CITY OF NORTHFIELD

ATLANTIC COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

AUDIT REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED December 31, 2008

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CITY OF NORTHFIELD

PART I

REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008



A JOINT VENTURE OF SWARTZ & CO.,LLC & TRACEY HEUN BRENNAN & CO. CPAS, PC

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council City of Northfield, New Jersey

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets - regulatory basis of the various funds and account groups of the City of Northfield, New Jersey, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, the related statements of operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis for the years then ended, and the related statement of revenues - regulatory basis and statement of expenditures - regulatory basis of the various funds for the year ended December 31, 2008. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Northfield's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"), 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 includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Length of Service Awards Program of the City of Northfield has not been audited, and we were not engaged to audit the Length of Service Awards Program financial statements as part of our audit of the City's financial statements.

As described in Note 1, the City of Northfield, New Jersey prepares its financial statements on a basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, that demonstrates compliance with a modified accrual basis, with certain exceptions, and the budget laws of the State of New Jersey, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such financial statements are not intended to be presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, because of the City's policy to prepare its financial statements on the basis of accounting discussed in the third paragraph of this report, 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 City of Northfield as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 or the results of its operations for the years then ended.

However, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above, with the exception of the Length of Service Awards Plan, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position - regulatory basis of the various funds and account groups of the City of Northfield, New Jersey as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 and the results of operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis of such funds for the years then ended and the statements of revenues - regulatory basis and statement of expenditures - regulatory basis of the various funds for the year ended December 31, 2008 on a modified accrual basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 3, 2009 on our consideration of the City of Northfield's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming and opinion on the financial statement of the City of Northfield. The supplemental schedules listed in the table of contents are not a required part of the financial statements. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Kenneth W. Moore

Kenneth W. Moore, CPA Registered Municipal Accountant No. 231

Alliance of Governmental Auditors, LLC

Alliance of Governmental Auditors, LLC Certified Public Accountants

April 3, 2009

EXHIBIT A - CURRENT FUND

CURRENT FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS December 31,

	Ref.	_	2008	2007
Assets				
Cash:				
Treasurer	A-4	\$	3,967,856	3,932,535
Change Fund	A-8	_	350	350
		_	3,968,206	3,932,885
Receivables and Other Assets with				
Full Reserves:				
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-9		382,400	328,586
Tax Title Liens Receivable	A-10		11,207	9,249
Miscellaneous Liens Receivable	A-10		1,847	-
Property Acquired / Assessed Valuation	A-11		19,200	19,200
Sewer Rents Receivable	A-6		46,363	37,441
Sewer Liens Receivable	A-10		1,079	-
Due from the Dog Trust			2,092	1,733
Due from the Grant Fund	A-5		-	49,030
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-13	_	14,248	15,047
	А	_	478,436	460,286
Deferred Charges:				
NJS 40A:4-53 Special Emergency				
Preparation of Tax Maps		_	50,000	
		_	4,496,642	4,393,171
ederal and State Grant Fund:				
Due from Current Fund			102,029	-
Federal and State Grants Receivable	A-14	_	1,154,570	515,258
		_	1,256,599	515,258
		\$	5,753,241	4,908,429
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CURRENT FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS December 31,

	<u>Ref.</u>	_	2008	2007
Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance				
Liabilities:				
	A-3:A-18	\$	934,906	607,713
Accounts Payable			12,361	-
Encumbrances Payable	A-3		505,241	612,745
Payroll Taxes Payable	A-15		31,878	30,148
Sewer Rent Overpayments	A-7		2,185	195
Prepaid Taxes	A-19		158,609	117,115
Prepaid Sewer Rents			540	998
Tax Overpayments	A-20		26,918	12,518
Due to State of New Jersey -				
Senior Citizens and Veterans	A-12		12,200	12,700
Due to State of New Jersey - Marriage Fees	A-25		175	275
Due to State of New Jersey - DCA			894	1,508
Due to Federal and State Grant Fund			102,029	-
Burial Permits Payable			970	1,080
Reserve for Sale of Land	А		47,693	47,693
Reserve for Tax Maps			22,069	-
Reserve for Garden State Trust			47	55
Due to County - Added Taxes	A-22		18,113	12,472
		_	1,876,828	1,457,215
Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets	А		478,436	460,286
Fund Balance	A-1	_	2,141,378	2,475,670
		_	4,496,642	4,393,171
Federal and State Grant Fund:				
Due to the Current Fund			-	49,030
Reserve for Grants Appropriated	A-17		1,154,392	449,117
Reserve for Grants Unappropriated	A-16		2,335	4,287
Encumbrances Payable	A-17	_	99,872	12,824
		_	1,256,599	515,258
		\$	5,753,241	4,908,429

CURRENT FUND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS For the Year Ended December 31,

	Ref.	 2008	2007
Revenue and Other Income Realized:			
Fund Balance Utilized	A-2	\$ 1,405,000	1,309,000
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	A-2	4,164,053	3,534,116
Receipts from Delinguent Taxes	A-2	311,854	274,417
Receipts from Current Taxes	A-2	23,096,148	22,274,152
Nonbudget Revenues	A-2	116,340	153,640
Other Credits to Income:			
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserv	es A-18	778,369	636,558
Interfund Returned	А	50,763	3,496
Miscellaneous Cancellation		 1,281	71
		 29,923,808	28,185,450
Expenditures:			
Appropriations Within "CAPS"			
Operations:			
Salaries and Wages	A-3	4,034,500	4,140,800
Other Expenses	A-3	3,583,739	3,420,975
Deferred Charges and			
Statutory Expenditures	A-3	204,500	251,500
Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS"			
Operations:			
Salaries and Wages	A-3	201,527	203,527
Other Expenses	A-3	3,275,399	1,759,598
Capital Improvements	A-3	200,000	245,000
Municipal Debt Service	A-3	933,772	933,872
County Taxes	A-21	3,158,137	3,252,029
Due County for Added and Omitted Taxes	A-22	18,113	12,472
Regional High School Tax	A-24	4,607,854	4,424,444
Local District School Tax	A-23	8,685,559	8,346,617
Prior Year Revenue Returned		-	1,917
Interfund Created	А	 	26,022
		\$ 28,903,100	27,018,773

CURRENT FUND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS For the Year Ended December 31,

	Ref.	2008	2007
Excess in Revenues		\$ 1,020,708	1,166,677
Adjustments to Income Before Fund Balance - Expenditures Included Above Which Are by Statute Deferred Charges to Budget of			
Succeeding Year	A-3	50,000	
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance		1,070,708	1,166,677
Fund Balance January 1	А	2,475,670	2,617,993
Total		3,546,378	3,784,670
Decreased by: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	A-2	1,405,000	1,309,000
Fund Balance December 31	А	\$ 2,141,378	2,475,670

	Ref.	 Anticipated Budget	Special N.J.S. 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
Fund Balance Anticipated	A-1	\$ 1,405,000		1,405,000	-
		1,405,000	-	1,405,000	-
Miscellaneous Revenues:					
Licenses:					
Alcoholic Beverages	A-13	4,800		4,800	-
Other	A-13	75,000		78,060	3,060
Fees and Permits	A-13	80,000		89,347	9,347
Fines and Costs:					
Municipal Court	A-13	195,000		248,040	53,040
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-13	60,000		80,059	20,059
Interest on Investments and Deposits	A-13	195,000		140,854	(54,146)
Sewer Rentals	A-13	1,090,000		1,092,230	2,230
Interest and Costs on Sewer	A-13	10,000		14,745	4,745
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act	A-13	189,656		189,656	-
Energy Receipts Tax (P.L. 1997, Chapters 162 & 167)	A-13	625,681		625,681	-
Garden State Trust	A-13	55		55	-
Uniform Construction Code Fees	A-13	153,000		106,426	(46,574)
County Share - Road Realignment	A-13	127,100		6,783	(120,317)
Linwood Share - Road Realignment	A-13	35,000		1,873	(33,127)
Linwood Share - Sewerage Department Costs	A-13	80,000		113,132	33,132
Utility Assessment Surplus	A-13	1,256		1,256	-
Uniform Fire Safety Act	A-13	6,033		6,909	876
Library Maintenance Agreement	A-13	20,500		20,500	-

	Ref.		Anticipated Budget	Special N.J.S. 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
Miscellaneous Revenues: (Continued)			<u> </u>			
State and Federal Revenues Offset						
With Appropriations:						
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	A-14	\$	4,448		4,448	-
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	A-14		10,552		10,552	-
Safe and Secure Communities Program	A-14		55,659		55,659	-
NJ Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act	A-14		140,000		140,000	-
Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation, and Enforcement	A-14		4,370		4,370	-
Community Development Block Grant	A-14		28,578		28,578	-
NJ Council on the Arts	A-14		1,100		1,100	-
Body Armor	A-14		2,567		2,567	-
Federal Homeland Security - Fire	A-14		69,920		69,920	-
US Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest	A-14		1,625		1,625	-
Over the Limit Under Arrest	A-14		4,897	5,000	9,897	-
Click It or Ticket	A-14		4,000		4,000	-
Atlantic County Open Space	A-14		1,000,000		1,000,000	-
Clean Community	A-14	_	10,931		10,931	-
Total Miscellaneous Revenue		_	4,286,728	5,000	4,164,053	(127,675)
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	A-2		150,000		311,854	161,854
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:						
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	A-2	_	7,017,560		7,107,336	89,776
Budget Totals		_	12,859,288	5,000	12,988,243	123,955
Nonbudget Revenues	A-2	_	-		116,340	116,340
		\$	12,859,288	5,000	13,104,583	240,295
	Ref.		A-3	A-3		

Exhibit A-2 Sheet 3

ANALYSIS OF REALIZED REVENUES	Ref.		
Allocation of Current Tax Collections: Revenue from Collections	A-9	\$	23,096,148
Net Revenue from Collections	A-1		23,096,148
Allocated to: School and County Taxes	A-9		16,469,663
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations			6,626,485
Add: Appropriations "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes"	A-3		480,851
Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	A-2	\$	7,107,336
<u>Receipts from Delinquent Taxes:</u> Delinquent Tax Collections Tax Title Lien Collections	A-9 \$ A-10	309,998 1,856	
	A-2	\$	311,854

Exhibit A-2

Sheet 4

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		APPROPRIATIONS		EXPENDI	TURES	UNEXPENDED	
	_		BUDGET AFTER	PAID OR		BALANCE	OVER
	_	BUDGET	MODIFICATION	CHARGED	RESERVED	CANCELED	EXPENDED
OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAP"							
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:							
Administrative and Executive							
Other Expenses	\$	70,000	70,000	54,428	15,572		
Mayor and Council							
Salaries and Wages		76,500	76,500	74,951	1,549		
Other Expenses		7,000	7,000	3,752	3,248		
City Clerk							
Salaries and Wages		108,000	108,000	104,427	3,573		
Other Expenses							
Election Board		9,000	9,000	4,826	4,174		
Tax Maps			50,000	50,000			
Miscellaneous		30,000	30,000	28,189	1,811		
Financial Administration							
Salaries and Wages		127,000	127,000	124,070	2,930		
Other Expenses		10,000	10,000	8,927	1,073		
Municipal Prosecutor							
Other Expenses		15,500	15,500	15,500			
Audit Services							
Other Expenses		47,000	47,000	47,000			
Public Defender							
Other Expenses:		3,000	3,000	-	3,000		
Revenue Administration (Tax Collector)							
Salaries and Wages		84,000	84,000	83,654	346		
Other Expenses:		4,000	4,000	3,961	39		
Tax Assessment Administration							
Salaries and Wages		31,500	31,500	27,760	3,740		
Other Expenses		6,000	6,000	5,839	161		
Legal Services and Costs							
Other Expenses		95,500	95,500	79,134	16,366		
Insurance							
Workers' Compensation		243,464	243,464	233,735	9,729		
Group Insurance		1,385,000	1,385,000	1,353,258	31,742		
Other Insurance		154,300	154,300	103,139	51,161		
Municipal Court							
Salaries and Wages		124,000	124,000	119,399	4,601		
Other Expenses		11,000	11,000	9,234	1,766		
Planning Board		,	,	-,	,		
Salaries and Wages		8,500	8,500	8,000	500		
Other Expenses		28,000	28,000	24,531	3,469		
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		APPROPRIATIONS		EXPENDI	TURES	UNEXPENDED	
		DUDOFT	BUDGET AFTER	PAID OR		BALANCE	OVER
OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAP" (Continued)	_	BUDGET	MODIFICATION	CHARGED	RESERVED	CANCELED	EXPENDED
Engineering Services and Costs							
Other Expenses		43,000	43,000	35,390	7,610		
Other Expenses	_	43,000	43,000	30,390	7,010		
TOTAL General Government	_	2,721,264	2,771,264	2,603,104	168,160	-	
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:							
Fire Official							
Salaries and Wages	\$	10,000	10,000	7,533	2,467		
Other Expenses		2,000	2,000	416	1,584		
Fire Department							
Salaries and Wages		512,000	512,000	476,064	35,936		
Other Expenses:							
Fire Hydrant		80,000	80,000	78,540	1,460		
Miscellaneous Other Expenses		28,000	28,000	27,503	497		
Police Department							
Salaries and Wages		1,947,500	1,947,500	1,720,238	227,262		
Other Expenses		45,000	45,000	44,885	115		
Aid to Volunteer Rescue Squad		,		,			
Salaries and Wages			-		-		
Other Expenses		50,000	50.000	50,000	-		
Office of Emergency Management		,	,				
Salaries and Wages		2,000	2,000	2,000	-		
Other Expenses		4,000	4,000	25	3,975		
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TOTAL Public Safety	_	2,680,500	2,680,500	2,407,204	273,296	. <u> </u>	
STREETS AND ROADS:							
Streets and Road Maintenance							
Salaries and Wages		585,000	585,000	540,754	44,246		
Other Expenses		21,900	21,900	20,408	1,492		
Reserve for Snow Removal		100	100	20,100	100		
Maintenance of Automotive Equipment			100				
Other Expenses		55,000	55,000	54,650	350		
Solid Waste Collection		,					
Tipping Fees		516,000	516,000	481,440	34,560		
Public Buildings and Grounds		*	,	, -	,		
Salaries and Wages		10,000	10,000	4,692	5,308		
Other Expenses		80,000	80,000	77,488	2,512		
Maintenance of Bike Path		2,000	2,000	140	1,860		
TOTAL Streets and Roads		1,270,000	1,270,000	1,179,572	90,428		

	APPRO	OPRIATIONS	EXPENDI	TURES	UNEXPENDED	
	BUDGET	BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION	PAID OR CHARGED	RESERVED	BALANCE CANCELED	OVER EXPENDED
OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAP" (Continued)						
SANITATION						
Sewerage Salaries and Wages \$	158,000	158,000	155,235	2,765		
Other Expenses	31,000	31,000	30,585	415		
TOTAL Sanitation	189,000	189,000	185,820	3,180	-	
HEALTH AND WELFARE:						
Dog Regulation Other Expenses	8,400	8,400	8,400	_	_	
Other Expenses	0,400	0,400	0,400			
TOTAL Health and Welfare	8,400	8,400	8,400			
RECREATION AND EDUCATION:						
Parks and Playgrounds						
Salaries and Wages	99,000	99,000	80,362	18,638		
Other Expenses	5 000	F 000	4 70 4	000		
Neighborhood Programs Miscellaneous Other Expenses:	5,000	5,000	4,764	236		
All Sports	13,225	13,225	13,049	176		
Senior Citizens	750	750	750			
Conservation Commission						
Other Expenses	500	500	-	500		
TOTAL Recreation and Education	118,475	118,475	98,925	19,550		
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.17)						
Construction Code Official						
Salaries and Wages	116,500	116,000	111,870	4,130		
Other Expenses	7,500	8,000	7,552	448		
Zoning / Housing Officer	05 500	05 500	04 500	4 000		
Salaries and Wages	35,500	35,500	34,500	1,000 98		
Other Expenses	2,100	2,100	2,002	98	<u>-</u>	
Total Uniform Construction Code	161,600	161,600	155,924	5,676		

	APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET AFTER		EXPENDIT PAID OR		UNEXPENDED BALANCE	OVER	
	BUDGET	MODIFICATION	CHARGED	RESERVED	CANCELED	EXPENDED	
OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAP" (Continued)							
UNCLASSIFIED:							
Utilities:							
Gasoline \$	107,000	107,000	102,497	4,503			
Electricity	76,000	76,000	69,506	6,494			
Telephone and Telegraph	55,000	55,000	53,825	1,175			
Natural Gas	40,000	40,000	28,298	11,702			
Street Lighting	115,000	115,000	107,381	7,619			
Water	3,500	3,500	3,247	253			
Telecommunications	6,500	6,500	2,495	4,005			
Internet	6,000	6,000	3,900	2,100			
Street Sweeping	10,000	10,000	10,000				
TOTAL Unclassified	419,000	419,000	381,149	37,851	-	-	
TOTAL OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAP"	7,568,239	7,618,239	7,020,098	598,141			
Detail:							
Salaries and Wages	4,035,000	4,034,500	3,675,509	358,991	-	-	
Other Expenses	3,533,239	3,583,739	3,344,589	239,150		-	
DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES - WITHIN "CAP": Statutory Expenditures:							
Contribution to:							
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	190,000	190,000	162,688	27,312			
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	2,000	2,000	856	1,144			
Reserve for Accumulated Leave	500	500		500			
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	12,000	12,000	10,219	1,781			
TOTAL Deferred Charges and Statutory							
Expenditures - within "CAP"	204,500	204,500	173,763	30,737			
TOTAL General Appropriations for							
Municipal Purposes - within "CAP"	7,772,739	7,822,739	7,193,861	628,878			

	OVER EXPENDED
	EXPENDED
OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM "CAP"	
Maintenance of Free Public Library	
(P.L. 1985, c.82 and 541) \$ 400,019 400,019 400,019	
Atlantic County Utilities Authority Service	
Charge - Contractual 702,000 702,000 651,780 50,220	
Police and Firemen's Retirement System 483,513 483,513 483,513	
LOSAP 22,500 22,500 11,750 10,750	
Public Employees Retirement System 101,057 101,057 95,774 5,283	
Recycling Tax Levy 10,000 10,000 7,337 2,663	
Dispatch	
Other Expenses 163,221 163,221 163,221	
Interlocal Road Realignment - Cedarbridge 162,100 162,100 14,070 148,030	
Linwood Share Sewerage - Interlocal Service Agreement 80,000 80,000 1,382 78,618	
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS OFFSET BY	
REVENUES - EXCLUDED FROM "CAP"	
Clean Communities Program 10,931 10,931 10,931	
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund:	
Police	
Salaries and Wages 4,448 4,448 4,448	
Match for Grants 5,500 5,500 5,500	
County of Atlantic Municipal Drug Alliance	
County Share 10,552 10,552 10,552	
City Share 2,638 2,638 2,638	
Safe and Secure Program:	
State Share 55,659 55,659 55,659	
Local Share 137,050 137,050 137,050	
Federal Homeland Security	
Federal Share 69,920 69,920 69,920	
Local Share 3,680 3,680 3,680	
US Department of Justice Bullet Proof Vest 1,625 1,625 1,625	
NJ Council on the Arts 1,100 1,100 1,100	
Over the Limit Under Arrest 4,897 9,897 9,897	
Atlantic County Open Space 1,000,000 1,000,000 1,000,000	
Community Development Block Grant 28,578 28,578 28,578	
Body Armor 2,568 2,568 2,568	
Click It or Ticket 4,000 4,000 4,000	
NJ Alcohol Education Rehabilitation 4,370 4,370 4,370	

		APPRO	OPRIATIONS	EXPENDIT	URES	UNEXPENDED	
		BUDGET	BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION	PAID OR CHARGED	RESERVED	BALANCE CANCELED	OVER EXPENDED
TOTAL OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAP" Detail:	\$	3,471,926	3,476,926	3,175,862	301,064		
Salaries and Wages		201,527	201,527	201,527	-	-	-
Other Expenses		3,270,399	3,275,399	2,974,335	301,064		
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS -</u> <u>EXCLUDED FROM "CAP":</u> Capital Improvement Fund		25,000	25,000	25,000			
Firefighter Protection Equipment		23,000	- 25,000	25,000			
Sewer Repairs		20,000	20,000	15,036	4,964		
City Match for DOT		15,000	15,000	15,000			
NJ Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act		140,000	140,000	140,000			
TOTAL Capital Improvement Fund -							
Excluded from "CAP"		200,000	200,000	195,036	4,964	-	-
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"							
Payment of Bond Principal Interest on Bonds		640,000	640,000	640,000		-	
Interest on Bonds		293,772	293,772	293,772		<u>-</u>	
TOTAL Municiapl Debt Service - Excluded from "CAP"		933,772	933,772	933,772			
TOTAL General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes - Excluded from "CAP"		4,605,698	4,610,698	4,304,670	306,028	<u> </u>	
SUBTOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS		12,378,437	12,433,437	11,498,531	934,906	-	-
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES		480,851	480,851	480,851			
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$	12,859,288	12,914,288	11,979,382	934,906		
<u>Ref.</u>	_	A-2			А		А

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		_	BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION		PAID OR CHARGED
Appropriation by N.J.S. 40A:4-47 Budget	<u>Ref.</u> A-2 A-2	\$ _	5,000 12,909,288	_	
		\$ _	12,914,288	-	
Reserve for Federal and State Grants Reserve for Uncollected Taxes Encumbrances Payable Disbursed	A-17 A-2 A A-4			\$	1,502,016 480,851 505,241 9,491,274
				\$	11,979,382

EXHIBIT B - TRUST FUNDS

TRUST FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS December 31,

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	2008	2007
Assessment Fund: Cash Assessments Receivable	B-2 B-5	\$ 623	1,256 570
Animal Control Fund:		623	1,826
Cash - Treasurer Due from State Department of Health	B-2 B-8	11,042	10,356
		11,042	10,356
Other Funds:			
Cash - Treasurer	B-2	1,672,108	1,567,119
Small Cities Revolving Loans Receivable		78,105	107,815
		1,750,213	1,674,934
LOSAP (Unaudited)			
Investments - Held for LOSAP		88,591	93,527
		\$ 1,850,469	1,780,643

TRUST FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS December 31,

Liabilities, Reserves, and Fund Balance	<u>Ref.</u>	2008	2007
Assessment Fund: Reserve for Assessments Receivable	B-5	\$ -	570
Fund Balance	B-1	623	1,256
		623	1,826
Animal Control Fund:			
Due to Current Fund Reserve for Animal Control Fund	B-7	2,092	1,733
Expenditures	B-6	8,950	8,623
		11,042	10,356
Other Funds:			
Due to the State of NJ - Sales Tax Reserves for:		-	-
Law Enforcement Forfeiture	B-9	45,353	68,240
Escrow Fees	B-11	559,366	604,897
Snow Removal	B-12	23,300	23,300
Small Cities Grant Appropriation	B-10	151,566	121,856
Recreation Expenditures	B-13	113,485	120,874
Cultural Committee		12,293	14,035
Municipal Alliance	B-15	1,461	1,341
Outside Employment of Police	B-14	4,692	4,005
POAA		32	143
Public Defender		1,525	
Recycling		25,014	25,014
Accumulated Sick and Vacation		721,952	571,952
Small Cities Revolving Loan	B-17	78,105	107,815
Tax Sale Premiums	B-19	1,000	1,000
Joint Insurance Funds		11,069	10,462
		1,750,213	1,674,934
LOSAP (Unaudited)			
Reserve for LOSAP		88,591	93,527
		\$ 1,850,469	1,780,643

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

TRUST FUND ASSESSMENT FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2007			\$ 2,608
Increased by: Collection of Unpledged Assessments Receivable Interest Receivable	B-4 B-4	570 53	
			 623 3,231
Decreased by: Payment to Current Fund			 2,608
Balance December 31, 2008	В		\$ 623

EXHIBIT C - GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS December 31,

	<u>Ref.</u>	_	2008	2007
<u>Assets</u> Cash - Treasurer Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:	C-2	\$	548,171	1,593,990
Funded Unfunded	C-4 C-5		7,244,000 950,000	7,884,000
			8,742,171	9,477,990
Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance	_			
Serial Bonds Payable	C-8		7,244,000	7,884,000
Contracts Payable Improvement Authorizations:	C-9		591,680	663,685
Funded	C-7		311,928	787,123
Unfunded	C-7		476,381	-
Reserve for:	•			
Capital Improvement Fund	C-6		52,878	77,878
Fund Balance	C-1		65,304	65,304
		\$	8,742,171	9,477,990

There were Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued on December 31, 2008 and 2007 of 950,000 and 0 .

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2007	С	\$ 65,304
No current year activity		
Balance December 31, 2008	С	\$ 65,304

EXHIBIT D - GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

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GENERAL FIXED ASSET FUND STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS - REGULATORY BASIS December 31,

		2008	2007
<u>Assets</u>			
General Fixed Assets:			
Land, Building & Improvements	\$	4,459,286	4,420,338
Machinery and Equipment	-	4,406,762	4,335,380
Total General Fixed Assets	-	8,866,048	8,755,718
<u>Reserves</u>	-		
Investment in General Fixed Assets	\$	8,866,048	8,755,718

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Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

Except as noted below, the financial statements of the City of Northfield include every board, body, office or commission supported and maintained wholly or in part by funds appropriated by the City of Northfield, as required by N.J.S. 40A:5-5.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the City is financially accountable. The City is financially accountable for an organization if the City appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the City is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the City is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the City is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of or provide financial support to the organization; or the City is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the City in that the City approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. The Northfield Public Library is a component unit of the City. A separate audit will be performed for the Library and will be made available for inspection at the City Clerk's office upon completion.

B. Description of Funds

The accounting policies of the City of Northfield 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 the respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the City of Northfield accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate funds:

<u>Current Fund</u> -- resources and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature, including Federal and State grant funds.

<u>Trust Funds</u> -- receipts, custodianship and disbursement of funds in accordance with the purpose for which each reserve was created.

<u>General Capital Fund</u> -- receipt and disbursement of funds for the acquisition of general facilities, other than those acquired in the Current Fund.

<u>General Fixed Assets Account Group</u> -- All fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in governmental funds.

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 governmental units. The more significant policies in New Jersey are as follows.

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

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

<u>Expenditures</u> -- 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 City'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 canceled 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 bonds and notes are provided on the cash basis; interest on general capital indebtedness is on the cash basis.

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

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

<u>Inventories of Supplies</u> - 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.

<u>General Fixed Assets</u> -- The City has not developed a fixed assets accounting and reporting system, as promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services, which differs in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles.

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 on the date of acquisition. No depreciation has been provided for in the financial statements.

Any capital assets of \$1,000 or more are capitalized

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.

The following schedule is a summarization of the changes in general fixed assets for the calendar year ended December 31, 2008.

	Balance 12/31/07	Additions	Disposals	Balance 12/31/08
Buildings Vehicles Equipment	\$4,420,338 3,092,495 1,242,885	38,949 145,381	(74,000)	4,459,287 3,018,495 1,388,266
Total General Fixed Assets	\$8,755,718	184,330	(74,000)	8,866,048

<u>Levy of Taxes</u> -- The County Board of Taxation certifies the tax levy of the municipality each year. The tax levy is based on the assessed valuation of taxable property within the municipality. Taxes are payable on the first day of February, May, August, and November. Any taxes that have not been paid by the 11th day of the 11th month in the fiscal year levied are subject to being included in the tax sale and the lien enforced by selling the property in accordance with NJSA 54:5 et. seq.

The municipality is responsible for remitting 100% of the school and county taxes to the respective agency. The loss for delinquent or uncollectible accounts is borne by the municipality and not the school district or county.

<u>Capitalization of Interest</u> -- It is the policy of the City of Northfield to treat interest on projects as a current expense and the interest is included in the current operating budget.

<u>Use of Estimates</u> -- The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles or the regulatory basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

D. Comparative Data

Comparative total data for the prior year has been presented in the accompanying Balance Sheets and Statement of Operations in order to provide an understanding of changes in the City's financial position. However, comparative (i.e., presentation of prior year totals by fund type) data have not been presented in the Statement of Revenues – Regulatory Basis and the Statement of Expenditures – Regulatory Basis since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

Note 2: BUDGETARY INFORMATION

Under New Jersey State Statutes, the annual budget is required to be a balanced cash basis document. To accomplish this, the municipality is required to establish a reserve for uncollected taxes. The 2008 and 2007 regulatory budget included a reserve for uncollected taxes in the amount of \$480,851 and \$365,703, respectively. To balance the budget, the municipality is required to show a budgeted fund balance. The amount of fund balance budgeted to balance the 2008 and 2007 regulatory budget was \$1,405,000 and \$1,309,000, respectively.

The Chief Financial Officer has the discretion of approving intra department budgetary transfers throughout the year. Inter department transfers are not permitted prior to November 1. After November 1 these transfers can be made in the form of a resolution and approved by City Council. The following budget transfers were approved in the 2008 calendar year.

Budget Category		Amount	
Construction Code Salaries and Wages	\$	(500)	
Construction Code Other Expenses		500	

NJSA 40A:4-87 permits special items of revenue and appropriations to be inserted into the annual budget when the item has been made available by any public or private funding source and the item was not determined at the time of budget adoption. The following budget insertions were approved in the 2008 calendar year.

Grant Name	Amount	
Over the Limit, Under Arrest		5,000
Total insertions for the year	\$	5,000

The municipality may make emergency appropriations, after the adoption of the budget, for a purpose which was not foreseen at the time the budget was adopted or for which adequate provision was not made therein. This type of appropriation shall be made to meet a pressing need for public expenditure to protect or promote the public health, safety, morals or welfare or to provide temporary housing or public assistance prior to the next succeeding fiscal year. Emergency appropriations, except those classified as a special emergency, must be raised in the budget of the succeeding year. Special emergency appropriations are permitted to be raised in the budgets of the succeeding three or five years. As of December 31, 2008 the City has the following special emergency:

Revision of Tax Maps \$50,000.

Note 3: INVESTMENTS

Interest Rate Risk: The municipality does have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. However, New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) limits the length of time for most investments to 397 days. The City's cash management plan limits maturities to one year or less.

Credit Risk: New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) limits municipal investments to those specified in the Statutes. The type of allowable investments are Bonds of the United States of America or of the local unit or school districts of which the local unit is a part of: obligations of federal agencies not exceeding 397 days; government money market mutual funds; the State of New Jersey Cash Management Plan; local government investment pools; or repurchase of fully collateralized securities.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The municipality places no limit on the amount the City may invest in any one issuer.

Note 4: CASH

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The municipality's policy is based on New Jersey Statutes requiring cash be deposited only in New Jersey based banking institutions that participate in the New Jersey Governmental Depository Protection Act (GUDPA) or in qualified investments established in New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) that are treated as cash equivalents. As of December 31, 2008and 2007, \$0 of the municipality's bank balance of \$6,176,622 and \$7,103,352, respectively, was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Note 5: LONG TERM DEBT

Long-term debt as of December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	Balance <u>Beginning</u>	Additions	Payments	Ending <u>Balance</u>	Due in <u>One Year</u>
General Comp. Absence	\$ 7,884,000 1,016,870	83,434	640,000 27,524	7,244,000 1,072,780	675,000
Total	\$ 8,900,870	83,434	667,524	8,316,780	675,000

Outstanding bonds whose principal and interest are paid from the Current Fund Budget of the City:

\$4,655,000 General Improvement Bond dated 9/1/02 payable in annual installments through 9/1/2015. Interest is paid semiannually at a rate of 2.50% to 4.00% per annum. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2008 was \$2,845,000.

\$4,999,000 General Improvement Bond dated 11/15/06 payable in annual installments through 12/1/2018. Interest is paid semiannually at a rate of 3.5% to 4.00% per annum. The balance remaining as of December 21, 2008 was \$4,399,000.

The aggregate debt requirements to maturity are as follows:

	General Cap	ital Fund	
Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	675,000	273,073	948,073
2010	730,000	250,322	980,322
2011	775,000	223,898	998,898
2012	820,000	195,435	1,015,435
2013	855,000	163,635	1,018,635
2014-2018	3,389,000	308,090	3,697,090
Total	\$7,244,000	1,414,453	8,658,453

General serial bonds are direct obligations of the City for which its full faith and credit are pledged, and are payable from taxes levied on all taxable property located within the Municipality.

As of December 31, 2008, the carrying value of the above bonds approximates the fair value of the bonds.

At December 31, 2008 and 2007, the City has authorized but not issued debt of \$950,000 and \$0, respectively.

Long-term debt as of December 31, consisted of the following:

Summary of Municipal Debt

	2008	2007	<u>2006</u>
General - Bonds, Loans and Notes	\$7,244,000	7,884,000	8,504,000
General - Bonds, Loans and Notes			
Authorized But Not Issued	950,000		
Net Bonds, Loans and Notes Issued			
and Authorized But Not Issued	\$8,194,000	7,884,000	8,504,000

Summary of Regulatory 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 regulatory net debt of 0.68%.

	Gross Debt	Deductions	Net Debt
Local School District Debt General Debt	\$ 13,170,463 8,194,000	13,170,463	- 8,194,000
	\$ 21,364,463	13,170,463	8,194,000

Net Debt $\$8,194,000 \div$ Equalized Valuation Basis per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2 as amended, \$1,204,299,873 = 0.68%.

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

3 1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$ 42,150,496
Net Debt	8,194,000
Remaining Borrowing Power	\$ 33,956,496

Note 6: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

The 2009 budget has not been introduced as of the date of the audit.

Note 7: SCHOOL TAXES

Local District School Taxes and Regional High School Tax have been raised on a calendar year basis. There were no Local District School Taxes or Regional High School taxes payable at December 31, 2008.

Note 8: TAXES COLLECTED IN ADVANCE

Taxes collected in advance are recorded as cash liabilities in the financial statements. Following is a comparison of the liability for the previous two years:

	Balance December 31, 2008		Balance	
			December 31, 2007	
Prepaid Tax	\$	158,609	117,115	
Cash Liability for Taxes Collected in Advance	\$	158,609	117,115	

Note 9: PENSION FUNDS

Description of Plans

Substantially all of the City's employees are covered by the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and Police and Fireman's Retirement System (PFRS), a cost-sharing multipleemployer defined benefit pension plan which has been established by state statute and is administered by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of the System will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the System terminate. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the Public Employees Retirement System and Police and Fireman's Retirement System. This report may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625 or the report can be accessed on the internet at http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts_archive.htm.

Public Employees' Retirement System

The Public Employees' Retirement System was established in January, 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 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.

Police and Fireman's Retirement System

The contribution policy for the PFRS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:16 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. PFRS provides for employee contributions of 8.5% of employees' annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate.

Funding Policy

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 provide for employee contributions of 5% thru June 30, 2008 and 5.5% from July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 of employees' annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in PERS and PFRS. The current PERS rate is 6.9% of covered payroll and for PFRS a rate of 8.5% of covered payroll. The City's contributions to PERS for the years ending December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$101,057, \$53,736 and \$28,057 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year. The City's contributions to PFRS for the years ending December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$483,513, \$288,876 and \$190,394 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

NOTE 10: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Plan Description

The New Jersey State Health Benefits Commission administers cost-sharing multiple-employer health care plans under the State Health Benefits Program and the School Employees' health . The New Jersey State Health Benefits Plan (SHBP) provides access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who qualify based on state law and local requirements. Coverage under the current program includes medical, prescription drug, mental health/substance abuse and Medicare Part B reimbursement to retirees and their covered dependents. The State of New Jersey pays a portion of the cost for retirees, spouses and dependents.

Members of the Public Employees' Retirement System would generally qualify for coverage under the following criteria:

Service Retirement	Eligible at age 60
Early Retirement	Eligible after 25 years of service
Service or Early Retirement Eligibility for State-paid SHBP Benefits	Attainment of 25 years of service
Ordinary Disability Retirement	Eligible after 10 years of service
Accidental Disability	Eligible upon total and permanent disability prior to age 65 as a result of a duty injury

Members of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System would generally qualify for coverage under the following criteria:

Service Retirement	Eligibility means age 55 or 20 years of credited service for an employee who is a member of the Retirement System as of January 18, 2000 and age 55 for an employee who became a member of the Retirement System after January 18, 2000. Mandatory at age 65.
Service or Early Retirer Eligibility for State-paid SI Benefits	
Ordinary Disability Retiren	hent A Member is eligible for Ordinary Disability Retirement if he (she) has 4 years of service and is totally and permanently incapacitated from the performance of usual or available duties.
Accidental Disab Retirement	ility A member is eligible upon total and permanent incapacitation from the performance of usual and available duties as a result of injury during the performance of regular duties.

Special Disability Retirement

A member is eligible for Special Disability Retirement if he (she) has 5 years of Credited Service, is under age 55, and has received a heart transplant.

The New Jersey State Health Benefits Plan issues a stand-alone financial report under GASB 43. To view the report, go to <u>http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/shbp.htm</u>.

The City is a member of the SHBP and provides that its retirees will be covered if they have participated in either the PERS or the PFRS for 25 years. During 2008, 2007 and 2006 the City paid the SHBP \$1,116,490, \$1,123,054 and \$1,114,507 respectively for health care of employees and retirees. The amount paid for retirees was \$458,230, \$410,901 and \$409,841 respectively.

Note 11: ACCRUED SICK AND VACATION BENEFITS

City employees are covered by union contracts specifying that vacation time may be carried over to the next calendar year, with prior permission. Sick leave may be accumulated from year to year and used as needed. Each contract details the amounts an employee will be compensated at retirement based on the current rate of pay upon retirement. It is estimated that the current cost of such unpaid compensation would approximate \$1,072,780 and \$1,016,870 as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The policy of not reflecting the accrued benefit is not in agreement with GASB Statement No. 12 but is required by the State of New Jersey. Effective January 1, 2002 the State of New Jersey is allowing municipalities to accrue a compensated absence liability. The City has established a reserve trust fund the balance at December 31, 2008 and 2007 is \$721,952 and \$571,952, respectively.

Note 12: UNION CONTRACTS

As of December 31, 2008, the City's employees are organized in three collective bargaining units. The contracts with the Policeman's Benevolent Association will expire December 31, 2010, the UWU contract will expire December 31, 2012 and the IAFF contract expired December 31, 2011.

Bargaining Unit	Job Category	Members
PBA	Police	All uniformed police
UWU	Supervisory Employees and	All employees except exempt
	White and Blue Collar	employees, police, and fire
	Employees	
IAFF	Fire	All career fire fighters

Note 13: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The City of Northfield is not economically dependent on any one business or industry within the City.

Note 14: LITIGATION

During the normal course of operations, lawsuits are brought against the governmental unit. As of this date the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable and the City's counsel has not given any indication that settlements would have a material adverse effect on the City.

Note 15: DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Employees of the City may participate in a deferred compensation plan adopted under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 457 (Deferred Compensation Plans With Respect to Service for State and Local Governments).

The deferred compensation plan is available to all employees of the City. Under the plan, employees may elect to defer a portion of their salaries and avoid paying taxes on the deferred portion until the withdrawal date. The deferred compensation amount is not available for withdrawal by employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency.

An unrelated financial institution administers the deferred compensation plan. Under the terms of an IRC Section 457 deferred compensation plan, all deferred compensation and income attributable to the investment of the deferred compensation amounts held by the financial institution, until paid or made available to the employees or beneficiaries, are the property of the employees.

As part of its fiduciary role, the City has an obligation of due care in selecting the third party administrator. In the opinion of the City's legal counsel, the City has acted in a prudent manner and is not liable for losses that may arise from the administration of the plan.

Note 16: CONTRACTS AND COMMITMENTS

As of December 31, 2008, the City had outstanding balances on various contracts in the amount of \$591,681. These contracts are funded through grants from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation, and Bond Ordinances adopted by the City.

Note 17: INTERFUND BALANCES

As of December 31, 2008, the following interfunds were included on the balance sheets of the various funds of the City of Northfield:

	Du	ie From	Due To		
Current Fund Federal and State Grant Fund Dog Fund	\$	2,092	102,029		
Federal and State Grant Fund: Current Fund		102,029			
Dog Fund: Current Fund			2,092		
	\$	104,121	104,121		

The grant appropriations are expended prior to receipt of awards. The current fund must advance funds. The dog fund had a statutory excess at year end.

Note 18: RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

<u>Property and Liability Insurance</u> – The City maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability and surety bonds.

The City of Northfield is a member of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund which also includes other municipalities throughout the region. The City is obligated to remit insurance premiums into these funds for sufficient insurance coverage. There is an unknown contingent liability with the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund if there is a catastrophic insurance claim from any member of the fund. The City has a liability limit of \$10,000,000 under MEL. There has not been a reduction in coverage and there have not been any claims in excess of coverage.

<u>New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance</u> – The City has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Contributory Method".

There was no decrease in coverage or payments in excess of the City's coverage during 2008.

Note 19: LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (Unaudited)

During the year 2001 the voters of the City of Northfield approved the establishment of a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) Deferred Compensation Plan. This plan is made available to all bona fide eligible volunteers who performed qualified services which are defined as fire fighting and prevention services, emergency medical services and ambulance services pursuant to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, except for provisions added by reason of the LOSAP as enacted into federal law in 1997. The establishment of this LOSAP complies with New Jersey Public Law 1997, Chapter 388 and the LOSAP Document. The City has included \$22,500 in the 2008 budget for contributions to the LOSAP for volunteers who have met the established criteria. The 2009 budget has not been introduced.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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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

The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council City of Northfield, New Jersey

We have audited the financial statements - regulatory basis of the City of Northfield, New Jersey as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated April 3, 2009. Our report disclosed that, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements – regulatory basis, the City of Northfield, New Jersey prepares its financial statements on a basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, that demonstrates compliance with a modified accrual basis of accounting and the budget laws of the State of New Jersey, which practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United Stated of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, Department of Merica.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City of Northfield, New Jersey's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements - regulatory basis but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Northfield's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Northfield's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purposes described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Northfield, New Jersey'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* or the requirements of the Division of Local Government Services.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the City of Northfield, New Jersey in a separate letter dated April 3, 2009.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Finance Committee and the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Kenneth W. Moore

Kenneth W Moore, CPA Registered Municipal Accountant No. 231

Alliance of Governmental Auditors, LLC

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April 3, 2009

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Schedule 1 Sheet 1

	CFDA #/					Receipts or				
Federal or State Grantor/Pass-Through	Pass Through	Grant	Period	Program or	Balance	Revenue	Disbursements/		Balance	Cumulative
Grantor/Program Title	Grantor's #	From	То	Award Amount	12/31/07	Recognized	Expenditures	Cancelled	12/31/08	Expenditures
STATE OF NEW JERSEY										
Department of Environmental Protection										
Clean Communities	4900-765-042-4900-004	01/01/08	12/31/08	10,931	-	10,931	10,000		931	10,000
Clean Communities	4900-765-042-4900-004	01/01/07	12/31/07	7,076	7,076		7,076		-	7,076
Municipal Alliance	4250-760-050000-63-262	01/01/08	12/31/08	10,552		10,552	10,551	1	1	10,551
Municipal Alliance	4250-760-050000-63-262	01/01/07	12/31/07	10,075	2,180		2,180		-	10,075
Department of Transportation										
New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act	6320-480-601395-61	01/01/08	12/31/08	140,000		140,000	9,700		130,300	9,700
State of New Jersey State Police										
Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Fund	9735-760-098-Y900-001	01/01/08	12/31/08	4,370		4,370			4,370	-
Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Fund	9735-760-098-Y900-001	01/01/07	12/31/07	1,857	1,857		1,303		554	1,303
Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Fund	9735-760-098-Y900-001				3,347		3,347			3,347
Safe and Secure Communities	100-066-1020-107	01/01/08	12/31/08	55,659		55,659	55,659		-	55,659
Body Armor	1020-718-066-1020	01/01/08	12/31/08	2,567		2,567			2,567	
Body Armor	1020-718-066-1020	01/01/07	12/31/07	2,360	2,360		1,372		988	1,372
Body Armor	1020-718-066-1020				4,967		4,967		-	4,967
Click it or Ticket		01/01/08	12/31/08	4,000		4,000	3,967	33	33	3,967
Over the Limit Under Arrest		01/01/08	12/31/08	9,897		9,897	9,816	81	81	9,816
Drunk Driving Enforcement		01/01/08	12/31/08	4,448		4,448			4,448	-
Drunk Driving Enforcement		01/01/07	12/31/07	4,620	4,620		4,589		31	4,589
Drunk Driving Enforcement					16,802		16,530	272	272	16,530
Total State Assistance				\$	43,209	242,424	141,057	387	144,576	148,952

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Schedule 1 Sheet 2

Federal or State Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	CFDA #/ Pass Through Grantor's #	Grant From	Period To	Program or Award Amount	Balance 12/31/07	Receipts or Revenue Recognized	Disbursements/ Expenditures	Cancellation	Balance 12/31/08	Cumulative Expenditures
FEDERAL:										
US Department of Justice Bullet Proof Vests	16.607	01/01/08	12/31/08	1,625		1,625			1,625	
Total Department of Justice						1,625			1,625	
Homeland Security Federal Homeland Security - Fire	97.067	01/01/08	12/31/08	69,920		69,920	69,916	4		69,916
Total Homeland Security					-	69,920	69,916	4	-	69,916
Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Grant	66.605	01/01/08	12/31/08	8,468	8,468				8,468	
Total Department of Environmental Protection					8,468				8,468	-
Department of Agriculture Recreation Trails Program	10.XXX	01/01/07	12/31/07	25,000	25,000		25,000			25,000
Total Department of Agriculture					25,000		25,000			25,000
Housing and Urban Development Small Cities Community Development Block Small Cities Community Development Block	14.218 14.218	01/01/08 01/01/07	12/31/08 12/31/07	28,578 28,957	28,924	28,578	28,578 28,924		-	28,578 28,957
Total Housing and Urban Development					28,924	28,578	57,502		-	57,535
Total Federal Assistance				\$	62,392	100,123	152,418	4	10,093	152,451

Exhibit A-4 Sheet 1

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

	Ref.	Curr	ent Fu	nd
Balance December 31, 2007	А		\$	3,932,535
Increased by Receipts:				
Taxes Receivable	A-9 \$	23,109,176		
Due from State of New Jersey (c.73, P.L.1976)	A-12	157,000		
Prepaid Taxes	A-19	158,609		
Prepaid Sewer		540		
Tax Overpayments	A-20	64,232		
Sewer Overpayments	A-7	2,185		
Federal and State Grants	A-5	348,516		
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-13	2,820,351		
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	A-2	116,340		
Payroll and Withholdings	A-15	1,240,666		
Reserve for Garden State Trust	А	47		
Interfunds returned		50,763		
Due State for DCA Fees		894		
Due State for Burial Fees		970		
Due State for Marriage Licenses	A-25	825	_	
			-	00 074 444

28,071,114

Exhibit A-4 Sheet 2

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

	Ref.	Current F	und
Decreased by Disbursements:			
2007 Appropriation Reserves	A-18	442,091	
2008 Appropriations	A-3	9,441,274	
County Taxes	A-21	3,158,137	
County Added Taxes	A-22	12,472	
Regional High School Tax	A-24	4,607,854	
Local District School Tax	A-23	8,685,559	
Due State for Marriage Licenses	A-25	925	
Payroll Taxes Paid	A-15	1,238,936	
Due State for Burial Permits		1,080	
Due State for DCA		1,508	
Refund of Tax Overpayments	A-20	27,185	
Refund of Sewer Overpayments		90	
Refunds of Revenue		988	
Federal and State Grant Expenditures	A-5	367,694	
	-		27,985,793
Balance December 31, 2008	А	\$	4,017,856

Exhibit A-5

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF DUE TO/(FROM) FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND

	Ref.			
Balance December 31, 2007	A		\$	(49,030)
Increased by:				
Cancellation of Grants Appropriated	A-17 \$	341,998		
Prior Year Encumbrance	A-4	12,823		
Cash Disbursed	A-17:4	354,871		
Realized as Anticipated Revenue	A-14	1,343,647	_	
				2,053,339
Decreased by:				(2,102,369)
Cancellation of Grants Receivable	A-14	353,867		
Cash Received	A-14:16	348,516		
Budget Appropriation	A-17	1,502,015		
	-		-	2,204,398
Balance December 31, 2008	А		\$	102,029

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF SEWER RENTS RECEIVABLE

	Ref.			
Balance December 31, 2007	А		\$	37,441
Increased by: Sewer Billings	Res.			1,103,647
	1.00.		-	1,141,088
Decreased by:				
Canceled	Res	2,300		
Collections	A-13	1,092,230		
Overpayments Applied	A-7:A-13	195		
			-	1,094,725
Balance December 31, 2008	А		\$_	46,363

Exhibit A-7

SCHEDULE OF SEWER RENT OVERPAYMENTS

	Ref.			
Balance December 31, 2007	А		\$	195
Increased by: Overpayments in 2008	A-4		-	2,185 2,380
Decreased by: Applied	A-1	195		195
Balance December 31, 2008	А		\$	2,185

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF CHANGE FUNDS

Office	_	Balance Dec. 31, 2007	Received From Treasurer	Returned to Treasurer	Balance Dec. 31, 2008
City Clerk Municipal Court Tax Collector		\$ 100 150 100			100 150
		\$ 350		-	350
	Ref.	А	A-4	A-4	А

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEV

	Balance		Added	Collections	by Cash	(Transfers) or	Overpayments	Transferred To Tax	Balance
Year	12/31/2007	2008 Levy	Taxes	2007	2008	Canceled	Applied	Title Liens	12/31/2008
Arrears \$ 2007	- 328,585				309,998	(13,959) 18,505		82	13,959
2008	328,585	23,412,222	192,874	117,115	309,998 22,956,678	4,546 138,684	22,355	82 1,823	13,959 368,441
\$	328,585	23,412,222	192,874	117,115	23,266,676	143,230	22,355	1,905	382,400
Ref.	А			A-19		Res.	A-20	A-10	A
		State of New Jersey	Cash (c.73,P.L. 1976)	<u>Ref.</u> A-4 \$ A-12	23,109,176 157,500 23,266,676				

Exhibit A-9 Sheet 2

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEV

Analysis of 2008 Property Tax Levy Tax Yield:	<u>Ref.</u>		
General Property Tax		\$	23,412,222
		φ	192,874
Added Taxes (54:4-63.1 et. seq.)			192,074
Omitted Taxes (54:4-63.12 et seq.)		—	
		\$	23,605,096
Tax Levy:			
Regional High School Tax (Abstract)	A-29	\$	4,607,854
Local School District Tax (Abstract)	A-28		8,685,559
County Taxes:			
County Tax (Abstract)	A-26	\$ 2,767,845	
County Health Service Tax (Abstract)	A-26	145,296	
County Open Space Tax (Abstract)	A-26	244,996	
Due County for Added Taxes			
(R.S. 54:4-63.1 et seq.)	A-27	 18,113	
Total County Taxes			3,176,250
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	A-2	7,017,560	
Add: Additional Tax Levied		117,873	
		 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	7,135,433
		\$	23,605,096
		¥ _	20,000,000

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF LIENS

	Ref.		
Balance December 31, 2007	А		\$ 9,249
Increased by: Transfers Receivable	A-9	\$6,740	6,740
Decreased by:			15,989
Collected in 2008	08 A-2:A-4 <u>1,856</u>	1,856	1,856
Balance December 31, 2008	А		\$ 14,133
Analysis of Balance: Tax Title Liens Sewer Liens Miscellaneous Liens	11,207 1,079 1,847 14,133		
SCHEDULE OF (AT	Exhibit A-11		

	Ref.	
Balance December 31, 2008 and 2007	А	\$ 19,200

Exhibit A-12

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF DUE FROM/(TO) STATE OF NEW JERSEY CHAPTER 20, P.L. 1971

Balance December 31, 2007	<u>Ref.</u> A		\$	(12,700)
Increased by: Received from State of New Jersey Deductions Disallowed by Collector	A-4	157,0 1,2		
		158,2	50	
			_	158,250
Decreased by:				170,950
Deductions per Tax Billing: Senior Citizen Veterans Deductions Allowed by Collector		35,2 120,5 3,0	00	
		158,7	50	158,750
Balance December 31, 2008	A		- \$ _	(12,200)
Analysis of Amount Realized: Senior Citizens' and Veterans'				
Deductions Per Tax Billings Senior Citizens' and Veterans'		\$ 155,7	50	
Deductions Allowed by Tax Collector - 2008		3,0	00	
Less:			\$	158,750
Senior Citizens' and Veterans' Deductions Disallowed by Tax Collector - 2008				1,250
	A-9		\$	157,500

2,820,406

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	Ref.		Balance 12/31/2007	Accrued In 2008	Collected	Balance 12/31/2008	
Missellenseus Devenues Antisinsted							-
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated		•					
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	A-2	\$	-	4,800	4,800	-	
Other Licenses	A-2		-	78,060	78,060	-	
Fees and Permits	A-2		-	89,347	89,347	-	
Municipal Court:							
Fines and Costs	A-2		15,047	247,241	248,040	14,248	December
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-2		-	80,059	80,059	-	
Interest on Investments and Deposits	A-2		-	140,854	140,854	-	
Sewerage Rentals	A-2		-	1,092,230	1,092,230	-	
Interest and Costs on Sewer	A-2		-	14,745	14,745	-	
Energy Receipt Taxes	A-2		-	625,681	625,681	-	
Consolidated Municipal Tax Relief Act	A-2		-	189,656	189,656	-	
Garden State Trust	A-2		-	55	55	-	
Uniform Construction Code Fees	A-2		-	106,426	106,426	-	
County Share - Road Realignment	A-2		-	6,783	6,783	-	
Linwood Share - Road Realignment	A-2		-	1,873	1,873	-	
Linwood Share - Sewerage Department Costs-						-	
Interlocal Service Agreement	A-2		-	113,132	113,132	-	
Uniform Fire Safety Act Fees	A-2		-	6,909	6,909	-	
Utility Assessment Fund	A-2		-	1,256	1,256	-	
Library Rent	A-2	_		20,500	20,500	-	_
		\$	15,047	2,819,607	2,820,406	14,248	
	Ref.	=	A			A	=
				Cash Receipts A-4	2,820,351		
				Prior Receipts	55		
					0.000.100		

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS RECEIVABLE

Grant	Balance 12/31/2007	Anticipated Revenue	Received	Canceled	Balance 12/31/2008
Clean Communities Program	\$	10,931	10,931		-
Safe and Secure State	Ŧ	55,659	55,659		-
Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Fund		4,370	4,370		-
DDEF-DWI Police		4,448	4,448		-
NJ DOT - Roosevelt Avenue II	37,500		37,500		-
NJ DOT - Banning Avenue	59,250		59,250		-
Body Armor	·	2,567	2,567		-
US Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest		1,625			1,625
Atlantic County Open Space	350,000	1,000,000		350,000	1,000,000
Municipal Alliance Grant					
2007 Grant	10,075		6,326	3,749	-
2008 Grant		10,552			10,552
NJ Transportation Trust - Safe Streets to School	ols	140,000			140,000
Council on the Arts	275	1,100	1,100		275
DEP Stormwater	4,234		2,116		2,118
Community Development Block Grant	28,924	28,578	57,502		-
Click It or Ticket		4,000	3,967	33	-
Federal Recreation Trails	25,000		25,000		-
Federal Homeland Security - Fire		69,920	69,916	4	-
Over the Limit Under Arrest		9,897	9,816	81	-
	\$ 515,258	1,343,647	350,468	353,867	1,154,570
<u>Ref.</u>	A	A-2		A-5	A
Trar	nsferred from Unappro	Current Fund A- priated Reserves A-1	'		

350,468

Exhibit A-15

SCHEDULE OF PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE

	Ref.		
Balance December 31, 2007	А	\$	30,148
Increased by: Cash Received	A-4	-	1,240,666
Decreased by: Cash Disbursed	A-4	-	1,238,936
Balance December 31, 2008	А	\$	31,878

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS - UNAPPROPRIATED

Grant	_	Balance Dec. 31, 2007	Received	Anticipated in 2008 Budget	Balance Dec. 31, 2008
DWI - Alcohol Education And Rehabilitation Court Salaries and Wages Body Armor Grant	\$	1,720 2,567	2,335	1,720 2,567	2,335
	\$_	4,287	2,335	4,287	2,335
Ref.		А	A-5	A-14	А

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS - APPROPRIATED

Grant	Balance 12/31/2007	5		(Canceled Prior Encumb.) Canceled	Balance 12/31/2008
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund					
Police Salaries and Wages \$	21,988	4,448	22,119	(272)	4,589
Clean Communities Program	-	10,931	17,076	(7,076)	931
Municipal Alliance Grant					
County Share	2,180	10,552	12,731	1	-
Local Share	26	2,638	2,788	(124)	-
Safe and Secure Communities Program					
State Share		55,659	55,659		-
Local Share		137,050	137,050		-
NJ Transportation Trust					
State Share		140,000	9,700		130,300
Local Share		15,000	15,000		-
Federal Homeland Security - Fire		~~~~~	~~~~		
Federal Share		69,920	69,916	4	-
Local Share	5 00 4	3,680	3,680		-
Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Fund	5,204	4,370	4,650		4,924
US Department of Justice - Bulletproof Vest	7 007	1,625	0.000	(0.40)	1,625
Body Armor	7,327	2,567	6,988	(649)	3,555
Atlantic County Open Space	350,000	1,000,000		350,000	1,000,000
NJ DOT - Banning Avenue	20.024	00 570	E7 E00		-
Community Development Block Grant Click It or Ticket	28,924	28,578 4,000	57,502	33	-
Over the Limit Under Arrest			3,967	81	-
NJ DEP Stormwater Grant	8,468	9,897	9,816	01	- 8,468
Federal Recreation Trails Program	25,000		25,000		0,400
Council on the Arts	25,000	1,100	1,100		-
Council on the Arts		1,100	1,100		-
\$	449,117	1,502,015	454,742	341,998	1,154,392
<u>Ref.</u>	А	A-3			А
		Encumbered A			
		Current Fund A-4	354,871		

See Accompanying Auditor's Report

\$ 454,742

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES

		Balance	Balance After		Balance
		12/31/2007	Transfers	Paid	Lapsed
Operations Within "CAP":					I
General Administration					
Salaries and Wages	\$	28,235	28,235	27,756	479
Other Expenses	•	16,823	16,823	10,078	6,745
Mayor and Council		-,	- ,	-,	-, -
Other Expenses		3,467	3,467	905	2,562
City Clerk		0,101	0,101		_,
Other Expenses		23,212	23,212	18,561	4,651
Financial Administration			,	,	.,
Other Expenses		1,696	1,696	1,029	667
Tax Collector		1,000	1,000	1,020	001
Other Expenses		557	557	271	286
Planning Board		001	007	271	200
Other Expenses		141	141	35	106
Tax Assessment Administration		171	171	00	100
Other Expenses		919	919	650	269
Legal Services and Costs		515	515	000	200
Other Expenses		20,868	20,868	18,122	2,746
Engineering		20,000	20,000	10,122	2,740
Other Expenses		11,042	11,042	7,704	3,338
Public Buildings and Grounds		11,042	11,042	7,704	5,550
Other Expenses		8,114	8,114	4,009	4,105
Solid Waste Collection		76,430	76,430	44,041	32,389
Fire Department		70,430	70,430	44,041	52,509
-		1,236	1,236	1,066	170
Other Expenses Sewer		1,230	1,230	1,000	170
Other Expenses		4,549	4,549	3,442	1,107
Police Services		4,549	4,549	5,442	1,107
Salaries and Wages		177,459	27,459		27,459
-		56,079	56,079	53,849	
Other Expenses Emergency Management		50,079	50,079	55,649	2,230
		2 1 1 9	2,448	105	2 2 2 2
Other Expenses		2,448	2,440	125	2,323
Municipal Court		7 501	7 501	202	7 000
Other Expenses Streets and Roads		7,531	7,531	293	7,238
		0.050	0.050	7 4 5 4	0.000
Other Expenses		9,252	9,252	7,154	2,098
Maintenance of Auto Equipment		10 150	40.450	11 200	4 707
Other Expenses		13,153	13,153	11,386	1,767
Animal Control Services		4 400	4 400	4 400	
Other Expenses		1,400	1,400	1,400	-
Parks and Playgrounds		055	055	055	
Other Expenses		355	355	355	-
All Sports		928	928	155	773

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES

	Balance Dec. 31, 2007	Balance After Transfers	Paid	Balance Lapsed
Uniform Construction Code				
Construction Code Official				
Other Expenses	2,600	2,600	34	2,566
Zoning / Housing Officer				
Other Expenses	1,095	1,095	128	967
Utilities				
Natural Gas	12,967	12,967	1,816	11,151
Internet	2,700	2,700	300	2,400
Gasoline	17,919	17,919	11,714	6,205
Electricity	11,733	11,733	7,792	3,941
Telephone and Telegraph	11,313	11,313	3,549	7,764
Water Service	1,425	1,425	379	1,046
Street Lighting	19,253	19,253	10,154	9,099
Capital Improvements Excluded from "CA				
Sewer Repairs	18,193	18,193	17,700	493
PERS	1,083	1,083	833	250
Insurance				
Other	18,162	18,162	6,341	11,821
LOSAP	22,000	22,000	18,000	4,000
Linwood - Interlocal Agreement	79,194	79,194	253	78,941
Reserve for Accumulated Leave	-	150,000	150,000	-
DOT Match	15,000	15,000	712	14,288
Other Assessments No. Charges	F10 000	F40.000		F40.000
Other Accounts - No Changes	519,929	519,929		519,929
5	5 1,220,460	1,220,460	442,091	778,369
Ref.			A-4	A-1
Appropriation Reserves	607,715			
Encumbrances Payable	612,745			
ν. ·	1,220,400			

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF PREPAID TAXES

	Ref.	-			
Balance December 31, 2007	А			\$	117,115
Increased by: Collection (2009 Taxes)	A-4		158,609		
				-	158,609
Decreased by:					275,724
Decreased by: Application to 2008 Taxes	A-9			-	117,115
Balance December 31, 2008 (2009 Taxes)	А			\$	158,609
					Exhibit A-20
SCHEDULE OF TAX	OVERPA	YMENIS			
	Ref.	_			
Balance December 31, 2007	А			\$	12,517
Increased by: Adjustment					
Overpayments in 2008	A-4			-	64,232
Decreased by:					76,749
Application to Taxes Adjustment	A-9	\$	22,355 291		
Refunds	A-4		27,185		49,831
Balance December 31, 2008	А			\$	26,918
	<i>/</i> \			Ψ.	20,010

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF COUNTY TAXES

	Ref.			
Balance December 31, 2007			\$	-
Increased by: County General County Local Health County Open Space		\$ 2,767,845 145,296 244,996		
	A-1:A-9		_	3,158,137
Decreased by:				3,158,137
Payments to County	A-4		-	3,158,137
Balance December 31, 2008			\$	-

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE TO COUNTY FOR ADDED TAXES

	Ref.	
Balance December 31, 2007		\$ 12,472
Increased by: County Share of 2008 Levy	A-1:A-9	 <u>18,113</u> 30,585
Decreased by: Payments to County	A-4	 12,472
Balance December 31, 2008		\$ 18,113

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX

	Ref.	
Balance December 31, 2007	А	\$ -
Increased by: Levy - Calendar Year 2008	A-1:A-9	<u>8,685,559</u> 8,685,559
Decreased by: Payments	A-4	8,685,559
Balance December 31, 2008	А	\$

Exhibit A-24

Ref.Balance December 31, 2007A\$Increased by:
Levy - Calendar Year 2008A-1:A-94,607,854Decreased by:
PaymentsA-44,607,854Balance December 31, 2008A\$___

SCHEDULE OF REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TAX

CURRENT FUND SCHEDULE OF DUE TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY - MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES

	Ref.	
Balance December 31, 2007	А	\$ 275
Increased by: Cash Received for State Share of Licenses	A-4	825
Decreased by: Cash Disbursed to State of New Jersey	A-4	925
Balance December 31, 2008	А	\$ 175

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

	Ref.	_	Assessment	Animal Control	Other
Balance December 31, 2007		\$	1,256	10,356	1,567,119
Increased by Receipts: Collector Animal Control Fees State Fees Miscellaneous Dog Fees Cultural Committee Municipal Alliance Accumulated Sick and Vacation	B-3 B-6 B-8 B-7		623	3,313 862 907	3,631 120 150,000
Parking Offense Adjudication Act Recycling Joint Insurance Funds Public Defender Snow Removal Law Enforcement Forfeiture Small Cities Program Escrow Review Fees Redemption of Tax Title Liens Tax Sale Premiums Fees and Permits -	B-12 B-9 B-10 B-11 B-18 B-19				14 - 4,840 4,125 - 5,334 29,710 609,837 59,398 -
Birch Grove Park Recreation Impact Fees Due to the State of NJ - Sales Tax Outside Employment of Police	B-13 B-13 B-13 B-14		623	5,082	65,187 - 17,847 950,043
			1,879	15,438	2,517,162
Decreased by Disbursements: Transfer to Current Fund Dog Fund Expenditures State Fees Due to Current Fund	B-3,7,14 B-6 B-8		1,256	1,801 862 1,733	
Cultural Committee Accumulated Sick and Vacation Parking Offense Adjudication Act Joint Insurance Funds Public Defender					5,372 - 125 4,234 2,600
Law Enforcement Forfeiture Contractors' Expenditures Redemption of Tax Title Liens Tax Sale Premiums Birch Grove Park Expenditures	B-9 B-11 B-18 B-19 B-13				28,221 655,368 59,398 - 72,576
Due to the State of NJ - Sales Tax Outside Employment of Police	B-13 B-14				17,160
			1,256	4,396	845,054
Balance December 31, 2008	В	\$	623	11,042	1,672,108

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF CASH - COLLECTOR

	Ref.	Assessments
Balance December 31, 2007		\$ 1,256
Increased By Receipts: Assessments Receivable Interest Receivable	B-5 B-4	570 53 623
Decreased by Disbursements: Paid to Treasurer	B-2	1,256
Balance December 31, 2008		\$ 623

TRUST FUND ANALYSIS OF ASSESSMENT CASH AND INVESTMENTS

	B	alance	Receipts		Receipts Interfund		Receipts Interfund Bala	
Assessments Receivable		ember 31, 2007	Assessments	Miscellaneous	Disbursements	December 31, 2008		
Fund Balance	\$	1,256	570	53	1,256	623		
	\$	1,256	570	53	1,256	623		

Exhibit B-5

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE

Balance Pledged to

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Date of Confirmation	Annual Installments	Due Date	Balance December 31, 2007	Adjustment	Collected	Balance December 31, 2008	Reserve
3-02	Extension of Water System	12/2/2003	5		570		570	-	-
					\$ 570	-	570	-	-
						B-4	B-4	В	В

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENDITURES

Balance December 31, 2007	<u>Ref.</u> B		\$	8,623
Increased by: Animal Control Fees Collected - 2008	B-2		_	<u>3,313</u> 11,936
Decreased by:				
Dog License Expenses	B-2	1,801		
Excess reserve due to Current	B-7	1,185		
			_	2,986
Balance December 31, 2008	В		\$_	8,950
	License F Year 2006 \$ 2007 \$	Fees Collected Amount 4,524 4,426 8,950	I:	

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE (TO)FROM CURRENT FUND -ANIMAL CONTROL FUND

	Ref.			
Balance December 31, 2007	A:B		\$	(1,733)
Increased by: Excess reserve paid to Current	B-2		-	1,733
Decreased by: Interest Late fees Cat Licenses Excess reserve due to Current	B-2 B-2 B-2 B-6	7 330 570 1,185	_	2,092
Balance December 31, 2008	A:B		\$	(2,092)

Exhibit B-8

SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE TO(FROM) STATE OF NEW JERSEY -DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

	Ref.		
Balance December 31, 2007	В	\$	-
Increased by: 2008 State License Fees	B-2	862	2
Decreased by:		862	2
Disbursements to the State	B-2	862	2
Balance December 31, 2008	В	\$	-

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT FORFEITURE

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2007	В	\$	68,240
Increased by: Cash Receipts	B-2		5,334 73,574
Decreased by: Expenditures	B-2		28,221
Balance December 31, 2008	В	\$	45,353

Exhibit B-10

SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2007	В	\$ 121,856
Increased by Receipts: Loan Repayments	B-17	29,710
Balance December 31, 2008	В	\$151,566

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ESCROW REVIEW FEES

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2007	В	\$ 604,897
Increased by: Escrow Deposits Received	B-2	609,837
Decreased by: Disbursements	B-2	655,368
Balance December 31, 2008	В	\$559,366

Exhibit B-12

SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR SNOW REMOVAL FEES

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2007	В	\$ 23,300
Increased by: Budget Appropriation	B-2	 -
Balance December 31, 2008	В	\$ 23,300

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR RECREATION EXPENDITURES

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2007	В		\$ 120,874
Increased by: Fees and Permits - Birch Grove Park Reserve for Recreation Impact Fees	B-2 B-2	\$ 65,187 -	<u> </u>
Decreased by: Birch Grove Park Expenditures	B-2	 72,576	72,576
Balance December 31, 2008	В		\$ 113,485
			Evhibit B-11

Exhibit B-14

SCHEDULE OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT OF POLICE

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2007	В	\$ 4,005
Increased by: Fees	B-2	17,847
Decreased by: Payments to Current Fund		21,852
Balance December 31, 2008	В	\$ 4,692

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

	<u>Ref</u>	: -	
Balance December 31, 2007	В		\$ 1,341
Increased by: Cash Receipts			 120
Balance December 31, 2008	В		\$ 1,461

Exhibit B-16

SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER TRUST

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2007	В	\$ -
Increased by: Cash Receipts	B-2	 4,125 4,125
Decreased by: Cash Disbursements		 2,600
Balance December 31, 2008	В	\$ 1,525

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR SMALL CITIES REVOLVING LOAN

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2007	В	\$ 107,815
Decreased by: Loans repaid	B-10	 29,710
Balance December 31, 2008	В	\$ 78,105

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX LIENS

Balance December 31, 2007	Ref. B	\$ -
Increased by: Redemption of Third Party Liens	B-2	 59,398
Decreased by Disburgements		59,398
Decreased by Disbursements: Cash Disbursed to Lienholders	B-2	 59,398
Balance December 31, 2008	В	\$

Exhibit B-19

TRUST FUND SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR TAX SALE PREMIUMS

	Ref.	
Balance December 31, 2007	В	\$ 1,000
Increased by: Tax Sale Preiums Received	B-2	 -
Decreased by Disbursements:		1,000
Cash Disbursed	B-2	 -
Balance December 31, 2008	В	\$ 1,000

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2007	С		\$ 1,593,990
Increased by Receipts:			
Capital Improvement Fund	C-6	\$ 25,000	
			 25,000
			1,618,990
Decreased by Disbursements: Improvement Authorizations	C-7	1,070,819	
			 1,070,819
Balance December 31, 2008	С		\$ 548,171

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND ANALYSIS OF CASH

				Rec	eipts	Disburs	ements			
			Balance			Improvement		Transf	ers	Balance
			12/31/2007	Bonds	Miscellaneous	Authorizations	Miscellaneous	From	То	12/31/2008
Fund Balance		\$	65,304							65,304
Capital Improvement	nt Fund		77,878		25,000			50,000		52,878
Encumbrances Pay	able		663,685					663,685	591,680	591,680
Improvement Author	rizations:									
Ordinance No.										
7-02	Various Building Improvements					5,826			5,826	-
5-03	Improvements to Building		949			8,526			8,526	949
4-04 amend 9-01	Various Building Improvements		25,000							25,000
5-04	Improvements to City Buildings		114,000							114,000
5-04	Various Alarm and Camera Systems					24,525			24,525	-
5-05	Various Drainage Improvements					20,903		104,537	125,440	-
5-05	Various Equipment					23,172			23,172	-
5-05	Various Road Improvements					4,672			4,672	-
5-05	Sewer Improvements					9,748			9,748	-
4-06	Stormwater Drainage improvements		158,958			78,031		93,508	12,581	-
4-06	Sewer system improvements/repairs		55,879			72,272		13,838	30,231	-
4-06	Acquisition of vehicles and equip		146,338			105,556				40,782
12-06	Various Stormwater improvements		150,000					150,000		-
12-06	Various sewer repairs		50,000					14,081		35,919
12-06	Improvements to Recreation Fields					11,554			11,554	-
12-06	Various Road repairs		85,998			321,913		92,426	407,409	79,068
4-08	Various Stormwater improvements					279,791		101,232	23,990	(357,033)
4-08	Various Sewer Repairs								7,500	7,500
4-08	Improvements to Recreation Fields					104,329		22,057	9,800	(116,586)
4-08	Various Road Improvements								5,000	5,000
4-08	Various Equipment and Vehicles								3,710	3,710
		\$	1,593,989		25,000	1,070,818		1,305,364	1,305,364	548,171
		·							,	
			C:C-2		C-2	C-2; C-7	C-2			C:C-2

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

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2007	С	\$	7,884,000
Decreased by: Bond Payments	C-8		640,000
Balance December 31, 2008	С	\$	7,244,000

Exhibit C-5

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

						Analysis of Balance December 31, 2008			
Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2007	2008 Authorizations	Bonds Issued	Balance Dec. 31, 2008	Financed by Notes	Expended	Unexpended Improvement Authorizatior	
4-08	Various Stormwater improvements	\$	455,810		455,810		357,033	98,777	
4-08	Various Sewer Repairs		142,500		142,500			142,500	
4-08	Improvements to Recreation Fields		186,200		186,200		116,586	69,614	
4-08	Various Road Improvements		95,000		95,000			95,000	
4-08	Various Equipment and Vehicles		70,490		70,490			70,490	
		\$	950,000	-	950,000		473,619	476,381	
		С	C-8		С		C-3	C-8	

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance December 31, 2007	<u>Ref.</u> C	\$	77,878
Increased by: 2008 Budget Appropriation	C-2	_	25,000 102,878
Decreased by: Improvement Authorizations	C-7		50,000
Balance December 31, 2008	С	\$	52,878

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND STATEMENT OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

						2008 Autho Downpayment	orizations Deferred					
				Bala	ince	or Capital	Charges				Bala	nce
				December	,	Improvement	to Future	P.O.'s	Paid or		December	
<u>Ord. #</u>	Improvement Description	Date	Amount	Funded	Unfunded	Fund	Taxation	Cancelled	Charged	Cancelled	Funded	Unfunded
General I	mprovements											
5-03	Improvements to Building	4/21/2003	10,000 \$	949							949	
Amended												
9-01 4-04	Various Building Improvements	4/6/2004	25,000	25,000							25,000	
5-04	Improvements to City Buildings	4/20/2004	114,000	114,000							114,000	
04-06	Stormwater Drainage Improvements	4/4/2006	175,000	158,958					158,958		-	
04-06	Sewer System Improvements/Repairs	4/4/2006	110,000	55,880					55,880		-	
04-06	Acquisition of vehicles and equip	4/4/2006	172,000	146,338					105,556		40,782	
04-06	Various road repairs	4/4/2006	615,000	-							-	
12-06	Various Stormwater Improvements	9/19/2006	150,000	150,000					150,000		-	
12-06	Various Sewer Repairs	9/19/2006	50,000	50,000					14,081		35,919	
12-06	Various Road Repairs	9/19/2006	641,000	85,998					6,930		79,068	
4-08	Various Stormwater improvements	6/17/2008	479,800			23,990	455,810		381,023			98,777
4-08	Various Sewer Repairs	6/17/2008	150,000			7,500	142,500				7,500	142,500
4-08	Improvements to Recreation Fields	6/17/2008	196,000			9,800	186,200		126,386			69,614
4-08	Various Road Improvements	6/17/2008	100,000			5,000	95,000				5,000	95,000
4-08	Various Equipment and Vehicles	6/17/2008	74,200			3,710	70,490				3,710	70,490

\$ 787,123	-	50,000	950,000	-	998,814		311,928	476,381
С	С	C-5	C-3		998,814 -	Encum Cash	С	
					998,814			

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GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF GENERAL SERIAL BONDS

			Maturities Outsta	of Bonds					
	Date of	Original	December	•	Interest	Balance			Balance
Improvement Description	Issue	Issue	Date	Amount	Rate	Dec. 31, 2007	Issued	Decreased	Dec. 31, 2008
General Improvements	9/1/2002	4,655,000	9/1/2009 9/1/2010 9/1/2011 9/1/2012 9/1/2013 9/1/2014 9/1/2015	350,000 380,000 400,000 420,000 430,000 430,000 435,000	3.25% 3.50% 3.60% 4.00% 4.00% 4.00%	\$ 3,185,000		340,000	2,845,000
						3,185,000	-	340,000	2,845,000
General Improvements	11/15/2006	4,999,000	12/1/2009 12/1/2010 12/1/2011 12/1/2012 12/1/2013 12/1/2014 12/1/2015 12/1/2016 12/1/2017 12/1/2018	325,000 350,000 375,000 400,000 425,000 450,000 475,000 500,000 600,000 499,000	3.50% 3.75% 3.75% 3.75% 3.75% 3.75% 3.75% 3.75% 3.75% 4.00%	4,699,000		300,000	4,399,000
						4,699,000	-	300,000	4,399,000
						\$7,884,000		640,000	7,244,000
									С

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Exhibit C-9

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF CONTRACTS PAYABLE

Balance December 31, 2007	<u>Ref.</u> C		\$ 663,685
Increased by: Additional Contracts			998,814
Decreased by: Cash Disbursed	C-2	\$ <u>1,070,819</u>	1,070,819
Balance December 31, 2008	С		\$ 591,680

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND SCHEDULE OF BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2007	2008 Authorizations	Bonds Issued	Cancelled	Balance Dec. 31, 2008
<u>General</u>	Improvements					
4-08 4-08 4-08 4-08 4-08	Various Stormwater improvements Various Sewer Repairs Improvements to Recreation Fields Various Road Improvements Various Equipment and Vehicles	\$	455,810 142,500 186,200 95,000 70,490			455,810 142,500 186,200 95,000 70,490
		\$	950,000 C-7		-	950,000

CITY OF NORTHFIELD

PART II

LETTER OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

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GENERAL COMMENTS

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

N.J.S. 40A:11-4 states, "Every contract or agreement for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or contract price whereof is to be paid with or out of public funds not included within the terms of Section 3 of this act, shall be made or awarded only after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this act or specifically by any other law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or furnished for a sum exceeding the aggregate \$21,000."

The governing body of the City of Northfield has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed \$21,000 within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the district counsel's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

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

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

Computer Services Sanitary Sewer Repairs Ball field bleachers Walkway at Birch Grove Park Protective fire gear Radios Drainage improvements

Our examination of expenditures did not reveal any payments in excess of \$21,000 "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 for 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 2, 2008, adopted the following resolutions authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that as authorized by N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 as amended by Chapter 435 P.L., 1978, the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes or assessments on or before the date that they would become delinquent is hereby fixed at eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00, provided, however, that no interest shall be charged if payment is made within ten (10) days of the date upon which the tax or assessment becomes payable.

"IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing contained within this Resolution shall be construed to extend the time when taxes are due and payable nor the obligations to pay interest which shall commence on the due date if taxes are not paid within the ten (10) day grace period.

"BE IT RESOLVED by the the Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that as authorized by N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 as amended by Chapter 75 P.L., 1991, the governing body of the City of Northfield hereby establishes a penalty in the amount of six percent (6%) to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

Our examination of interest collected on delinquent taxes did not reveal any charges that were not in agreement with the above resolution.

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

The tax sale was held on June 3, 2008 and was complete. Inspection of tax sale certificates on file revealed that all tax sale certificates were available for audit.

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

Year	<u>Number</u>
2008	12
2007	5
2006	4

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

Verification of Delinquent Taxes and Other Charges

A test verification of delinquent charges and current payments was made in accordance with the regulations of the Division of Local Government Services, including the mailing of verification notices as follows:

<u>Type</u>	Number Mailed
Payments of 2008 and 2009 Taxes	5
Payments of 2008 and 2009 Sewer	5
Delinquent Taxes	4
Municipal Court	10

As of the date of this audit report, all verifications have not been returned. However, no problems were noted with those that have been returned.

Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections 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.

Year	Tax Levy	Cash Collections	Percentage of Collections
2008	\$ 23,613,363	23,096,148	97.81%
2007	22,602,531	22,274,152	98.55%
2006	21,367,295	21,072,039	98.62%
2005	19,713,408	19,470,814	98.77%
2004	18,679,531	18,495,128	99.01%

Comparative Schedule of Tax Rate Information

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	2005	<u>2004</u>
Tax Rate Apportionment of Tax	4.239	4.088	3.885	3.644	3.508
Rate:					
Municipal	1.268	1.178	1.08	1.011	0.955
County	0.570	0.591	0.603	0.562	0.561
Local School	1.569	1.516	1.461	1.386	1.380
Regional High School	0.832	0.803	0.741	0.685	0.612
Assessed Valuation	553,688,917	550,805,426	544,724,525	531,748,155	528,078,932

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

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

	Amount of	Amount of	- ·	Percentage
	Tax Title	Delinquent	Total	of Tax
Year	Liens	Taxes	<u>Delinquent</u>	Levy
2008	11,207	382,400	393,607	1.67%
2007	9,249	328,586	337,835	1.49%
2006	6,485	280,253	286,738	1.34%
2005	7,280	240,368	286,738	1.45%
2004	5,846	201,764	247,648	1.33%

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS

None

STATUS OF PRIOR RECOMMENDATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATIONS

None

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

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

Very truly yours,

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