

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

**REPORT OF AUDIT
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK

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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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County of Warren
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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 Hardwick, 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 30, 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 30, 2015



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

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Sheet 1

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Cash - Treasurer	A-4	\$ 896,107	\$ 950,703
Subtotal		<u>896,107</u>	<u>950,703</u>
Accounts Receivable - Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions	A-17	<u>956</u>	<u>956</u>
Receivables And Other Assets With Full Reserves:			
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-6	120,080	86,337
Tax Title Liens Receivable	A-7	<u>54,620</u>	<u>48,727</u>
Subtotal		<u>174,700</u>	<u>135,064</u>
Deferred Charges:			
Emergencies	A-21	<u>41,922</u>	<u>60,563</u>
Subtotal		<u>1,113,685</u>	<u>1,147,286</u>
Federal And State Grant Fund:			
Amount Due Current Fund	A	89,983	156,700
State Grants Receivable	A-18	<u>256,972</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Subtotal		<u>346,955</u>	<u>161,700</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 1,460,640</u>	<u>\$ 1,308,986</u>

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

CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

A
Sheet 2

		<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities:			
Appropriation Reserves	A-3:10	\$ 23,984	\$ 50,285
Amount Due to Grants Fund	A	89,983	156,700
Amount Due to Other Trust Fund	B	48,105	1,705
Amount Due to General Capital Fund	C	7,430	4,256
Taxes Collected In Advance	A-11	37,414	84,209
Tax Overpayments	A-12	-	929
Local School Taxes Payable	A-14	37,426	46,027
Regional School Taxes Payable	A-15	181,473	142,915
Due Municipal Open Space Trust Fund	A-16	264	99
Reserve for Township School Obligations	A-20	<u>127,586</u>	<u>171,086</u>
		553,665	658,211
 Reserve For Receivables And Other Assets	 A	 174,700	 135,064
Fund Balance	A-1	<u>385,320</u>	<u>354,011</u>
Subtotal		<u>1,113,685</u>	<u>1,147,286</u>
 Federal And State Grant Fund:			
Reserve For State Grants	A-19	<u>346,955</u>	<u>161,700</u>
Subtotal		<u>346,955</u>	<u>161,700</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		 <u>\$ 1,460,640</u>	 <u>\$ 1,308,986</u>

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CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

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	<u>REF.</u>	<u>YEAR</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>YEAR</u> <u>2013</u>
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED			
Fund Balance Utilized	A-2	\$ 124,221	\$ 124,898
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-2	628,604	554,388
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	A-2	72,682	117,775
Receipts from Current Taxes	A-2	4,579,584	4,494,579
Non-Budget Revenues	A-2	9,809	87,253
Other Credits To Income:			
Unexpended Balance Of Appropriation Reserves	A-10	37,530	52,787
Interfund Returns - Grants Fund	A	-	4,973
Interfund Returns - General Capital Fund	C	266	-
Interfund Returns - Trust Funds	B	-	-
Total Income		<u>5,452,696</u>	<u>5,436,653</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Budget and Emergency Appropriations:			
Appropriations Within "CAP":			
Operations:			
Salaries and Wages	A-3	272,390	264,540
Other Expenses	A-3	383,750	364,889
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	A-3	52,628	51,890
Appropriations Excluded From "CAP":			
Operations:			
Salaries and Wages	A-3	850	820
Other Expenses	A-3	266,413	186,033
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	A-3	32,081	19,897
Capital Improvements	A-3	-	80,660
Municipal Debt Service	A-3	69,848	74,200
County Taxes	A-13	1,433,204	1,387,878
Amount Due County For Added and Omitted Taxes	A-13	4,971	2,951
Local District School Taxes	A-14	1,301,308	1,318,510
Regional High School Taxes	A-15	1,442,248	1,365,132
Municipal Open Space Tax	A-16	47,475	47,414
Interfund Advance - General Capital	C	-	-
Refund Of Prior Years Revenue	A-4	-	-
Total Expenditures		<u>5,307,166</u>	<u>5,164,814</u>
Excess in Revenue		145,530	271,839
Adjustments to Income Before Fund Balance:			
Expenditures Included Above Which are by Statute			
Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year	A-3	<u>10,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance		155,530	284,839
Fund Balance January 1	A	<u>354,011</u>	<u>194,070</u>
		509,541	478,909
Decreased by:			
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	A-1	<u>124,221</u>	<u>124,898</u>
Fund Balance December 31	A	<u>\$ 385,320</u>	<u>\$ 354,011</u>

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES

A-2
Sheet 1

		<u>ANTICIPATED</u>	<u>ADDED BY</u>		<u>EXCESS OR</u>
<u>REF.</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>NJS 40A:4-87</u>	<u>REALIZED</u>	<u>DEFICIT</u>	
Fund Balance Anticipated	A-1 \$ 124,221	-	\$ 124,221	-	
Miscellaneous Revenues:					
LOCAL REVENUES:					
Interest and Costs On Taxes	A-5 20,000	-	18,087	\$ (1,913)	
Total Local Revenues	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,087</u>	<u>(1,913)</u>	
STATE AID REVENUES:					
Energy Receipts Tax	A-8 120,959		120,959	-	
Reserve for Garden State Trust Fund	A-8 22,315	-	22,315	-	
Total State Aid	<u>143,274</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,274</u>	<u>-</u>	
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT REVENUES:					
Clean Communities Program	A-18 7,800		7,800	-	
Recycling Grant	A-18 913		913	-	
PSE&G	A-18 101,617		101,617	-	
NJDOT Grant	A-18	\$ 150,000	150,000	-	
Municipal Alliance	A-18 -	355	355	-	
Total Federal and State Grant Revenues	<u>110,330</u>	<u>150,355</u>	<u>260,685</u>	<u>-</u>	
OTHER SPECIAL ITEMS:					
Alina Lodge-In Lieu Payments	A-8 30,000		30,000	-	
Warren County - PILT Community Services	A-8 11,000		11,953	-	
Impact Aid	A-20 43,500		43,500	-	
Cell Tower Rentals	A-8 50,000	-	121,105	71,105	
Total Other Special Items	<u>134,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>206,558</u>	<u>71,105</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	A-1 <u>408,104</u>	<u>150,355</u>	<u>628,604</u>	<u>69,192</u>	
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	A-1 <u>96,004</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,682</u>	<u>(23,322)</u>	
Amount To be Raised by Taxes For Support Of Municipal Budget:					
Local Tax For Municipal Purposes	A-2 <u>474,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>535,653</u>	<u>61,090</u>	
Total General Revenues	<u>1,102,892</u>	<u>150,355</u>	<u>1,361,160</u>	<u>106,960</u>	
Non-Budget Revenues:					
Other Non-Budget Revenues	A-1:2		9,809	9,809	
	<u>\$ 1,102,892</u>	<u>\$ 150,355</u>	<u>\$ 1,370,969</u>	<u>\$ 116,769</u>	
REF.	A-3		A-1		

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

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES

A-2
Sheet 2

ANALYSIS OF REALIZED REVENUES

	<u>REF.</u>	
Allocation Of Current Tax Collections:		
Revenue from Collections	A-6	\$ 4,564,650
State of New Jersey, Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions	A-6	<u>14,934</u>
		4,579,584
Allocated To:		
School and County Taxes	A-6	<u>4,229,206</u>
Deficiency Supported by Municipal Revenues		350,378
Add (Decreased) by:		
Appropriation "Reserve For Uncollected Taxes	A-3	<u>185,275</u>
Amount For Support Of Municipal Budget Appropriations	A-2	<u>\$ 535,653</u>

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES

A-2
Sheet 3

ANALYSIS OF NON-BUDGET REVENUES

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:	<u>REF.</u>		
Treasurer:			
Interest on Investments		\$ 1,767	
Marriage Fees		140	
Permit Fees		705	
Planning Board		200	
Cable TV Fees		1,305	
Auction		2,100	
Vet/Senior Fee		299	
Miscellaneous		<u>1,785</u>	
	A-4		\$ 8,301
Tax Collector:			
Miscellaneous	A-5		<u>1,508</u>
			<u>\$ 9,809</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 CANCELLED</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS:					
General Administration:					
Other Expenses:					
Other Professional, Consultant & Services(Codification)	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900		
Miscellaneous Other Expenses (Master Plan Special Emergency Approp., 40A:4-53, \$10,000)	18,700	24,200	22,674	\$ 1,526	
			-		
Human Resources (Personnel):					
Education Program for Employees	1,200	1,200	841		359
Mayor and Council:					
Salaries and Wages	8,450	8,450	8,405		45
Municipal Clerk:					
Salaries and Wages	40,600	40,600	40,354		246
Financial Administration(Treasury):					
Salaries and Wages	16,800	16,800	16,688		112
Other Expenses	800	2,100	1,504		596
Audit Services:					
Other Expenses	18,100	18,100	18,100		
Revenue Administration (Tax Collection):					
Salaries and Wages	14,250	14,250	14,205		45
Other Expenses	3,000	2,000	1,839		161
Tax Assessment Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	18,600	18,600	18,524		76
Other Expenses:					
Other Professional, Consultant & Services(Tax Map)	2,000				
Web Site Administration	750	750	750		
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	4,000	4,000	3,111		889
Legal Services (Legal Dept.):					
Other Expenses:					
Regular Counsel	32,000	26,600	24,480		2,120
Engineering Services:					
Other Expenses	15,000	14,100	14,020		80
Historial Sites:					
Other Expenses	500	500	500		
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION:					
Planning Board:					
Salaries and Wages	6,200	6,200	6,105		95
Other Expenses	8,000	7,000	4,365		2,635
Zoning Board of Adjustment:					
Salaries and Wages	3,700	3,700	3,675		25
Other Expenses	2,000	2,000	1,812		188

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 CANCELLED</u>
CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION:					
Code Enforcement Officer:					
Salaries and Wages	11,350	11,350	11,284	66	
Other Expenses	200	310	303	7	
INSURANCE:					
Liability Insurance	58,900	58,900	57,891	1,009	
Employee Health Insurance	52,882	49,882	48,190	1,692	
Unemployment Insurance	2,300	2,300	1,485	815	
Other Insurance Premiums	900	900	605	295	
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS:					
Office of Emergency Management:					
Salaries and Wages	2,150	2,150	2,073	77	
Other Expenses	500	500	271	229	
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies-Adjoining	11,250	11,250	11,250	0	
Contribution to First Aid Organizations	9,128	9,128	9,128		
Municipal Prosecutor's Office:					
Other Expenses	100	100	-	100	
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS:					
Streets and Road Maintenance:					
Salaries and Wages	135,780	141,480	141,451	29	
Other Expenses	99,800	106,800	106,194	606	
Solid Waste Collection(Recycling Program):					
Salaries and Wages	260	260	214	46	
Other Expenses	250	830	757	73	
Buildings and Grounds:					
Other Expenses	7,500	7,700	7,653	47	
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS:					
Environmental Health Services:					
Other Expenses	200	200	-	200	
Animal Control Services:					
Salaries and Wages	8,550	8,550	8,509	41	
Other Expenses	100	100	-	100	
Contribution to Senior Citizens Center	500	500	500		
OTHER COMMON OPERATING FUNCTIONS:					
(Unclassified):					
Celebration of Public Events	1,000	1,000	415	585	
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES:					
Electricity	5,000	5,000	2,865	2,135	
Street Lighting	700	700	417	283	
Telephone	7,000	7,000	6,226	774	
Gas (Natural or Propane)	6,000	6,000	5,686	314	
Fuel Oil	8,000	10,200	10,116	84	

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</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER</u> <u>MODIFICATION</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u> <u>PAID OR</u> <u>CHARGED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>UNEXPENDED</u> <u>BALANCE</u> <u>CANCELLED</u>
Total Operations - Within "CAPS"	646,850	656,140	637,335	18,805	-
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	266,690	272,390	271,487	903	-
Other Expenses	380,160	383,750	365,848	17,902	-
DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES WITHIN "CAPS"					
Statutory Expenditures:					
Social Security	23,500	23,500	21,159	2,341	
Contribution to:					
PERS	29,128	29,128	26,307	2,821	
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures Within "CAPS"	52,628	52,628	47,466	5,162	-
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes - Within "CAPS"	699,478	708,768	684,801	23,967	-
OPERATIONS-EXCLUDED from "CAPS"					
Employee Health Insurance (1977 CAP)	1,118	1,118	1,118		
Police Dispatch/91:					
Salaries and Wages	850	850	836	14	
Total Other Operations-Excluded from "CAPS"	1,968	1,968	1,954	14	-
Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements from "CAPS"					
Other Expenses:					
Knowlton Court	3,900	4,610	4,607	3	
Total Other Operations-Excluded from "CAPS"	3,900	4,610	4,607	3	-
PUBLIC & PRIVATE PROGRAMS OFFSET BY REVENUES:					
Federal and State Grants:					
Clean Communities Program:					
Other Expenses	7,800	7,800	7,800		
Recycling Tonnage Grant:					
Other Expenses	913	913	913		
Alcohol Ed. And Rehabilitation Grant (C. 159):					
Other Expenses		355	355		
Susquehanna Settlement Fund Grant					
Other Expenses	101,617	101,617	101,617		
Total Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues	110,330	110,685	110,685		
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS-EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS":					
NJ Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act (C. 159)					
Birch Road		150,000	150,000		
Total Capital Improvements-Excluded from "CAPS"	-	150,000	150,000		
Total Operations-Excluded from "CAPS"	116,198	267,263	267,246	17	-
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	850	850	836	14	
Other Expenses	115,348	266,413	266,410	3	-

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

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

A-3
Sheet 4

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u>	<u>EXPENDED PAID OR CHARGED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELLED</u>
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE-					
EXCLUDED from "CAPS":					
Payment of Notes	65,550	65,550	65,550		
Note Interest	4,310	4,310	4,298		12
Total Municipal Debt Service	69,860	69,860	69,848		12
DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES-					
EXCLUDED from "CAPS":					
Capital Ordinance - #2010-08 Millbrook/Stillwater Road	3,440	3,440	3,440		
Emergency Authorization	13,000	13,000	13,000		
Special Emergency - 5 years	15,641	15,641	15,641		
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	32,081	32,081	32,081		
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excl. from "CAPS"	218,139	369,204	369,175	17	12
Subtotal General Appropriations	917,617	1,077,972	1,053,976	23,984	12
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES	185,275	185,275	185,275		
TOTALS	\$ 1,102,892	\$ 1,263,247	\$ 1,239,251	\$ 23,984	\$ 12

A

<u>REF.</u>		
Appropriation 40A:4-87	A-2	\$ 150,355
Emergency Appropriation 40A:4-53	A-2	10,000
Budget	A-2	<u>1,102,892</u>
		<u>1,263,247</u>

		<u>TOTAL</u>
Reserve for State Grants	A-19	\$ 260,685
Deferred Charges	A-21	32,081
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-2	185,275
Reserve for Encumbrances	A-9	<u>761,210</u>
		\$ 1,239,251

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

TRUST FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

B

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Dog License Fund:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	B-2	\$ 10,060	\$ 6,732
Total Dog License Fund		<u>10,060</u>	<u>6,732</u>
Other Trust Funds:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	B-2	272,434	213,499
Amount Due Current Fund	B-7	<u>48,369</u>	<u>1,804</u>
Total Other Trust Fund		<u>320,803</u>	<u>215,303</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 330,863</u>	<u>\$ 222,035</u>

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

Dog License Fund:			
Reserve for Dog Fund Expenditures	B-4	\$ 10,059	\$ 6,731
Amount Due State of New Jersey	B-5	1	1
Amount Due Current Fund	B-6	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Dog License Fund		<u>10,060</u>	<u>6,732</u>
Other Trust Fund:			
Reserve for Planning Board Escrow Deposits	B-8	77,427	72,070
Reserve for Driveway Bond Deposits	B-9	31,395	33,860
Reserve for Recreation Escrow Deposits	B-10	3,036	3,536
Reserve for Municipal Open Space Tax	B-11	148,658	90,977
Reserve for Snow Removal Deposits	B-12	1,705	1,705
Reserve for COAH	B-13	2,133	2,029
Reserve for Third Party Liens	B-14	10,049	11,126
Reserve for Tax Sale Premiums	B-15	<u>46,400</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Trust Fund		<u>320,803</u>	<u>215,303</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		<u>\$ 330,863</u>	<u>\$ 222,035</u>

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

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

C

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>		<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	C-2	\$ 432,242	\$	28,803
Due Current Fund	C-3	7,430		4,256
Deferred Charges To Future Taxation:				
Unfunded	C-4	<u>806,770</u>		<u>405,760</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 1,246,442</u>	\$	<u>438,819</u>

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	C-8	\$ 779,250	\$	374,800
Due Current Fund	C-3			
Reserve for Road Equipment	C-5	529		529
Capital Improvement Fund	C-6	10,339		50,687
Improvement Authorizations:				
Funded	C-7	73,630		9,197
Unfunded	C-7	<u>382,694</u>		<u>3,606</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		<u>\$ 1,246,442</u>	\$	<u>438,819</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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	BALANCE <u>12/31/13</u>	BALANCE <u>12/31/14</u>
General Fixed Assets:		
Land	\$ 342,300	\$ 342,300
Buildings	663,337	769,967
Machinery and Equipment	<u>904,459</u>	<u>919,807</u>
Total General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 1,910,096</u>	<u>\$ 2,032,074</u>
Investment In General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 1,910,096</u>	<u>\$ 2,032,074</u>

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

PAYROLL AGENCY FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

G

	BALANCE <u>12/31/14</u>	BALANCE <u>12/31/13</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	_____ -	_____ -
TOTAL ASSETS	=====	=====

<u>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</u>		
Payroll Deductions Payable	_____ -	_____ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	=====	=====

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 Hardwick 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 Hardwick 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 Hardwick 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 Account Group

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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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.

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 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.

Regulatory-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 municipalities 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. Municipalities are also permitted to deposit public funds in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Continued)

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.

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:

	Cash and Cash Equivalents	Total
Checking	\$ <u>1,610,843</u>	\$ <u>1,610,843</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,610,843</u>	\$ <u>1,610,843</u>

The carrying amount of the municipality's cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2014, was \$1,610,843 and the bank balance was \$1,671,429. 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, \$369,348 was covered by federal depository insurances and \$1,302,081 was covered by collateral pool.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 3: LONG-TERM DEBT

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:

	Beginning Balance	Issued	Paid	Ending Balance
Long Term Debt:				
Bond Anticipation Notes	\$ 374,800	\$ 480,000	\$ 75,550	\$ 779,250
Compensated absences payable	None			None
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 374,800	\$ 480,000	\$ 75,550	\$ 779,250

Summary of Municipal Debt

	YEAR 2014	YEAR 2013	YEAR 2012
<u>Issued</u>			
General:			
Bonds and Notes	\$ 779,250	\$ 374,800	\$ 452,950
Total Deductions	-	-	-
Net Debt Issued	779,250	374,800	452,950
<u>Authorized But Not Issued</u>			
General:			
Bonds and Notes	27,520	30,960	35,216
Net Bonds and Notes Issued and Authorized But Not Issued	\$ 806,770	\$ 405,760	\$ 488,166

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 .429%

	Gross Debt	Deductions	Net Debt
General Debt	\$ 806,770	-	\$ 806,770
	\$ 806,770	-	\$ 806,770

Net Debt \$806,770	Divided by Equalized Valuation Basis per	
N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2 as amended,	\$ 188,018,496	= 0.429%

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 3: LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

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

3 1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$ 6,580,647
Net Debt	<u>806,770</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$ 5,773,877</u>

Bond Anticipation Notes

The Township has outstanding at December 31, 2014, a bond anticipation note in the amount of \$299,250 payable to PNC Bank, N.A. This note matures on July 10, 2015. The interest rate on the note was 1.04% Principal and interest on this note is paid from the current fund budget of the Township and the municipal open space fund.

The Township has outstanding at December 31, 2014, a bond anticipation note in the amount of \$480,000 payable to CEDE & Co. This note matures on July 10, 2015. The interest rate on the note was 1.0% Principal and interest on this note is paid from the current fund budget of the Township.

	Debt
	<u>Outstanding</u>
Total General Capital Bonds/Loans Issued Above	<u>\$ 779,250</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 4: GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

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

	Balance Beginning <u>of Year</u>	<u>Additions</u>	Adjustments/ <u>Deletions</u>	Balance <u>End of Year</u>
Land	\$ 342,300			\$ 342,300
Buildings	663,337	\$ 106,630		769,967
Equipment	<u>904,459</u>	<u>15,348</u>	-	<u>919,807</u>
	<u>\$ 1,910,096</u>	<u>\$ 121,978</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>\$ 2,032,074</u>

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 - \$ 124,000 *

* - 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, \$30,000 in 2011 special emergency expenses related to Hurricane Irene were deferred, \$1,922 in 2013 special emergencies related to codification of ordinances were deferred, and \$10,000 in 2014 special emergencies related to master plan costs were deferred. One-fifth of the special emergency deferred charges were appropriated in the 2015 budget. The remaining balance of special emergencies are to be appropriated in subsequent budgets.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

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		\$ 37,426	\$ 46,027		\$ 181,473	\$ 142,915
Deferred		<u>613,228</u>	<u>613,228</u>		<u>539,651</u>	<u>539,651</u>
Tax Payable		<u>\$ 650,654</u>	<u>\$ 659,255</u>		<u>\$ 721,124</u>	<u>\$ 682,566</u>
Tax Deferred	<u>\$ 1,152,879</u>			<u>\$ 1,152,879</u>		

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.

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Note 8: PENSIONS (Continued)

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.

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.

Three-Year Trend Information for PERS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual Pension Cost (APC)</u>	<u>Percentage of APC Contributed</u>	<u>Net Pension Obligation</u>
2014	\$26,307	100%	-0-
2013	\$29,623	100%	-0-
2012	\$24,384	100%	-0-

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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.

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 for limited days, which may be paid or otherwise resolved at a later date at an agreed upon rate. There is no provision for accruing of vacation days if not currently used.

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

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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 in which the Township is involved.

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.

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DECEMBER 31, 2014

Note 13: OTHER REQUIRED DISCLOSURES (Continued)

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		\$ 145,782
Other Trust Funds	\$ 48,369	-
General Capital Fund	7,430	-
Grants Fund	<u>89,983</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 145,782</u>	<u>\$ 145,782</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		\$ 950,703
Increased by Receipts:			
Collector	A-5	\$ 4,616,266	
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	A-2	8,301	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-8	306,332	
Amount Due State of N.J. for Senior Citizens/Veterans Deductions	A-17	14,934	
State Grants	A-18	7,819	
Tax Sale Premiums Received	B	46,400	5,000,052
			5,950,755
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Reserve for Encumbrances	A-9	761,210	
Prior Year Appropriation Reserves	A-10	12,755	
Tax Overpayments	A-12	7,063	
County Taxes	A-13	1,438,175	
Local District School Tax	A-14	1,309,909	
Regional High School Tax	A-15	1,403,690	
Municipal Open Space	A-16	47,310	
State Grant Funds	A-19	74,536	5,054,648
Balance December 31, 2014	A		\$ 896,107

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH -- COLLECTOR

A-5

REF.

Received:

Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-2	\$ 18,087	
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	A-2	1,508	
Taxes Receivable	A-6	4,552,194	
2015 Prepaid Taxes	A-11	37,414	
Tax Overpayments	A-12	<u>7,063</u>	<u>\$ 4,616,266</u>
Payments to Treasurer	A-4		<u>\$ 4,616,266</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF TAX LEVY

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>LEVY</u>	<u>CASH COLLECTIONS</u>		<u>TRANSFERRED</u> <u>TO TAX</u> <u>TITLE LIENS</u>	<u>OVERPAID</u> <u>APPLIED</u>	<u>CANCELLED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>
			<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>				
2012	\$ 4,943						\$ 4,943	-
2013	81,394			\$ 72,682			2,602	\$ 6,110
	<u>86,337</u>	-	-	<u>72,682</u>	-	-	<u>7,545</u>	<u>6,110</u>
2014		\$ 4,715,544	\$ 84,209	4,494,446	\$ 5,893	\$ 929	16,097	113,970
TOTALS	<u>\$ 86,337</u>	<u>\$ 4,715,544</u>	<u>\$ 84,209</u>	<u>\$ 4,567,128</u>	<u>\$ 5,893</u>	<u>\$ 929</u>	<u>\$ 23,642</u>	<u>\$ 120,080</u>

REF.	A		A-11		A-7	A-12	A
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	<u>REF.</u>					
State of New Jersey-Senior Citizens/ Veterans Deductions Received by Collector	A-17	\$ 14,934				
	A-5	<u>4,552,194</u>				
		<u>\$ 4,567,128</u>				

ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY:

Tax Yield:

General Purpose Tax		\$ 4,652,000		
Added/Omitted Taxes (54:4-63.1 et.seq.)		16,234		
Special District Tax-Open Space		<u>47,310</u>	\$ 4,715,544	

Tax Levy:

Local District School Tax	A-14	\$ 1,301,308		
Regional High School Tax	A-15	1,442,248		
Special District Tax - Open Space	A-16	47,475		
County Taxes:				
County Tax (Abstract)	A-13	\$ 1,249,855		
County Library Tax (Abstract)	A-13	99,487		
County Open Space Tax	A-13	83,862		
Due County for Added/Omitted Taxes(54.4-63.1, et.seq.)	A-13	<u>4,971</u>	1,438,175	
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	A-2		474,563	
Add: Additional Tax Levied			<u>11,775</u>	\$ 4,715,544

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAX TITLE LIENS

A-7

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	A	\$ 48,727
Increased by:		
Transfers from Taxes Receivable	A-6	<u>5,893</u>
		54,620
Balance December 31, 2014	A	<u>\$ 54,620</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

A-8

	<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>
Alina Lodge-In Lieu Payments		\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	
Warren County - PILT Community Services		11,953	11,953	
Cell Tower Rentals		121,105	121,105	
Energy Receipts Tax		120,959	120,959	
Garden State Trust Fund		22,315	22,315	
 Totals		- \$ 306,332	\$ 306,332	-
REF.	A		A-4	A

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF ENCUMBRANCES PAYABLE

A-9

REF.

Increased by:

Charges to 2014 Budget Appropriations

A-3

\$ 761,210

Decreased by:

Payments

A-4

\$ 761,210

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 OR</u> <u>CHARGED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>LAPSED</u>
Genral Administration:				
Other Expenses	\$ 4,611	\$ 4,611	\$ 3,124	\$ 1,487
Municipal Clerk:				
Salary and Wage	4	4	(1,919)	1,923
Tax Collection:				
Other Expenses	688	688	203	485
Legal:				
Other Expenses	10,406	10,406	1,805	8,601
Historical:				
Other Expenses	500	500	500	-
Planning Board:				
Other Expenses	4,463	4,463	436	4,027
Zoning Board:				
Other Expenses	862	862	59	803
Road Repairs and Maintenance:				
Other Expenses	10,050	10,050	5,735	4,315
Building and Grounds:				
Other Expenses	252	252	70	182
Telephone	896	896	518	378
Natural Gas/Propane	3,224	3,224	1,758	1,466
Fuel Oil	502	502	466	36
All Accounts - No Change	13,827	13,827		13,827
 TOTALS	 <u>\$ 50,285</u>	 <u>\$ 50,285</u>	 <u>\$ 12,755</u>	 <u>\$ 37,530</u>

REF.

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A-4

A-1

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAXES COLLECTED IN ADVANCE

A-11

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	A	\$ 84,209
Increased by:		
2015 Taxes Collected in Advance	A-5	<u>37,414</u>
		121,623
Decreased by:		
Applied to 2014 Taxes Receivable	A-6	<u>84,209</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	A	<u>\$ 37,414</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

A-12

Balance December 31, 2013	<u>REF.</u> A	\$ 929
Increased by:		
2014 Tax Overpayments	A-5	<u>7,063</u>
		7,992
Decreased by:		
Applied to 2014 Taxes	A-6	\$ 929
Refunded	A-4	<u>7,063</u> <u>7,992</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF COUNTY TAXES PAYABLE

A-13

REF.

Increased by:

2014 Levy:

County Taxes

A-1:6 \$ 1,249,855

County Library Taxes

A-1:6 99,487

County Open Space Tax

A-1:6 83,862

Added and Omitted Taxes

A-1:6 4,971 \$ 1,438,175

1,438,175

Decreased by:

Payments

A-4

\$ 1,438,175

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX PAYABLE

A-14

REF.

Balance December 31, 2013:

School Tax Payable	\$ 46,027	
School Tax Deferred	<u>613,228</u>	\$ 659,255

Increased by:

Levy - School Year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015	A-6	<u>1,301,308</u>
		1,960,563

Decreased by:

Payments	A-4	<u>1,309,909</u>
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Balance December 31, 2014:

School Tax Payable	A	37,426
School Tax Deferred		<u>613,228</u>
		<u>\$ 650,654</u>

2014 Liability for Local District School Tax:

Tax Paid		\$ 1,309,909
Tax Payable 12/31/14		<u>650,654</u>
		1,960,563

Less -- Tax Payable 12/31/13		<u>659,255</u>
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Amount Charged to 2014 Operations

	A-1	<u>\$ 1,301,308</u>
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CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TAX PAYABLE

A-15

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013:		
School Tax Payable		\$ 142,915
School Tax Deferred		<u>539,651</u>
		\$ 682,566
Increased by:		
Levy - School Year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015	A-6	<u>1,442,248</u>
		2,124,814
Decreased by:		
Payments	A-4	<u>1,403,690</u>
Balance December 31, 2014:		
School Tax Payable	A	181,473
School Tax Deferred		<u>539,651</u>
		<u>\$ 721,124</u>
2014 Liability for Regional High School Tax:		
Tax Paid		\$ 1,403,690
Tax Payable 12/31/14		<u>721,124</u>
		2,124,814
		-
Less -- Tax Payable 12/31/13		<u>682,566</u>
Amount Charged to 2014 Operations	A-1	<u>\$ 1,442,248</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TAX PAYABLE

A-16

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	A	\$ 99
Increased by:		
2014 Levy:		
Open Space Tax	A-6	<u>47,475</u>
		47,574
Decreased by:		
Payments to Trust Fund	A-4	<u>47,310</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	A	<u>\$ 264</u>

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

A-17

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2013	A	\$	(956)
Increased by:			
Senior Citizens Deductions Disallowed By Tax Collector Received in Cash from State	A-4	\$ 14,934	<u>14,934</u> 13,978
Decreased by:			
Veterans Deductions per Tax Billings	A-6	1,684	
Senior Citizens Deductions per Tax Billings	A-6	13,250	
Senior Citizens Deductions Allowed By Tax Collector	A-6	<u>-</u>	<u>14,934</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	A	\$	<u>(956)</u>
<u>ANALYSIS OF BALANCE:</u>			
Amount Due To State of N.J. -- Pre 1/1/78		\$ 2,016	
Amount Due From State of N.J. -- Post 1/1/78		<u>(2,972)</u>	<u>\$ (956)</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF STATE GRANTS RECEIVABLE

A-18

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>	<u>RECEIVABLE</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>CANCELED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>
Clean Communities Program		\$ 7,800	\$ 7,318	\$ 482	
Recycling Tonnage Grant		913	501	412	-
PSE&G Settlement		101,617			\$ 101,617
NJDOT Grant		150,000			150,000
Municipal Alliance		355			355
Storm Water Grant	\$ 5,000				5,000
Totals	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 260,685</u>	<u>\$ 7,819</u>	<u>\$ 894</u>	<u>\$ 256,972</u>
REF.	A	A-2	A-4	A-19	A

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF STATE GRANTS RESERVE - APPROPRIATED

A-19

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>	<u>TRANSFER</u> <u>FROM</u> <u>2014 BUDGET</u> <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>TRANSFER</u> <u>FROM</u> <u>2014 BUDGET</u> <u>BY 40A:4-87</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>CANCELED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>
Municipal Alliance - County Share			\$ 355			\$ 355
Municipal Alliance - Township Share						
Clean Communities Grant - CY 14		\$ 7,800			\$ 482	\$ 7,318
Clean Communities Grant - CY 13	\$ 5,720			\$ 4,353		1,367
Recycling Tonnage Grant	2,778	913			412	3,279
NJLM Education Foundation Grant						
PSE&G Settlement	152,496	101,617		70,183		183,930
PILT - Warren County	706					706
NJDOT Grant		150,000				150,000
Totals	<u>\$ 161,700</u>	<u>\$ 260,330</u>	<u>\$ 355</u>	<u>\$ 74,536</u>	<u>\$ 894</u>	<u>\$ 346,955</u>
REF.	A	A-3	A-3	A-4	A-18	A

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS

A-20

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	A	\$171,086
Decreased by:		
Anticipated as Revenue	A-2	<u>43,500</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	A	<u>\$127,586</u>
<u>Detail:</u>		
PILT Reserve		\$ 48,628
Federal Impace Aid - Hardwick Board of Education		<u>78,958</u>
		<u>\$127,586</u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES

A-21

	BALANCE	APPROPRIATED 2014	RESULTING	BALANCE
	<u>12/31/13</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>FROM 2014</u>	<u>12/31/14</u>
Special Emergency - Hurricane Irene NJS 40A:4-55	\$ 45,000	\$ 15,000		\$ 30,000
Special Emergency - Codification of Ordinances	2,563	641		1,922
Emergency - Administration Other Expense	13,000	13,000		-
Special Emergency - Admin Other Expense-Master Plan			\$ 10,000	10,000
Totals	<u>\$ 60,563</u>	<u>\$ 28,641</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 41,922</u>
REF.	A	A-3	A-3	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	\$ 6,732	\$ 213,499
Increased by Receipts:			
Accounts Receivable	B-3	5,483	
Amount Due Current Fund	B-6:7	12	
Planning Board Escrow Deposits	B-8		7,702
Driveway Bond Deposits	B-9		45
Special District Tax - Open Space	B-11		88,897
COAH Receipts	B-13	-	751
Total Receipts		<u>5,495</u>	<u>97,395</u>
		<u>12,227</u>	<u>310,894</u>
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Expenditures Under R.S. 4:29-15.11	B-4	1,493	
State Dog License Fees	B-5	662	
Amount Due Current Fund	B-6:7	12	
Escrow Trust Deposits Refunded	B-8		2,345
Driveway Bonds Refunded	B-9		2,510
Recreation Expenditures	B-10		500
Special District Tax - Open Space	B-11		31,381
COAH Payments	B-13		647
Lien Refunds	B-14	-	1,077
Total Disbursements		<u>2,167</u>	<u>38,460</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$ 10,060</u>	<u>\$ 272,434</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - DOG REGISTRAR

B-3

REF.

Increased By:

Due to State	B-5	\$ 662	
Dog Fees	B-4	<u>4,821</u>	<u>\$ 5,483</u>
			5,483

Decreased By:

Collections	B-2		<u>\$ 5,483</u>
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TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR DOG FUND EXPENDITURES

B-4

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	B	\$ 6,731
Increased by:		
Dog License Fees	B-3	<u>4,821</u> 11,552
Decreased by:		
Expenditures Under R.S.4:29-15.11.	B-2	<u>1,493</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$ 10,059</u>

LICENSE FEES COLLECTED	
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2012	\$ 4,513
2013	<u>5,634</u>
	<u>\$ 10,147</u>

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

B-5

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	B	\$ 1
Increased by:		
Collected in 2014:		
State Board of Health Fees	B-3	<u>662</u>
		663
Decreased by:		
Payments	B-2	<u>662</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u><u>\$ 1</u></u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE CURRENT FUND
DOG LICENSE FUND

B-6

REF.

Increased by:

Interest Credits Due Current Fund

B-2

\$ 12
12

Decreased by:

Interfund Returned

B-2

\$ 12

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE CURRENT FUND
OTHER TRUST FUND

B-7

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2013	B		\$ 1,804
Increased by:			
Tax Sale Premiums Received in Current Fund	B-15	46,400	
Added Omitted Taxes - Municipal Open Space Trust	B-11	<u>165</u>	<u>46,565</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B		<u>\$ 48,369</u>
 <u>Detail of Balance:</u>			
Municipal Open Space			\$ 264
Tax Sale Premiums			46,400
Snow Removal Reserve			<u>1,705</u>
Total Receivables			<u>\$ 48,369</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR PLANNING BOARD ESCROW DEPOSITS

B-8

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	B	\$ 72,070
Increased by:		
Escrow Deposits	B-2	<u>7,702</u>
		79,772
Decreased by:		
Escrow Deposits Refunded	B-2	<u>2,345</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$ 77,427</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR DRIVEWAY BOND DEPOSITS

B-9

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	B	\$ 33,860
Increased by:		
Driveway Bond Deposits	B-2	<u> 45</u> 33,905
Decreased by:		
Deposits Refunded	B-2	<u> 2,510</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$ 31,395</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR RECREATION ESCROW DEPOSITS

B-10

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	B	\$ 3,536
Decreased by:		
Expenditures	B-2	<u> 500</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$ 3,036</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TAXES

B-11

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2013	B		\$ 90,977
Increased by:			
2014 Levy:			
Open Space Tax Levy	B-2	\$ 47,310	
Property Sale Proceeds	B-2	41,350	
Interest Credits	B-2	237	
Added Omitted Taxes - Municipal Open Space Trust	B-7	<u>165</u>	<u>89,062</u>
			180,039
Decreased by:			
Debt Service Principal and Interest	B-2	10,524	
Open Space Expenditures	B-2	<u>20,857</u>	<u>31,381</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B		<u>\$ 148,658</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR SNOW REMOVAL

B-12

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	B	\$ 1,705
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$ 1,705</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR COAH

B-15

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	<u>B</u>	\$ 2,029
Increased by:		
Coah Receipts	B-2	<u>751</u>
		2,780
Decreased by:		
Coah Disbursements	B-2	<u>647</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	<u>B</u>	<u>\$ 2,133</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR THIRD PARTY TAX LIENS

B-14

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	B	\$ 11,126
Decreased by:		
Refunds	B-2	<u>1,077</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$ 10,049</u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR TAX SALE PREMIUMS

B-15

REF.

Increased by:

Receipts	B-7	<u>\$ 46,400</u>
		46,400
Balance December 31, 2014	B	<u>\$ 46,400</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULES

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH -TREASURER

C-2

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2013	C	\$	28,803
Increased by:			
Interest Earned	C-3	\$	157
Accrued Interest Received on Bond Anticipation Note	C-3		266
PSE&G Receipt	C-3		64,433
Bond Anticipation Note Proceeds	C-8		<u>480,000</u>
			<u>544,856</u>
			573,659
Decreased by:			
Transfer Interfund Balance to Current Fund	C-3		157
Improvement Authorizations	C-7		<u>141,260</u>
			<u>141,417</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	C	\$	<u>432,242</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE CURRENT FUND

C-3

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2013	C		\$ (4,256)
Increased by:			
Accrued Interest Received on Bond Anticipation Note	C-2	\$ 266	
Funding for MCCPA Dump Truck from PSE&G Reserve in Current Fund	C-2	64,433	
Interest Earned	C-2	<u>157</u>	<u>64,856</u>
			60,600
Decreased by:			
Deferred Charges Raised in Current Fund Budget	C-4	3,440	
Improvement Authorization-MCCPA Dump Truck	C-7	64,433	
Interfund Returned to Current Fund	C-2	<u>157</u>	<u>68,030</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	C		<u>\$ (7,430)</u>

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

C-4

<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>AUTHORIZATIONS</u>	<u>DECREASED</u>	<u>DECREASED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	<u>ANALYSIS OF BALANCE</u>	
			<u>BUDGET</u> <u>DEF CHG</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>BANS</u>		<u>DEBT</u> <u>AUTHORIZED</u> <u>NOT ISSUED</u>	<u>DEBT</u> <u>ISSUED</u>
Acquisition of Dump Truck	\$ 5,100			\$ 5,100	-		-
Acquisition of Dump Truck	10,300			7,400	\$ 2,900		\$ 2,900
Acquisition of Development Easement	45,550			10,000	35,550		35,550
Tractor, Backhoe, Resurfacing of Various Township Road:	313,850			53,050	260,800		260,800
Millbrook-Stillwater Road	30,960		\$ 3,440		27,520	\$ 27,520	-
Salt Shed and Various Road Resurfacing		\$ 480,000			480,000		480,000
	<u>\$ 405,760</u>	<u>\$ 480,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,440</u>	<u>\$ 75,550</u>	<u>\$ 806,770</u>	<u>\$ 27,520</u>	<u>\$ 779,250</u>
REF.	C	C-7	C-3	C-8	C		C-8

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ROAD EQUIPMENT

C-5

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	C	<u>\$ 529</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	C	<u>\$ 529</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

C-6

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2013	C	\$ 50,687
Decreased by:		
Funding of Improvement Authorizations	C-7	<u>40,348</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	C	<u>\$ 10,339</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

C-7

<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ORDINANCE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>		<u>2014</u> <u>DEFERRED</u> <u>CHARGES</u>	<u>RESERVE</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u> <u>IMPROVEMENT</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>PAID</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	
	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>		<u>FUNDED</u>	<u>UNFUNDED</u>					<u>FUNDED</u>	<u>UNFUNDED</u>
Tractor, Backhoe, Resurfacing of Birch Ridge Road, Maple Lane Road, and Sun Set Lake Road	2007-11	10/17/07	\$ 697,000		\$ 3,606						\$ 3,606
Various Road Improvements	2012-06	8/01/12	10,500	\$ 5,750						\$ 5,750	
Various Road Improvements	2013-08	7/24/13	65,000	3,447						3,447	
Roller and Trailer	2014-04	4/23/14	15,348					\$ 15,348	\$ 15,348		
Salt Shed and Various Road Resurfacing	2014-05	7/2/14	505,000			\$ 480,000		25,000	125,912		\$ 379,088
MCCPA Dump Truck	2014-06	8/27/14	64,433				\$ 64,433			64,433	
				<u>\$ 9,197</u>	<u>\$ 3,606</u>	<u>\$ 480,000</u>	<u>\$ 64,433</u>	<u>\$ 40,348</u>	<u>\$ 141,260</u>	<u>\$ 73,630</u>	<u>\$ 382,694</u>
REF.				C	C	C-4	C-3	C-6	C-2	C	C

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

C-8

<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ISSUE</u>	<u>DATE OF ISSUE</u>	<u>MATURITIES</u>		<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>BALANCE 12/31/13</u>	<u>INCREASED</u>	<u>DECREASED</u>	<u>BALANCE 12/31/14</u>
Acquisition of Loader/Dump Truck	\$95,000	7/25/04	7/11/14	-	1.04%	\$ 5,100		\$ 5,100	-
Acquisition of Dump Truck	\$66,500	7/22/05	7/10/15	\$2,900	1.04%	10,300		7,400	\$ 2,900
Acquisition of Development Easement	\$100,000	7/20/07	7/10/15	\$10,000	1.04%	45,550		10,000	35,550
Tractor, Backhoe, Resurfacing of Various Township Roads	\$520,000	12/5/07	7/10/15	\$53,050	1.04%	313,850		53,050	260,800
Salt Shed and Various Road Resurfacing	\$480,000	8/20/14	7/10/15		1.00%		\$ 480,000		480,000
						<u>\$ 374,800</u>	<u>\$ 480,000</u>	<u>\$ 75,550</u>	<u>\$ 779,250</u>
REF.						C	C-2	C-4	C

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND SCHEDULES

N/A

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

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

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	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/13</u>	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>12/31/14</u>
General Fixed Assets:			
Land	\$ 342,300		\$ 342,300
Buildings	663,337	\$ 106,630	769,967
Machinery and Equipment	<u>904,459</u>	<u>15,348</u>	<u>919,807</u>
Total General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 1,910,096</u>	<u>121,978</u>	<u>\$ 2,032,074</u>

**PART III
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

General Comments

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting
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Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

Schedule of Federal/State Awards

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GENERAL COMMENTS

Scope of Audit

The audit of the financial statements of the Township of Hardwick, 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.

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 5, 2014, adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee hereby establish an interest rate of 8% per annum on amounts over \$1,500. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no interest shall be charged if payment of taxes, any installment, is made within ten (10) days after the date upon which the same became payable. An additional penalty of 6% shall be added on delinquencies in excess of \$10,000 which are not paid prior to the end of the calendar year."

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, on January 5, 2014, adopted a resolution 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 2013 and 2014 tax levy.

The last tax sale was held in December 2, 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	5
2013	5
2012	5

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:

Verification <u>Type</u>	Type of Receivable - Real Property Tax		Date of Circulars - November 10, 2014	
	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	980	60	16
2015 Property Tax	Positive	980	60	16
2014 Delinquent Tax	Negative	174	25	11

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 Hardwick to these new directives are as follows:

<u>Requirement</u>	FY 2014 Required	
	<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	\$ 124,221	2.28%	\$ 124,898	2.30%
Miscellaneous - From Other Than				
Local Property Tax Levies	676,209	12.40%	699,401	12.86%
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and				
Tax Title Liens	72,682	1.33%	117,775	2.17%
Collection of Current Tax Levy	4,579,584	83.99%	4,494,579	82.67%
Interfund Loans Returned	<u> -</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u> -</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total Income	<u>5,452,696</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>5,436,653</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

EXPENDITURES

Budget Expenditures:				
Municipal Purposes	1,077,960	20.31%	1,042,929	20.19%
County Taxes	1,438,175	27.10%	1,390,829	26.93%
Local and Regional Taxes	2,743,556	51.70%	2,683,642	51.96%
Municipal Open Space Tax	47,475	0.89%	47,414	0.92%
Other Expenditures	<u> -</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u> -</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>5,307,166</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>5,164,814</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Excess in Revenue	145,530		271,839	
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Adjustments to Income Before Fund Balance:

Expenditures Included Above Which are by Statute				
Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year	<u>10,000</u>		<u>13,000</u>	

Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	155,530		284,839	
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Fund Balance January 1	354,011		194,070	
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Less:

Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	<u>124,221</u>		<u>124,898</u>	
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Fund Balance December 31	<u>\$ 385,320</u>		<u>\$ 354,011</u>	
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Comparative Schedule of Tax Rate Information

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>\$2.969</u>	<u>\$2.906</u>	<u>\$2.796</u>
<u>Apportionment of Tax Rate:</u>			
Municipal	\$0.299	\$0.293	\$0.246
County	\$0.906	\$0.882	\$0.895
Local School	\$0.823	\$0.836	\$0.778
Regional High School	\$0.912	\$0.865	\$0.847
Municipal Open Space Tax	\$0.029	\$0.030	\$0.030

Assessed Valuation:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2014	\$158,279,199
2013	\$157,701,508
2012	\$157,717,857

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	\$4,715,544	\$ 4,579,584	97.11%
2013	\$4,591,786	\$4,494,579	97.88%
2012	\$4,410,993	\$4,270,964	96.82%

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	\$54,620	\$120,080	\$174,700	3.70%
2013	\$48,727	\$86,337	\$135,064	2.94%
2012	\$42,959	\$127,080	\$170,039	3.85%

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	NONE
2013	NONE
2012	NONE

Comparitive Schedule of Fund Balances

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Utilized</u>	
			<u>In Budget of Succeeding Year</u>	<u>Defer School Tax</u>
2014	\$ 385,320	\$ 124,000		
2013	\$ 354,011	\$ 124,221		
2012	\$ 194,070	\$ 124,898		
2011	\$ 194,070	\$ 58,836		\$46,562
2010	\$ 106,662	\$ 64,918		\$38,707

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>
James Perry	Mayor		
Kevin M. Duffy	Deputy Mayor		
Alfred Carrazzone	Committeeman		
Judith M. Fisher	Clerk; Registrar of Vital Statistics; Assessment Search Officer		
Regina McKenna	Tax Collector; Tax Search Officer	\$100,000	Selective Insurance Co.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount of Bond</u>	<u>Name Of Corporate Surety</u>
Amy B. Maronpot	Certified Municipal Finance Officer	\$40,000	Selective Insurance Co.
Michael Lavery	Attorney		
David M. Gill	Assessor		

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	\$89,959

There is a public employees' blanket bond in the amount of \$1,000,000 provided by JIF Joint Insurance Fund. This bond would cover all officials handling monies, except those officials specifically bonded. Those officials included under the blanket bond are the Clerk, Construction Official, Dog Warden and Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment Secretaries.

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 Hardwick
County of Warren
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Blairstown, New Jersey 07825

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 Hardwick 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 Hardwick's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 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.

ARDITO & CO., LLP



Frenchtown, New Jersey
April 30, 2015



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SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL/STATE AWARDS

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

<u>STATE GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>PROGRAM OR AWARD AMOUNT</u>	<u>GRANT PERIOD</u>	<u>FUND REF.</u>	<u>CASH ACCRUED OR DEFERRED REVENUE BALANCE AT 1/1/14</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>CASH ACCRUED OR DEFERRED REVENUE BALANCE AT 12/31/14</u>
						<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>OTHER</u>		
<u>DEPT. OF ENVIR. PROTECTION</u>									
Solid Waste Admin.-Clean	4900-765-178900	\$ 7,318	2014	A		\$ 7,318			\$ 7,318
		7,800	2013	A	\$ 5,720			4,353	1,367
Municipal Drug Alliance	N/A	158	2014	A	0				-
<u>DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</u>									
Stormwater Management Grant	WQ05-574	5,000	2008	A	(5,000)				(5,000)
<u>OTHER AWARDS</u>									
Recycling Tonnage Grant		501	2014	A	2,778	501			3,279
PILT Grant - Warren County	Small Grant	11,167	2014		706				706
TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE					\$ 4,204	\$ 7,819	\$ -	\$ 4,353	\$ 7,670

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 HARDWICK

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

NOTE 1. GENERAL

The accompanying Schedules of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards present the activity of all federal and state award programs of the Township of Hardwick. The Township of Hardwick is defined in Note 1 to the Township's financial statements. All federal and 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.

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 and NJOMB circular 04-04. However, these schedules were not subject to an audit in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 or NJOMB Circular 04-04.

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.

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None

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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 and 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

None