenues/Receivables - 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.

Property Acquired for Taxes - 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.

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

Deferred Charges - 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.

Appropriation Reserves - 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.

Compensated Absences - 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.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Tax Appeals and Other Contingent Losses - 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.

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

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

General Fixed Assets purchased after December 31, 1997 are stated at cost. Donated fixed assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

General Fixed Assets purchased prior to December 31, 1997 are stated as follows:

Land and Buildings	Assessed Value
Machinery and Equipment	Replacement Cost

No depreciation has been provided for in the financial statements.

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

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

Use of Estimates - 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.

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
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NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting - 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:

General Capital Fund
 Trust Funds

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 2016 and 2015 the Borough Council increased the original budget by \$515,921 and \$405,141. The increases in 2016 and 2015 were funded by additional aid allotted to the Borough. In addition, the governing body approved several budget transfers during 2016 and 2015.

B. Excess Expenditures Over Appropriations

The following is a summary of expenditures in excess of available appropriations. The overexpended appropriations resulted in unfavorable variances.

<u>2016</u>	<u>Modified Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Unfavorable Variance</u>
None.			
<u>2015</u>			
Current Fund			
Street and Road Maintenance			
Other Expenses			
Utility Expenses and Bulk Purchases	\$31,700	\$44,164	\$(12,464)
Fuel Oil	156,141	165,595	(9,454)

In accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting, the above variances or overexpenditures were recorded as deferred charges on the balance sheet of the respective fund at year end and are required to be funded in the succeeding year's budget. GAAP does not permit the deferral of overexpenditures at year end.

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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.

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, 2016 and 2015, the book value of the Borough's deposits were \$12,323,079 and \$12,337,957 and bank and brokerage firm balances of the Borough's deposits amounted to \$12,461,032 and \$12,373,932, respectively. The Borough's deposits which are displayed on the various fund balance sheets as "cash" or "cash and cash equivalents" are categorized as:

<u>Depository Account</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Insured	\$ 11,779,491	\$ 10,698,564
Uninsured and Collateralized	681,541	1,675,368
	<u>\$ 12,461,032</u>	<u>\$ 12,373,932</u>

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits – 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, 2016 and 2015, the Borough's bank balances of \$681,541 and \$1,675,368 were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

<u>Depository Account</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Uninsured and Collateralized		
Collateral held by pledging financial institution's trust department in the Borough's name	\$ 681,541	\$ 1,675,368

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NOTE 3 CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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).

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015 the Borough had no outstanding investments.

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, 2016 and 2015 consisted of the following:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>Current</u>		
Property Taxes	\$1,279,455	\$858,251
Tax Title Liens	<u>13,245</u>	<u>12,725</u>
	<u>\$1,292,700</u>	<u>\$ 870,976</u>

In 2016 and 2015, the Borough collected \$855,939 and \$1,069,898 from delinquent taxes, which represented 98% and 99%, respectively of the prior year delinquent taxes receivable balance.

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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>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	
	Due from Other Funds	Due to Other Funds	Due from Other Funds	Due to Other Funds
Current Fund		\$ 321,588	\$ 773,290	\$ 21,918
Trust Fund:				
Other Trust	\$ 21,918		21,918	
General Capital Fund	<u>299,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>773,290</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 321,588</u>	 <u>\$ 321,588</u>	 <u>\$ 795,208</u>	 <u>\$ 795,208</u>

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

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

NOTE 6 DEFERRED CHARGES TO BE RAISED IN SUCCEEDING BUDGETS

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

	Balance, December 31,	Subsequent Year Budget Appropriation	Balance to Succeeding Budgets
<u>2016</u>			
Current Fund			
Overexpenditure of Appropriations	<u>\$21,918</u>	<u>\$21,918</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$21,918</u>	<u>\$21,918</u>	<u>-</u>
General Capital Fund			
Cancelled Grants Receivable	<u>\$29,100</u>	<u>\$29,100</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$29,100</u>	<u>\$29,100</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTE 6 DEFERRED CHARGES TO BE RAISED IN SUCCEEDING BUDGETS (Continued)

	<u>Balance, December 31,</u>	<u>Subsequent Year Budget Appropriation</u>	<u>Balance to Succeeding Budgets</u>
<u>2015</u>			
Current Fund			
Special Emergency Authorizations (40A:4-55)	\$340,000	\$340,000	
Overexpenditure of Appropriations	<u>21,918</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$21,918</u>
	<u>\$361,918</u>	<u>\$340,000</u>	<u>\$21,918</u>

NOTE 7 FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

Under the regulatory basis of accounting, fund balance in the Current Fund is 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:

	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	
	<u>Fund Balance December 31,</u>	<u>Utilized in Subsequent Year's Budget</u>	<u>Fund Balance December 31,</u>	<u>Utilized in Subsequent Year's Budget</u>
Current Fund				
Cash Surplus	\$ 4,891,828	\$ 4,400,000	\$ 4,487,974	\$ 4,400,000
Non-Cash Surplus	<u>624,471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,006,351</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 5,516,299</u>	<u>\$ 4,400,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,494,325</u>	<u>\$ 4,400,000</u>

The above fund balance amounts appropriated represents the surplus anticipated in the 2017 introduced municipal budget. The 2017 municipal budget has not been legally adopted as of the date of audit.

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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, 2016 and 2015.

	Balance December 31, <u>2015</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
<u>2016</u>				
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 25,321,704	\$ 795,992		\$ 26,117,696
Buildings and Building Improvements	19,028,229	200,607		19,228,836
Machinery and Equipment	9,386,078	607,327	\$ 110,225	9,883,180
Construction in Progress	8,285,165	1,592,340	-	9,877,505
	<u>\$ 62,021,176</u>	<u>\$ 3,196,266</u>	<u>\$ 110,225</u>	<u>\$ 65,107,217</u>
	Balance December 31, <u>2014</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>
<u>2015</u>				
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 25,321,704			\$ 25,321,704
Buildings and Building Improvements	19,028,229			19,028,229
Machinery and Equipment	9,439,695	\$ 3,129,385		12,569,080
Construction in Progress	5,155,780	275,473	\$ 329,090	5,102,163
	<u>\$ 58,945,408</u>	<u>\$ 3,404,858</u>	<u>\$ 329,090</u>	<u>\$ 62,021,176</u>

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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:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Issued		
General		
Bonds and Notes	\$ 41,999,000	\$ 41,468,000
Less Funds Temporarily Held to Pay Bonds and Notes	<u>103,626</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Debt Issued	41,895,374	41,468,000
Authorized But Not Issued		
General		
Bonds and Notes	<u>153,019</u>	<u>153,019</u>
Net Bonds and Notes Issued and Authorized But Not Issued	<u>\$ 42,048,393</u>	<u>\$ 41,621,019</u>

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NOTE 9 MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)

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 1.417% and 1.430% at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
<u>2016</u>			
General Debt	\$ 42,152,019	\$ 103,626	\$ 42,048,393
School Debt	<u>1,110,000</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 43,262,019</u>	<u>\$ 1,213,626</u>	<u>\$ 42,048,393</u>
<u>2015</u>			
General Debt	\$ 41,621,019		\$ 41,621,019
School Debt	<u>1,460,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,460,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 43,081,019</u>	<u>\$ 1,460,000</u>	<u>\$ 41,621,019</u>

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>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
3-1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$ 103,873,423	\$ 101,887,815
Less: Net Debt	<u>42,048,393</u>	<u>41,621,019</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$ 61,825,030</u>	<u>\$ 60,266,796</u>

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NOTE 9 MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)

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:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$12,005,000, 2011 Taxable Redevelopment Bonds, due in annual installments of \$295,000 to \$795,000 through February 1, 2038, interest at 5.00-6.125%	\$ 10,875,000	\$ 11,170,000
\$17,107,000 2012 General Improvement Bonds, due in annual installments of \$882,000 to \$900,000 through March 15, 2032, interest at 2.00-3.50%	<u>\$ 14,382,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,282,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 25,257,000</u>	<u>\$ 26,452,000</u>

The Borough's principal and interest for long-term debt issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2016 is as follows:

Calendar Year	General		Total
	Principal	Interest	
2017	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,036,239	\$ 2,236,239
2018	1,210,000	1,002,989	2,212,989
2019	1,225,000	969,114	2,194,114
2020	1,235,000	934,195	2,169,195
2021	1,250,000	898,214	2,148,214
2022-2026	6,490,000	3,806,063	10,296,063
2027-2031	7,005,000	2,488,963	9,493,963
2032-2036	4,097,000	1,036,399	5,133,399
2037-2038	<u>1,545,000</u>	<u>96,009</u>	<u>1,641,009</u>
Total	<u>\$ 25,257,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,268,185</u>	<u>\$ 37,525,185</u>

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NOTE 9 MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)

A. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

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:

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
<u>2016</u>					
General Capital Fund Bonds Payable	\$ 26,452,000	\$ -	\$ 1,195,000	\$ 25,257,000	\$ 1,200,000
General Capital Fund Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 26,452,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,195,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,257,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,200,000</u>
	Balance, December 31, <u>2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
<u>2015</u>					
General Capital Fund Bonds Payable	\$ 27,637,000	\$ -	\$ 1,185,000	\$ 26,452,000	\$ 1,195,000
General Capital Fund Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 27,637,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,185,000</u>	<u>\$ 26,452,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,195,000</u>

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NOTE 9 MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)

B. Short-Term Debt

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

Bond Anticipation Notes

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Rate (%)</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Balance, December 31, 2015</u>	<u>Renewed/ Issued</u>	<u>Retired/ Redeemed</u>	<u>Balance, December 31, 2016</u>
2016						
<u>General Capital Fund</u>						
Anderson Avenue Redevelopment	1.10%	2/10/2017	\$ 2,464,000	\$ 2,417,000	\$ 2,464,000	\$ 2,417,000
Construction of Municipal Parking Fac.	2.00%	7/21/2017	9,873,000	9,746,000	9,873,000	9,746,000
Various Public Improvements	0.90%	4/21/2017	2,679,000	4,579,000	2,679,000	4,579,000
Total Bond Anticipation Notes			\$ 15,016,000	\$ 16,742,000	\$ 15,016,000	\$ 16,742,000
<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Rate (%)</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Balance, December 31, 2014</u>	<u>Renewed/ Issued</u>	<u>Retired/ Redeemed</u>	<u>Balance, December 31, 2015</u>
2015						
<u>General Capital Fund</u>						
Anderson Avenue Redevelopment	1.00%	3/11/2016	\$ 2,511,000	\$ 2,464,000	\$ 2,511,000	\$ 2,464,000
Acquisition of Property (BCIA)	1.00%	4/22/2016	945,000		945,000	
Construction of Municipal Parking Fac.	2.00%	7/22/2016	10,000,000	9,873,000	10,000,000	9,873,000
Various Public Improvements	0.65%	4/22/2016	1,803,000	2,679,000	1,803,000	2,679,000
Total Bond Anticipation Notes			\$ 15,259,000	\$ 15,016,000	\$ 15,259,000	\$ 15,016,000

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.

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NOTE 9 MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)

B. Short-Term Debt (Continued)

Bond Anticipation Notes (Continued)

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.

In addition to the debt shown in the above schedule, municipalities may issue debt to finance emergency or special emergency appropriations or to meet cash flow needs (Tax Anticipation Notes) to temporarily finance operating expenditures. This debt which is not included in the Borough's statutory debt limit calculation is reported in the Current Fund for the years 2016 and 2015 as follows:

Special Emergency Notes

Following the adoption of an ordinance or resolution for special emergency appropriations, the Borough may borrow money and issue special emergency notes which may be renewed from time to time, but at least 1/5 of all such notes and the renewal thereof, shall mature and be paid in each year so that all notes have been paid by the end of the fifth year following the date of the special emergency resolution.

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Rate (%)</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Renewed/ <u>Issued</u>	Retired/ <u>Redeemed</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
<u>2016</u>						
Hurricane Sandy Storm Damage			\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -
Total Special Emergency Notes			\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -
<u>2015</u>						
Hurricane Sandy Storm Damage	1.00%	4/22/2016	900,000	300,000	900,000	300,000
Total Special Emergency Notes			\$ 900,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 300,000

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NOTE 10 CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS

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

<u>Capital Project</u>	<u>Construction Commitment</u>	<u>Estimated Date of Completion</u>
<u>2016</u>		
Little League Field Improvements	\$173,128	2017
2016 Road Program & Palisade Ave. (Phase 2) Streetscape	102,308	2017
<u>2015</u>		
Lafayette Ave. Improvements and 2014 Road Improvements	\$177,583	2016
Lawton Ave. Sanitary Sewer and Storm – Phase III	81,557	2016
Interior Renovations at Borough Hall	188,177	2016
Window Replacement	194,000	2016
Lawton Ave, Jersey Ave., and Wheel Street	251,160	2016

As of December 31, the Borough has other significant commitments as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
<u>2016</u>	
Emergency Generators	\$161,555
Truck Chasis with Rear Loading Packer	214,572
Broom Street Sweeper with Belt Conveyor	212,850
<u>2015</u>	
4 Wheel Articulated Wheel Loader	\$160,300

NOTE 11 OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A. Compensated Absences

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

The maximum benefit for unused sick leave an employee is entitled to at retirement is \$40,000 for police officers and \$20,000 for all other Borough employees.

It is estimated that the current cost of such unpaid compensation and salary related payments for the unused sick pay would approximate \$387,540 and \$538,250 at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. These amounts which is are considered material to the financial statements, are not reported either as an expenditure or liability.

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NOTE 11 OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)

Changes in Other Long-Term Liabilities

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

The Borough's changes in other long-term liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
<u>2016</u>					
Compensated Absences	\$ 538,250		\$ 150,710	\$ 387,540	\$ 60,000
Net Pension Liability - PERS	14,604,731	\$ 5,426,490	559,344	19,471,877	
Net Pension Liability - PFRS	<u>25,642,604</u>	<u>2,001,816</u>	<u>1,251,379</u>	<u>26,393,041</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 40,785,585</u>	<u>\$ 7,428,306</u>	<u>\$ 1,961,433</u>	<u>\$ 46,252,458</u>	<u>\$ 60,000</u>
	Balance, December 31, <u>2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
<u>2015</u>					
Compensated Absences	\$ 440,000	\$ 98,250		\$ 538,250	\$ 60,000
Net Pension Liability - PERS	12,325,539	2,821,901	\$ 542,709	14,604,731	
Net Pension Liability - PFRS	<u>18,570,512</u>	<u>8,323,471</u>	<u>1,251,379</u>	<u>25,642,604</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 31,336,051</u>	<u>\$ 11,243,622</u>	<u>\$ 1,794,088</u>	<u>\$ 40,785,585</u>	<u>\$ 60,000</u>

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.

Consolidated Police and Firemen's Pension Fund (CPFPPF) – established in January 1952, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:16 to provide coverage to municipal police and firemen who were appointed prior to July 1, 1944. The fund is a closed system with no active members. CPFPPF is a cost-sharing plan with special funding situations.

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.

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NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

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.

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 PERS 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 State also administers the Pensions Adjustment Fund (PAF). Prior to the adoption of pension reform legislation, P.L. 2011, C.78, it provided cost of living increases equal to 60 percent of the change in the average consumer price index, to eligible retirees in some State-sponsored pension systems which includes the CPFPPF. Cost-of-living increases provided under the State's pension adjustment program are currently suspended as a result of the reform legislation. This benefit is funded by the State as benefit allowances become payable.

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

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

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

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.

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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, 2015, the most recent actuarial valuation date, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2016, the aggregate funded ratio for all the State administered retirement systems, including CPFPPF, local PERS and local PFRS is 45.7 percent with an unfunded actuarial accrued liability of \$50.3 billion. The CPFPPF system is 19.15 percent funded with an unfunded actuarial accrued liability of \$8.0 million. The aggregate funded ratio and unfunded accrued liability for the local PERS system is 40.14 percent and \$29.6 billion, respectively and the aggregate funded ratio and unfunded accrued liability for local PFRS is 52.01 percent and \$20.7 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, 2015 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) 7.65% for investment rate of return for all the retirement systems except CPFPPF (2.85%) 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.

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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, 7.06% for PERS and 5.50% for DCRP of employee's annual compensation for fiscal year 2016.

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, 2016 and 2015 for CPFPPF, which is a cost sharing plan with special funding situations, the annual pension cost differs from the annual required contribution. 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, 2016, 2015 and 2014, 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>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31</u>	<u>CPFPPF</u>	<u>PFRS</u>	<u>PERS</u>	<u>DCRP</u>
2016		\$ 1,251,615	\$ 559,344	\$ 20,531
2015	\$ 8,023	1,133,902	542,709	18,372
2014		1,093,431	458,424	11,627

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, 2016 and 2015, the Borough reported a liability of \$19,471,877 and \$14,604,731, respectively, for its proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015 and 2014, 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, 2016, the Borough's proportionate share was .06575 percent, which was an increase of .00069 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2015 of .06506 percent.

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NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

For the year ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the pension system has determined the Borough's pension expense to be \$2,005,598 and \$1,080,218, respectively, for PERS based on the actuarial valuation which is more than the actual contributions reported in the Borough's financial statements of \$559,344 and \$542,709, respectively. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, 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:

	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	
	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 362,118		\$ 348,418	
Changes of Assumptions	4,033,533		11,568,431	
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	742,480			\$ 234,816
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Borough Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	<u>621,163</u>	<u>\$ 96,602</u>	<u>657,644</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,759,294</u>	<u>\$ 96,602</u>	<u>\$ 12,574,493</u>	<u>\$ 234,816</u>

At December 31, 2016 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 <u>December 31,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2017	\$ 1,701,560
2018	1,701,560
2019	1,885,194
2020	995,163
2021	(620,785)
Thereafter	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 5,662,692</u>

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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, 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. The total pension liability reported for the year ended December 31, 2015 was based on the June 30, 2015 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2014, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2015. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement date:

<u>PERS</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Inflation Rate	3.08%	3.04%
Salary Increases:		
2012-2021		2.15-4.40%
Through 2026	1.65-4.15%	Based on Age
Thereafter	2.65-5.15%	3.15-5.40%
	Based on Age	Based on Age
Investment Rate of Return	7.65%	7.90%
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, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2014 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial study for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011.

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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, 2016 and 2015, as reported for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	
	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	5.00%	0.87%	5.00%	1.04%
U.S. Treasuries	1.50%	1.74%	1.75%	1.64%
Investment Grade Credit	8.00%	1.79%	10.00%	1.79%
Mortgages	2.00%	1.67%	2.10%	1.62%
High Yield Bonds	2.00%	4.56%	2.00%	4.03%
Inflation-Indexed Bonds	1.50%	3.44%	1.50%	3.25%
Broad US Equities	26.00%	8.53%	27.25%	8.52%
Developed Foreign Equities	13.25%	6.83%	12.00%	6.88%
Emerging Market Equities	6.50%	9.95%	6.40%	10.00%
Private Equity	9.00%	12.40%	9.25%	12.41%
Hedge Funds/Absolute Return	12.50%	4.68%	12.00%	4.72%
Real Estate (Property)	2.00%	6.91%	2.00%	6.83%
Commodities	0.50%	5.45%	1.00%	5.32%
Global Debt ex US	5.00%	-0.25%	3.50%	-0.40%
REIT	5.25%	5.63%	4.25%	5.12%

Discount Rate

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Measurement Date</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>
2016	June 30, 2016	3.98%
2015	June 30, 2015	4.90%

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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, 2034

Municipal Bond Rate * From July 1, 2034
and Thereafter

* The municipal bond return rate used is 2.85% and 3.80% as of the measurement dates of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher.

Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability

The following presents the Borough's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 calculated using the discount rate of 3.98% and 4.90%, 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 (2.98% and 3.90%, respectively) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.98% and 5.90%, respectively) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>(2.98%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(3.98%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(4.98%)</u>
<u>2016</u>			
Borough's Proportionate Share of the PERS Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 23,860,513</u>	<u>\$ 19,471,877</u>	<u>\$ 15,848,678</u>
	1% Decrease <u>(3.90%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(4.90%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(5.90%)</u>
<u>2015</u>			
Borough's Proportionate Share of the PERS Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 18,151,894</u>	<u>\$ 14,604,731</u>	<u>\$ 11,630,815</u>

The sensitivity analysis was based on the proportionate share of the Borough's net pension liability at December 31, 2016 and 2015. A sensitivity analysis specific to the Borough's net pension liability was not provided by the pension system.

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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 www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Borough reported a liability of \$26,393,041 and \$25,642,604, respectively, for its proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015 and 2014, 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, 2016, the Borough's proportionate share was .13816 percent, which was a decrease of .01579 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2015 of .15395 percent.

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the pension system has determined the Borough pension expense to be \$2,532,241 and \$2,345,745, respectively, for PFRS based on the actuarial valuation which is more than the actual contributions reported in the Borough's financial statements of \$1,251,615 and \$1,133,902, respectively. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, 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:

	2016		2015	
	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience		\$ 173,010		\$ 221,176
Changes of Assumptions	\$ 3,655,653		\$ 4,734,262	
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	1,849,307			446,287
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Borough Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	<u>540,141</u>	<u>1,968,823</u>	<u>693,155</u>	<u>201,398</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,045,101</u>	<u>\$ 2,141,833</u>	<u>\$ 5,427,417</u>	<u>\$ 868,861</u>

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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, 2016 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,	Total
2017	\$ 996,514
2018	996,514
2019	1,470,279
2020	672,870
2021	(232,909)
Thereafter	-
	<u>\$ 3,903,268</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The Borough's 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. The total pension liability reported for the year ended December 31, 2015 was based on the June 30, 2015 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2014, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2015. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement date:

PFRS

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Inflation Rate	3.08%	3.04%
Salary Increases:		
2012-2021		2.60-9.48%
Through 2026	2.10-8.98%	Based on Age
Thereafter	3.10-9.98%	3.60-10.48%
	Based on Age	Based on Age
Investment Rate of Return	7.65%	7.90%
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, 2015 and July 1, 2014 valuations were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013.

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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, 2016 and 2015, as reported for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	
	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	5.00%	0.87%	5.00%	1.04%
U.S. Treasuries	1.50%	1.74%	1.75%	1.64%
Investment Grade Credit	8.00%	1.79%	10.00%	1.79%
Mortgages	2.00%	1.67%	2.10%	1.62%
High Yield Bonds	2.00%	4.56%	2.00%	4.03%
Inflation-Indexed Bonds	1.50%	3.44%	1.50%	3.25%
Broad US Equities	26.00%	8.53%	27.25%	8.52%
Developed Foreign Equities	13.25%	6.83%	12.00%	6.88%
Emerging Market Equities	6.50%	9.95%	6.40%	10.00%
Private Equity	9.00%	12.40%	9.25%	12.41%
Hedge Funds/Absolute Return	12.50%	4.68%	12.00%	4.72%
Real Estate (Property)	2.00%	6.91%	2.00%	6.83%
Commodities	0.50%	5.45%	1.00%	5.32%
Global Debt ex US	5.00%	-0.25%	3.50%	-0.40%
REIT	5.25%	5.63%	4.25%	5.12%

Discount Rate

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Measurement Date</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>
2016	June 30, 2016	5.55%
2015	June 30, 2015	5.79%

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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, 2050

Municipal Bond Rate * From July 1, 2050
and Thereafter

* The municipal bond return rate used is 2.85% and 3.80% as of the measurement dates of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher.

Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability

The following presents the Borough’s proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 calculated using the discount rate of 5.55% and 5.79%, 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 (4.55% and 4.79%, respectively) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.55% and 6.79%, respectively) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.55%)	Current Discount Rate (5.55%)	1% Increase (6.55%)
<u>2016</u>			
Borough's Proportionate Share of the PFRS Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 34,031,891</u>	<u>\$ 26,393,041</u>	<u>\$ 20,164,018</u>
	1% Decrease (4.79%)	Current Discount Rate (5.79%)	1% Increase (6.79%)
<u>2015</u>			
Borough's Proportionate Share of the PFRS Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 33,805,093</u>	<u>\$ 25,642,604</u>	<u>\$ 18,986,824</u>

The sensitivity analysis was based on the proportionate share of the Borough’s net pension liability at December 31, 2016 and 2015. A sensitivity analysis specific to the Borough’s net pension liability was not provided by the pension system.

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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 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, 2016 and 2015, the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Borough for the PFRS special funding situation is \$2,216,361 and \$2,248,770, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, 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 \$283,082 and \$280,502 respectively, which is more than the actual contributions the State made on behalf of the Borough of \$84,924 and \$117,060, 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 State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the post-retirement health benefit program plans for participating municipalities including the Borough. The plans are classified as either single employer plans or cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit plans depending on the plan the eligible employee is covered under.

As a result of implementing Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 43, *Financial Reporting for Post-employment Benefit Plans Other than Pension Plans* (OPEB), effective for Fiscal Year 2007, the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP), and the Prescription Drug Program (PDP), and Post-Retirement Medical (PRM) of the PERS and the Teacher's Pension and Annuity (TPAF) are combined and reported as Pension and Other Employee Benefit Trust Funds in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Specifically, SHBP-State, PDP-State, and the PRM of the PERS are combined and reported as Health Benefits Program Fund – State classified as a single employer plan. The SHBP-Local, PDP-Local, and the PRM of the TPAF-Local are combined and reported as Health Benefits Program Fund –Local Government classified as a cost sharing multiple-employer plan. The post-retirement benefit programs had a total of 584 state and local participating employers and contributing entities for Fiscal Year 2016.

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NOTE 13 POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (Continued)

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

State Health Benefits Program Funds (HBPF) – Local Government (including Prescription Drug Program Fund) – Certain local employers who participate in the State Health Benefits Program provide health insurance coverage to their employees at retirement. Under provisions of P.L. 1997, c.330, the State of New Jersey provides partially funded benefits to local police officers and firefighters who retire with 25 years of service (or on disability) from an employer who does not provide coverage. Retirees who are not eligible for employer paid health coverage at retirement can continue in the program by paying the cost of the insurance for themselves and their covered dependents. Also, local employees are eligible for the PDP coverage after 60 days of employment.

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

Basis of Accounting

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

Investment Valuation

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

Funded Status and Funding Progress

As of July 1, 2015, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the State had a \$84.3 billion unfunded actuarial liability for other postemployment benefits (OPEB) which is made up of \$25.9 billion for state active and retired members, \$16.8 billion for local active and retire members and \$41.6 billion for education employees and retirees that become the obligation of the State of New Jersey upon retirement.

The funded status and funding progress of the OPEB 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 OPEB in effect at the time of each valuation and also consider the pattern of the sharing of costs between the employer and members at the 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.

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NOTE 13 POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (Continued)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

In the July 1, 2015 OPEB actuarial valuation, the projected unit credit was used as the actuarial cost method, and the market value was used as asset valuation method for the OPEB. The actuarial assumptions included an assumed investment rate of return of 4.50 percent.

Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contribution

P.L. 1987, c. 384 and P.L. 1990, c.6 required the Public Employees' Retirement System to fund post-retirement medical benefits for those State and participating local government employees who retire after accumulating 25 years of credited service or on a disability retirement. As of June 30, 2016, there were 110,512 retirees receiving post-retirement medical benefits, and the State contributed \$1.37 billion on their behalf. The cost of these benefits is funded through contributions by the State and participating local governments in accordance with P.L. 1994, c.62. Funding of post-retirement medical benefits changed from a pre-funding basis to a pay-as-you-go basis beginning in Fiscal Year 1994.

P.L. 1977, c. 136 provides for the State and participating local governments to pay health benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis for all enrolled retired employees, regardless of retirement date, under two provisions. The first is for employees whose pensions are based on 25 years or more of credited service (except those who elect a deferred retirement). The second is for retired employees who are eligible for a disability retirement regardless of years of service. The State and participating local governments contributed \$181.9 million for 10,725 eligible retired members for Fiscal Year 2016. This benefit covers the Police and Firemen's Retirement System.

P.L. 1997, c. 330 provides paid post-retirement health benefits to qualified retirees of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System and the Consolidated Police and Firemen's Pension Fund and to dependents of qualified retirees. The State and participating local governments are responsible for 80 percent of the premium for the category of coverage elected by the retiree under the State managed care plan or a health maintenance organization participating in the program, whichever provides the lower charge. The State and participating local governments contributed \$48.3 million in Fiscal Year 2016 to provide benefits under Chapter 330 to qualified retirees.

The State sets the employer contribution rate based on a pay-as-you-go basis rather than the *annual required contribution of the employers (ARC)*, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) of the plan over a period not to exceed thirty years. The Borough's contributions to the State Health Benefits Program Fund-Local Government for post-retirement benefits for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were \$1,390,296, \$1,259,243 and \$1,151,050, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year. In addition, the Borough's reimbursements to eligible retired employees for Medicare Part B insurance coverage for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were \$77,009, \$73,219 and \$84,025, respectively.

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.

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.

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
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NOTE 14 RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

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:

<u>Year Ended December 31</u>	<u>Borough Contributions</u>	<u>Employee Contributions</u>	<u>Amount Reimbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2016	\$ 10,000	\$ 18,842	\$ 43,937	\$ 6,971
2015		17,448	20,203	22,066
2014		17,133	27,335	24,821

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, 2016 and 2015. 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, 2016 and 2015, the Borough reserved \$425,758 and \$412,285, 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, 2016 and 2015, 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. As of December 31, 2016 the Borough has reserved \$100,000 in the Current Fund for potential FEMA Audit Recovery due to FEMA based on insurance reimbursements paid to 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, 2016 and 2015, the Borough has not estimated its estimated arbitrage earnings due to the IRS, if any.

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
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NOTE 17 TAX ABATEMENTS

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Borough provided property tax abatements through certain programs authorized under State statutes. These programs include the Long Term Tax Exemption Law (the "LTTE Law") and the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Financing Act (NJHMFA).

- The Long Term Tax Exemption Law (NJSA 40A:20 et.seq.) is focused on broad areas of redevelopment. It allows for a longer abatement term to carry out a larger development plan through declaring an area as being "in need of redevelopment". These long-term property abatements may last up to 30 years from completion of a project or 35 years from execution of the financial agreement. The process is initiated when the municipality passes a resolution calling for the municipal planning board to study the need for designating an area "in need of redevelopment". Upon adopting the planning board's recommendations and formalizing the redevelopment area designation, a municipality adopts a redevelopment plan, engages redevelopment entities to carry out the plan, and may authorize long-term tax abatements in the process. Developers submit abatement applications to the governing body for review. The financial agreement is approved through adoption of a local ordinance. The agreement exempts a project from taxation, but requires a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOTs) in an amount based generally on a percentage of project costs or revenue generated by the project, depending on the type of project. The Borough received \$141,579 and \$141,579 in Annual Service Charge (PILOT) payments under this program for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

In addition, the Redeveloper also paid basic rent ("ground lease") payments of \$783,147 for both years and minimum preferred dividends of \$555,000 and \$355,000 for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, as set forth in the Operating Agreement as stipulated in the Ground Lease Agreements.

- 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, 2016 and 2015 the Borough abated property taxes totaling \$969,095 and \$940,167, respectively, under the NJHMFA program. The Borough received \$84,098 and \$72,138 in PILOT payments under this program for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

NOTE 18 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Bond Anticipation Notes

On February 10, 2017 the Borough issued bond anticipation notes in the amount of \$2,370,000 to temporarily finance expenditures related to the Anderson Avenue Redevelopment Project. The Borough awarded the sale of said notes to Bank of New Jersey at an interest rate of 1.25% These notes dated February 10, 2017 will mature on July 21, 2017.

CURRENT FUND

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF CURRENT CASH - TREASURER**

Balance, December 31, 2015		\$ 7,075,454
Increased by Receipts:		
Taxes Receivable	\$ 63,885,523	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	5,017,802	
Prepaid Taxes	654,363	
Grants Receivable	1,061,306	
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	296,278	
Receipts from General Capital Fund	773,290	
Due from State - Senior Citizen and Veteran Deductions	89,000	
Receipts for General Capital Fund	103,626	
Tax Overpayments	59,095	
Reserve for FEMA Audit Recovery	100,000	
Reserve for Grants - Unappropriated	78,439	
Reserve for Sewer Hook Up Fees	43,303	
Reserve for Summer Food Program	29,910	
	72,191,935	
		79,267,389
Decreased by:		
2016 Budget Appropriations	30,931,333	
2015 Appropriation Reserves	240,593	
Encumbrances Payable	258,796	
Tax Overpayments	5,240	
County Taxes	7,321,610	
School Taxes	31,322,086	
Reserve for Tax Appeals	186,527	
Special Emergency Note Payable	300,000	
Refund Prior Year Revenue	105,410	
	70,671,595	
Balance, December 31, 2016		\$ 8,595,794

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF CHANGE FUND**

	<u>Change Fund</u>
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 250
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 250</u>

Analysis of Balance, December 31, 2016

Tax Collector	\$ 100
Municipal Court	100
Board of Health	<u>50</u>
	<u>\$ 250</u>

STATEMENT OF GRANTS RECEIVABLE

	Balance, December 31, 2015	Accrued	Cash Collected	Cancelled	Balance, December 31, 2016
Grants:					
COPS-CAD Technology Grant	\$ 1,265			\$ 1,265	
Bergen County Open Space	15,816			15,816	
NJ Transportation Trust Fund-Columbia Avenue	32,063			32,063	
CDBG-Sewer	65,578		\$ 65,578	-	
Bergen County Open Space	59,200			59,200	
CDBG-Lawton Ave Sewer Improvements	29,223		29,223	-	
CDBG- First Responder	100		-	100	
CDBG- Streetscape Improvements to Palisades Avenue	20,388		20,388		
Bergen County Open Space-Zalewski Park Improvement	64,000		64,000		
NJ DOT- ADA Curb Ramp Improvements	311,300		261,722		\$ 49,578
NJ DOT- Improvements to Lafayette Avenue	37,500		37,500		
NJ DOT- Lawton and Jersey Ave	74,500		-		74,500
CDBG- Zalewski Park	229,000		229,000		-
Bergen County Open Space-Spray Park		\$ 100,000	100,000		
CDBG- Spray Park		253,895	253,895		
CDBG- Palisade Ave Streetscape Phase II		165,500			165,500
CDBG-Manhattan Place Pump Station Emergency Generator		25,000			25,000
CDBG- Little League Field Improvements		154,000			154,000
FEMA- Hazardous Mitigation Grant- Generator		75,000			75,000
Bergen County Open Space- Little League Field Impvts.	-	52,475			52,475
NJDOA- Summer Food Program	-	43,946	43,946	-	-
	<u>\$ 939,933</u>	<u>\$ 869,816</u>	<u>\$ 1,105,252</u>	<u>\$ 108,444</u>	<u>\$ 596,053</u>
			Cash Receipts \$ 1,061,306		
			Transferred from Reserve 43,946		
			Cancelled to Operations -	\$ 108,444	
			<u>\$ 1,105,252</u>	<u>\$ 108,444</u>	

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF DUE FROM STATE OF NEW JERSEY
SENIOR CITIZENS' AND VETERANS' DEDUCTIONS**

Balance, December 31, 2015		\$ 4,500
Increased by:		
Senior Citizens' Deductions Per Tax Billings	\$ 21,750	
Veterans' Deductions Per Tax Billings	67,750	
Senior Citizens' Deductions Per Tax Collector	<u>1,500</u>	
		<u>91,000</u>
		95,500
Decreased by:		
Cash Received from State		<u>89,000</u>
		<u>\$ 6,500</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

Year	Balance, December 31, 2015	2016 Levy	Added Taxes	Collected In		Senior Citizens' and Veterans' Deductions Allowed	Cancelled	Transferred to Tax Title Liens	Balance, December 31, 2016
				2015	2016				
2015	\$ 858,251	-	\$ 8,280	-	\$ 855,939	-	\$ 10,592	-	-
	858,251	-	8,280	-	855,939	-	10,592	-	-
2016	-	\$ 64,764,633	211,564	\$ 549,512	63,029,584	\$ 91,000	26,126	\$ 520	\$ 1,279,455
	\$ 858,251	\$ 64,764,633	\$ 219,844	\$ 549,512	\$ 63,885,523	\$ 91,000	\$ 36,718	\$ 520	\$ 1,279,455

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Analysis of 2016 Property Tax Levy

TAX YIELD

General Purpose Tax	\$ 64,764,633	
Added Taxes (RS 54:4-36.1 et seq.)	211,564	
		\$ 64,976,197

TAX LEVY

Local District School Tax (Abstract)	\$ 31,764,375	
County Tax (Abstract)	7,297,779	
Due County for Added and Omitted Taxes (54:4-63.1)	23,831	
		\$ 39,085,985
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes (Abstract)	24,702,397	
Minimum Library Tax	987,656	
Add Additional Tax Levied	200,159	
		25,890,212
		\$ 64,976,197

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF TAX TITLE LIENS**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 12,725
Increased by:	
Transfer from Taxes Receivable	<u>520</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 13,245</u>

EXHIBIT A-10

STATEMENT OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR TAXES (AT ASSESSED VALUATION)

Balance, December 31, 2015	<u>\$ 31,387</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 31,387</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	<u>Accrued</u>	<u>Collected</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
Borough Clerk				
Licenses				
Alcoholic Beverages		\$ 38,234	\$ 38,234	
Other		21,855	21,855	
Uniform Construction Code - Fees and Permits		379,846	379,846	
Board of Health				
Fees and Permits		21,270	21,270	
Registrar of Vital Statistics				
Fees and Permits		5,209	5,209	
Police Department				
Fees and Permits		4,889	4,889	
Borough Clerk				
Fees and Permits		880	880	
Board of Adjustment				
Fees and Permits		22,250	22,250	
Planning Board				
Fees and Permits		1,900	1,900	
Tax Collector				
Fees and Permits		310	310	
Municipal Court				
Fines and Costs	\$ 31,900	588,418	580,447	\$ 39,871
Interest and Costs on Taxes		164,854	164,854	
Interest on Investments and Deposits		20,578	20,578	
Energy Receipts Tax		1,030,595	1,030,595	
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act		96,492	96,492	
Franchise Fees		301,135	301,135	
Borough of Edgewater- CFO		15,000	15,000	
Board of Education- Security Officers		78,270	78,270	
EMS Billing Contract		527,180	527,180	
Cell Tower Rents		62,000	62,000	
Parking Meters		50,667	50,667	
Recreation Fees		118,171	118,171	
Developer's Minimum Preferred Dividend		555,000	555,000	
Developer's Fees- Ground Lease Payments		783,147	783,147	
Developer's Fees	-	141,579	141,579	-
	<u>\$ 31,900</u>	<u>\$ 5,029,729</u>	<u>\$ 5,021,758</u>	<u>\$ 39,871</u>
Due from General Capital				
Fund (Interest on Investments)			\$ 3,956	
Cash Receipts			<u>5,017,802</u>	
			<u>\$ 5,021,758</u>	

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF 2015 APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Encumbrances Payable <u>Restored</u>	Balance After <u>Modification</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Balance <u>Lapsed</u>
General Administration					
Other Expenses		\$ 124	\$ 124		\$ 124
Employee Group Health	\$ 260,595	103,687	364,282		364,282
EMS Ambulance					
Other Expenses		1,511	1,511		1,511
Police					
Salaries & Wages	82,160		82,160	\$ 64,427	17,733
Miscellaneous Other Expenses		2,565	2,565		2,565
Emergency Management Services-Other		185	185		185
Municipal Court					
Other Expenses		43	43		43
Vehicle Maintenance					
Other Expenses		15,105	15,105		15,105
Buildings & Grounds					
Other Expenses		270	270		270
Board of Health					
Other Expenses	1,256	257	1,513		1,513
Maintenance of Parks					
Other Expenses		267	267		267
Summer Food Program					
Other Expenses		2,644	2,644		2,644
Streets & Road Maintenance					
Other Expenses		116	116		116
Fuel Oil		4,905	4,905		4,905
Implementation of 9-1-1 System					
Police Communications					
Other Expenses	304		304	304	-
Emergency Response Services-Ambulance					
Billing Services	18,969		18,969	18,969	-
Sewer Service Charges-Contractual					
BCUA, Fort Lee, Edgewater	84,415		84,415	84,415	-
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	5,000		5,000	5,000	-
Body Armor	8,805		8,805	8,805	-
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	3,023	-	3,023	3,023	-
Alcohol & Education Rehab	5,435		5,435	5,435	-
Clean Communities	935		935	935	-
Improvements to Borough Streets	22,712		22,712	21,503	1,209
Improvements to Borough Property		72	72		72
Purchase of Computers	1,798		1,798	-	1,798
Purchase of Bobcat	1,413	-	1,413	-	1,413
CDBG- Zalewski Park	50,976	-	50,976	50,976	-
	<u>\$ 547,796</u>	<u>\$ 131,751</u>	<u>\$ 679,547</u>	<u>\$ 263,792</u>	<u>\$ 415,755</u>
Cash Disbursed				\$ 240,593	
Transferred to Appropriated Grant Reserves				<u>23,199</u>	
				<u>\$ 263,792</u>	

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

Balance, December 31, 2015		\$ 97,556
Increased by:		
Cash Receipts		<u>59,095</u>
		156,651
Decreased by:		
Cash Disbursements		<u>5,240</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		<u>\$ 151,411</u>

STATEMENT OF ENCUMBRANCES PAYABLE

Balance, December 31, 2015		\$ 390,547
Increased by:		
Charges to 2016 Budget Appropriations		<u>729,197</u>
		1,119,744
Decreased by:		
Cash Disbursements	\$ 258,796	
Restored to Appropriation Reserves	<u>131,751</u>	
		<u>390,547</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		<u>\$ 729,197</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF COUNTY TAXES PAYABLE**

Increased by:		
2016 Tax Levy		
County Tax (Abstract)	\$ 7,223,085	
County Open Space Preservation (Abstract)	74,694	
County Tax for Added Taxes (54:4-63.1)	<u>23,831</u>	
		<u>\$ 7,321,610</u>
		7,321,610
Decreased by:		
Payments		<u>7,321,610</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		<u>\$ -</u>

EXHIBIT A-16

STATEMENT OF LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAXES PAYABLE

Increased by:		
Levy - Calendar Year 2016		\$ 31,764,375
Decreased by:		
Payments		<u>31,322,086</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		<u>\$ 442,289</u>

EXHIBIT A-17

STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR TAX APPEALS

Balance, December 31, 2015		\$ 412,285
Increased by:		
Transferred From 2016 Taxes		<u>200,000</u>
		612,285
Decreased by:		
Cash Paid to Appellants		<u>186,527</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		<u>\$ 425,758</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF PREPAID TAXES**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 549,512
Increased by:	
Collection of 2017 Taxes	<u>654,363</u>
	1,203,875
Decreased by:	
Applied to 2016 Taxes Receivable	<u>549,512</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ <u>654,363</u>

EXHIBIT A-19

STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR GRANTS - UNAPPROPRIATED

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	Appropriated in 2016 <u>Budget</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
Drunk Driving Enforcement	\$	1,342		\$ 1,342
Alcohol Education & Rehab	\$ 5,009	9,246	\$ 5,009	9,246
Drive Sober	5,000	9,725	5,000	9,725
Clean Communities	39,473	45,114	39,473	45,114
Body Armor Grant	4,457	4,590	4,457	4,590
Click It or Ticket		4,975		4,975
Municipal Alliance	<u>6,470</u>	<u>3,447</u>	<u>6,470</u>	<u>3,447</u>
	\$ <u>60,409</u>	\$ <u>78,439</u>	\$ <u>60,409</u>	\$ <u>78,439</u>

EXHIBIT A-20

STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR GRANTS - APPROPRIATED

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Transfers from <u>2015 Appropriations</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
CDBG-Sewer Rehab	\$ 5,758		\$ 5,758	\$ -
Driver Sober		\$ 5,000		5,000
Body Armor		8,806		8,806
Drunk Driving		3,023		3,023
Stormwater Management Grant	4,466	-	4,466	-
Clean Communities	16,886	935	16,886	935
Alcohol Education & Rehab	<u>-</u>	<u>5,435</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,435</u>
	\$ <u>27,110</u>	\$ <u>23,199</u>	\$ <u>27,110</u>	\$ <u>23,199</u>
		Cancelled to Operations	\$ <u>27,110</u>	

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 17,213
Increased by:	
Cash Receipts	<u>29,910</u>
	47,123
Decreased by:	
Appropriated as Current Fund Revenue	<u>43,946</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 3,177</u>

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Balance, December 31, 2015	<u>\$ 35,281</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 35,281</u>

STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR FEMA AUDIT RECOVERY

Increased by:	
Cash Receipts	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR SEWER HOOK UP FEES**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 214,957
Increased by:	
Cash Receipts	<u>43,303</u>
	258,260
Decreased by:	
Appropriated to Finance Improvement Authorization - Due to General Capital Fund	<u>200,000</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 58,260</u>

STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR INSURANCE PROCEEDS

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 107,907
Decreased by:	
Anticipated as Revenue	<u>107,907</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ -</u>

**STATEMENT OF DEFERRED CHARGE -
OVEREXPENDING OF APPROPRIATIONS**

Balance, December 31, 2015	<u>\$ 21,918</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 21,918</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF DEFERRED CHARGES - SPECIAL EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATIONS**

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Authorized</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Decreased by: Budget <u>Appropriation</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
Revaluation Update	\$ 200,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Preparation of Master Plan	100,000	20,000	20,000	-
Hurricane Sandy Storm Damage	1,500,000	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>\$ 340,000</u>	<u>\$ 340,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR SALE OF ASSETS

Balance, December, 31, 2015	\$ 105,239
Decreased by:	
Anticipated as 2016 Budgeted Revenue	\$ 105,200
Cancelled to Operations	<u>39</u>
	<u>105,239</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ -</u>

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTE PAYABLE

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 300,000
Decreased by:	
Paydown of Note	<u>300,000</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ -</u>

TRUST FUNDS

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF TRUST CASH - TREASURER**

	<u>Animal Control Fund</u>	<u>Other Trust Fund</u>	<u>Community Development Trust Fund</u>
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 4,572	\$ 872,065	
Increased by Receipts:			
Payroll Deductions - Unemployment		\$ 18,842	
Budget Appropriation		10,000	
Borough's Share of Dog Licenses	\$ 4,435		
State Share - Dog Fee	386		
Miscellaneous Reserves		3,155,110	
70 Receipts from Community Development			\$ 701,711
Payroll Deductions	<u>-</u>	<u>17,209,739</u>	
	4,821	<u>20,393,691</u>	<u>-</u> <u>\$ 701,711</u>
	9,393	21,265,756	701,711
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Payroll Deductions Payable		17,210,839	
Payment to State - Dog Fee	386		
Payments to Current Fund - Community Development			701,711
Grant Receipts			
Payments to Current Fund - Other Trust Fund			
Payments Due From Current Fund		35,973	
Payments to State of NJ - Unemployment Insurance Benefits		2,848,754	
Miscellaneous Reserves	<u>-</u>	<u>20,095,566</u>	<u>-</u>
	386		<u>701,711</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 9,007</u>	<u>\$ 1,170,190</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF DUE TO CURRENT FUND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ -
Increased by:	
Grant Receipts from Community Development	701,711
	<u>701,711</u>
Decreased by:	
Payments to Current Fund	701,711
	<u>701,711</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ -</u>

**STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
OTHER TRUST FUND**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 22,066
Increased by:	
Payroll Deductions/Miscellaneous	\$ 18,842
Budget Appropriation	10,000
	<u>28,842</u>
	50,908
Decreased by:	
Unemployment Insurance Benefits Claims	43,937
	<u>43,937</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 6,971</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF DUE TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY -
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS
OTHER TRUST FUND**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 2,206
Increased by:	
Unemployment Insurance Benefit Claims	<u>43,937</u>
	46,143
Decreased by:	
Cash Disbursements	<u>35,973</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 10,170</u>

EXHIBIT B-5

**STATEMENT OF NET PAY AND PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS PAYABLE
OTHER TRUST FUND**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 11,947
Increased by:	
Cash Receipts	<u>17,209,739</u>
	17,221,686
Decreased by:	
Cash Disbursements	<u>17,210,839</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 10,847</u>

EXHIBIT B-6

**STATEMENT OF DUE FROM CURRENT FUND
OTHER TRUST FUND**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ <u>21,918</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 21,918</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF MISCELLANEOUS RESERVES
OTHER TRUST FUND**

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Cash <u>Receipts</u>	Cash <u>Disbursements</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
Street Opening Deposits	\$ 30,000	\$ 6,600	\$ 600	\$ 36,000
P.O.A.A.	42,642	6,332		48,974
Recycling	42	40,274	39,595	721
Redemption of Outside Liens		280,074	278,574	1,500
Uniform Fire Safety Fines	3,624	500		4,124
Escrow Deposits	175,347	1,983,589	1,759,896	399,040
Premium on Tax Sale	519,099	374,701	303,600	590,200
Educated PAL - Municipal Alliance	3,844			3,844
Montvale Escrow	57,768			57,768
Reserve for Police Detail	-	433,451	433,451	-
Confiscated Funds	3,908	28,289	10,297	21,900
Jr. Police Academy	6,045	1,300	7,296	49
Miscellaneous	15,445	-	15,445	-
	<u>\$ 857,764</u>	<u>\$ 3,155,110</u>	<u>\$ 2,848,754</u>	<u>\$ 1,164,120</u>

EXHIBIT B-8

**STATEMENT OF DUE TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ -
Increased by:	
Dog License Fees - State Share	<u>386</u>
	386
Decreased by:	
Payments to State	<u>386</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ -</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FUND EXPENDITURES
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 4,572
Increased by:	
Dog License Fees - Borough Share	4,435
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 9,007

License Fees Collected

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2015	\$ 4,788
2014	5,863
	\$ 10,651

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF GENERAL CAPITAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS -
TREASURER & TRUSTEE**

Balance, December 31, 2015		\$ 4,235,648
Increased by:		
Reserve for Developer - Interest Earnings	\$ 2,343	
Capital Improvement Fund- Budget Appropriation	50,000	
Interest Earnings	3,956	
Bond Anticipation Notes	1,900,000	
Premium on Sale of Notes	<u>124,263</u>	
		<u>2,080,562</u>
		6,316,210
Decreased by:		
Improvement Authorizations	549,944	
Contracts/Accounts Payable	2,525,211	
Payments for Special Counsel	10,411	
Payments to Current Fund- Anticipated as Revenue- Reserve for Developer	125,000	
Payments to Current Fund	<u>773,290</u>	
		<u>3,983,856</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		<u>\$ 2,332,354</u>

<u>Analysis of Balance</u>	
Cash - Treasurer	\$ 1,650,813
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Trustee	<u>681,541</u>
	<u>\$ 2,332,354</u>

BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
ANALYSIS OF GENERAL CAPITAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
Contracts/Accounts Payable	\$ 1,404,989
Fund Balance	87,017
Capital Improvement Fund	24,309
Reserve for Special Counsel	7,621
Reserve for Payment of Debt	173,110
Due from Current Fund	(299,670)
Deferred Charge- Cancelled Grants Receivable	(29,100)
Excess Note Proceeds	103,626

Ord.

No.Improvement Authorizations

2-2005	Various Capital Improvements	41
3-2005	Anderson Ave Redevelopment	44,377
9-2007	Various Improvements	3,323
7-2008	Various Capital Improvements	1,500
9-2010	Acquisition of Fire Truck	26,121
2-2011/14-2011	Various Improvements	715
17-2011	Renovation and Expansion of the Library	(136,483)
8-2012	Sanitary and Storm Sewer Improvements	586
6-2013	Auxiliary Field Improvements	65,077
2-2014	Various Public Improvements and the Acquisition of New Automotive Vehicles	153,369
5-2015	Various Public Improvements and the Acquisition of Equipment and Machinery	58,432
3-2016	Various Public Improvements and the Acquisition of Equipment, Machinery and Vehicle	479,058
4-2016	Various Sewer System Improvements	164,336
		<u>\$ 2,332,354</u>
	Cash	1,650,813
	Cash and Cash Equivalents - Trustee	681,541
		<u>\$ 2,332,354</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 74,309
Increased by:	
2016 Budget Appropriation	<u>50,000</u>
	124,309
Decreased by:	
Appropriated to Fund Improvement Authorization	<u>100,000</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 24,309</u>

STATEMENT OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION- FUNDED

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$26,452,000
Decreased by:	
Payment of General Serial Bonds Principal	<u>1,195,000</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$25,257,000</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - UNFUNDED**

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Balance, December 31, 2015	2016 Authorization	Grant Receipts	Paid by Budget Appropriation	Balance, December 31, 2016	Analysis of Balance December 31, 2016		Unexpended Improvement Authorization
							Bond Anticipation Notes	Expended	
General Improvements									
3-2005	Anderson Ave Redevelopment	\$ 2,464,009			\$ 47,000	\$ 2,417,009	\$ 2,417,000		\$ 9
9-2007	Various Capital Improvements	733				733			733
9-2010	Acquisition of a Fire Truck	527				527			527
4-2011	Construction of Municipal Parking Facilities and Other Public Areas (Anderson Ave.)	9,873,000			127,000	9,746,000	9,746,000		
14-2011	Various Improvements	1,750				1,750			1,750
17-2011	Library Renovations and Expansion	150,000			-	150,000	-	\$ 136,483	13,517
2-2014	Various Public Improvements and the Acquisition of New Automotive Vehicles	1,803,000		\$ 103,626	-	1,699,374	1,699,374	-	-
5-2015	Various Public Improvements and Acquisition of Machinery and Equipment	876,000			-	876,000	876,000	-	-
3-2016	Various Public Improvements and Acquisition of Machinery and Equipment	-	\$ 1,900,000	-	-	1,900,000	1,900,000	-	-
		<u>\$ 15,169,019</u>	<u>\$ 1,900,000</u>	<u>\$ 103,626</u>	<u>\$ 174,000</u>	<u>\$ 16,791,393</u>	<u>\$ 16,638,374</u>	<u>\$ 136,483</u>	<u>\$ 16,536</u>
					Bond Anticipation Notes		\$ 16,742,000		
					Excess Note Proceeds				
					Ord. 2-2014		103,626		
							<u>\$ 16,638,374</u>		
					Improvement Authorizations				\$ 751,772
					Less: Unexpended Note Proceeds				
					Ord. 3-2005			44,377	
					Ord. 2-2014			153,369	
					Ord. 5-2015			58,432	
					Ord. 3-2016			479,058	
								<u>735,236</u>	
									<u>\$ 16,536</u>

BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES PAYABLE

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Date of	Date of	Date of	Interest Rate	Balance,			Balance, December 31, 2016
		Original Issue	Issue	Maturity		December 31, 2015	Increased	Decreased	
3-2005	Anderson Avenue Redevelopment	7/25/2008	2/13/2015	2/11/2016	1.00	% \$ 585,876		\$ 585,876	
			2/11/2016	2/10/2017	1.10		\$ 570,196	\$ 570,196	
3-2005	Anderson Avenue Redevelopment	3/4/2009	2/13/2015	2/11/2016	1.00	600,868		600,868	
			2/11/2016	2/10/2017	1.10		590,818	590,818	
3-2005	Anderson Avenue Redevelopment	10/9/2009	2/13/2015	2/11/2016	1.00	937,301		937,301	
			2/11/2016	2/10/2017	1.10		921,626	921,626	
3-2005	Anderson Avenue Redevelopment	2/11/2010	2/13/2015	2/11/2016	1.00	339,955		339,955	
			2/11/2016	2/10/2017	1.10		334,360	334,360	
4-2011	Construction of a Municipal Parking Facility and Public Plaza	7/18/2012	7/24/2015	7/22/2016	2.00	9,873,000		9,873,000	
			7/22/2016	7/21/2017	2.00		9,746,000	9,746,000	
2-2014	Various Public Improvements and the Acquisition of New Automotive Vehicles	4/25/2014	4/24/2015	4/22/2016	1.00	1,803,000		1,803,000	
			4/22/2016	4/21/2017	0.90		1,803,000	1,803,000	
5-2015	Various Public Improvements and the Acquisition of Equipment or Machinery	11/5/2015	11/5/2015	4/22/2016	0.65	876,000		876,000	
			4/22/2016	4/21/2017	0.90		876,000	876,000	
3-2016	Various Public Improvements and the Acquisition of Equipment or Machinery	11/10/2016	11/10/2016	4/21/2017	0.90	-	1,900,000	-	1,900,000
						<u>\$ 15,016,000</u>	<u>\$ 16,742,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,016,000</u>	<u>\$ 16,742,000</u>
							\$ 14,842,000	\$ 14,842,000	
							1,900,000		
							-	174,000	
							<u>\$ 16,742,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,016,000</u>	

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF SERIAL BONDS PAYABLE**

Purpose	Date of Issue	Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds Outstanding		Interest Rate	Balance, December 31, 2015	Decreased	Balance, December 31, 2016
			Date	Amount				
Taxable Redevelopment Bonds of 2011	2/14/2011	\$ 12,005,000	2/1/2017	\$ 300,000	5.00			
			2/1/2018	310,000	5.00			
			2/1/2019	325,000	5.00			
			2/1/2020	335,000	5.25			
			2/1/2021	350,000	5.25			
			2/1/2022	365,000	5.25			
			2/1/2023	380,000	5.25			
			2/1/2024	395,000	5.50			
			2/1/2025	415,000	5.50			
			2/1/2026	435,000	5.50			
			2/1/2027	455,000	5.75			
			2/1/2028	475,000	6.00			
			2/1/2029	500,000	6.00			
			2/1/2030	525,000	6.00			
			2/1/2031	550,000	6.00			
			2/1/2032	580,000	6.00			
			2/1/2033	610,000	6.00			
			2/1/2034	640,000	6.00			
			2/1/2035	675,000	6.00			
			2/1/2036	710,000	6.00			
2/1/2037	750,000	6.125						
2/1/2038	795,000	6.125	\$ 11,170,000	\$ 295,000	\$ 10,875,000			
General Improvement Bonds of 2012	3/15/2012	17,107,000	3/15/2017	900,000	2.00			
			3/15/2018	900,000	2.00			
			3/15/2019	900,000	2.00			
			3/15/2020	900,000	2.00			
			3/15/2021	900,000	3.00			
			3/15/2022	900,000	3.00			
			3/15/2023	900,000	3.00			
			3/15/2024	900,000	3.00			
			3/15/2025	900,000	3.00			
			3/15/2026	900,000	3.00			
			3/15/2027	900,000	3.00			
			3/15/2028	900,000	3.00			
			3/15/2029	900,000	3.250			
			3/15/2030	900,000	3.250			
			3/15/2031	900,000	3.375			
3/15/2032	882,000	3.50	15,282,000	900,000	14,382,000			
						\$ 26,452,000	\$ 1,195,000	\$ 25,257,000
Paid by Budget Appropriation							\$ 1,195,000	

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS**

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Ordinance Amount	Balance, December 31, 2015		2016 Authorizations			Accounts Payable Restored	Expended	Balance, December 31, 2016	
			Funded	Unfunded	Capital Improvement Fund	Reserve for Sewer Hook Up Fees	Deferred Charges Unfunded			Funded	Unfunded
General Improvements											
2-2005	Various Capital Improvements	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 41							\$ 41	
3-2005	Anderson Ave Redevelopment	15,000,000		\$ 44,386						\$ 44,386	
9-2007	Various Capital Improvements	4,000,000	3,323	733						3,323	733
7-2008	Various Capital Improvements	7,000,000						\$ 1,500		1,500	
9-2010	Acquisition of Fire Truck	850,000	26,121	527						26,121	527
4-2011	Construction of Municipal Parking Facilities and Other Public Areas (Anderson Ave. Redevelopment)	10,000,000									
2-2011/14-2011	Various Improvements	3,565,000	715	1,750						715	1,750
17-2011	Renovation and Expansion of the Library	330,000	-	13,517						-	13,517
8-2012	Sanitary and Storm Sewer Improvements		586							586	
6-2013	Auxiliary Field Improvements	400,000	138,170	-					\$ 73,093	65,077	
2-2014	Various Public Improvements and the Acquisition of New Automotive Vehicles	1,958,000	-	189,553						36,184	153,369
5-2015	Various Public Improvements and Acquisition of Machinery and Equipment	920,000	-	347,482						289,050	58,432
3-2016	Various Public Improvements and Acquisition of Machinery, Equipment and Vehicle	2,000,000	-	-	\$ 100,000		\$ 1,900,000			1,520,942	479,058
4-2016	Various Sewer System Improvements	200,000	-	-	-	\$ 200,000	-			35,664	-
		<u>\$ 47,523,000</u>	<u>\$ 168,956</u>	<u>\$ 597,948</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,900,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,954,933</u>	<u>\$ 261,699</u>	<u>\$ 751,772</u>
									\$ 549,944		
									1,404,989		
									<u>\$ 1,954,933</u>		

Cash Disbursements
Contracts Payable

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF CONTRACTS/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Balance, December 31, 2015		\$2,526,711
Increased by:		
Charges to Improvement Authorizations		<u>1,404,989</u>
		3,931,700
Decreased by:		
Cancelled Payables Restored to Improvement Authorization	\$ 1,500	
Cash Disbursements	<u>2,525,211</u>	
		<u>2,526,711</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		<u>\$1,404,989</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR INTEREST (DEVELOPER)**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 15,398
Increased by:	
Cash Receipts - Interest Earnings	<u>2,343</u>
Decreased by:	
Transfer to Reserve for Payment of Debt	<u>17,741</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ -</u>

EXHIBIT C-12

STATEMENT OF DUE TO/FROM CURRENT FUND

Balance, December 31, 2015 (Due to)	\$ 773,290
Increased by:	
Interest Earnings	\$ <u>3,956</u>
	<u>3,956</u>
	777,246
Decreased by:	
Reserve for Sewer Hook Up Fees- Appropriated for Ordinance	200,000
General Capital Grant Receipts Deposited in Current Fund	103,626
Payments to Current Fund	<u>773,290</u>
	<u>1,076,916</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016 (Due from)	<u>\$ (299,670)</u>

EXHIBIT C-13

STATEMENT OF DEFERRED CHARGE-CANCELLED GRANTS RECEIVABLE

Increased by:	
Grants Receivable Cancelled	<u>\$ 29,100</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 29,100</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF GRANT RECEIVABLE**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 29,100
Decreased by:	
Cancelled	<u>29,100</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ -</u>

STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR PREMIUM DUE TO DEVELOPER

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 156,106
Increased by:	
Premium on Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	124,263
	<u>280,369</u>
Decreased by:	
Anticipated as Current Fund Revenue	\$ 125,000
Transfer to Reserve for Payment of Debt	<u>155,369</u>
	<u>280,369</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ -</u>

STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR PAYMENT OF DEBT

Increased by:	
Transfer from Reserve for Interest (Developer)	\$ 17,741
Transfer from Reserve for Premium-Due to Developer	<u>155,369</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 173,110</u>

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 18,032
Decreased by:	
Cash Disbursements	10,411
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 7,621

STATEMENT OF BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED

Ord. No.	<u>Improvement Description</u>	Balance, December 31 <u>2015</u>	2016 <u>Authorizations</u>	Notes <u>Issued</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
3-2005	Anderson Avenue Redevelopment	\$ 9			\$ 9
9-2007	Various Capital Improvements	733			733
9-2010	Acquisition of Fire Truck	527			527
14-2011	Various Improvements	1,750			1,750
17-2011	Library Renovations and Expansion	150,000			150,000
3-2016	Various Improvements	-	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,900,000	-
		\$ 153,019	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 153,019

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
STATEMENT OF CASH - BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

	<u>Total</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Fund</u>	<u>Gift Fund</u>
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 149,968	\$ 59,599	\$ 77,794	\$ 12,575
Increased by Receipts:				
Revenues	<u>895,769</u>	<u>874,165</u>	<u>8,854</u>	<u>12,750</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>895,769</u>	<u>874,165</u>	<u>8,854</u>	<u>12,750</u>
	<u>1,045,737</u>	<u>933,764</u>	<u>86,648</u>	<u>25,325</u>
Decreased by:				
Expenditures	<u>830,253</u>	<u>791,237</u>	<u>17,584</u>	<u>21,432</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>830,253</u>	<u>791,237</u>	<u>17,584</u>	<u>21,432</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 215,484</u>	<u>\$ 142,527</u>	<u>\$ 69,064</u>	<u>\$ 3,893</u>

BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
PART II
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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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 Cliffside Park
Cliffside Park, 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 Cliffside Park as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 21, 2017. 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.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Borough of Cliffside Park'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 Cliffside Park's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Borough of Cliffside Park'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.

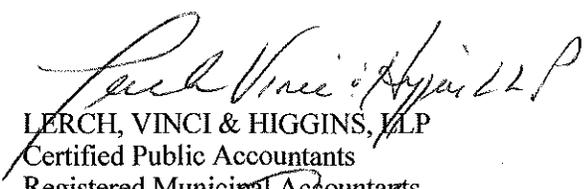
Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Borough of Cliffside Park'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 Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

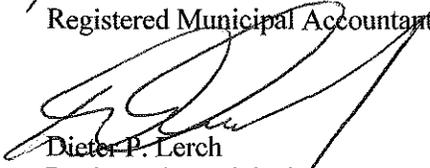
However, we noted certain matters that are not required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards that we reported to management of the Borough of Cliffside Park in Part III of this report of audit entitled, "Letter of Comments and Recommendations".

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



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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM;
REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT
ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
REQUIRED BY U.S. UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Borough Council
Borough of Cliffside Park
Cliffside Park, New Jersey

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Borough of Cliffside Park's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Borough of Cliffside Park's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2016. The Borough of Cliffside Park's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Borough of Cliffside Park's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance 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; audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey; and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and U.S. Uniform Guidance, require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Borough of Cliffside Park's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Borough of Cliffside Park's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Borough of Cliffside Park complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Borough of Cliffside Park is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Borough of Cliffside Park's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with U.S. Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Borough of Cliffside Park's internal control over compliance.

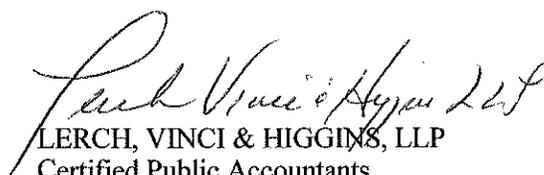
A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement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

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

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

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by U.S. Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements - regulatory basis of the Borough of Cliffside Park as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 21, 2017, which contained a modified opinion on those financial statements because they were not prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and also contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements prepared in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by U.S. Uniform Guidance are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The 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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.


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BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Grant Year	Federal CFDA Number	Grant Award Amount	2016 Grant Receipts	Balance, January 1, 2016	Revenue Realized	Expenditures	Balance December 31, 2016	(Memo) Cumulative Expenditures
U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (Passed through Bergen County Dept. of Community Development)									
Community Development - Zalewski Park	2015	14.218	229,000	\$ 229,000	\$ 50,976	-	\$ 50,976	-	229,000
Community Development- Palisade Avenue Phase II	2016	14.218	165,500			\$ 165,500	165,500	-	165,500
Community Development- Manhattan Place Pump Station	2016	14.218	25,000			25,000	25,000	-	25,000
Community Development- Little League Field Improvements	2016	14.218	154,000			154,000	154,000	-	154,000
Community Development- Spray Park	2016	14.218	253,895	253,895		253,895	253,895	-	253,895
Community Development- Sewers		14.218		65,578					
Community Development- Lawton Ave.	2014	14.218		29,223					
Community Development- Street Scape	2013	14.218		20,388					
U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Passed through State Department of Law and Public Safety)									
Hazard Mitigation Grant	2016	97.039	75,000			75,000	75,000	-	75,000
U.S. Department of Transportation - Highview Planning & Constr.									
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	2014	20.601	5,000		5,000	-		\$ 5,000	
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	2016	20.601	5,000	9,725		5,000	5,000		5,000
Click It or Ticket	2016	20.602		4,975					
New Jersey Trust Fund									
Improvements to Lafayette Ave.	2014	20.205		37,500					
ADA Curb Ramp Improvements	2013	20.205		261,722					
U.S. Department of Agriculture									
Summer Food Service Program		10.559	43,946		-	43,946	43,946	-	43,946
					<u>\$ 55,976</u>	<u>\$ 722,341</u>	<u>\$ 773,317</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

<u>State Grant Program</u>	<u>Grant Year</u>	<u>Grant Number</u>	<u>Grant Award Received</u>	<u>2016 Grant Receipts</u>	<u>Balance, January 1, 2016</u>	<u>Revenue Realized</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>	<u>Balance, December 31, 2016</u>	<u>(Memo) Cumulative Expenditures</u>
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	2016 2014	1110-448-031020-22	\$ 1,342		\$ 3,023					\$ 3,023	
Alcohol Education & Rehab	2015 2016	9735-760-001-14	5,009	9,246	5,435	\$ 5,009	\$ 5,009			5,435	5,009
Body Armor	2015 2016	1020-718-001-15	4,457	4,590	8,805	4,457	4,457	\$ 1		8,806	1,182 4,457
Clean Communities	2013 2015 2016				16,886 935	- -	- -		\$ 16,886	- 935	34,644 - 39,473
Municipal Alliance	2016			3,447		6,470	6,470				6,470
Stormwater Management		4850-100-118			4,466	-	-	-	4,466	-	167,786
					<u>\$ 39,550</u>	<u>\$ 55,409</u>	<u>\$ 55,409</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 21,352</u>	<u>\$ 18,199</u>	

Note: This schedule was not subject to the audit requirements of NJ OMB 15-08.

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

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
 NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

NOTE 1 GENERAL

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

NOTE 2 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

NOTE 3 RELATIONSHIP TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Fund	\$ 722,341	\$ 55,409	\$ 777,750
Total Financial Awards	<u>\$ 722,341</u>	<u>\$ 55,409</u>	<u>\$ 777,750</u>

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 Uniform Guidance.

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Part I – Summary of Auditor’s Results

Financial Statement Section

- A) Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified Opinion-Regulatory Basis
- B) Internal control over financial reporting:
- 1) Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes X no
- 2) Were significant deficiency(s) identified that were not considered to be material weaknesses? _____ yes _____ no X none
- C) Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ yes X no

Federal Awards Section

- D) Dollar threshold used to determine Type A programs: \$750,000
- E) Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? _____ yes X no
- F) Type of auditors' report on compliance for major programs: Unmodified
- G) Internal Control over compliance:
- 1) Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes X no
- 2) Were significant deficiency(ies) identified that were not considered to be material weaknesses? _____ yes X none reported
- H) Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance? _____ yes X no

- I) Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
<u>14.218</u>	<u>Community Development Block Grants</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

State Awards Section

Not Applicable

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

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 of *Government Auditing Standards*.

There are none.

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Part 3 – Schedule of Federal and State Award Findings and Questioned Costs

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance including questioned costs, related to the audit of major federal and state programs, as required by U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08.

CURRENT YEAR FEDERAL AWARDS

There are none.

CURRENT YEAR STATE AWARDS

Not Applicable

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

This section identifies the status of prior-year findings related to the financial statements and federal and state awards that are required to be reported in accordance with Chapter 6.12 of *Government Auditing Standards*, U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08.

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

Finding 2015-001

Condition

Certain General Capital Fund contracts were not encumbered when awarded by the Council.

Current Status

Corrective action has been taken.

BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK

PART III

SUPPORTING DATA

LETTER OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
SUPPORTING DATA**

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
CURRENT FUND**

	<u>Year 2016</u>		<u>Year 2015</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED				
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 4,400,000	6% %	\$ 4,300,000	6% %
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local				
Property Tax Levies	6,661,368	9%	7,693,459	10%
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	855,939	1%	1,069,898	1%
Collection of Current Tax Levy	63,470,096	83%	61,741,579	82%
Other Credits	1,016,194	1%	243,675	0%
	<u>76,403,597</u>	<u>100% %</u>	<u>75,048,611</u>	<u>100% %</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Budget Expenditures				
Municipal Purposes	32,681,784	46%	32,858,991	46%
County Taxes	7,321,610	10%	6,950,495	10%
Local School Taxes	31,764,375	44%	30,749,714	44%
Other Expenditures	213,854	0%	513	0%
	<u>71,981,623</u>	<u>100% %</u>	<u>70,559,713</u>	<u>100% %</u>
Excess in Revenue	4,421,974		4,488,898	
Adjustment to Income Before Fund Balance Expenditures Included Above Which by Statute are Deferred Charges to Succeeding Year's Budget	<u>-</u>		<u>21,918</u>	
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	4,421,974		4,510,816	
Fund Balance, January 1	<u>5,494,325</u>		<u>5,283,509</u>	
	9,916,299		9,794,325	
Less Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	<u>4,400,000</u>		<u>4,300,000</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 5,516,299</u>		<u>\$ 5,494,325</u>	

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
SUPPORTING DATA**

Comparative Schedule Of Tax Rate Information

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>\$2.345</u>	<u>\$2.275</u>	<u>\$2.212</u>
<u>Apportionment of Tax Rate</u>			
Municipal	.894	.867	.845
County	.265	.253	.247
Local School	1.151	1.120	1.085
Library	.035	.035	.035

Assessed Valuation

2016	<u>\$2,761,817,249</u>
2015	<u>\$2,745,295,409</u>
2014	<u>\$2,748,092,917</u>

Comparison Of Tax Levies And Collection Currently

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Collection</u>
2016	\$ 64,976,197	\$ 63,670,096	97.98%
2015	62,636,246	61,741,579	98.57%
2014	60,839,859	59,661,767	98.06%

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
SUPPORTING DATA**

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

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

<u>December 31 Year</u>	<u>Amount of Tax Title Liens</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquent Taxes</u>	<u>Total Delinquent Taxes</u>	<u>Percentage of Tax Levy</u>
2016	\$ 13,245	\$ 1,279,455	\$ 1,292,700	1.99%
2015	12,725	858,251	870,976	1.39%
2014	13,879	1,059,788	1,073,667	1.76%

Property Acquired By Tax Title Lien Liquidation

No properties have been acquired in 2016 by foreclosure or deed, as a result of liquidation of tax title liens.

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:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$31,387
2015	31,387
2014	31,387

Comparative Schedule of Fund Balances

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance, December 31</u>	<u>Utilized In Budget of Succeeding Year</u>
<u>Current Fund</u>		
2016	\$5,516,299	\$4,400,000
2015	5,494,325	4,400,000
2014	5,283,509	4,300,000
2013	5,512,021	4,300,000
2012	5,537,168	4,300,000

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
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OFFICIALS IN OFFICE AND SURETY BONDS

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount of Bond</u>
Thomas Calabrese	Mayor	
Kenneth Corcoran	Council President	
Larry Bongard	Councilman	
Bernard Fontana	Councilman	
Dana Martinotti	Councilwoman	
Donna Spoto	Councilwoman	
Peter Colao	Councilman	
Matthew Rinaldi	Assessor	
Frank Berardo	Tax Collector/Chief Financial Officer/ Purchasing Agent	\$250,000(A)
Sercan Zoklu	Borough Clerk/Deputy Borough Administrator	
Joseph Rutch	Borough Administrator	
Christos Diktas	Borough Attorney	
Kevin Boswell	Borough Engineer	
Jamie Riggi	Registrar of Vital Statistics	
John Candelmo	Construction Code Official	
Michael Sestanovich	Plumbing Inspector	
Michael Shuhala	Magistrate	\$50,000(B)
Linda D'Angelo	Court Clerk and Violations Clerk	\$50,000(B)
Janet Merrill	President Library Board of Trustees	
Stephanie Bellucci	Library Director	
Barbara Bracco	Secretary of Board of Adjustment	
Kathleen Miller	Secretary of Planning Board	
Nicole Martone	Library Treasurer	
Richard Gaito	Chief of Police	

(A) Bond written by Western Surety Company

(B) Blanket Bond written by Peerless Insurance Company

Public Employees' Honesty Blanket Position Bond issued by the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland covers all employees (except persons required by law to furnish an individual bond) in the amount of \$50,000 each.

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
SUPPORTING DATA**

LETTER OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

GENERAL COMMENTS

Current Year General Comments

Our audit of the Construction Code Department revealed that monies are not being deposited within 48 hours of receipt. It is recommended that monies collected by the Construction Code Department be deposited within 48 hours of receipt.

Our audit of tax collections revealed that interest charged on delinquent tax payments is not always in accordance with State statute. It is recommended that all delinquent tax payments be charged interest in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 and Borough resolution.

Our audit of the Borough's fixed assets revealed \$1,485,628 of additions for building improvements, land improvements and machinery and equipment that were not reflected on the Borough's fixed asset appraisal report. The financial statements were adjusted to reflect these additions. It is recommended that the Borough's fixed asset appraisal report be properly updated for all current year additions.

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

NJS 40A:11-4 states "Every contract or agreement, for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or the contract price whereof is to be paid with or out of public funds not included within the terms of Section 3 of this act, shall be 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 \$21,000 except by contract or agreement."

If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of P.L. 1971, c. 198 (C.40A:11-9), the Borough may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$40,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section. The Governing Body has designated the Chief Financial Officer as the qualified purchasing agent for the Borough.

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 a question arises as to whether any contract agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Borough Counsel's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

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

- Spray Park Improvements
- Summer Food Service Program
- 2016 Road Program and Palisade Avenue (Phase 2) Streetscape Improvements
- Little League Field Improvements
- Emergency Generators at Manhattan Place and Borough High School
- Truck Chassis with Rear Loading Packer
- Broom Street Sweeper with Belt Conveyor

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
SUPPORTING DATA**

LETTER OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

GENERAL COMMENTS

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

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.

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

Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments

The statute provides 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 5, 2016 adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 implies that affirmative action on the part of the Governing Body is required in fixing the rate of interest on delinquent taxes and assessments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park does hereby establish an interest rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500 on delinquent taxes and assessments to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no interest shall be, charged if payment of any installment is made within ten (10) days after the date upon which the same became due.

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

The last tax sale was held on December 15, 2016 and was complete.

Inspection of tax sale certificates on file revealed that all tax sale certificates were available for audit.

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Liens</u>
2016	5
2015	3
2014	6

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

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK
SUPPORTING DATA**

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Monies collected by the Construction Code Department be deposited within 48 hours of receipt.
2. All delinquent tax payments be charged interest in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 and Borough resolution.
3. The Borough's fixed asset appraisal report be properly updated for all current year additions.

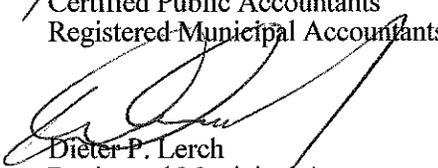
A review was performed on all prior years' recommendations and corrective action was taken on all

The findings 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 or recommendations, or should you desire assistance in implementing our recommendations, please do not hesitate to call us.



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