

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
COUNTY OF WARREN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**REPORT OF AUDIT
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

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PART I

REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2014

AUDITORS' REPORTS



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Township Committee
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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements-regulatory basis, which comprise the comparative balance sheets-regulatory basis of the various funds of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey (the "Township"), as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related comparative 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, and the related notes to the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles and practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey; and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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 Township's preparation and fair presentation of

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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 Township'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 to the financial statements, the Township prepares its financial statements in conformity with regulatory basis accounting practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the Township's policy to prepare its financial statements on the basis of accounting discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, or the results of its operations and changes in its fund balances for the years then ended.

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 of the Township, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the results of operations and changes in fund balance-regulatory basis of such funds for the years then ended and the statement of revenues-regulatory basis and statement of expenditures-regulatory basis of the various funds for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principals and practices as described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Other Matters

Report on Supplementary Information

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

The supplementary information exhibits are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements-regulatory basis. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements-regulatory basis and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements-regulatory basis, or to the basic financial statements-regulatory basis themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

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In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements-regulatory basis taken as a whole, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 13, 2015, on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ARDITO & CO., LLP



Frenchtown, New Jersey
April 13, 2015



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

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Sheet 1

ASSETS	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Cash - Treasurer	A-4	\$ 1,775,782	\$ 1,956,329
Receivables And Other Assets With Full Reserves:			
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-6	361,667	341,012
Tax Title Liens Receivable	A-7	93,170	85,277
Penalties & Interest on Taxes	A	6,333	8,960
Property Acquired for Taxes - Assessed Valuation	A-8	289,300	289,300
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-9	3,665	2,541
Municipal Open Space Tax - Due Other Trust Fund	A-17	-	34,487
Amount Due From Dog License Fund	B	-	175
Subtotal		<u>754,135</u>	<u>761,752</u>
		<u>2,529,917</u>	<u>2,718,081</u>
Federal And State Grant Fund:			
Due Current Fund	A	51,911	10,800
Federal And State Grants Receivable	A-20	73,254	94,308
Subtotal		<u>125,165</u>	<u>105,108</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 2,655,082</u>	<u>\$ 2,823,189</u>

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

CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

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Sheet 2

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>
Liabilities:			
Appropriation Reserves	A-3:10	\$ 58,284	\$ 188,616
Reserve For Encumbrances	A-11	56	13,281
Accounts Payable	A	2,331	2,781
Amount Due From Grant Fund	A	51,911	10,800
Amount Due To Other Trust Fund	B	116,116	70,593
Amount Due To General Capital Fund	C	1,041	1,072
Taxes Collected In Advance	A-12	34,311	41,859
Tax Overpayments	A-13	87,286	91,006
County Taxes Payable-Added/Omitted	A-14	-	2,859
Local District School Taxes Payable	A-15	46,234	60,358
Regional High School Taxes Payable	A-16	477,590	494,462
Municipal Open Space Tax - Due Other Trust Fund	A-17	-	-
Amount Due To State Of New Jersey For Senior Citizens And Veterans Deductions	A-18	2,690	2,690
Reserve - Joint Court	A-19	<u>7,905</u>	<u>7,905</u>
Subtotal		<u>885,755</u>	<u>988,282</u>
 Reserve For Receivables And Other Assets	 A	 754,135	 761,752
Fund Balance	A-1	<u>890,027</u>	<u>968,047</u>
Subtotal		<u>2,529,917</u>	<u>2,718,081</u>
 Federal And State Grant Fund:			
Due Current Fund	A	-	-
Reserve For State Grants - Unappropriated	A-22	12,220	12,860
Reserve For State Grants	A-21	<u>112,945</u>	<u>92,248</u>
Subtotal		<u>125,165</u>	<u>105,108</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		 <u>\$ 2,655,082</u>	 <u>\$ 2,823,189</u>

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CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

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<u>REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED</u>	<u>REF.</u>	<u>YEAR</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>YEAR</u> <u>2013</u>
Fund Balance Utilized	A-2	\$ 777,000	\$ 827,000
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-2	437,500	546,774
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	A-2	349,850	336,380
Receipts from Current Taxes	A-2	11,469,198	11,328,174
Non-Budget Revenues	A-2	45,772	97,975
Other Credits To Income:			
Unexpended Balance Of Appropriation Reserves	A-10	153,959	60,327
Interfund Returns	A	<u>34,662</u>	<u>86,012</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>13,267,941</u>	<u>13,282,642</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u> 			
Budget and Emergency Appropriations:			
Appropriations Within "CAP":			
Operations:			
Salaries and Wages	A-3	480,400	478,677
Other Expenses	A-3	614,800	720,432
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	A-3	90,571	80,102
Appropriations Excluded From "CAP":			
Operations:			
Salaries and Wages			
Other Expenses	A-3	65,545	25,558
Capital Improvements	A-3	115,000	242,965
Debt Service	A-3	239,335	136,500
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	A-3	-	-
County Taxes	A-14	2,959,255	2,839,342
Amount Due County For Added and Omitted Taxes	A-14	3,010	2,859
Local District School Taxes	A-15	3,962,960	3,996,963
Regional High School Taxes	A-16	3,872,361	3,756,105
Municipal Open Space Tax	A-6	165,724	165,900
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	A-4	-	647
Interfund Advances	B	<u>-</u>	<u>2,625</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>12,568,961</u>	<u>12,448,675</u>
Statutory Excess To Fund Balance		698,980	833,967
Fund Balance January 1	A	<u>968,047</u>	<u>961,080</u>
		1,667,027	1,795,047
Decreased by:			
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	A-1	<u>777,000</u>	<u>827,000</u>
Fund Balance December 31	A	<u>\$ 890,027</u>	<u>\$ 968,047</u>

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

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES

A-2
Sheet 1

	REF.	ANTICIPATED BUDGET	REALIZED	EXCESS OR DEFICIT
Fund Balance Anticipated	A-2	\$ 777,000	\$ 777,000	-
Miscellaneous Revenues				
Local Revenues:				
Licenses:				
Alcoholic Beverages	A-9	800	3,138	\$ 2,338
Fees and Permits	A-9	4,200	750	(3,450)
Fines and Costs:				
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-5	68,000	78,374	10,374
Interest on Investments and Deposits	A-9	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,534</u>	<u>(166)</u>
Total Local Revenues		<u>74,700</u>	<u>83,796</u>	<u>9,096</u>
State Aid:				
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid	A-9	2,318	2,318	
Energy Receipts Tax	A-9	253,273	253,273	
Garden State Trust Fund	A-9	<u>5,099</u>	<u>5,099</u>	-
Total State Aid		<u>260,690</u>	<u>260,690</u>	-
Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees				
Offset with Appropriations:				
Uniform Construction Code Fees	A-9	<u>22,000</u>	<u>57,358</u>	<u>35,358</u>

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES

A-2
Sheet 2

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>ANTICIPATED BUDGET</u>	<u>REALIZED</u>	<u>EXCESS OR DEFICIT</u>
Special Items Of Revenue Anticipated With Prior Written Consent of Local Government Services- Public and Private Revenues:				
Storm Water Grant	A-22	19,000	19,000	
Clean Communities Program	A-22	11,360	11,360	
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	A-20	3,796	3,796	
Recycling Tonnage Grant	A-22	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	-
Total Public and Private Revenues		<u>35,656</u>	<u>35,656</u>	-
 Total Miscellaneous Revenue		 <u>393,046</u>	 <u>437,500</u>	 <u>44,454</u>
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	A-2	<u>180,000</u>	<u>349,850</u>	<u>169,850</u>
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	A-2	<u>871,953</u>	<u>1,121,971</u>	<u>250,018</u>
Total General Revenues		2,221,999	2,686,321	464,322
Non-Budget Revenues:				
Other Non-Budget Revenues	A-2	<u>-</u>	<u>45,772</u>	<u>45,772</u>
		<u>\$ 2,221,999</u>	<u>\$ 2,732,093</u>	<u>\$ 510,094</u>

REF.

A-3

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

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES

A-2
Sheet 3

REF.

ANALYSIS OF REALIZED REVENUES

Allocation Of Current Tax Collections:

Revenue from Collections	A-6	\$ 11,441,128
State of New Jersey, Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions	A-6	<u>28,070</u>
	A-6	11,469,198

Allocated To:

School, County, and Municipal Open Space Taxes	A-1	<u>10,963,310</u>
Deficiency Supported by Municipal Revenues		505,888
Add(Decreased) by Appropriation: "Reserve For Uncollected Taxes"	A-3	<u>616,083</u>
Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	A-2	<u>\$ 1,121,971</u>

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES

A-2
Sheet 4

ANALYSIS OF NON-BUDGET REVENUES

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:

Treasurer:

Comcast Franchise Tax	\$ 8,237
Lease of Farmlands	28,304
Clerk Fees	4,297
Gross Receipt	100
In Lieu Taxes	2,000
Miscellaneous	<u>2,834</u>
Total Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	A-4 <u>\$ 45,772</u>

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

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

A-3
Sheet 1

<u>OPERATIONS within "CAPS"</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u>	<u>EXPENDED PAID OR CHARGED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELED</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
General Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 10,613	\$ 10,613	\$ 10,400	\$ 213	
Other Expenses:					
Other Professional, Consul. and Spec. Serv.-Codification	5,000				
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	20,000	20,000	16,162	3,838	
Human Resources (Personnel):					
Education Program for Employees	2,500	2,500	220	2,280	
Mayor and Council:					
Salaries and Wages	16,540	16,540	16,538	2	
Municipal Clerk:					
Salaries and Wages	54,510	54,510	54,510		
Financial Administration(Treasury):					
Salaries and Wages	30,610	30,610	30,524	86	
Other Expenses	3,000	3,000	2,918	82	
Audit Services:					
Other Expenses	23,700	24,200	24,200		
Revenue Administration(Tax Collection):					
Salaries and Wages	27,429	27,429	27,428	1	
Other Expenses	2,000	2,000	2,000		
Tax Assessment Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	31,950	31,950	31,950		
Other Expenses	6,500	6,500	5,624	876	
Legal Services(Legal Dept.:					
Other Expenses	26,000	26,000	24,763	1,237	
Engineering Services:					
Other Expenses	40,000	30,000	25,918	4,082	
Historical Sites office:					
Other Expenses	2,500	2,500	2,203	297	

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

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

A-3
Sheet 2

<u>OPERATIONS within "CAPS"</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u>	<u>EXPENDED PAID OR CHARGED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELED</u>
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION:					
Planning Board:					
Salaries and Wages	20,062	20,062	20,062		
Other Expenses	10,000	10,800	10,785	15	
Zoning Board Of Adjustment:					
Salaries and Wages	23,514	23,514	23,514		
Other Expenses	900	900	273	627	
CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION:					
Construction Official:					
Salaries and Wages	54,671	54,671	49,205	5,466	
Other Expenses	500	500	-	500	
INSURANCE:					
Liability and Other Insurance	87,000	91,226	91,226	0	
Unemployment Insurance	3,200	3,200	2,780	420	
Workers Compensation Insurance	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	
Employee Group Insurance	58,000	52,474	48,030	4,444	
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS:					
Office of Emergency Management:					
Salaries and Wages	14,400	14,400	14,400		
Other Expenses	300	300	227	73	
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies	53,200	53,200	49,815	3,385	
First Aid Organization-Contributions	7,500	7,500	7,500		
Fire Department:					
Other Expenses:					
Fire Hydrant Service	12,000	12,000	12,000		

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

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

A-3
Sheet 3

<u>OPERATIONS within "CAPS"</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>UNEXPENDED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>MODIFICATION</u>	<u>PAID OR</u>		<u>BALANCE</u>
			<u>CHARGED</u>		<u>CANCELED</u>
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS:					
Streets and Road Maintenance:					
Salaries and Wages	163,350	178,350	178,350		
Other Expenses	157,500	157,500	143,751	13,749	
Solid Waste Collection:					
Salaries and Wages	9,031	9,031	8,768	263	
Other Expenses	6,500				
Buildings and Grounds:					
Other Expenses	43,000	49,500	48,604	896	
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS:					
Animal Control Services(Dog Regulation):					
Salaries and Wages	8,720	8,720	8,195	525	
PARK AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS:					
Recreation Services and Programs:					
Other Expenses	5,000	5,000	5,000		
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES:					
Electricity	12,000	12,000	10,873	1,127	
Street Lighting	14,000	14,000	14,000		
Gasoline	25,000	25,000	22,673	2,327	

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

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

A-3
Sheet 4

<u>OPERATIONS within "CAPS"</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u>	<u>EXPENDED PAID OR CHARGED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELED</u>
Total Operations within "CAPS"	1,095,200	1,095,200	1,045,389	49,811	
Contingent					
Total Operations including contingent within "CAPS"	1,095,200	1,095,200	1,045,389	49,811	
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	465,400	480,400	473,844	6,556	
Other Expenses	629,800	614,800	571,545	43,255	
DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES within "CAPS":					
Statutory Expenditures:					
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	38,320	38,320	36,429	1,891	
Contribution To:					
PERS	52,251	52,251	46,925	5,326	
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures within "CAPS"	90,571	90,571	83,354	7,217	
Total General Appropriations within "CAPS"	1,185,771	1,185,771	1,128,743	57,028	

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

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	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>UNEXPENDED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Operations Excluded from "CAPS":	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>MODIFICATION</u>	<u>PAID OR</u>
			<u>RESERVED</u>
			<u>CANCELED</u>
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS OFFSET BY APPROPRIATIONS- EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS":			
Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements:			
Municipal Court (Knowlton Township):			
Other Expenses	28,000	28,000	26,744
Total Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements	28,000	28,000	26,744
Federal and State Grants:			
Municipal Alliance On Alcoholism and Drug Abuse:			
Other Expenses:			
Federal Share	3,796	3,796	3,796
Local Share	1,889	1,889	1,889
Clean Communities Program:			
Other Expenses	11,360	11,360	11,360
Wastewater Management Grant:			
Other Expenses	19,000	19,000	19,000
Recycling Tonnage Grant:			
Other Expenses	1,500	1,500	1,500
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	37,545	37,545	37,545
Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	65,545	65,545	64,289
Detail:			
Salaries and Wages			
Other Expenses	65,545	65,545	64,289
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:			
Capital Improvement Fund	75,000	75,000	75,000
Improvements to Building	30,000	30,000	30,000
Recreation Equipment	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total Capital Improvements	115,000	115,000	115,000

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

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	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>		<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u>	<u>PAID OR CHARGED</u>		
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE:					
Payment of Notes	222,600	222,600	222,600		
Payment of Interest on Notes	17,000	17,000	16,735		\$ 265
Total Municipal Debt Service	239,600	239,600	239,335		265
Total General Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS"	420,145	420,145	418,624	1,256	265
Subtotal General Appropriations	1,605,916	1,605,916	1,547,367	58,284	265
Reserve For Uncollected Taxes	616,083	616,083	616,083		
TOTALS	\$ 2,221,999	\$ 2,221,999	\$ 2,163,450	\$ 58,284	\$ 265

	Adopted Budget	REF.	A-2	\$ 2,221,999	A
				\$ 2,221,999	
				<u>REF.</u>	
Reserve for State Grants			A-22	\$ 37,545	
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes			A-2	616,083	
Reserve for Encumbrances			A-11	<u>1,509,822</u>	
				\$ 2,163,450	

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TRUST FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

B

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>
Dog License Fund:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Cash - Treasurer	B-2	\$ 3,734	\$ 3,403
Other Trust Funds:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Cash - Treasurer	B-2	306,203	692,233
Amount Due Current Fund	B-6	<u>116,116</u>	<u>36,106</u>
Total Other Trust Funds		<u>422,319</u>	<u>728,339</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 426,053</u>	<u>\$ 731,742</u>

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

Dog License Fund:			
Amount Due Current Fund	B-5	-	\$ 175
Reserve for Dog Fund Expenditures	B-3	\$ 3,683	3,193
Due State of New Jersey	B-4	<u>51</u>	<u>35</u>
Total Dog License Fund		<u>3,734</u>	<u>3,403</u>
Other Trust Fund:			
Reserve for Planning Board Escrow Deposits	B-7	48,894	48,934
Reserve for Road Opening Deposits	B-8	500	500
Reserve for COAH Deposits	B-9	50,386	50,280
Reserve for Tax Sale Premiums	B-10	144,484	100,192
Reserve for Municipal Open Space Tax	B-11	172,296	522,259
Reserve for Recreation Trust	B-12	<u>5,759</u>	<u>6,174</u>
Total Other Trust Fund		<u>422,319</u>	<u>728,339</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		<u>\$ 426,053</u>	<u>\$ 731,742</u>

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GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

C

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>
Cash - Treasurer	C-2	\$ 345,925	\$ 244,424
Accounts Receivable	C-4	250,560	250,560
Amount Due Current Fund	C-3	1,041	1,072
Deferred Charges To Future Taxation: Unfunded	C-5	<u>1,790,601</u>	<u>2,300,265</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$2,388,127</u>	<u>\$ 2,796,321</u>

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

Various Reserves	C-7	72,625	32,625
Bond Anticipation Notes	C-9	1,434,866	1,682,030
Installment Purchase Agreement	C-10	-	262,500
Capital Improvement Fund	C-6	310,492	242,992
Capital Fund Balance	C-1	20,792	20,792
Improvement Authorizations - Unfunded	C-8	314,087	327,617
Improvement Authorizations - Funded	C-8	<u>235,265</u>	<u>227,765</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		<u>\$2,388,127</u>	<u>\$ 2,796,321</u>

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

E

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Cash - Treasurer	E-1	\$ 3,065	\$ 3,064
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 3,065</u>	<u>\$ 3,064</u>

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Reserve for Public Assistance		\$ 3,065	\$ 3,064
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		<u>\$ 3,065</u>	<u>\$ 3,064</u>

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

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

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	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>
General Fixed Assets:		
Land	\$ 3,246,819	\$ 3,246,819
Buildings	1,023,423	1,023,423
Machinery and Equipment	<u>1,834,644</u>	<u>1,821,114</u>
 Total General Fixed Assets	 <u>\$ 6,104,886</u>	 <u>\$ 6,091,356</u>
 Investment In General Fixed Assets	 <u>\$ 6,104,886</u>	 <u>\$ 6,091,356</u>

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PAYROLL AGENCY FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

G

<u>ASSETS</u>	BALANCE <u>12/31/14</u>	BALANCE <u>12/31/13</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
Cash - Treasurer	\$ <u>70,480</u>	\$ <u>63,188</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>70,480</u>	\$ <u>63,188</u>

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Imprest Balances	\$ <u>70,480</u>	\$ <u>63,188</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	\$ <u>70,480</u>	\$ <u>63,188</u>

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

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

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

B. Description of Funds

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

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

Current Fund

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

Trust Funds

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Description of Funds (Continued)

General Capital Fund

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

Public Assistance Fund

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

General Fixed Assets Reporting

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

C. Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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

Foreclosed Property--Foreclosed property is recorded in the Current Fund at the assessed valuation when such property was acquired and is fully reserved.

Interfunds--Interfund receivables in the Current Fund are recorded with offsetting reserves which are created by charges to operations. Income is recognized in the year the receivables are liquidated. Interfund receivables in the other funds are not offset by reserves.

Inventories of Supplies--The cost of inventories of supplies for all funds are recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The cost of inventories are not included on the various balance sheets.

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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

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

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

The governing body shall introduce and approve the annual budget not later than February 10, of the fiscal year. The budget shall be adopted not later than March 20, and prior to adoption, must be certified by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. The Director of the Division of Local Government Services, with the approval of the Local Finance Board, may extend the introduction and approval and adoption dates of the municipal budget. The budget is prepared by fund, function, activity and line item (salary or other expense) and includes information on the previous year.

The legal level of control for appropriations is exercised at the individual line item level for all operating budgets adopted. Emergency appropriations, those made after the adoption of the budget and determination of the tax rate, may be authorized by the governing body of the municipality. During the last two months of the fiscal year, the governing body may, by a 2/3 vote, amend the budget through line item transfers. Management has no authority to amend the budget without the approval of the Government Body. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the line item level.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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

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

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

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

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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

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

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

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

Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Deposits:

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

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

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Continued)

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

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

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures" ("GASB 40"), the municipality's accounts are profiled in order to determine exposure, if any, to Custodial Credit Risk (risk that in the event of failure of the counterparty the municipality would not be able to recover the value of its deposits or investment). Deposits are considered to be exposed to Custodial Credit Risk if they are: uncollateralized or collateralized with securities held by the financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the government's name. At December 31, 2014, all of the municipality's deposits were collateralized by securities held in its name and, accordingly, not exposed to custodial credit risk. The municipality does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

As of December 31, 2014, cash and cash equivalents of the municipality consisted of the following:

	<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>	<u>Total</u>
Checking	\$ 1,938,821	\$ 1,938,821
Certificates of Deposit	566,368	566,368
	<u>\$ 2,505,189</u>	<u>\$ 2,505,189</u>

The carrying amount of the municipality's cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2014, was \$2,505,189 and the bank balance was \$2,503,176. All bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance and/or covered by a collateral pool maintained by the banks as required by New Jersey statutes. Of these bank balances, \$298,894 was covered by federal depository insurances and \$2,204,282 was covered by collateral pool.

Note 3: LONG-TERM DEBT

	Beginning Balance	Issued	Paid	Ending Balance
Long Term Debt:				
Bond Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,682,030		\$ 247,164	\$ 1,434,866
Installment Purchase Agreement	262,500		262,500	-
Compensated absences payable	None			None
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 1,944,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 509,664</u>	<u>\$ 1,434,866</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 3: LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

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

The Township debt is summarized as follows:

Summary of Municipal Debt

	YEAR <u>2014</u>	YEAR <u>2013</u>	YEAR <u>2012</u>
<u>Issued</u>			
Net Debt Issued	\$ 1,434,866	\$ 1,944,530	\$ 2,145,694
<u>Authorized But Not Issued</u>			
Total Authorized But Not Issued	<u>355,735</u>	<u>355,735</u>	<u>587,000</u>
Net Bonds and Notes Issued and Authorized But Not Issued	<u>\$ 1,790,601</u>	<u>\$ 2,300,265</u>	<u>\$ 2,732,694</u>

Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statement

The summarized statement of debt condition which follows is prepared in accordance with the required method of setting up the Annual Debt Statement and indicates a statutory net debt of 0.46%.

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
Regional School District Debt	\$ 3,623,309	\$ 3,623,309	-
Local School District Debt	1,305,000	1,305,000	-
General Debt	<u>1,790,601</u>	-	<u>\$ 1,790,601</u>
	<u>\$ 6,718,910</u>	<u>\$ 4,928,309</u>	<u>\$ 1,790,601</u>

Net Debt \$1,790,601 Divided by Equalized Valuation Basis per
N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2 as amended, \$ 389,395,561 equals 0.460%

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

3 1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$ 13,628,845
Net Debt	<u>1,790,601</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$ 11,838,244</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 3: LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

Bond Anticipation Notes

The Township has outstanding at December 31, 2014, a bond anticipation note in the amount of \$258,366 payable to PNC Bank, N.A. This note matures on October 15, 2015. The interest rate on the note was 1.04%. Principal and interest on this note is paid from the current fund budget and municipal open space trust fund reserve of the Township.

The Township has outstanding at December 31, 2014, a bond anticipation note in the amount of \$1,176,500 payable to PNC Bank, N.A.. This note matures on February 18, 2015. The interest rate on the note was 0.97% Principal and interest on this note is paid from the current fund budget.

Installment Loans

The Township has paid the final annual installment on December 31, 2014 for the installment notes related to the acquisition of B/L 26/3 known as the Siegler Farm. This note matured on December 31, 2014. The interest rate on the note was 2.5%, and was payable in annual principal installments of \$262,500. Principal and interest on this note was paid from the municipal open space trust fund reserve of the Township. The current balance is zero.

	<u>Debt Outstanding</u>
Total General Capital Loans Above	<u>\$ 1,434,866</u>

Note 4: GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

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

	<u>Balance Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Adjustments/ Deletions</u>	<u>Balance End of Year</u>
Land	\$ 3,246,819	-		\$ 3,246,819
Buildings and Improvements	1,023,423	-		1,023,423
Machinery and Equipment	<u>1,821,114</u>	<u>\$ 13,530</u>	-	<u>1,834,644</u>
	<u>\$ 6,091,356</u>	<u>\$ 13,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 6,104,886</u>

See Note 1 for municipal policy on General Fixed Assets.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 5: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

Fund Balances at December 31, 2014, which were appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in their own respective funds for the year ending December 31, 2015, were as follows:

Current Fund - \$763,650 (Introduced)

Note 6: DEFERRED CHARGES TO BE RAISED IN SUCCEEDING BUDGETS

Certain expenditures are required to be deferred to budgets of succeeding years. At December 31, 2014, the Township had no deferred charges that are required to be included in subsequent year's budgets

The appropriations in the 2015 Budget are not less than that required by statute.

Note 7: SCHOOL TAXES

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

	TOTAL DEFERRED TAX <u>12/31/14</u>	LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX BALANCE <u>12/31/14</u>	BALANCE <u>12/31/13</u>	TOTAL DEFERRED TAX <u>12/31/13</u>	REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TAX BALANCE <u>12/31/14</u>	BALANCE <u>12/31/13</u>
Balance of Tax		\$ 1,704,608	\$ 1,718,732		\$ 1,936,180	\$ 1,953,052
Deferred		<u>1,658,374</u>	<u>1,658,374</u>		<u>1,458,590</u>	<u>1,458,590</u>
Tax Payable		<u>\$ 46,234</u>	<u>\$ 60,358</u>		<u>\$ 477,590</u>	<u>\$ 494,462</u>
Tax Deferred	<u>\$ 3,116,964</u>			<u>\$ 3,116,964</u>		

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 8: PENSIONS

Description of Plans - All required employees of the Township are covered by the Public Employees' Retirement System which has been established by state statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, obligations of the System will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the Systems terminate. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the Public Employees Retirement System Fund. These reports may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625.

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

Vesting and Benefit Provisions - The vesting and benefit provisions for PERS are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and 43.3B. All benefits vest after eight to ten years of service, except for medical benefits that vest after 25 years of service. Retirement benefits for age and service are available at age 55 and are generally determined to be 1/55 of the final average salary for each year of service credit, as defined. Final average salary equals the average salary for the final three years of service prior to retirement (or highest three years' compensation if other than the final three years). Members may seek early retirement after achieving 25 years of service credit or they may elect deferred retirement after achieving eight to ten years of service in which case benefits would begin the first day of the month after the member attains normal retirement age. The PERS provides for specified medical benefits for members who retire after achieving 25 years of qualified service as defined or under the disability provisions of the

System. Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested for 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the members' accounts.

Significant Legislation - Legislation enacted during the year ended June 30, 1997, (Chapter 115, P.L. 1997) changed the asset valuation method from market related value to full-market value. This legislation also contained a provision to reduce the employee contribution rate by 1/2 of 1% to 4.5% for calendar years 1998 and 1999, and to allow for a reduction in the employee's rate after calendar year 1999, and to allow for a reduction in the employee's rate after calendar year 1999, providing excess valuation assets are available. The legislation also provided that the Township's normal contributions to the Fund may be reduced based on the revaluation of assets.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 8: PENSIONS (Continued)

Contribution Requirements - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A, Chapter 62, P.L. of 1994, Chapter 115, P.L. of 1997 and N.J.S.A. 18:66, and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. PERS provides for employee contributions of 5% of employees' annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in PERS. The actuarially determined contribution includes funding for both cost-of-living adjustments, noncontributory death benefits, and post-retirement medical premiums.

<u>Three-Year Trend Information for PERS</u>			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Net</u>
<u>Funding</u>	<u>Pension</u>	<u>of APC</u>	<u>Pension</u>
	<u>Cost (APC)</u>	<u>Contributed</u>	<u>Obligation</u>
2014	\$46,925	100%	-0-
2013	\$41,782	100%	-0-
2012	\$42,317	100%	-0-

Note 9: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

P.L. 1987, c. 384 and P.L. 1990, c.6 required Teachers' Pensions and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), respectively, to fund post-retirement medical benefits for those state employees who retire after accumulating 25 years of credited service or on a disability retirement. P.L. 2007, c.103 amended the law to eliminate the funding of post-retirement medical benefits through the TPAF and PERS. It created separate funds outside of the pension plans for the funding and payment of post-retirement medical benefits for retired state employees and retired educational employees. As of June 30, 2013, there were 100,134 retirees receiving post-retirement medical benefits, and the State contributed \$1.07 billion on their behalf. The cost of these benefits is funded through contributions by the State in accordance with P.L. 1994, c.62. Funding of post-retirement medical benefits changed from a pre-funding basis to a pay-as-you-go basis beginning in Fiscal Year 1994.

The State is also responsible for the cost attributable to P.L. 1992, c.126, which provides employer paid health benefits to members of PERS and the Alternate Benefit Program who retired from a board of education or county college with 25 years of service. The State paid \$173.8 million toward Chapter 126 benefits for 17,356 eligible retired members in Fiscal Year 2013.

GASB Statement #45 requires certain disclosures relating to governmental entities obligations for other post-employment benefits (OPEB), which are post-employment benefits other than pensions. The Municipality does not provide post-employment benefits other than pension.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 10: LEASES

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

Note 11: ACCRUED SICK AND VACATION BENEFITS

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

The Township has permitted employees to accrue unused sick pay, which may be otherwise resolved at a later date. There is no provision for accruing of vacation days if not currently used. The amount of such accrual as of December 31, 2014, is -0-.

In accordance with New Jersey principles, the amount is not reported as an expenditure or liability in the financial statements.

Note 12: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

GRANT PROGRAMS

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

LITIGATION

There are no pending lawsuits against the Township.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 13: OTHER REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

Generally accepted accounting principles require disclosure of certain information concerning individual funds including:

- A. Summary disclosures of debt service requirements for all types of outstanding debt. This requirement is met by Note 3.
- B. Summary disclosures of changes in general fixed assets by major asset class. This requirement is met by Note 4.
- C. Summary disclosures of changes in general long-term debt. This requirement is met by Note 3.
- D. Excesses of expenditures over appropriations in individual funds. There were no excess of expenditures over appropriations in any of the individual funds where budgets were required or employed as a management control device.
- E. Deficit fund balances or retained earnings balances of individual funds. There were no deficits in fund balances or retained earnings in any of the individual funds, except as noted in Note 6.
- F. Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances. All interfund receivable and payable balances outstanding at the beginning of the fiscal period were fully liquidated during the fiscal period, with the following exceptions outstanding at December 31, 2014:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS</u>	<u>DUE TO OTHER FUNDS</u>
Current Fund	-	\$ 169,068
Federal/State Grants Fund	\$ 51,911	-
Other Trust Funds	116,116	-
General Capital Fund	<u>1,041</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 169,068</u>	<u>\$ 169,068</u>

Note 14: RISK FINANCING

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

PART II
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULES

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH -TREASURER

A-4

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>
Balance December 31, 2013	A	\$ 1,956,329
Increased by Receipts:		
Collector	A-5	\$ 11,860,684
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	A-2	45,772
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-9	324,700
Municipal Open Space	A-17	64,948
Amount Due State of N.J. for Senior Citizens/Veterans Deductions	A-18	28,070
State Grant Funds	A-20	43,850
State Grant Funds	A-22	12,220
Interfund Returns - Other Trust	B	45,523
		12,425,767
		14,382,096
Decreased by Disbursements:		
2013 Appropriation Reserves	A-10	34,657
Reserve for Encumbrances	A-11	1,524,378
Tax Overpayments	A-13	2,599
County Taxes	A-14	2,965,124
Local District School Tax	A-15	3,977,084
Regional High School Tax	A-16	3,889,233
Municipal Open Space	A-17	196,185
State Grant Funds	A-21	16,848
Interfund Returns - General Capital Fund	C	31
Interfund Returns - Animal Control Fund	B	175
		12,606,314
Balance December 31, 2014	A	\$ <u>1,775,782</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - COLLECTOR

A-5

	<u>REF.</u>		
Received:			
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-2	\$ 78,374	
Taxes Receivable	A-6	11,742,654	
Tax Title Liens	A-7	1,785	
2014 Prepaid Taxes	A-12	34,311	
Tax Overpayments	A-13	<u>3,560</u>	<u>\$ 11,860,684</u>
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Payments to Treasurer	A-4		<u>\$ 11,860,684</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAX TITLE LIENS

A-7

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	A	\$ 85,277
Increased by:		
Interest and Costs		\$ 2,445
Transfers from Taxes Receivable	A-6	<u>7,240</u> <u>9,685</u>
		94,962
Decreased by:		
Canceled		7
Paid	A-5	<u>1,785</u> <u>1,792</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	A	<u>\$ 93,170</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR TAXES -
ASSESSED VALUATION

A-8

REF.

Balance December 31, 2013

A \$ 289,300

Balance December 31, 2014

A \$ 289,300

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

A-9

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>	<u>ACCRUED</u> <u>IN 2014</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u> <u>BY</u> <u>TREASURER</u>		<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>
Clerk:						
Licenses:						
Alcoholic Beverages	A-2		\$ 3,138	\$ 3,138		
Fees and Permits	A-2		750	750		
Municipal Court:						
Fines and Costs	A-2			1,230		
Interest on Investments and Deposits	A-2		1,534	1,534		
Uniform Construction Code Fees	A-2	\$ 2,541	58,482	57,358	\$	3,665
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid	A-2		2,318	2,318		
Energy Receipts Tax	A-2		253,273	253,273		
Garden State Trust Fund	A-2		5,099	5,099		
Totals		\$ 2,541	\$ 324,594	\$ 324,700	\$	3,665
	REF.		A	A-4		A

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - 2013

A-10

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>AFTER</u> <u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>PAID</u> <u>OR</u> <u>CHARGED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>LAPSED</u>
General Administration:				
Other Expenses	\$ 2,790	\$ 2,790	\$ 599	\$ 2,191
Financial Administration:				
Other Expenses	382	382	99	283
Tax Assessment:				
Other Expenses	357	357	177	180
Legal Services:				
Other Expenses	1,626	2,083	2,083	-
Engineering Services:				
Other Expenses	25,228	25,228	554	24,674
Land Use Board:				
Other Expenses	20,374	20,374	329	20,045
Zoning Board:				
Other Expenses	655	655	75	580
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies	1,261	1,261	1,261	-
Fire Department:				
Other Expenses	1,250	1,250	1,171	79
Streets and Road Maintenance:				
Salary and Wages	4,200	4,200	49	4,151
Other Expenses	6,984	8,549	8,549	-
Buildings and Grounds:				
Other Expenses	37,839	35,817	18,251	17,566
Electricity	4,012	4,012	827	3,185
Gasoline	633	633	633	-
Other Accounts - No Change	81,025	81,025		81,025
TOTALS	\$ 188,616	\$ 188,616	\$ 34,657	\$ 153,959

REF.	A	A-4	A-1
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CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES

A-11

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2013	A	\$	13,281
Increased by:			
Budget Encumbrances Appropriated	A-3	\$	1,509,822
Additional Encumbrances		<u>1,331</u>	<u>1,511,153</u>
			1,524,434
Decreased by:			
Prior Year Encumbrances Canceled	A-1	-	
Encumbrances Paid	A-4	<u>1,524,378</u>	<u>1,524,378</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	A	<u>\$</u>	<u>56</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAXES COLLECTED IN ADVANCE

A-12

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	A	\$ 41,859
Increased by:		
2015 Taxes Collected in Advance	A-5	<u>34,311</u>
		76,170
Decreased by:		
Applied to 2014 Taxes Receivable	A-6	<u>41,859</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	A	<u>\$ 34,311</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

A-13

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	A	\$ 91,006
Increased by:		
Tax Overpayments	A-5	<u>3,560</u>
		94,566
Decreased by:		
Applied to Taxes	A-6	\$ 4,681
Refunds	A-4	<u>2,599</u> <u>7,280</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	A	<u>\$ 87,286</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF COUNTY TAXES PAYABLE

A-14

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	A	\$ 2,859
Increased by:		
2014 Levy:		
County Taxes		\$ 2,581,756
County Library Taxes		204,834
County Open Space Tax		172,665
Prior Year Added and Omitted Taxes		<u>3,010</u>
	A-1:6	<u>2,962,265</u>
		2,965,124
Decreased by:		
Payments	A-4	<u>\$ 2,965,124</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	A	<u><u>-</u></u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX PAYABLE

A-15

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2013:			
School Tax Payable	A	\$ 60,358	
School Tax Deferred		<u>1,658,374</u>	\$ 1,718,732
Increased by:			
Levy - School Year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015	A-6		<u>3,962,960</u>
			5,681,692
Decreased by:			
Payments	A-4		<u>3,977,084</u>
Balance December 31, 2014:			
School Tax Payable	A	46,234	
School Tax Deferred		<u>1,658,374</u>	<u>\$ 1,704,608</u>
2014 Liability for Local District School Tax:			
Tax Paid			\$ 3,977,084
Tax Payable 12/31/14			<u>1,704,608</u>
			5,681,692
Less -- Tax Deferred for 2014			-
Less -- Tax Payable 12/31/13			<u>1,718,732</u>
Amount Charged to 2014 Operations	A-1		<u>\$ 3,962,960</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TAX PAYABLE

A-16

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013:		
School Tax Payable	A	\$ 494,462
School Tax Deferred		<u>1,458,590</u> \$ 1,953,052
Increased by:		
Levy - School Year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015	A-6	<u>3,872,361</u>
		5,825,413
Decreased by:		
Payments	A-4	<u>3,889,233</u>
Balance December 31, 2014:		
School Tax Payable	A	477,590
School Tax Deferred		<u>1,458,590</u> <u>\$ 1,936,180</u>
2014 Liability for Regional High School Tax:		
Tax Paid		\$ 3,889,233
Tax Payable 12/31/14		<u>1,936,180</u>
		5,825,413
Less -- Tax Deferred for 2014		-
Less -- Tax Payable 12/31/13		<u>1,953,052</u>
Amount Charged to 2014 Operations	A-1	<u>\$ 3,872,361</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TAX PAYABLE

A-17

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	A	\$ (34,487)
Increased by:		
Interfund Returned	A-4	\$ 64,948
2014 Municipal Open Space Tax, Including Added/Omitted	A-6	<u>165,724</u> \$ <u>230,672</u>
		196,185
Decreased by:		
Debt Service	A-4	25,301
Transfer Levy to Open Space Trust Account	A-4	165,724
Salary & Wages Paid by Current Fund	A-4	<u>5,160</u> <u>196,185</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	A	<u> -</u>

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

A-18

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	A	\$ 2,690
Increased by:		
Received in Cash from State	A-4	<u>28,070</u>
		30,760
Decreased by:		
Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions per Tax Billings		<u>28,070</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	A	<u>\$ 2,690</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR JOINT COURT

A-19

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	A	<u>\$ 7,905</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	A	<u>\$ 7,905</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF STATE GRANTS RECEIVABLE

A-20

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>	<u>RECEIVABLE</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>
Storm Water Grant	\$ 5,000			\$ 5,000
Municipal Alliance	7,592	\$ 3,796		11,388
DOT Grant - Good Springs Road	43,850		\$ 43,850	-
DOT Grant - Asbury Historic Pedestrian	37,866			37,866
Storm Water Grant	<u>-</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,000</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 94,308</u>	<u>\$ 22,796</u>	<u>\$ 43,850</u>	<u>\$ 73,254</u>
REF.	A	A-2	A-4	A

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF STATE GRANTS

A-21

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>	TRANSFER FROM 2014 BUDGET <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>
Clean Communities - CY 13		\$ 11,360		\$ 11,360
Clean Communities - CY 12	\$ 9,790		\$ 4,541	5,249
Clean Communities - CY 11	9,676		9,676	-
Clean Communities - CY 10	1,172		1,172	-
Storm Water Grant	5,000	19,000	200	23,800
Municipal Alliance - State	12,203	3,796		15,999
Municipal Alliance - Local	189	1,889	1,259	819
Solid Waste and Stormwater Grant	3,251			3,251
Tonnage Grant	9,129	1,500		10,629
ANJEC Open Space Grant	11,500			11,500
Highland Grant	7,428			7,428
Volunteer Fire Grant	344			344
DOT Grant - Asbury Historic Pedestrian	22,566			22,566
Totals	<u>\$ 92,248</u>	<u>\$ 37,545</u>	<u>\$ 16,848</u>	<u>\$ 112,945</u>
REF.	A	A-3	A-4	A

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVE FOR STATE GRANTS

A-22

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>TRANSFER</u> <u>TO BUDGET</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>
Clean Communities Grant:				
CY2014	\$ 11,360	\$ 10,657	\$ 11,360	\$ 10,657
Recycling Grant	1,500	1,563	1,500	1,563
	<u>\$ 12,860</u>	<u>\$ 12,220</u>	<u>\$ 12,860</u>	<u>\$ 12,220</u>
REF.	A	A-4	A-2	A

TRUST FUND SCHEDULES

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

B-2

		DOG	
	<u>REF.</u>	<u>LICENSES</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Balance December 31, 2013	B	\$ 3,403	\$ 692,233
Increased by Receipts:			
Dog License Fees	B-3	3,482	
State Dog License Fees	B-4	707	
Amount Due Current Fund	B-6		165,724
Planning Board Deposits	B-7		36,877
COAH Deposits	B-10		106
Open Space Deposits	B-12	-	234
Total Receipts		<u>4,189</u>	<u>202,941</u>
		<u>7,592</u>	<u>895,174</u>
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Expenditures Under R. S. 4:19-15.11	B-3	2,992	
State Dog License Fees Paid	B-4	691	
Amount Due Current Fund	B-5	175	
Amount Due Current Fund	B-6		66,594
Planning Board Escrow Returns	B-7		36,917
Open Space Payments	B-12	-	485,460
Total Disbursements		<u>3,858</u>	<u>588,971</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$ 3,734</u>	<u>\$ 306,203</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR DOG FUND EXPENDITURES

B-3

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	B	\$ 3,193
Increased by:		
Dog License Fees Collected	B-2	<u>3,482</u> 6,675
Decreased by:		
Administrative Expenditures	B-2	<u>2,992</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$ 3,683</u>

DOG LICENSE FEES COLLECTED

CY 2012	\$ 3,885
CY 2013	<u>3,263</u>
	<u>\$ 7,148</u>

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

B-4

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	B	\$ 35
Increased by:		
Collected in 2014:		
State Board of Health Fees	B-2	\$ 707
		<u>742</u>
Decreased by:		
Payments	B-2	<u>691</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$ 51</u>
		2013 \$ 35
		2014 <u>16</u>
		<u>\$ 51</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE CURRENT FUND
DOG LICENSE FUND

B-5

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	B	<u>\$ 175</u>
Decreased by:		
Interfund Returned	B-2	<u>\$ 175</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE FROM CURRENT FUND
OTHER TRUST FUND

B-6

	<u>REF.</u>		<u>DUE FROM/(TO)</u>
Balance December 31, 2013	B		\$ 36,106
Increased by:			
Open Space Interfund Returned to Current Fund	B-2	\$ 64,948	
COAH Expenses Reimbursed to Current Fund	B-2	1,646	
Open Space Levy	B-11	165,724	
Tax Sale Premiums Received in Current Fund	B-10	74,392	
Recreation Receipts Received in Current Fund	B-12	<u>62,431</u>	<u>369,141</u>
			405,247
Decreased by:			
Open Space Levy Transferred to Trust	B-2	165,724	
Tax Sale Premiums Refunded from Current Fund	B-10	30,100	
Open Space Expenses Paid from Current Fund	B-11	30,461	
Recreation Expenses Paid from Current Fund	B-12	<u>62,846</u>	<u>289,131</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B		<u>\$ 116,116</u>
<u>Detail:</u>			
COAH			\$ (32,535)
Recreation			5,759
Tax Sale Premiums			<u>142,892</u>
			<u>\$ 116,116</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR PLANNING BOARD DEPOSITS

B-7

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	B	\$ 48,934
Increased by:		
Planning Board Deposits	B-2	<u>36,877</u>
		85,811
Decreased by:		
Escrow Expenditures	B-2	<u>36,917</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$ 48,894</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ROAD OPENING DEPOSITS

B-8

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	B	<u>\$ 500</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$ 500</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR COAH DEPOSITS

B-9

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	B	\$ 50,280
Increased by:		
COAH Receipts	B-2	<u> 106</u> 50,386
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$ 50,386</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR TAX SALE PREMIUMS

B-10

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	B	\$100,192
Increased by:		
Tax Sale Premium Receipts	B-6	<u>74,392</u>
		174,584
Decreased by:		
Tax Sale Premium Refunds	B-6	<u>30,100</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$144,484</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TAX

B-11

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2013	B		\$ 522,259
Increased by:			
Tax Levy	B-6	\$ 165,724	
Interest Credits	B-2	<u>234</u>	<u>165,958</u>
			688,217
Decreased by:			
Open Space Expenses Paid by Current Fund - Debt Service & Wages	B-6	30,461	
Musconetcong Watershed	B-2	150,557	
Guinta/Onembo Open Space Acquisition, Net of State and County Share	B-2	41	
Land Conservancy of New Jersey	B-2	11,500	
Open Space Expenses	B-2	54,299	
Sigler Farm Installment Purchase Payment	B-2	<u>269,063</u>	<u>515,921</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B		<u>\$ 172,296</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR RECREATION TRUST DEPOSITS

B-12

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2014	B	\$ 6,174
Increased by:		
Recreation Deposits Received by Current Fund	B-6	<u>62,431</u> 68,605
Decreased by:		
Recreation Expenses Paid by Current Fund	B-6	<u>62,846</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$ 5,759</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULES

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH -TREASURER

C-2

	<u>REF.</u>						
Balance December 31, 2013	C	\$	244,424				
Increased by Receipts:							
Current Fund Budgeted Appropriation - Capital Improvement Fund	C-6	\$	75,000				
Current Fund Budgeted Appropriation - Other Reserves	C-7		40,000				
Interest Credits	C-3		<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">31</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">115,031</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">359,455</td> </tr> </table>	31	115,031		359,455
31	115,031						
	359,455						
Decreased by Disbursements:							
Improvements Authorizations Paid	C-8		13,530				
Balance December 31, 2014	C	\$	345,925				

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE CURRENT FUND

C-3

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	C	\$ 1,072
Decreased by:		
Interest Credits Due Current Fund	C-2	<u>31</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	C	<u>\$ 1,041</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

C-4

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	C	<u>\$ 250,560</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	C	<u>\$ 250,560</u>

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Prior Years Receipts</u>	<u>Current Year Receipts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>Detail:</u>				
Due fom Developer's - Mountain Road	\$ 19,560			\$ 19,560
State of New Jersey - DOT Grant - Morris Canal	200,000	-		200,000
State of New Jersey - DOT Grant - Stewartsville/Millbrook/Willowgrove Roads	<u>181,000</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	-	<u>31,000</u>
	<u>\$ 400,560</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 250,560</u>

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

C-5

<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>	<u>PAID BY</u> <u>OPEN SPACE</u> <u>TRUST BUDGET</u>	<u>PAID BY</u> <u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ANALYSIS OF BALANCE</u>		
				<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	<u>DEBT</u> <u>AUTHORIZED</u> <u>NOT ISSUED</u>	<u>BONDS/</u> <u>NOTES</u>
Millbrook and Other Road Improvements	\$ 32,000		\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000		\$ 16,000
Halfway House/Good Springs Rds.Improvements	10,000		5,000	5,000		5,000
Mountain View Road	149,235			149,235	\$ 149,235	
Open Space Acquisition	49,130	\$ 24,564		24,566		24,566
Restoration of Morris Canal	66,500			66,500	66,500	-
Acquisition of Real Property	199,500		66,500	133,000		133,000
Road Improvements	106,400		26,600	79,800		79,800
Paving, Fire Pumper, Township Building Improvements.	1,425,000		108,500	1,316,500	140,000	1,176,500
Installment Purchase of Siegler Farm B26/L3 & 8	262,500	262,500		-		-
	\$2,300,265	\$ 287,064	\$ 222,600	\$1,790,601	\$ 355,735	\$ 1,434,866
REF.	C	C-9:10	C-9	C		C-9

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
STATEMENT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

C-6

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	C	\$ 242,992
Increased by:		
General Fund Budget Appropriation - Capital Improvement Fund	C-2	<u>75,000</u> 317,992
Decreased by:		
Improvement Authorizations	C-8	<u>7,500</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	C	<u>\$ 310,492</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF VARIOUS RESERVES FOR IMPROVEMENTS

C-7

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	C	\$ 32,625
Increased by:		
General Fund Budget Appropriation - Building Improvements	C-2	\$ 30,000
General Fund Budget Appropriation - Recreation Equipment	C-2	<u>10,000</u>
		<u>40,000</u> 72,625
Balance December 31, 2014	C	<u>\$ 72,625</u>
 <u>Detail:</u>		
Road Improvements		\$ 32,625
Building Improvements		30,000
Recreation Equipment		<u>10,000</u>
		<u>\$ 72,625</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

C-8

<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>ORDINANCE</u>		<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>		<u>CAPITAL</u> <u>IMPROVEMENT</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>PAID OR</u> <u>CHARGED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	
		<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDED</u>	<u>UNFUNDED</u>			<u>FUNDED</u>	<u>UNFUNDED</u>
Purchase Fire/First Aid/Road Equipment and Land Acquisition	99-15	7-26-99	\$ 600,000		\$ 30,658		\$ 13,530	\$	17,128
Restoration of Morris Canal	06-08	9-11-06	270,000	\$ 202,101	66,500			\$	202,101
Road Improvements - Stewartsville Rd, Millbrook Road, Willow Grove Rd	07-14	9-10-07	461,000		62,651				62,651
Paving, Fire Pumper, Township Building Improvements.	10-10	8-2-10	1,500,000		167,808				167,808
Recreation Equipment for Community Center	10-15	12-6-10	9,000	5,200					5,200
Repairs and Construction of Sidewalks	11-4	3-7-11	9,000	9,000					9,000
New DPW Dump Truck and Accessories	11-05	3-7-11	66,000	893					893
Various Building Improvements- Security/Surveillance, Equipment and Building Furniture	12-07	5-7-12	22,250	9,461					9,461
Municipal Building Network Attached Storage Devise and Server	13-6	6-3-13	9,870	1,110					1,110
Amended	13-13	12-2-13							
New Computer Equipment for Various Township Departments	14-5	8-4-14	7,500			\$ 7,500			7,500
				\$ 227,765	\$ 327,617	\$ 7,500	\$ 13,530	\$ 235,265	\$ 314,087
REF.				C	C	C-6	C-2	C	C

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

C-9

<u>Ordinance</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ISSUE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL DATE OF ISSUE</u>	<u>DATE OF ISSUE</u>	<u>DATE OF MATURITY</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>BALANCE 12/31/13</u>	<u>DECREASED</u>	<u>BALANCE 12/31/14</u>
04-14	Halfway House/Good Springs Road	\$ 70,000	3-04-05	10-16-14	10-15-15	1.04%	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
04-03	Millbrook Road	160,000	3-04-05	10-16-14	10-15-15	1.04%	32,000	16,000	16,000
05-12	Open Space	810,000 400,000	11-28-05 12-29-06	10-16-14 10-16-14	10-15-15 10-15-15	1.04% 1.04%	49,130	24,564	24,566
06-13	Acquisition of Real Property	665,000	12-29-06	10-16-14	10-15-15	1.04%	199,500	66,500	133,000
07-14	Road Improvements	266,000	10-25-07	10-16-14	10-15-15	1.04%	106,400	26,600	79,800
10-10	Paving, Fire Pumper, Township Building Improvements.	350,000	2-22-11	2-19-14	2-18-15	0.97%	350,000	35,000	315,000
10-10	Paving, Fire Pumper, Township Building Improvements.	735,000	9-7-11	2-19-14	2-18-15	0.97%	735,000	73,500	661,500
10-10	Paving, Fire Pumper, Township Building Improvements.	200,000	2-20-13	2-19-14	2-18-15	0.97%	200,000		200,000
							\$ 1,682,030	\$ 247,164	\$ 1,434,866

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Municipal Open Space Trust Fund Reserve	\$ 24,564
Current Fund Budget	<u>222,600</u>
	<u>\$ 247,164</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

C-10

<u>Ordinance</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ISSUE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL DATE OF ISSUE</u>	<u>DATE OF MATURITY</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>BALANCE 12/31/13</u>	<u>DECREASED</u>	<u>BALANCE 12/31/14</u>
2010-11	Purchase of Siegler Farm B26/L3 & 8	\$ 1,100,000	11-1-10	12-31-14	\$262,500	2.50%	\$ 262,500	\$ 262,500	-
							\$ 262,500	\$ 262,500	-
	REF.						C	C-5	C

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND SCHEDULES

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

E-1

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>P.A.T.F.</u> <u>#1</u>	<u>P.A.T.F.</u> <u>#2</u>	<u>FUND</u> <u>TOTAL</u>
Balance December 31, 2013	E	<u>\$ 3,064</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,064</u>
Increased by Receipts:				
Transfer				
Interest Credits		1		1
Total Receipts		<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
		<u>3,065</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,065</u>
Decreased by Disbursements:				
Transfer to Warren County				-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	E	<u>\$ 3,065</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 3,065</u>

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2014
SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONS AND RETIREMENTS

F-1

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>DELETIONS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>
General Fixed Assets:				
Land	\$ 3,246,819			\$ 3,246,819
Buildings and Improvements	1,023,423			1,023,423
Machinery and Equipment	<u>1,821,114</u>	<u>\$ 13,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,834,644</u>
Total General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 6,091,356</u>	<u>13,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 6,104,886</u>
 Investment In General Fixed Assets	 <u>\$ 6,091,356</u>	 <u>\$ 13,530</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>\$ 6,104,886</u>

**PART III
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

General Comments

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

Schedule of Federal/State Awards

Status of Prior Audit Findings

Schedule of Findings and Responses

GENERAL COMMENTS

Scope of Audit

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

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

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

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

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

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

Effective July 1, 2011, the bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-3(c) (as amended) is increased to \$36,000 for Qualified Purchasing Agents (QPA), and \$17,500 for units without QPA's.

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

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

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

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

Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments

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

The governing body, on January 6, 2014, adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes.

RESOLUTION 2014-14 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES OF THE ASSESSMENTS

"**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said 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. and allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000. on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500. of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500. becoming delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000. and remains in arrears beyond December 31st, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency.

Effective January 1, 2014, there will be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments made by cash, check or money order.

Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two of this resolution shall be charged interest from due date as set forth in paragraph one of this resolution."

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

The governing body included in the above resolution, provisions enabling the \$10,000. delinquency penalty provisions.

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

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

The delinquent taxes at December 31, 2014, include only real property items on the 2012, 2013 and 2014 tax levies.

The last tax sale was held on November 24, 2014 and was complete.

Inspection of tax sale certificates on file revealed that all tax sale certificates from tax sales 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>
2014	11
2013	9
2012	9

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 taxpaying basis.

Verification of Delinquent Taxes and Other Charges

Verification notices were mailed to confirm balances as of November 10, 2014. The items that were returned were compared to and are in agreement with the Township's records. For items not returned, alternative procedures were performed.

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

	Type of Receivable - Real Property Tax			
	Date of Circulars - November 10, 2014			
Verification <u>Type</u>	Request <u>Form</u>	Total No. <u>of Items</u>	Total No. of <u>Circular</u>	Total No. <u>Returned</u>
2014 Property Tax	Positive	1,750	60	27
2015 Property Tax	Positive	1,750	60	27
2014 Delinquent Tax	Negative	664	25	5

Technical Accounting Directives

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

<u>Requirement</u>	<u>FY 2014 Required Implementation</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
A. General Ledger Accounting System	X	
B. Encumbrance Accounting	X	
C. Purchase Order System	X	
D. Fixed Asset Accounting and Reporting System	X	

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

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED

	<u>YEAR 2014</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>YEAR 2013</u>	<u>%</u>
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 777,000	5.86%	\$ 827,000	6.23%
Miscellaneous - From Other Than				
Local Property Tax Levies	671,893	5.06%	791,088	5.96%
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and				
Tax Title Liens	349,850	2.64%	336,380	2.53%
Collection of Current Tax Levy	<u>11,469,198</u>	<u>86.44%</u>	<u>11,328,174</u>	<u>85.29%</u>
Total Income	<u>13,267,941</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>13,282,642</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

EXPENDITURES

Budget Expenditures:				
Municipal Purposes	1,605,651	12.77%	1,684,881	13.53%
County Taxes	2,962,265	23.57%	2,842,201	22.83%
Local and Regional Taxes	7,835,321	62.34%	7,753,068	62.28%
Municipal Open Space Tax	165,724	1.32%	165,900	1.33%
Interfund Advances	<u>-</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>2,625</u>	<u>0.02%</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$12,568,961</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 12,448,675</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Statutory Excess To Fund Balance	698,980		833,967	
Fund Balance January 1	968,047		961,080	
Less:				
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	<u>777,000</u>		<u>827,000</u>	
Fund Balance December 31	<u>\$ 890,027</u>		<u>\$ 968,047</u>	

Comparative Schedule of Tax Rate Information

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>\$2.859</u>	<u>\$2.817</u>	<u>\$2.783</u>
<u>Apportionment of Tax Rate:</u>			
Municipal	\$0.210	\$0.183	\$0.177
Municipal Open Space Tax	\$0.040	\$0.040	\$0.040
County	\$0.716	\$0.686	\$0.683
Local School	\$0.958	\$0.965	\$0.959
Regional High School	\$0.935	\$0.943	\$0.924

Assessed Valuation:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2014	\$413,887,023
2013	\$414,333,111
2012	\$420,009,129

Comparison of Tax Levies and Collection Currently

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Collections</u>
2014	\$11,844,159	\$11,464,518	96.79%
2013	\$11,685,755	\$11,321,279	96.88%
2012	\$11,698,606	\$11,339,935	96.93%

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

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

<u>Dec.31 Year</u>	<u>Amount of Tax Title Liens</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquent Taxes</u>	<u>Total Delinquent</u>	<u>Percentage of Tax Levy</u>
2014	\$93,170	\$361,667	\$454,837	3.84%
2013	\$85,277	\$341,012	\$426,289	3.65%
2012	\$82,674	\$325,447	\$408,121	3.49%

Property Acquired by Tax Title Lien Liquidation

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2014	\$289,300
2013	\$289,300
2012	\$289,300

Comparitive Schedule of Fund Balances

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Utilized In Budget of Succeeding Year Defer School Tax (C.63, P.L.1991)</u>
2014	\$ 890,027	\$ 763,650	NONE
2013	\$ 968,047	\$ 627,000	\$150,000
2012	\$ 961,080	\$ 502,000	\$350,000
2011	\$ 925,713	\$ 793,000	\$130,000
2010	\$ 929,674	\$ 753,212	\$170,000
2009	\$ 990,953	\$ 480,000	\$510,000
2008	\$ 784,845	\$ 566,000	\$200,000
2007	\$ 764,086	\$ 755,000	NONE

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount of Bond</u>	<u>Name Of Corporate Surety</u>
Bonnie Butler	Mayor		
Michael Toretta	Committeeperson		
Jacob Pence	Committeeperson		
Joe Flynn	Committeeperson		
Jeffery DeAngelis	Committeeperson		
Denise L. Becton	Clerk; Registrar of Vital Statistics; Assessment Search Officer		
Karin Kneafsey	Collector; Tax Search Officer	\$1,000,000	MEL/JIF Blanket Coverage

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds (Continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount of Bond</u>	<u>Name Of Corporate Surety</u>
Dawn Stanchina	Certified Municipal Finance Officer	\$1,000,000	MEL/JIF Blanket Coverage
Peggy Houseman	Land Use Board Secretary; Open Space Secretary; Dog Licensing Official		
Eloise Hagaman	Assessor		
James Onembo	Zoning Officer		
Walter VanLieu	Construction Official		
Dominick C. Santini	Magistrate		
Roseanne McPartland	Court Administrator		
Betty and Gary Wysocki	Animal Control Officer		

The minimum bond coverage for the Tax Collector based on prior year tax levies is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Collector</u>
2014	\$108,714

Employee bonds were not maintained for the Franklin Municipal Court for 2014 as the court is part of an inter-local service provided by Knowlton Township.

There is a public employees' blanket bond in the amount of \$50,000 provided by the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund for coverage of those positions not otherwise bonded by

All the bonds were examined and were properly executed.



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

Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Township Committee
Township of Franklin
P.O. Box 547
County of Warren, New Jersey
Broadway, New Jersey 08808

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Governments Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the regulatory-basis financial statements of the Township of Franklin in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township of Franklin's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 13, 2015, which indicated that the financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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Frenchtown, New Jersey
April 13, 2015



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SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL/STATE AWARDS

SCHEDULE OF STATE AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

STATE GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM OR AWARD AMOUNT	GRANT PERIOD	FUND REF.	CASH ACCRUED OR DEFERRED REVENUE BALANCE		RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS		CASH ACCRUED OR DEFERRED REVENUE BALANCE	
					AT 1/1/14		PROGRAM	OTHER	PROGRAM	OTHER	AT 12/31/14	
DEPT. OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS												
Municipal Alliance Program N.J.S.40A:11-5(a)	N/A	\$ 3,796	2014	A							-	
		\$ 3,796	2010	A	\$	3,796					\$ 3,796	
		\$ 3,868	2008	A		401					401	
		\$ 3,435	2009	A		414					414	
DEPT. OF ENVIR. PROTECTION												
Solid Waste Admin.-Clean Communities Program	4900-765-178900	\$ 10,657	2014	A			\$	10,657			10,657	
		\$ 11,360	2013	A		11,360					11,360	
		\$ 9,676	2012	A		9,790			\$	4,541	5,249	
		\$ 9,790	2011	A		9,676				9,676	-	
		\$ 9,668	2010	A		1,172				1,172	-	
DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION												
NJ Transportation Fund Authority Act Good Spring Road	N/A	\$ 152,965	2013	A		(43,850)		43,850			-	
Asbury Historic Pedestrian	N/A	\$ 104,770	2011	A		(15,300)					(15,300)	
DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES												
Payments to Municipalities for Cost of General Assistance (State Share)	75050-150-158010-60	N/A	N/A	E		3,064		\$	1		3,065	
OTHER STATE AIDS												
Storm Water Drainage Grant	N/A	\$ 5,000	2006	A		3,251				200	3,051	
Storm Water Drainage Grant	N/A	\$ 19,000	2014	A							-	
ANJEC Open Space Grant	N/A	\$ 6,000	2006	A		11,500					11,500	
Highlands Grant	N/A	\$ 7,500	2006	A		7,428					7,428	
Recycling Grant	N/A	\$ 508	2006	A		508					508	
Recycling Grant	N/A	\$ 404	2007	A		404					404	
Recycling Grant	N/A	\$ 928	2008	A		928					928	
Recycling Grant	N/A	\$ 1,694	2009	A		1,694					1,694	
Recycling Grant	N/A	\$ 3,331	2010	A		3,331					3,331	
Recycling Grant	N/A	\$ 2,264	2012	A		2,264					2,264	
Recycling Grant	N/A	\$ 1,500	2013	A		1,500					1,500	
Recycling Grant	N/A	\$ 1,563	2014	A				1,563			1,563	
TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE						\$ 13,331	\$ 56,070	1	\$ 15,589	\$ -	\$ 53,813	

Note: This Schedule was not subject to an audit in accordance with NJOMB Circular 04-04.
The accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

NOTE 1. GENERAL

The accompanying Schedules of Expenditures of State Awards present the activity of all state award programs of the Township of Franklin. The Township of Franklin is defined in Note 1 to the Township's financial statements. All state awards received directly from federal and state agencies, as well as federal and state awards passed through other government agencies, are included on the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards. There were no federal awards for the current period.

NOTE 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying Schedules of Expenditures of State Awards are presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in these schedules is presented in accordance with the requirements of federal OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations. However, the Township was not subject to the single audit provisions of Federal OMB Circular A-133 or New Jersey OMB Circular NJOMB 04-04, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid for 2014 as grant expenditures were less than the single audit thresholds of \$500,000, identified in the Circulars.

NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

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Occurrence

2013-1 I suggest that all interfunds be transferred to their respective funds.

STATUS - Finding is corrected in CY 2014.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
GENERAL FINDINGS

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GENERAL FINDINGS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Summary of Auditor's Results

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

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

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

The Township was not subject to the single audit provisions of Federal OMB Circular A-133 or New Jersey OMB Circular NJOMB 04-04, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid for 2014 as grant expenditures were less than the single audit thresholds of \$500,000, identified in the Circulars.

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

Finding

Federal and State Grants:

Various aged grant receivables and spending reserve balances exist as of December 31, 2014.

2014-1 We recommend that the township investigate the disposition of aged grant receivables and reserves.

Tax Collection:

Aged tax overpayments of \$87,286 were noted.

2014-2 We recommend that the township refund, cancel, or apply aged tax overpayments to current taxes, as deemed appropriated by the tax collector.

Payroll:

The payroll agency account is overfunded by approximately \$60,000.

2014-3 We recommend that the township return any remaining idle cash in the payroll agency account to the current fund.

(*) Prior Year Finding