

# **CITY OF NORTHFIELD**

**ATLANTIC COUNTY**

**NEW JERSEY**

**AUDIT REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**December 31, 2019**



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**CITY OF NORTHFIELD**

**PART I**

**REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

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

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets - regulatory basis of the various funds and account group of the City of Northfield, as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the related statement 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, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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 involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

***Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.***

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the City of Northfield on the basis of the financial reporting provisions prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of New Jersey.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

***Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the “Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S Generally Accepted Accounting Principles” paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the City of Northfield as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, or changes in financial position for the years then ended.

***Basis for Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

As described in Note 20 of the financial statements, the City participates in a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for its volunteer fire and rescue personnel. The amount reflected in the trust fund statements of \$285,433.99 and \$234,367.83 for 2019 and 2018, respectively were not audited and, therefore, we express no opinion on the LOSAP program.

***Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the “Basis for Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting” paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis balance sheets and account group as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the regulatory basis statements of operations for the years then ended and the regulatory basis statements of revenues and expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2019 in accordance with the basis of financial reporting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as described in Note 1.

***Other Matters***

***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Northfield’s basic financial statements. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents and the letter of comments and recommendations section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplemental information listed in the table of contents is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplemental information listed in the table of contents, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

#### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 26, 2020 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Northfield's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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No. 542

June 26, 2020

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## **EXHIBIT A - CURRENT FUND**

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**CURRENT FUND  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS  
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash:		
Treasurer	\$ 3,387,052.42	3,017,116.59
Change Fund	350.00	350.00
	<u>3,387,402.42</u>	<u>3,017,466.59</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:		
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	345,156.38	385,959.90
Tax Title Liens Receivable	165,019.24	132,638.58
Miscellaneous Liens Receivable	164.37	1,468.52
Property Acquired / Assessed Valuation	12,800.00	38,800.00
Prepaid School Taxes	-	1.00
Sewer Rents Receivable	55,869.50	59,692.26
Sewer Liens Receivable	2,603.93	2,308.93
Due from the Grant Fund	122,215.77	-
Revenue Accounts Receivable	11,384.50	9,216.28
	<u>715,213.69</u>	<u>630,085.47</u>
Total Receivables and Other Assets	<u>4,102,616.11</u>	<u>3,647,552.06</u>
Deferred Charges		
Emergency	<u>6,891.39</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Deferred Charges	<u>6,891.39</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>4,109,507.50</u>	<u>3,647,552.06</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Federal and State Grants Receivable	742,573.64	476,770.56
Due from Current Fund	-	122,795.68
	<u>742,573.64</u>	<u>599,566.24</u>
	<u>4,852,081.14</u>	<u>4,247,118.30</u>

**CURRENT FUND  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS  
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>		
Liabilities:		
Appropriation Reserves	480,218.14	334,337.31
Encumbrances Payable	293,470.14	287,310.10
Accounts Payable	-	17,289.36
Payroll Taxes Payable	37,369.50	38,334.48
Prepaid Sewer Rents	5,844.00	6,155.10
Sewer Rent Overpayments	850.00	1,175.00
Prepaid Taxes	198,625.47	185,668.04
Tax Overpayments	19,898.86	15,545.81
Landsale Deposits		1,600.00
Due to State of New Jersey -		
Senior Citizens and Veterans	14,160.49	15,910.49
Due to State of New Jersey - Marriage Fees	250.00	300.00
Due to State of New Jersey - DCA	2,457.00	2,640.00
Due to Trust Fund	1,763.62	-
Due to Grant Fund	-	122,795.68
Due to County - Added Taxes	3,666.05	3,843.37
	<u>1,058,573.27</u>	<u>1,032,904.74</u>
Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets	715,213.69	630,085.47
Fund Balance	<u>2,335,720.54</u>	<u>1,984,561.85</u>
	<u>4,109,507.50</u>	<u>3,647,552.06</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Due to the Current Fund	122,215.77	-
Reserve for Grants Appropriated	156,883.18	363,422.78
Reserve for Grants Unappropriated	9,108.18	2,976.33
Encumbrances Payable	<u>454,366.51</u>	<u>233,167.13</u>
	<u>742,573.64</u>	<u>599,566.24</u>
	<u>\$ 4,852,081.14</u>	<u>4,247,118.30</u>



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

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>Revenue and Other Income Realized:</u>		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 953,000.00	1,000,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	3,623,967.55	3,338,572.97
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	362,493.15	378,849.79
Receipts from Current Taxes	29,328,077.26	28,953,369.11
Nonbudget Revenues	142,266.09	132,626.37
Nonbudget Revenues: Sale of Foreclosed Property	26,100.00	
Other Credits to Income:		
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	432,995.17	668,342.82
Sale of Municipal Assets	5,351.98	-
Interfund Returned		54,424.15
Miscellaneous Cancellation	79.78	156.76
	<u>34,874,330.98</u>	<u>34,526,341.97</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Appropriations Within "CAPS"		
Operations:		
Salaries and Wages	3,813,200.00	3,717,750.00
Other Expenses	3,873,051.00	4,006,074.68
Deferred Charges and		
Statutory Expenditures	999,319.00	1,009,456.68
Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS"		
Operations:		
Salaries and Wages	150,227.30	147,289.79
Other Expenses	2,208,717.00	1,895,932.27
Capital Improvements	272,500.00	72,500.00
Municipal Debt Service	816,231.26	1,338,791.26
Deferred Charges	167,500.00	21,000.00
County Taxes	4,496,839.30	4,527,008.15
Due County for Added and Omitted Taxes	3,666.05	3,843.37
Regional High School Tax	6,565,341.00	6,386,317.00
Local District School Tax	10,081,124.00	10,051,890.00
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	7,132.00	-
Interfund Created	122,215.77	-
	<u>33,577,063.68</u>	<u>33,177,853.20</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

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

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Excess in Revenues	1,297,267.30	1,348,488.77
Adjustments to Income Before Fund Balance - Expenditures Included Above Which Are by Statute Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year	<u>6,891.39</u>	<u>                    </u>
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	1,304,158.69	1,348,488.77
Fund Balance January 1	<u>1,984,561.85</u>	<u>1,636,073.08</u>
Total	3,288,720.54	2,984,561.85
Decreased by:		
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	<u>953,000.00</u>	<u>1,000,000.00</u>
Fund Balance December 31	\$ <u><u>2,335,720.54</u></u>	<u><u>1,984,561.85</u></u>

**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	Anticipated Budget	Special N.J.S. 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 953,000.00		953,000.00	-
Miscellaneous Revenues:	953,000.00	-	953,000.00	-
Section A: Local Revenues				
Licenses:				
Alcoholic Beverages	7,500.00		7,500.00	-
Other	80,000.00		77,682.22	(2,317.78)
Fees and Permits	55,000.00		73,638.35	18,638.35
Fines and Costs:				
Municipal Court	120,000.00		141,648.53	21,648.53
Interest and Costs on Taxes	100,000.00		93,443.22	(6,556.78)
Interest on Investments and Deposits	18,500.00		109,518.74	91,018.74
Sewer Rentals	1,450,000.00		1,450,022.86	22.86
Total Section A: Local Revenues	1,831,000.00	-	1,953,453.92	122,453.92
Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations				
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act	1,783.00		1,783.00	-
Energy Receipts Tax (P.L. 1997, Chapters 162 & 167)	630,603.00		630,603.00	-
Total Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations	632,386.00	-	632,386.00	-
Section C: Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees				
Offset with Appropriations				
Uniform Construction Code Fees	150,000.00		273,616.00	123,616.00
Total Section C: Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees	150,000.00	-	273,616.00	123,616.00
Section D: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with				
Prior Written Consent - Interlocal Municipal Service				
Agreements Offset With Appropriations				
Linwood Share - Sewerage Department Costs	11,200.00		11,160.00	(40.00)
Linwood Share - Court Costs	137,021.00		137,021.00	-
Total Section D: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated				
with Prior Written Consent - Interlocal Municipal Service				
Agreements Offset With Appropriations	148,221.00	-	148,181.00	(40.00)

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	Anticipated Budget	Special N.J.S. 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
Section F: Special Items - Public and Private Programs				
Offset with Appropriations				
Recycling Tonnage Grant	\$ 9,500.80		9,500.80	-
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	2,976.33		2,976.33	-
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse	13,771.00		13,771.00	-
Safe and Secure Communities Program	60,000.00		60,000.00	-
Alcohol Education Rehab		522.44	522.44	-
Community Development Block Grant	47,718.00		47,718.00	-
Distracted Driving	5,500.00		5,500.00	-
FEMA Assistance to Firefighters		137,827.61	137,827.61	-
NJ American Water Firefighter Grant		1,125.00	1,125.00	-
Cops in Shops	1,760.00	2,640.00	4,400.00	-
State Body Armor Grant	2,410.97		2,410.97	-
Clean Communities		20,077.98	20,077.98	-
N.J. Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act		285,000.00	285,000.00	-
US DOJ Body Armor Grant		1,388.78	1,388.78	-
Total Section F: Special Items - Public and Private Programs	143,637.10	448,581.81	592,218.91	-
Offset with Appropriations				
Section G: Other Special Items				
Uniform Fire Safety Act	6,000.00		3,611.72	(2,388.28)
Library Maintenance Agreement	20,500.00		20,500.00	-
Capital Fund Surplus			-	-
Total Section G: Other Special Items	26,500.00	-	24,111.72	(2,388.28)
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	2,931,744.10	448,581.81	3,623,967.55	243,641.64
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	360,000.00	-	362,493.15	2,493.15
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:				
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	8,505,531.97		9,086,041.88	580,509.91
Minimum Library Tax	305,347.00	-	305,347.00	-
Budget Totals	13,055,623.07	448,581.81	14,330,849.58	826,644.70
Nonbudget Revenues	-	-	142,266.09	142,266.09
	\$ 13,055,623.07	448,581.81	14,473,115.67	968,910.79
	See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements			

**CURRENT FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

ANALYSIS OF REALIZED REVENUES

Allocation of Current Tax Collections:

Revenue from Collections	\$	<u>29,328,077.26</u>
Net Revenue from Collections		29,328,077.26
Allocated to:		
School and County Taxes		<u>21,146,970.35</u>
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations		8,181,106.91
Add:		
Appropriations "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes"		<u>1,210,281.97</u>
Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations		<u><u>9,391,388.88</u></u>
<u>Receipts from Delinquent Taxes:</u>		
Delinquent Tax Collections	362,493.15	
Tax Title Lien Collections	<u>-</u>	
	\$	<u><u>362,493.15</u></u>

**CURRENT FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

ANALYSIS OF REALIZED REVENUES (Continued)

Analysis of Non-Budget Revenues:

Photocopies	\$ 69.10
Books, Maps and Copies of Ordinance	202.75
Recycling Fees	1,335.70
Zoning Fees	9,815.00
Rental - Construction	19,235.00
Resale - Construction	13,480.00
Registration Fees	
Miscellaneous - Construction	3,000.00
Rental of Municipal Property	1,000.00
Administrative Operations	49,306.61
Community Champions Foreclosure Registration	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>32,821.93</u>
	\$ <u><u>142,266.09</u></u>

**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	APPROPRIATIONS		EXPENDITURES			(OVEREXPENDED) UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELLED
	BUDGET	BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION	PAID OR CHARGED	ENCUMBERED	RESERVED	
<b>OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAP"</b>						
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>						
Administrative and Executive						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00			
Other Expenses	86,000.00	86,000.00	79,179.14	3,566.86	3,254.00	
Mayor and Council						
Salaries and Wages	71,750.00	71,750.00	71,714.24		35.76	
Other Expenses	3,500.00	4,500.00	2,820.00	600.00	1,080.00	
City Clerk						
Salaries and Wages	120,700.00	120,700.00	117,580.50		3,119.50	
Other Expenses	29,250.00	29,250.00	19,384.89	322.91	9,542.20	
Financial Administration						
Salaries and Wages	96,000.00	96,000.00	95,716.53		283.47	
Other Expenses	13,000.00	13,000.00	9,924.42	1,445.75	1,629.83	
Municipal Prosecutor						
Other Expenses	11,000.00	11,000.00	4,200.00		6,800.00	
Audit Services						
Other Expenses	36,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00		-	
Public Defender						
Other Expenses:	1,500.00	1,500.00	250.00		1,250.00	
Revenue Administration (Tax Collector)						
Salaries and Wages	93,200.00	93,200.00	93,200.00		-	
Other Expenses:	11,500.00	11,500.00	7,082.35		4,417.65	
Tax Assessment Administration						
Salaries and Wages	35,050.00	35,050.00	35,047.48		2.52	
Other Expenses	5,500.00	5,500.00	4,749.00	341.00	410.00	
Legal Services and Costs						
Other Expenses	160,000.00	145,000.00	86,046.06	21,773.03	37,180.91	
Insurance						
Workers' Compensation	266,248.00	262,248.00	260,508.33		1,739.67	
Group Insurance	1,425,000.00	1,400,000.00	1,303,266.26		96,733.74	
Other Insurance	133,752.00	133,752.00	126,555.76		7,196.24	
Health Benefit Waiver	20,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00		-	
Municipal Court						
Salaries and Wages	30,000.00	40,000.00	35,075.94		4,924.06	
Other Expenses	13,000.00	13,000.00	7,417.21	300.00	5,282.79	
Planning Board						
Salaries and Wages	8,500.00	8,500.00	7,999.94		500.06	
Other Expenses	13,000.00	8,000.00	2,677.97	225.00	5,097.03	

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	APPROPRIATIONS		PAID OR CHARGED	EXPENDITURES		(OVEREXPENDED) UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELLED
	BUDGET	BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION		ENCUMBERED	RESERVED	
<b>OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAP" (Continued)</b>						
Engineering Services and Costs						
Other Expenses	\$ 30,000.00	25,000.00	17,922.50	6,542.50	535.00	
<b>TOTAL General Government</b>	<b>2,717,450.00</b>	<b>2,664,450.00</b>	<b>2,438,318.52</b>	<b>35,117.05</b>	<b>191,014.43</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>						
Fire Official						
Salaries and Wages	9,000.00	4,500.00	4,456.20		43.80	
Other Expenses	1,000.00	-			-	
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>520,000.00</b>	<b>520,000.00</b>	<b>467,206.89</b>		<b>52,793.11</b>	
Salaries and Wages						
Other Expenses:						
Fire Hydrant						
Miscellaneous Other Expenses						
Police Department						
Salaries and Wages	95,000.00	99,000.00	89,543.45	4,268.00	5,188.55	
Other Expenses	37,000.00	37,000.00	16,185.46	20,522.50	292.04	
<b>Office of Emergency Management</b>	<b>2,131,000.00</b>	<b>2,121,000.00</b>	<b>2,027,513.85</b>	<b>23,560.31</b>	<b>93,486.15</b>	
Salaries and Wages	101,000.00	106,000.00	78,526.32		3,913.37	
Other Expenses						
Emergency Medical Services						
Salaries and Wages	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00		-	
Other Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	748.99	2,014.77	1,236.24	
Emergency Medical Services	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00		-	
<b>TOTAL Public Safety</b>	<b>2,920,500.00</b>	<b>2,914,000.00</b>	<b>2,706,681.16</b>	<b>50,365.58</b>	<b>156,953.26</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>STREETS AND ROADS:</b>						
Streets and Road Maintenance						
Salaries and Wages	400,000.00	400,000.00	391,625.02		8,374.98	
Other Expenses	18,000.00	17,000.00	11,877.30	788.66	4,334.04	
Reserve for Snow Removal	1.00	27,501.00	27,500.00		1.00	
<b>Maintenance of Automotive Equipment</b>	<b>62,000.00</b>	<b>62,000.00</b>	<b>49,054.93</b>	<b>11,807.95</b>	<b>1,137.12</b>	
Other Expenses						
Solid Waste Collection						
Tipping Fees						
Public Buildings and Grounds						
Other Expenses	75,000.00	75,000.00	59,018.64	10,772.26	5,209.10	
Maintenance of Bike Path	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,808.28	46.63	145.09	
<b>TOTAL Streets and Roads</b>	<b>1,287,001.00</b>	<b>1,323,501.00</b>	<b>1,202,114.11</b>	<b>95,012.15</b>	<b>26,374.74</b>	

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**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	APPROPRIATIONS		PAID OR CHARGED	EXPENDITURES		(OVEREXPENDED) UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELLED
	BUDGET	BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION		ENCUMBERED	RESERVED	
<b>OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAP" (Continued)</b>						
<b>SANITATION</b>						
Sewerage						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 202,000.00	202,000.00	196,437.35		5,562.65	
Other Expenses	30,000.00	25,000.00	16,827.61	2,034.64	6,137.75	
<b>TOTAL Sanitation</b>	<b>232,000.00</b>	<b>227,000.00</b>	<b>213,264.96</b>	<b>2,034.64</b>	<b>11,700.40</b>	
<b>HEALTH AND WELFARE:</b>						
Dog Regulation						
Other Expenses	9,300.00	8,300.00	6,975.00	775.00	550.00	
<b>TOTAL Health and Welfare</b>	<b>9,300.00</b>	<b>8,300.00</b>	<b>6,975.00</b>	<b>775.00</b>	<b>550.00</b>	
<b>RECREATION AND EDUCATION:</b>						
Parks and Playgrounds						
Other Expenses	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,431.31		568.69	
Neighborhood Programs					-	
Miscellaneous Other Expenses:						
Senior Citizens	2,000.00	2,000.00	995.27	500.00	504.73	
<b>TOTAL Recreation and Education</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>	<b>6,426.58</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>1,073.42</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.17)</b>						
Construction Code Official						
Salaries and Wages	55,000.00	45,000.00	40,571.13		4,428.87	
Other Expenses	60,000.00	75,000.00	59,993.46		15,006.54	
Zoning / Housing Officer						
Salaries and Wages	47,000.00	47,000.00	45,489.66		1,510.34	
Other Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	753.13		246.87	
<b>Total Uniform Construction Code</b>	<b>163,000.00</b>	<b>168,000.00</b>	<b>146,807.38</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,192.62</b>	<b>-</b>

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**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	APPROPRIATIONS		EXPENDITURES		(OVEREXPENDED) UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELLED
	BUDGET	BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION	PAID OR CHARGED	ENCUMBERED	
<b>OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAP" (Continued)</b>					
<b>UNCLASSIFIED:</b>					
Utilities:					
Petroleum Products	\$ 50,000.00	50,000.00	34,633.77	9,959.22	5,407.01
Electricity & Natural Gas	260,000.00	260,000.00	227,750.38	26,431.27	5,818.35
Telephone & Telecommunications	54,000.00	54,000.00	33,576.27	4,640.73	15,783.00
Water	8,500.00	8,500.00	5,474.26	720.57	2,305.17
Reserve for Accumulated Leave	500.00	500.00	500.00	-	-
<b>TOTAL Unclassified</b>	<b>373,000.00</b>	<b>373,000.00</b>	<b>301,934.68</b>	<b>41,751.79</b>	<b>29,313.53</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAP"</b>	<b>7,710,251.00</b>	<b>7,686,251.00</b>	<b>7,022,522.39</b>	<b>225,556.21</b>	<b>438,172.40</b>
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	3,827,700.00	3,813,200.00	3,638,134.73	-	175,065.27
Other Expenses	3,882,551.00	3,873,051.00	3,384,387.66	225,556.21	263,107.13
<b>DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES - WITHIN "CAP":</b>					
Statutory Expenditures:					
Contribution to:					
Public Employees' Retirement System	188,000.00	183,800.00	183,382.33		417.67
Police and Firemen's Retirement System	623,319.00	627,519.00	627,452.66		66.34
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	170,000.00	165,000.00	164,299.90		700.10
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,500.33		499.67
Reserve for Accumulated Leave		-			-
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	17,000.00	17,000.00	14,455.89		2,544.11
TOTAL Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - within "CAP"	1,004,319.00	999,319.00	995,091.11	-	4,227.89
<b>TOTAL General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes - within "CAP"</b>	<b>8,714,570.00</b>	<b>8,685,570.00</b>	<b>8,017,613.50</b>	<b>225,556.21</b>	<b>442,400.29</b>
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**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	APPROPRIATIONS		EXPENDITURES		(OVEREXPENDED) UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELLED
	BUDGET	BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION	PAID OR CHARGED	ENCUMBERED	
<b>OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM "CAP"</b>					
Maintenance of Free Public Library (P.L. 1985, c.82 and 541)	\$ 305,347.00	305,347.00	305,347.00	-	-
Atlantic County Utilities Authority Service	783,000.00	812,000.00	811,644.00	-	-
Charge - Contractual	14,000.00	14,000.00		356.00	
LOSAP				8,250.00	5,750.00
Dispatch					
Other Expenses	404,308.00	404,308.00	404,308.00	-	-
Linwood Share Sewerage - Interlocal Service Agreement		-		-	-
Linwood Share of Court Costs					
Interlocal Service Agreement	137,021.00	137,021.00	136,052.00	969.00	
<b>PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS OFFSET BY REVENUES - EXCLUDED FROM "CAP"</b>					
NJ American Water		1,125.00	1,125.00		
FEEMA - Assistance to Firefighter		137,827.61	137,827.61		
FEEMA - Assistance to Firefighter - Match		6,891.39	6,891.39		
State Body Armor Grant	2,410.97	2,410.97	2,410.97		
Recycling Tonnage Grant	9,500.80	9,500.80	9,500.80		
Alcohol Education Rehab		522.44	522.44		
Community Development Block Grant	47,718.00	47,718.00	47,718.00		
Distracted Driving Grant	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00		
USDOJ Body Armor Grant		1,388.78	1,388.78		
Cops in Shops	1,760.00	4,400.00	4,400.00		
Drunk Driving Enforcement	2,976.33	2,976.33	2,976.33		
Clean Communities		20,077.98	20,077.98		
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse		-	-		
County Share	13,771.00	13,771.00	13,771.00		
Local Share	3,443.00	3,443.00	3,443.00		
Safe and Secure Program					
State Share	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00		
Local Share	83,715.00	83,715.00	83,715.00		
NJ DOT Trust Fund Authority Act		285,000.00	285,000.00		
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAP"</b>	<b>1,874,471.10</b>	<b>2,358,944.30</b>	<b>2,343,619.30</b>	<b>8,250.00</b>	<b>-</b>
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	149,102.30	150,227.30	150,227.30	-	-
Other Expenses	1,725,368.80	2,208,717.00	2,193,392.00	8,250.00	7,075.00

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**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	APPROPRIATIONS		EXPENDITURES		(OVEREXPENDED) UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELLED
	BUDGET	BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION	PAID	ENCUMBERED	
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAP"</b>					
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 160,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00	-	
Firefighter Protection Equipment	7,500.00	7,500.00		7,500.00	-
Sewer Repairs	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	-	15,000.00
Computer, Electronic Equip & Accessories	50,000.00	75,000.00	9,575.82	52,163.93	13,260.25
Meeting Room Audio & Visual Upgrade	40,000.00	15,000.00	12,517.40		2,482.60
<b>TOTAL Capital Improvement Fund - Excluded from "CAP"</b>	<b>272,500.00</b>	<b>272,500.00</b>	<b>182,093.22</b>	<b>59,663.93</b>	<b>30,742.85</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</b>					
Payment of Bond Principal	580,000.00	580,000.00	580,000.00		
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes & Capital Notes		-			68.74
Interest on Bonds	236,300.00	236,300.00	236,231.26		-
Interest on Notes		-			-
<b>TOTAL Municipl Debt Service - Excluded from "CAP"</b>	<b>816,300.00</b>	<b>816,300.00</b>	<b>816,231.26</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68.74</b>
<b>DEFERRED CHARGES - MUNICIPAL - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</b>					
Special Emergency Authorizations - 5 years (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55)		-			
Deferred Charge to Future Taxation Unfunded	167,500.00	167,500.00	167,500.00		
<b>TOTAL Deferred Charges - Municipal - Excluded from "CAPS"</b>	<b>167,500.00</b>	<b>167,500.00</b>	<b>167,500.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes - Excluded from "CAP"</b>	<b>3,130,771.10</b>	<b>3,615,244.30</b>	<b>3,509,443.78</b>	<b>67,913.93</b>	<b>68.74</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>11,845,341.10</b>	<b>12,300,814.30</b>	<b>11,527,057.28</b>	<b>293,470.14</b>	<b>68.74</b>
<b>RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES</b>	<b>1,210,281.97</b>	<b>1,210,281.97</b>	<b>1,210,281.97</b>		
<b>TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 13,055,623.07</b>	<b>13,511,096.27</b>	<b>12,737,339.25</b>	<b>293,470.14</b>	<b>68.74</b>

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**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION	PAID
Appropriation by N.J.S. 40A:4-47		
Budget	\$ 448,581.81	
Emergency Appropriations	13,055,623.07	
	<u>6,891.39</u>	
	<u>\$ 13,511,096.27</u>	
Reserve for Federal and State Grants		
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 686,268.30	
Disbursed	1,210,281.97	
	<u>10,840,788.98</u>	
	<u>\$ 12,737,339.25</u>	

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## **EXHIBIT B - TRUST FUNDS**

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**TRUST FUND  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS  
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Animal Control Fund:		
Cash - Treasurer	\$ <u>1,812.40</u>	<u>2,660.28</u>
	<u>1,812.40</u>	<u>2,660.28</u>
Other Funds:		
Cash - Treasurer	1,279,950.31	1,507,593.01
Cash - Tax Collector	159,710.00	247,643.90
Due from Current Fund	1,763.62	-
Small Cities Revolving Loans Receivable	<u>36,997.50</u>	<u>36,997.50</u>
	<u>1,478,421.43</u>	<u>1,792,234.41</u>
LOSAP (Unaudited)		
Investments - Held for LOSAP	<u>285,433.99</u>	<u>234,367.83</u>
	<u><u>1,765,667.82</u></u>	<u><u>2,029,262.52</u></u>

**TRUST FUND  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS  
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

<u>Liabilities, Reserves, and Fund Balance</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Animal Control Fund:		
Due to the State	4.20	5.40
Reserve for Animal Control Fund Expenditures	<u>1,808.20</u>	<u>2,654.88</u>
	<u>1,812.40</u>	<u>2,660.28</u>
Other Funds:		
Due to Current Fund	-	-
Reserves for:		
Law Enforcement Forfeiture	38,118.94	39,982.11
Escrow Fees	211,103.39	418,069.44
Snow Removal	91,150.50	63,650.50
Small Cities Grant Appropriation	188,895.69	188,895.69
Recreation Expenditures	47,369.02	78,586.65
Cultural Committee	1,862.20	2,633.29
Banner Program	1,175.00	1,400.00
Outside Employment of Police	14,105.08	31,420.55
POAA	157.78	147.78
Public Defender	5,608.50	4,072.50
Recycling	52,317.85	52,317.85
Accumulated Sick and Vacation	621,536.17	621,036.17
Small Cities Revolving Loan	36,997.50	36,997.50
Tax Sale Premiums	159,710.00	187,210.00
Tax Liens	-	60,433.90
Joint Insurance Funds	<u>8,313.81</u>	<u>5,380.48</u>
	<u>1,478,421.43</u>	<u>1,792,234.41</u>
LOSAP (Unaudited)		
Reserve for LOSAP	<u>285,433.99</u>	<u>234,367.83</u>
	<u>\$ 1,765,667.82</u>	<u>2,029,262.52</u>

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**EXHIBIT C - GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**

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**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS  
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash - Treasurer	\$ 1,191,252.91	2,131,841.49
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:		
Funded	6,815,000.00	7,395,000.00
Unfunded	<u>2,916,750.00</u>	<u>1,395,500.00</u>
	<u>10,923,002.91</u>	<u>10,922,341.49</u>
 <u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>		
Serial Bonds Payable	6,815,000.00	7,395,000.00
Contracts Payable	657,409.48	465,754.75
Improvement Authorizations:		
Funded	588,860.10	1,606,701.79
Unfunded	2,571,157.18	1,263,058.80
Reserve for:		
Capital Improvement Fund	178,148.00	79,398.00
Fund Balance	<u>112,428.15</u>	<u>112,428.15</u>
	<u>\$ 10,923,002.91</u>	<u>10,922,341.49</u>

There were Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued on December 31, 2019 and 2018 of \$2,916,750 and \$1,395,500, respectively.

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Balance January 1,	\$ 112,428.15	112,428.15
 No current year activity		
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Balance December 31,	\$ <u>112,428.15</u>	<u>112,428.15</u>

## **EXHIBIT G - GENERAL FIXED ASSETS**

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**GENERAL FIXED ASSET FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
General Fixed Assets:		
Land, Building & Improvements	\$ 5,321,250.28	4,841,675.28
Machinery and Equipment	<u>5,651,725.03</u>	<u>5,631,392.99</u>
Total General Fixed Assets	<u><u>10,972,975.31</u></u>	<u><u>10,473,068.27</u></u>
<u>Reserves</u>		
Investment in General Fixed Assets	\$ <u><u>10,972,975.31</u></u>	<u><u>10,473,068.27</u></u>

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**CITY OF NORTHFIELD  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018**

**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 is performed for the Library and will be made available for inspection 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:

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

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

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

General Fixed Assets Account Group -- 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 follow.

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

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018**

Revenues -- 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.

Expenditures -- are recorded on the "budgetary" basis of accounting. Generally expenditures are recorded when an amount is encumbered for goods or services through the issuance of a purchase order in conjunction with the Encumbrance Accounting System. Outstanding encumbrances at December 31 are reported as a cash liability in the financial statements and constitute part of the 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.

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

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

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

General Fixed Assets -- The entity has 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.

As required by New Jersey Statutes, foreclosed property is reported in the current operating fund of the municipality.

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.

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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.

Levy of Taxes -- 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.

Interest on Delinquent Taxes – It is the policy of the City of Northfield to collect interest for the nonpayment of taxes or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquent. The Tax Collector is authorized to charge eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st, an additional penalty of six percent (6%) shall be charged against the delinquency. There is a ten day grace period.

Capitalization of Interest -- 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.

Use of Estimates -- 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. Required Financial Statements**

The State of New Jersey requires the following financial statements to be presented for each fund on the regulatory basis of accounting: Balance Sheet, Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance, Statement of Revenue and Statement of Expenditures. These statements differ from those presented under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, which requires a Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities in addition to the fund financial statements.

**E. 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 entity's financial position. However, comparative (i.e., presentation of prior year totals by fund type) data have not been presented in the Statement of Revenue-Regulatory Basis and Statement of Expenditures-Regulatory Basis since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

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**F. Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Effective**

In June 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 87 "Leases". This statement, which is effective for fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2019, will not have any effect on the City's financial reporting.

In April 2018, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 88 "Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements". This statement, which is effective for fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2019, will not have any effect on the City's financial reporting.

In June 2018, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 89 "Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period". This statement, which is effective for fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2019, will not have any effect on the City's financial reporting.

In August 2018, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 90 "Majority Equity Interests - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61". This statement, which is effective for fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2018, will not have any effect on the City's financial reporting.

In May 2019, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 91, "Conduit Debt Obligations". This statement is effective for fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2020, will not have any effect on the City's financial reporting.

In January 2020, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 92, "Omnibus 2020". This statement is effective for fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2020, with the exception of the provisions affecting GASB 87 which is effective upon issuance, will not have any effect on the City's financial reporting.

**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 2020 and 2019 statutory budgets included a reserve for uncollected taxes in the amount of \$1,214,740.47 and \$1,210,281.97, respectively. To balance the budget, the municipality is required to show a budgeted fund balance. The amount of fund balance budgeted to balance the 2020 and 2019 statutory budgets was \$1,071,000 and \$953,000.00, 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 the City Council. The following significant budget transfers were approved in the 2019 and 2018 calendar years:

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<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Legal Services and Costs		
Other Expenses	\$ (15,000.00)	
Insurance		
Workers' Compensation		(11,726.00)
Group Insurance	(25,000.00)	(10,000.00)
Health Benefit Waiver		(10,000.00)
Municipal Court		
Salaries and Wages	10,000.00	
Police Department		
Salaries and Wages	(10,000.00)	
Streets and Road Maintenance		
Reserve for Snow Removal	27,500.00	
Solid Waste Collection		
Tipping Fees	10,000.00	
Construction Code Official		
Salaries and Wages	(10,000.00)	
Other Expenses	15,000.00	25,000.00
ACUA Service Charge	29,000.00	
Computer, Electronic Equip and Accessories	25,000.00	
Meeting Room Audio & Visual Upgrade	(25,000.00)	

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. During 2019 and 2018, the following significant budget insertions were approved:

<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
FEMA Assistance to Firefigher	\$ 137,827.61	-
State Body Armor Grant	1,388.78	1,987.50
Alcohol Education Rehab	522.44	476.01
Clean Communities	20,077.98	17,988.55
NJ DOT	285,000.00	
Cops in Shops	2,640.00	
NJ American Water	1,125.00	

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The entity 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 budgets 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, 2019 the City had no special emergencies.

**Note 3: INVESTMENTS**

**Interest Rate Risk.** The municipality does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. However, New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) limits the length of time for most investments to 397 days.

**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 entity can invest in any one issuer.

**Unaudited Investments.** As more fully described in Note 19, the City has created a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for emergency service volunteers. The LOSAP investments are similar to those allowed in a deferred compensation program as specified in NJSA 43:15B-1 et. seq. except that all investments are retained in the name of the City. All investments are valued at fair value. In accordance with NJAC 5:30-14.37 the investments are maintained by Lincoln Benefit Life, which is an authorized provider approved by the Division of Local Government Services. The balance in the account on December 31, 2019 and 2018 amounted to \$285,433.99 and \$234,367.83, respectively.

**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. Under the act, all demand deposits are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Public funds owned by the municipality in excess of FDIC insured amounts are protected by GUDPA. However, GUDPA does not protect intermingled trust funds such as salary withholdings, bail funds or fund that may pass to the municipality relative to the happening of a future condition. As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, \$1,014,869.92 and \$1,129,831.65 of the municipality's bank balance of \$6,875,051.19 and \$7,764,649.91 was exposed to custodial credit risk.



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**Note 5: FIXED ASSETS**

The following schedules are a summarization of the changes in general fixed assets for the calendar years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	Balance 12/31/2017	Additions	Retirements/ Adjustments	Balance 12/31/2018
Land, Buildings and Improvements	\$ 5,473,737.49		(632,062.21)	4,841,675.28
Equipment and Machinery	5,135,925.79	224,264.32	271,202.88	5,631,392.99
	<u>\$ 10,609,663.28</u>	<u>224,264.32</u>	<u>(360,859.33)</u>	<u>10,473,068.27</u>

	Balance 12/31/2018	Additions	Retirements/ Adjustments	Balance 12/31/2019
Land, Building and Improvements	\$ 4,841,675.28		479,575.00	5,321,250.28
Equipment and Machinery	5,631,392.99	180,968.20	(160,636.16)	5,651,725.03
	<u>10,473,068.27</u>	<u>180,968.20</u>	<u>318,938.84</u>	<u>10,972,975.31</u>

**Note 6: LONG TERM DEBT**

Long-term debt as of December 31, 2019 and 2018 consisted of the following:

	Balance 12/31/17	Issued	Retired	Balance 12/31/18	Amounts Due Within One Year
General	\$ 8,464,000.00		1,069,000.00	7,395,000.00	580,000.00
Net PFRS	10,868,521.00		2,241,142.00	8,627,379.00	
Net PERS	4,705,166.00		1,104,934.00	3,600,232.00	
Compensated Absences Payable	1,300,454.39	469,516.53	418,321.41	1,351,649.51	-
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 25,338,141.39</u>	<u>469,516.53</u>	<u>4,833,397.41</u>	<u>20,974,260.51</u>	<u>580,000.00</u>

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	Balance 12/31/18	Issued	Retired	Balance 12/31/19	Amounts Due Within One Year
General	\$ 7,395,000.00		580,000.00	6,815,000.00	590,000.00
Net PFRS	8,627,379.00		536,135.00	8,091,244.00	
Net PERS	3,600,232.00		459,565.00	3,140,667.00	
Compensated					
Absences Payable	1,351,649.51	291,571.25	375,788.73	1,267,432.03	-
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 20,974,260.51</u>	<u>291,571.25</u>	<u>1,951,488.73</u>	<u>19,314,343.03</u>	<u>590,000.00</u>

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

\$4,650,000 General Improvement Bond dated 10/23/12 payable in annual installments through 10/23/2027. Interest is paid semiannually at a rate of 2.00% to 3.00% per annum. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2019 was \$2,800,000.

\$4,675,000 General Improvement Bond dated 10/19/16, payable in annual installments through 10/15/2032. Interest is paid semiannually at a rate of 2.00% to 5.00% per annum. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2019 was \$4,015,000.

Schedule of Annual Debt Service for Principal and Interest for Loans Issued and Outstanding

	General Fund		
Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	\$ 590,000.00	220,031.25	810,031.25
2021	595,000.00	203,431.25	798,431.25
2022	605,000.00	186,631.25	791,631.25
2023	620,000.00	166,881.00	786,881.00
2024	635,000.00	146,381.00	781,381.00
2025-2029	2,675,000.00	381,113.00	3,056,113.00
2030-2032	1,095,000.00	66,300.00	1,161,300.00
	<u>\$ 6,815,000.00</u>	<u>1,370,768.75</u>	<u>8,185,768.75</u>

<u>Summary of Municipal Debt</u>	<u>Year 2019</u>	<u>Year 2018</u>	<u>Year 2017</u>
Bonds, Loans and Notes	\$ 6,815,000.00	7,395,000.00	8,464,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes	-	-	-
Authorized But Not Issued	2,916,750.00	1,395,500.00	1,416,500.00
Total Bonds & Notes Issued and Authorized But Not Issued	<u>\$ 9,731,750.00</u>	<u>8,790,500.00</u>	<u>9,880,500.00</u>

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Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statement

The summarized statement of debt condition which follows is prepared in accordance with the required method of setting up the Annual Debt Statement and indicates a statutory net debt of 1.081%.

	Gross Debt	Deductions	Net Debt
Local School District Debt	\$ 3,398,000.00	3,398,000.00	-
Regional School Debt	8,577,049.11	8,577,049.11	-
General Debt	9,731,750.00	-	9,731,750.00
	<u>\$ 21,706,799.11</u>	<u>11,975,049.11</u>	<u>9,731,750.00</u>

Net Debt \$8,790,500 ÷ Equalized Valuation Basis per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2 as amended, \$911,488,173 = 0.964%.

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

3 1/2 % of Equalized Valuation Basis ( Municipal)	\$ 31,518,748.68
Net Debt	9,731,750.00
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$ 21,786,998.68</u>

The City of Northfield School District, as a K-8 school district, is permitted to borrow up to 3% of the average equalized valuation for the past three years. State statutes allow a school district to exceed the districts limitation with voter approval. Any amount approved by the voters in excess of the limit is treated as an impairment of the municipal limit.

**Note 7: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED**

Fund balances at December 31, 2019 and 2018, which were appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in their own respective funds for the year ending December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Current Fund	\$ 1,071,000.00	953,000.00

**Note 8: SCHOOL TAXES**

Local District School Taxes and Regional High School Taxes have been raised on a calendar year basis. There were no Local District School Taxes or Regional High School Taxes payable at December 31, 2019.

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**Note 9: 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 12/31/19	Balance 12/31/18
Prepaid Taxes	\$ 198,625.47	185,668.04
Cash Liability for Taxes Collected in Advance	<u>\$ 198,625.47</u>	<u>185,668.04</u>

**Note 10: PENSION FUNDS**

Description of Plans

Substantially all of the entity's employees participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan which has been established by State Statute and is administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions 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 systems. This report may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pension 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.shtml>.

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 PERS 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.

Police and Fireman's Retirement System

The contribution policy for the Police and Fireman's Retirement System (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 10.0% of employees' annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute to an actuarially determined rate.

Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)

The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) was established as of July 1, 2008 under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2008 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2008 (NJSA43:15C-1 et seq). The DCRP is a cost sharing multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund. The DCRP provides eligible members, and their beneficiaries with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting and benefit provisions are established by NJSA 43:15C-1 et seq.

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*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 provided for employee contributions of 7.34%, through June 30, 2018 and 7.50% thereafter, of employee's annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute to an actuarially determined rate in PERS. The current PERS rate is 6.99% of covered payroll. The City's contributions to PERS for the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018, and 2017 were \$182,185.00, \$188,751.90 and \$185,798.00.

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 10.0% of employees' annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The City's contributions to PFRS for the year ended December 31, 2019, 2018, and 2017 were \$623,319.00, \$626,978.46, and \$568,790.00.

The total payroll for the year ended December 31, 2019 was \$4,214,789.53. Payroll covered by PERS was \$1,235,418.00. Payroll covered by PFRS was \$2,226,176.00.

*Significant Legislation*

Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, effective June 28, 2011 made various changes to the manner in which the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) operate and to the benefit provisions of those systems.

Chapter 78's provisions impacting employee pension and health benefits include:

- New members of the PERS hired on or after June 28, 2011 (Tier 5 members) will need 30 years of creditable service and age 65 for receipt of the early retirement benefit without a reduction of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% for each month that the member is under age 65.
- The eligibility age to qualify for a service retirement in the PERS is increased from age 63 to 65 for Tier 5 members.
- The annual benefit under special retirement for new PFRS members enrolled after June 28, 2011 (Tier 3 members), will be 60% instead of 65% of the member's final compensation plus 1% for each year of creditable service over 25 years but not to exceed 30 years.

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- Increases in active member contribution rates. PERS active member rates increase from 5.5% of annual compensation to 6.5% plus an additional 1% phased-in over 7 years; PFRS active member rate increase from 8.5% to 10%. For fiscal year 2013, the member contribution rates increased in October 2011. The phase-in of the additional incremental member contribution rates for PERS members will take place in July of each subsequent fiscal year.
- The payment of automatic cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) additional increases to current and future retirees and beneficiaries is suspended until reactivated as permitted by this law.
- New employee contribution requirements towards the cost of employer-provided health benefit coverage. Employees are required to contribute a certain percentage of the cost of coverage. The rate of contribution is determined based on the employee's annual salary and the selected level of coverage. The increased employee contributions will be phased in over a 4-year period for those employed prior to Chapter 78's effective date with a minimum contribution required to be at least 1.5% of salary.
- In addition, this new legislation changes the method for amortizing the pension systems' unfunded accrued liability (from a level percent of pay method to a level dollar of pay).

Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, effective May 21, 2010, made a number of changes to the State-administered retirement systems concerning eligibility, the retirement allowance formula, the definition of compensation, the positions eligible for service credit, the non-forfeitable right to a pension, the prosecutor's part of the PERS, special retirement under the PFRS, and employer contributions to the retirement systems.

Also, Chapter 1, P.L. 2010 changed the membership eligibility criteria for new members of PERS from the amount of annual compensation to the number of hours worked weekly. Also, it returned the benefit multiplier for new members of PERS to 1/60<sup>th</sup> from 1/55<sup>th</sup>, and it provided that new members of PERS have the retirement allowance calculated using the average annual compensation for the last five years of service instead of the last three years of service. New members of PERS will no longer receive pension service credit from more than one employer. Pension service credit will be earned for the highest paid position only. For new members of the PFRS, the law capped the maximum compensation that can be used to calculate a pension from these plans at the annual wage contribution base for social security, and requires the pension to be calculated using a three year average annual compensation instead of the last year's salary. This law also closed the Prosecutors Part of the PERS to new members and repealed the law for new members that provided a non-forfeitable right to receive a pension based on the laws of the retirement system in place at the time 5 years of pension service credit is attained. The law also requires the State to make its full pension contribution, defined a 1/7<sup>th</sup> of the required amount, beginning in fiscal years 2012.

Chapter 3, P.L. 2010, effective May 21, 2010, replaced the accidental and ordinary disability retirement for new members of the PERS with disability insurance coverage similar to that provided by the State to individuals enrolled in the State's Defined Contribution Retirement Program.

Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 implemented certain recommendations contained in the December 1, 2006 report of the Joint Legislative Committee on Public Employee Benefits Reform; established a DCRP for elected and certain appointed officials, effective July 1, 2007; the new pension loan interest rate became 4.69% per year, and an \$8.00 processing fee per loan was charged, effective January 1, 2008. The legislation also removed language from existing law that permits the State Treasurer to reduce employer pension contributions needed to fund the Funds and Systems when excess assets are available.

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**Note 11: PENSION LIABILITIES**

In 2012, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued GASB statement 68. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014. This statement changes the method of reporting the municipality's pension liabilities. However, due to the fact that the municipality reports on the regulatory basis of accounting, no financial statement impact will be recognized.

The following represents the municipality's pension liabilities as June 30, 2019:

**Public Employees' Retirement System**

The Municipality has a liability of \$3,140,667 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018 that was rolled forward to June 30, 2019. The Municipality's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Municipality's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2019, the Municipality's proportion would be .01743025110%, which would be a decrease of 4.67% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Municipality would have recognized pension expense of \$28,793. At December 31, 2019, the Municipality would report deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected & actual experience	\$ 56,371	\$ (13,874)
Changes of assumptions	313,607	(1,090,116)
Changes in proportion	29,780	(535,630)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		(49,577)
Total	<u>\$ 399,758</u>	<u>\$ (1,689,197)</u>

Amounts that would be reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions would be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30,	
2020	\$ (149,232)
2021	(484,107)
2022	(432,280)
2023	(202,978)
2024	(20,842)
Total	<u>\$ (1,289,439)</u>

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**Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2019 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2019. This actuarial valuation used the following assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation rate		
Price		2.75%
Wage		3.25%
Salary increases:		
Through 2026		2.00% – 6.00% (based on years of service)
Thereafter		3.00% - 7.00% (based on years of service)
Investment rate of return:		7.00%

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 200 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disable retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018.

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2019) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2019 are summarized in the following table:



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Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Risk mitigation strategies	3.00%	4.67%
Cash equivalents	5.00%	2.00%
U.S. Treasuries	5.00%	2.68%
Investment grade credit	10.00%	4.25%
High yield	2.00%	5.37%
Private credit	6.00%	7.92%
Real assets	2.50%	9.31%
Real estate	7.50%	8.33%
US equity	28.00%	8.26%
Non-U.S. developed markets equity	12.50%	9.00%
Emerging markets equity	6.50%	11.37%
Private equity	12.00%	10.85%

*Discount Rate*

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.28% as of June 30, 2019. This single blended discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00%, and a municipal bond rate of 3.50% as of June 30, 2019, based on the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made based on 70% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members through 2057. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2057 and the municipal bond rate was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity of the Municipality's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.*

The following presents the Municipality's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.28%, as well as what the Municipality's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (5.28%) or 1-percentage point higher (7.28%) than the current rate:

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	1% Decrease (5.28%)	Current Discount Rate (6.28%)	1% Increase (7.28%)
Municipality's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,769,321	\$ 3,140,667	\$ 2,611,552

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.*

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial report.

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System**

The Municipality has a liability of \$8,091,244 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as July 1, 2018 that was rolled forward to June 30, 2019. The Municipality's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Municipality's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2019, the Municipality's proportion would be .06611672050%, which would be a decrease of 6.09% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Municipality would have recognized pension expense of \$516,155. At December 31, 2019, the Municipality would have reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PFRS from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected & actual experience	\$ 68,301	\$ (51,227)
Changes of assumptions	277,250	(2,615,016)
Changes in proportion	370,949	(838,974)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		(109,634)
Total	<u>\$ 716,500</u>	<u>\$ (3,614,851)</u>

Amounts that would be reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions would be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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Year ended June 30,	
2020	\$ (505,877)
2021	(1,061,917)
2022	(752,060)
2023	(370,714)
2024	(207,783)
Total	<u>\$ (2,898,351)</u>

**Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2019 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation of July 1, 2018, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2019. This actuarial valuation used the following assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation rate

Price 2.75%

Wage 3.25%

Salary increases:

Through all future years 3.25% - 15.25% (based on years of service)

Investment rate of return: 7.00%

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Employee mortality table with a 105.6% adjustment for males and 102.5% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Retiree Below-Median Income Weighted mortality table with a 96.7% adjustment for males and 96.0% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. For beneficiaries (contingent annuitants), the Pub-2010 General Retiree Below-Median Income Weighted mortality table was used, unadjusted, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 152% adjustment for males and 109/3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018.

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2019) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension

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plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PFRS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2019 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Risk mitigation strategies	3.00%	4.67%
Cash equivalents	5.00%	2.00%
U.S. Treasuries	5.00%	2.68%
Investment grade credit	10.00%	4.25%
High yield	2.00%	5.37%
Private credit	6.00%	7.92%
Real assets	2.50%	9.31%
Real estate	7.50%	8.33%
US equity	28.00%	8.26%
Non-U.S. developed markets equity	12.50%	9.00%
Emerging markets equity	6.50%	11.37%
Private equity	12.00%	10.85%

*Discount Rate*

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.85% as of June 30, 2019. This single blended discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00%, and a municipal bond rate of 3.50% as of June 30, 2019, based on the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the non-employer contributing entity will be made based 70% of the actuarially determine contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members through 2076. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2076, and the municipal bond rate was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity of the Municipality's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.*

The following presents the collective net pension liability of the participating employers as of June 30, 2019, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the collective net

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pension liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.74%)	Current Discount Rate (6.85%)	1% Increase (7.85%)
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 10,599,596.59	8,091,244.00	6,015,418.84

In addition to the PFRS liabilities listed above, a special funding situation exists for the Local employers of the Police and Fire Retirement System of New Jersey. The State of New Jersey, as a non-employer, is required to pay the additional costs incurred by Local employers under Chapter 8, P.L. 2000, Chapter 318, P.L. 2001, Chapter 86, P.L. 2001, Chapter 511, P.L. 1991, Chapter 109, P.L. 1979, Chapter 247, P.L. 1993 and Chapter 201, P.L. 2001. The June 30, 2019 State special funding situation net pension liability amount of \$1,932,374,825.00 is the accumulated differences between the annual actuarially determined State obligation under the special funding situation and the actual State contribution through the valuation date. The fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 State special funding situation pension expense of \$224,526,138.00 is the actuarially determined contribution amount that the State owes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The pension expense is deemed to be a State administrative expense due to the special funding situation.

The contribution policy for PFRS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A and required contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's contribution amount is based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. For fiscal year 2019, the State contributed an amount less than the actuarially determined amount.

Although the liabilities related to the special funding situation are the liabilities of the State of New Jersey, the proportionate share of the statewide liability allocated to the Municipality was 0.0661167250% for 2019. The net pension liability amount allocated to the Municipality was \$1,277,623. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 State special funding situation pension expense of \$148,449.

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.*

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PFRS financial report.

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**Note 12: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

*General Information about the Plan:*

The City offers Other Post-Retirement Benefits (OPEB) to its employees through the State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (the Plan) a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit plan with a special funding situation. It covers employees of local government employers that have adopted a resolution to participate in the Plan. For additional information about the Plan, please refer to the State of New Jersey (the State), Division of Pensions and Benefits' (the Division) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which can be found at:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>.

The Plan provides medical and prescription drug to retirees and their covered dependents of the participating employers. Under the provisions of Chapter 88, P.L. 1974 and Chapter 48, P.L. 1999, local government employers electing to provide postretirement medical coverage to their employees must file a resolution with the Division. Under Chapter 88, local employers elect to provide benefit coverage based on the eligibility rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission. Chapter 48 allows local employers to establish their own age and service eligibility for employer paid health benefits coverage for retired employees. Under Chapter 48, the employer may assume the cost of post retirement medical coverage for employees and their dependents who:

1) retired on a disability pension;

or 2) retired with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer;

or 3) retired and reached the age of 65 with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer;

or 4) retired and reached age 62 with at least 15 years of service with the employer. Further, the law provides that the employer paid obligations for retiree coverage may be determined by means of a collective negotiations agreement.

In accordance with Chapter 330, P.L. 1997, which is codified in N.J.S.A 52:14-17.32i, the State provides medical and prescription coverage to local police officers and firefighters, who retire with 25 years of service or on a disability from an employer who does not provide postretirement medical coverage. Local employers were required to file a resolution with the Division in order for their employees to qualify for State-paid retiree health benefits coverage under Chapter 330. The State also provides funding for retiree health benefits to survivors of local police officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty under Chapter 271, P.L.1989.

Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, future retirees eligible for postretirement medical coverage who have less than 20 years of creditable service on June 28, 2011 will be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their health care coverage in retirement provided they retire with 25 or more years of pension service credit. The percentage of the premium for which the retiree will be

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responsible will be determined based on the retiree's annual retirement benefit and level of coverage.

*Allocation Methodology:*

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the Plan to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources, and collective OPEB expense, however under the Regulatory Basis of Accounting followed by the City these amounts are not accrued or recorded in the financial statements and the information listed in this note is for disclosure purposes only. Statewide across all member employers, the special funding situation's and nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense are based on separately calculated total OPEB liabilities. For the special funding situation and the nonspecial funding situation, the Collective Total OPEB liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2019 were \$5,637,151,775 and \$8,182,092,807, respectively. The nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense are further allocated to employers based on the ratio of the plan members of an individual employer to the total members of the Plan's non special funding situation during the measurement period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Employer and non-employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes.

*Special Funding Situation:*

Under Chapter 330, P.L. 1997, the State shall pay the premium or periodic charges for the qualified local police and firefighter retirees and dependents equal to 80 percent of the premium or periodic charge for the category of coverage elected by the qualified retiree under the State managed care plan or a health maintenance organization participating in the program providing the lowest premium or periodic charge. The State also provides funding for retiree health benefits to survivors of local police officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty under Chapter 271, P.L.1989.

Therefore, these employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 75 and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under this legislation directly to the plan, there is no net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to this legislation. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the non-employer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability that is associated with the local participating employer.

*Net OPEB Liability:*

*Components of Net OPEB Liability*

The components of the collective net OPEB liability of the participating employers in the Plan as of June 30, 2019 is as follows:

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	<b>June 30, 2019</b>	
	<b>Collective Total</b>	<b>Proportionate Share</b>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 13,819,244,582	\$ 9,020,788
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	273,173,482	178,319
Net OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 13,546,071,100</u>	<u>\$ 8,842,469</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	1.98%	1.98%

At June 30, 2019 the City's proportionate share of the Collective Net OPEB Liability was \$8,842,469. The State's proportionate share for the Special Funding Situation that is associated with the City is \$4,633,812. The City's proportion of the Collective Net OPEB Liability was .065277% which was a decrease from the prior year of 11.05%. The State's proportionate share attributable to the City of the Collective Net OPEB Liability for the Special Funding Situation was 0.083859% which was a decrease from the prior year of 4.68%.

City's Proportionate Share of Collective Net OPEB Liability	\$ 8,842,469
State's proportionate share that is associated with the City	4,633,812
Total	<u>\$ 13,476,281</u>

For the Year ended June 30, 2019 the City's Total OPEB Expense was \$(666,208) and the State of New Jersey realized Total OPEB Expense in the amount of \$61,422 for its proportionate share of Total OPEB Expense that is associated with the City.

The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2019 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2019. The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation rate	2.50%
Salary increases*:	
PERS Initial fiscal year applied	
Rate through 2026	2.00% to 6.00%
Rate thereafter	3.00% to 7.00%
PFRS	
Rate for all future years	3.25% to 15.25%

\* Salary increases are based on years of service within the respective plan.



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**Mortality:**

PERS: Pub-2010 General classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2019

PFRS: Pub-2010 Safety classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2019

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2018 valuation were based on the results of the PFRS and PERS experience studies prepared for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018 and July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018, respectively.

100% of active members are considered to participate in the Plan upon retirement.

*Health Care Trend Assumptions*

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend is initially 5.7% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after eight years. For post-65 medical benefits, the actual fully-insured Medicare Advantage trend rates for fiscal year 2020 are reflected. The assumed post-65 medical trend is 4.5% for all future years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 7.5% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after eight years.

*Discount Rate*

The discount rate for June 30, 2019 was 3.50%. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the State. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

*Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*

The following presents the Net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2019, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the Net OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

		1% Decrease (2.50%)		Discount Rate (3.50%)		1% Increase (4.50%)
Collective						
Net OPEB Liability	\$	15,662,704,137	\$	13,546,071,100	\$	11,826,026,995
Proportionate Share						
Net OPEB Liability	\$	10,224,144	\$	8,842,469	\$	7,719,676

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*Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend Rate*

The following presents the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2019, calculated using the healthcare trend rate as disclosed above as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

		<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Healthcare Cost Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Collective				
Net OPEB Liability	\$	11,431,214,644	\$ 13,546,071,100	\$ 16,243,926,531
Proportionate Share				
Net OPEB Liability	\$	7,461,954	\$ 8,842,469	\$ 10,603,548

*Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB*

At June 30, 2019, the State reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to retired employees' OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Collective Totals</u>		<u>Proportionate Share</u>	
	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	\$ (3,961,399,180)	\$	\$ (2,585,883)
Changes of assumptions		(4,800,426,301)		(3,133,574)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	11,158,226		7,284	
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions				(3,521,199)
Total	\$ <u>11,158,226</u>	\$ <u>(8,761,825,481)</u>	\$ <u>7,284</u>	\$ <u>(9,240,656)</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to retired employees' OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year ended June 30,</u>	<u>Collective Totals</u>	<u>Proportionate Share</u>
2020	\$ (1,425,201,517)	\$ (1,503,819)
2021	(1,425,201,517)	(1,503,819)
2022	(1,426,076,187)	(1,504,741)
2023	(1,427,489,995)	(1,506,233)
2024	(1,428,781,861)	(1,507,596)
Thereafter	(1,617,916,178)	(1,707,164)
Total	\$ <u>(8,750,667,255)</u>	\$ <u>(9,233,372)</u>

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Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued OPEB financial report.

*Collective OPEB Expenses reported by the State of New Jersey*

The components of allocable OPEB Expense related to specific liabilities of individual employers for the year ending June 30, 2019 are as follows:

Service cost	\$	666,574,660
Interest on Total OPEB Liability		636,082,461
Expected Investment Return		(11,286,267)
Administrative Expenses		9,478,435
Changes of Benefit Terms		(1,903,958)
Current Period Recognition (Amortization) of Deferred Inflows/ Outflows of Resources:		
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience		(619,405,071)
Changes in Assumptions		(809,376,790)
Differences between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments		3,580,344
Total Collective OPEB Expense	\$	<u>(126,256,186)</u>

*Schedule of City's Share of Net OPEB Liability*

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
City's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability	0.073385%	0.065277%
City's Share of Net OPEB Liability	\$ 11,496,948	8,842,469
City's Covered Payroll	1,215,276	1,235,418
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	946.04%	715.75%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	1.97%	1.98%

**Note 13: LABOR CONTRACTS**

As of December 31, 2019, the City's employees were organized in three collective bargaining units. The contracts with Policeman's Benevolent Association (PBA) expired December 31, 2019, Government Workers Union (GWU) will expire December 31, 2020 and International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) expired December 31, 2019.

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<u>Bargaining Unit</u>	<u>Job Category</u>	<u>Members</u>
PBA	Police	All uniformed police
GWU	Supervisory Employees and White and Blue Collar	All other employees except exempt employees, police and fire
IAFF	Fire	Most Department Heads

**Note 14: 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 \$1,267,431.98 and \$1,351,649.46 as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, 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, 2019 and 2018 is \$621,536.17 and \$621,036.17, respectively.

**Note 15: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

The City of Northfield is not economically dependent on any one business or industry as a major source of tax revenue for the entity.

**Note 16: RISK MANAGEMENT**

The entity 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.

**Property and Liability Insurance** - The entity maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability and surety bonds. During the year ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 the entity did not incur claims in excess of their coverage and the amount of coverage did not significantly decrease.

The entity is a member of the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund (MEL) which also includes other municipalities throughout the region. The entity 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 entity has a general liability limit of \$100,000 under JIF, which increases to \$5,000,000 under MEL.

**Note 17: DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

Employees of the City of Northfield 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 entity. Under the plan, employees may elect to defer a portion of their salaries

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

**Note 18: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

From time to time, the entity is a defendant in legal proceedings relating to its operations as a municipality. In the best judgment of the entity's management, the outcome of any present legal proceedings will not have any adverse material effect on the accompanying financial statements.

**Note 19: INTERFUND BALANCES**

During the most current calendar year ended December 31, 2019, the following interfunds were included on the balance sheets of the various funds of the City of Northfield:

	Due From	Due To
Current Fund:		
Grant Fund	\$ 122,215.77	
Trust Fund		1,763.62
Grant Fund:		
Current Fund		122,215.77
Trust Fund:		
Current Fund	1,763.62	
	<u>\$ 123,979.39</u>	<u>123,979.39</u>

The amounts due to the Grant fund from the Current fund is due to the fact that the City does not receive all grant funds prior to expenditures being made, therefore all disbursements must be made through the Current Fund.

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018**

**Note 20: LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (UNAUDITED)**

In 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 are performing 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 will also comply with New Jersey Public Law 1997, Chapter 388 and the LOSAP document. The City appropriated \$14,000 and \$14,000 in the 2019 and 2018 budgets, respectively for contributions to the LOSAP for volunteers who have met the established criteria.

The LOSAP is administered by an unrelated financial institution. 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 City subject only to the claims of the City's general creditors. In addition, the participants in the plan have rights equal to those of the general creditors of the City, and each participant's rights are equal to his or her share of the fair market value of the plan assets. The City believes that it is unlikely that plan assets will be needed to satisfy claims of general creditors that might arise.

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.

The City of Northfield issues a separate unaudited financial report that includes the statement of net assets available for benefits for the LOSAP. The financial report may be obtained by contacting the City of Northfield, 1600 Shore Road, Northfield, NJ 08225.

**Note 21: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The City has evaluated subsequent events through June 26, 2020, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued and no additional items were noted for disclosure or adjustment.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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### Independent Auditor's Report

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

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the regulatory basis financial statements of the various funds and account group as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2020 which was adverse due to being presented in accordance with the New Jersey regulatory basis of accounting.

### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

## **Purpose of this Report**

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

*Ford, Scott & Associates, L.L.C.*  
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**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

*Nancy Sbrolla*  
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**Certified Public Accountant**  
**Registered Municipal Accountant**  
**No. 542**

**June 26, 2020**

**CURRENT FUND  
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER**

	<u>Current Fund</u>
Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 3,017,466.59
Increased by Receipts:	
Taxes Receivable	29,416,402.37
Due from State of New Jersey (c.73, P.L.1976)	86,750.00
Prepaid Taxes	198,625.47
Lien Payments	1,304.15
Tax Overpayments	4,353.05
Prepaid Sewer Rents	5,844.00
Sewer Overpayments	850.00
Sale of Municipal Property	5,351.98
Sale of Foreclosed Property	26,100.00
Federal and State Grants	332,453.38
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	3,031,748.64
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	142,266.09
Due to Trust Fund	1,763.62
Due State for DCA Fees	
Due State for Marriage Licenses	
	<u>33,253,812.75</u>
Decreased by Disbursements:	
2018 Appropriation Reserves	188,652.24
2019 Appropriations	10,840,788.98
County Taxes	4,500,682.67
Regional High School Tax	6,565,341.00
Local District School Tax	10,081,124.00
Refunds	13,591.23
Accounts Payable	17,289.36
Due to State for DCA Fees	50.00
Due State for Marriage Licenses	183.00
Federal and State Grant Expenditures	676,174.44
	<u>32,883,876.92</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ <u><u>3,387,402.42</u></u>

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**CURRENT FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

Year	Balance 12/31/18	2019 Levy	Added Taxes	Collections by Cash 2018	2019	Adjustments	Transferred To Tax Title Liens	Arrears	Balance 12/31/19
Arrears \$	1,210.85								
2018	384,749.05				362,493.15	18,012.44	3,524.21	(889.70) 719.25	2,100.55 (0.00)
	385,959.90				362,493.15	18,012.44	3,524.21		
2019		29,988,291.08		185,668.04	29,142,409.22	289,671.20	27,316.34	(170.45) 170.45	2,100.55 343,055.83
\$	385,959.90	29,988,291.08	-	185,668.04	29,504,902.37	307,683.64	30,840.55	-	345,156.38
State of New Jersey (c. 73, P.L. 1976)									
			Cash	29,416,402.37					
				88,500.00					
				29,504,902.37					

**CURRENT FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

Analysis of 2019 Property Tax Levy		
Tax Yield:		
General Property Tax	29,988,291.08	
Added Taxes (54:4-63.1 et. seq.)	-	
	<u>29,988,291.08</u>	
 Tax Levy:		
Regional High School Tax (Abstract)	6,565,341.00	
Local School District Tax (Abstract)	10,081,124.00	
County Taxes:		
County Tax (Abstract)	4,285,734.09	
County Health Service Tax (Abstract)	199,834.53	
County Open Space Tax (Abstract)	11,270.68	
Due County for Added Taxes (R.S. 54:4-63.1 et seq.)	<u>3,666.05</u>	
Total County Taxes	4,500,505.35	
 Local Tax for Municipal Purposes		
Add: Minimum Library Tax	8,505,531.97	
Add: Additional Tax Levied	305,347.00	
	<u>30,441.76</u>	
	8,841,320.73	
	<u>29,988,291.08</u>	

**CURRENT FUND  
SCHEDULE OF SEWER RENTS RECEIVABLE**

Balance December 31, 2018		\$	59,692.26
Increased by:			
Sewer Billings			<u>1,448,198.00</u>
			1,507,890.26
Decreased by:			
Adjustments	1,997.90		
Collections	<u>1,450,022.86</u>		
			<u>1,452,020.76</u>
Balance December 31, 2019		\$	<u><u>55,869.50</u></u>

**CURRENT FUND  
SCHEDULE OF LIENS**

Balance December 31, 2018		\$ 136,416.03
Increased by:		
Tax Sale	27,316.34	
Interest and Cost from Tax Sale	285.10	
Transfers	3,524.21	
Added Tax Liens	1,255.01	
Sewer Liens	395.00	
Miscellaneous Liens	<u>          </u>	<u>32,775.66</u>
		169,191.69
Decreased by:		
Tax Title Lien Collections	-	
Lien Cancelled	100.00	
Miscellaneous Liens Collected	<u>1,304.15</u>	<u>1,404.15</u>
Balance December 31, 2019		\$ <u>167,787.54</u>
<u>Analysis of Balance:</u>		
Tax Title Liens	165,019.24	
Sewer Liens	2,603.93	
Miscellaneous Liens	<u>164.37</u>	
	<u>167,787.54</u>	

**CURRENT FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

	Balance 12/31/18	Accrued In 2019	Collected	Balance 12/31/19
<b><u>Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated:</u></b>				
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	\$ -	7,500.00	7,500.00	-
Other Licenses	-	77,682.22	77,682.22	-
Fees and Permits	-	73,638.35	73,638.35	-
Municipal Court:				
Fines and Costs	9,216.28	143,816.75	141,648.53	11,384.50
Interest and Costs on Taxes	-	93,443.22	93,443.22	-
Interest on Investments and Deposits	-	109,518.74	109,518.74	-
Sewerage Rentals	-	1,450,022.86	1,450,022.86	-
Energy Receipt Taxes	-	630,603.00	630,603.00	-
Consolidated Municipal Tax Relief Act	-	1,783.00	1,783.00	-
Uniform Construction Code Fees	-	273,616.00	273,616.00	-
Linwood Share - Sewerage Department Costs-				
Interlocal Service Agreement	-	11,160.00	11,160.00	-
Linwood Share - Court Costs	-	137,021.00	137,021.00	-
Uniform Fire Safety Act Fees	-	3,611.72	3,611.72	-
Library Maintenance Agreement	-	20,500.00	20,500.00	-
	<u>\$ 9,216.28</u>	<u>3,033,916.86</u>	<u>3,031,748.64</u>	<u>11,384.50</u>
		Cash Receipts	\$ 3,031,748.64	
		Prior Receipts	<u>\$ 3,031,748.64</u>	

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**CURRENT FUND  
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

	Balance 12/31/18	Balance After Transfers	Paid	Balance Lapsed
Operations Within "CAP":				
General Administration				
Other Expenses	\$ 2,623.20	2,623.20	1,813.28	809.92
Mayor and Council				
Salaries and Wages		-		-
Other Expenses	802.50	802.50	700.00	102.50
City Clerk				
Salaries and Wages		-		-
Other Expenses		-		-
Financial Administration				
Salaries and Wages		-		-
Other Expenses	610.62	610.62	397.50	213.12
Audit Services				
Other Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	1,000.00
Tax Collector				
Other Expenses	3,919.92	3,919.92	670.00	3,249.92
Legal Services and Costs				
Other Expenses	77,403.09	77,403.09	4,593.92	72,809.17
Insurance				
Workers' Compensation		-		-
Group Insurance	34,143.93	34,143.93	8,827.20	25,316.73
Other Insurance	49,661.51	49,661.51	49,661.51	-
Municipal Court				
Other Expenses	3,628.74	3,628.74	293.16	3,335.58
Planning Board				
Other Expenses	1,682.59	1,682.59	5.46	1,677.13
Public Defender				
Other Expenses	250.00	250.00	250.00	-
Fire Department				
Other Expenses				
Fire Hydrants	17,437.84	17,437.84	17,437.84	-
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	14,691.39	14,691.39	13,182.20	1,509.19

**CURRENT FUND  
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

	Balance 12/31/18	Balance After Transfers	Paid	Balance Lapsed
Police Department				
Other Expenses	\$ 9,428.05	9,428.05	1,291.00	8,137.05
Emergency Management				
Other Expenses	753.15	753.15	108.99	644.16
Emergency Medical Services	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
Streets and Road Maintenance				
Other Expenses	5,405.36	5,405.36	34.99	5,370.37
Maintenance of Automotive Equipment				
Other Expenses	6,660.29	6,660.29	3,807.95	2,852.34
Solid Waste Collection				
Tipping Fees	51,817.86	51,817.86	49,918.90	1,898.96
Public Buildings and Grounds				
Other Expenses	20,658.48	20,658.48	5,708.52	14,949.96
Sewerage				
Other Expenses	10,648.47	10,648.47	398.58	10,249.89
Dog Regulation				
Other Expenses	775.00	775.00	775.00	-
Construction Code Official				
Other Expenses	9,242.23	9,242.23	2,053.00	7,189.23
Utilities				
Petroleum Products	4,213.27	4,213.27	2,932.56	1,280.71
Electricity & Natural Gas	28,967.49	28,967.49	2,272.29	26,695.20
Telephone & Telecommunications	11,428.62	11,428.62	(258.61)	11,687.23
LOSAP	14,000.00	14,000.00	7,500.00	6,500.00
Linwood - Court Interlocal Agreement	2,077.12	2,077.12	1,277.00	800.12
Firefighter Protective Equipment	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	-
Other Accounts with no Change	224,716.69	224,716.69	-	224,716.69
	<u>\$ 621,647.41</u>	<u>621,647.41</u>	<u>188,652.24</u>	<u>432,995.17</u>
Appropriation Reserves	\$ 334,337.31		-	Encumbrances
Encumbrances Payable	287,310.10		188,652.24	Disbursements
	<u>\$ 621,647.41</u>		<u>188,652.24</u>	

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**CURRENT FUND  
SCHEDULE OF COUNTY TAXES**

Balance December 31, 2018			
County Taxes	\$	-	
Added and Omitted Taxes		<u>3,843.37</u>	
			3,843.37
Increased by:			
County General		4,285,734.09	
County Local Health		199,834.53	
County Open Space		11,270.68	
Added Taxes		<u>3,666.05</u>	
			<u>4,500,505.35</u>
			4,500,505.35
Decreased by:			
Payments to County			<u>4,500,682.67</u>
Balance December 31, 2019			
County Taxes		(0.00)	
Added and Omitted Taxes		<u>3,666.05</u>	
			<u>\$ 3,666.05</u>

**CURRENT FUND  
SCHEDULE OF LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX**

Balance December 31, 2018	\$ -
Increased by:	
Levy - Calendar Year 2019	<u>10,081,124.00</u>
Decreased by:	
Payments	<u>10,081,124.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>

**SCHEDULE OF REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TAX**

Balance December 31, 2018	\$ -
Increased by:	
Levy - Calendar Year 2019	<u>6,565,341.00</u>
Decreased by:	
Payments	<u>6,565,341.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>

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

	Balance 12/31/18	Transferred From 2019 Revenues	Received	Cancelled	Balance 12/31/19
<b>Federal Grants:</b>					
FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant	\$ 70,000.00				70,000.00
FEMA Assistance to Firefighters		137,827.61			137,827.61
Community Development Block Grant	26,530.00	47,718.00			74,248.00
US DOJ Body Armor	1,987.50	1,388.78	1,320.00		2,056.28
<b>Total Federal</b>	<b>98,517.50</b>	<b>186,934.39</b>	<b>1,320.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>284,131.89</b>
<b>State Grants:</b>					
Safe and Secure Communities	30,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00		30,000.00
2019-20 Municipal Alliance	-	13,771.00	2,229.25		11,541.75
2018-19 Municipal Alliance	10,253.06		9,033.76	1,219.30	-
NJDOT 2019	-	285,000.00			285,000.00
NJDOT Cresson (2017)	54,000.00				54,000.00
NJDOT 2018- Walnut	284,000.00				77,900.00
Clean Communities	-	20,077.98	206,100.00		-
Alcohol Education Rehab	-	522.44	20,077.98		-
Cops in Shops	-	4,400.00	522.44		-
DDEF	-	2,976.33	4,400.00		-
Distracted Driving	-	5,500.00	2,976.33		-
NJ American Water	-	1,125.00	5,500.00		-
Recycling Tonnage	-	1,125.00	1,125.00		-
State Body Armor	-	9,500.80	1,125.00		-
		2,410.97	9,500.80		-
		2,410.97	2,410.97		
<b>Total State</b>	<b>378,253.06</b>	<b>406,409.52</b>	<b>325,001.53</b>	<b>1,219.30</b>	<b>458,441.75</b>
<b>Total Federal and State Grants</b>	<b>\$ 476,770.56</b>	<b>593,343.91</b>	<b>326,321.53</b>	<b>1,219.30</b>	<b>742,573.64</b>

Transferred from Unappropriated Reserves	Current Fund	323,345.20
		2,976.33
		<u>326,321.53</u>

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**FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATED RESERVES FOR FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS**

	Balance December 31, 2018		2019 Budget Appropriation	Disbursed	Other/ Canceled	Balance 12/31/19
	Appropriated	Reserve for Encumbrances				
<b>Federal Grants:</b>						
FEMA Hazard Mitigation	\$ 30,608.00					30,608.00
FEMA Assistance to Firefighters			144,719.00	144,719.00		-
Community Development Block Grant	26,530.00		47,718.00			74,248.00
US DOJ Federal Body Armor	1,987.50		1,388.78	2,746.62		629.66
<b>Total Federal</b>	<b>59,125.50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>193,825.78</b>	<b>147,465.62</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,485.66</b>
<b>State Grants:</b>						
Clean Communities	823.19	9,067.94	20,077.98	25,180.49		4,788.62
Safe and Secure	-		143,715.00	143,715.00		-
Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Fund	5,319.34		522.44	650.00		5,191.78
Recycling Tonnage	-	8,049.19	9,500.80	6,224.26		11,325.73
NJDOT 2019	-		285,000.00	285,000.00		-
NJDOT 2018 - Walnut	284,000.00			277,224.57		6,775.43
NJDOT 2017 - Cresson	10,286.37	216,000.00		216,000.00	1,299.08	-
Municipal Alliance 2018-2019			17,214.00	8,987.29		-
Municipal Alliance 2019-2020			2,976.33	5,074.93		12,139.07
DDEF	3,726.58	50.00	2,410.97	2,567.17	(5,865.00)	10,050.74
Body Armor	141.80		1,125.00	1,866.62		686.15
NJ American Water	-			1,125.00		-
Body Worn Camera	-		4,400.00	3,960.00		-
Cops in Shops	-		5,500.00	5,500.00		440.00
Distracted Driving	-					-
<b>Total State</b>	<b>304,297.28</b>	<b>233,167.13</b>	<b>492,442.52</b>	<b>983,075.33</b>	<b>(4,565.92)</b>	<b>51,397.52</b>
<b>Total Federal and State Grants</b>	<b>\$ 363,422.78</b>	<b>233,167.13</b>	<b>686,268.30</b>	<b>1,130,540.95</b>	<b>(4,565.92)</b>	<b>156,883.18</b>
			Encumbered	454,366.51		
			Current Fund	676,174.44		
				<u>1,130,540.95</u>		

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

	Balance Dec. 31, 2018	Transferred To 2019 Appropriations	Received	Balance Dec. 31, 2019
<b>State Grants:</b>				
Recycling	\$ -		9,108.18	9,108.18
DDEF Grant	2,976.33	2,976.33		-
Total State	<u>\$ 2,976.33</u>	<u>2,976.33</u>	<u>9,108.18</u>	<u>9,108.18</u>

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**TRUST FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER**

	Animal Control	Other
Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 2,660.28	1,507,593.01
Increased by Receipts:		
Animal Control Fees	2,763.80	
State Fees	541.20	
Cultural Committee		1,751.00
Accumulated Sick and Vacation		500.00
Parking Offense Adjudication Act		10.00
Snow Removal		27,500.00
Joint Insurance Funds		6,336.49
Public Defender		7,536.00
Banner Program		1,700.00
Law Enforcement Forfeiture		2,054.33
Escrow Review Fees		156,567.31
Recycling		-
Fees and Permits -		
Birch Grove Park		4,553.00
Outside Employment of Police		194,347.84
	<u>3,305.00</u>	<u>402,855.97</u>
	<u>5,965.28</u>	<u>1,910,448.98</u>
Decreased by Disbursements:		
Dog Fund Expenditures	3,610.48	
State Fees	542.40	
Due from Current Fund		1,763.62
Banner Program	-	1,925.00
Accumulated Sick and Vacation		-
Cultural Committee		2,522.09
Recycling		-
Joint Insurance Funds		3,403.16
Public Defender		6,000.00
Law Enforcement Forfeiture		3,917.50
Contractors' Expenditures		363,533.36
Birch Grove Park Expenditures		35,770.63
Outside Employment of Police		211,663.31
	<u>4,152.88</u>	<u>630,498.67</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ <u><u>1,812.40</u></u>	<u><u>1,279,950.31</u></u>



**TRUST FUND  
SCHEDULE OF CASH - COLLECTOR**

Balance December 31, 2018		\$	247,643.90
Increased By Receipts:			
Redemption of Liens	363,912.44		
Premiums on Sales	<u>352,300.00</u>		
			<u>716,212.44</u>
			963,856.34
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Redemption of Liens	424,346.34		
Premiums on Sales	<u>379,800.00</u>		
			<u>804,146.34</u>
Balance December 31, 2019		\$	<u><u>159,710.00</u></u>

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**TRUST FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ACCUMULATED ABSENCES**

Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 621,036.17
Increased by:	
Budget transfer	<u>500.00</u>
Decreased by:	
Retirement payouts	<u>-</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ <u><u>621,536.17</u></u>

**TRUST FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENDITURES**

Balance December 31, 2018		\$ 2,654.88
Increased by:		
Animal Control Fees Collected - 2019		<u>2,763.80</u>
		5,418.68
Decreased by:		
Dog License Expenses	3,610.48	
Excess reserve due to Current	<u>-</u>	
		<u>3,610.48</u>
Balance December 31, 2019		\$ <u><u>1,808.20</u></u>

License Fees Collected:		
<u>Year</u>		<u>Amount</u>
2017	\$	<u>3,069.80</u>
2018		<u>2,638.20</u>
	\$	<u><u>5,708.00</u></u>

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

Balance December 31, 2018		\$	-
Increased by:			
Excess reserve paid to Current			-
			-
Decreased by:			
Excess reserve due to Current	-		-
			-
Balance December 31, 2019		\$	-

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

Balance December 31, 2018		\$	5.40
Increased by:			
2019 State License Fees			541.20
			546.60
Decreased by:			
Disbursements to the State			542.40
Balance December 31, 2019		\$	4.20

**TRUST FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT FORFEITURE**

Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 39,982.11
Increased by:	
Cash Receipts	<u>2,054.33</u>
	42,036.44
Decreased by:	
Expenditures	<u>3,917.50</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ <u><u>38,118.94</u></u>

**SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR SMALL CITIES PROGRAM**

Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 188,895.69
No current year activity	<u>-</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ <u><u>188,895.69</u></u>

**TRUST FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ESCROW REVIEW FEES**

Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 418,069.44
Increased by:	
Escrow Deposits Received	<u>156,567.31</u>
	574,636.75
Decreased by:	
Disbursements	<u>363,533.36</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ <u><u>211,103.39</u></u>

**SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR SNOW REMOVAL FEES**

Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 63,650.50
Increased by:	
Budget transfer	<u>27,500.00</u>
	91,150.50
Decreased by:	
Disbursements	<u>                    </u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ <u><u>91,150.50</u></u>

**TRUST FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR RECREATION EXPENDITURES**

Balance December 31, 2018		\$ 78,586.65
Increased by:		
Fees and Permits -		
Birch Grove Park	<u>4,553.00</u>	<u>4,553.00</u>
		83,139.65
Decreased by:		
Birch Grove Park Expenditures	<u>35,770.63</u>	<u>35,770.63</u>
Balance December 31, 2019		\$ <u><u>47,369.02</u></u>

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT OF POLICE**

Balance December 31, 2018		\$ 31,420.55
Increased by:		
Fees		<u>194,347.84</u>
		225,768.39
Decreased by:		
Payments to Current Fund		<u>211,663.31</u>
Balance December 31, 2019		\$ <u><u>14,105.08</u></u>

**TRUST FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE**

Balance December 31, 2018	\$ -
No current year activity	
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ <u>-</u>

**SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER TRUST**

Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 4,072.50
Increased by:	
Cash Receipts	<u>7,536.00</u>
	11,608.50
Decreased by:	
Cash Disbursements	<u>6,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ <u>5,608.50</u>



**TRUST FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR SMALL CITIES REVOLVING LOAN**

Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 36,997.50
Decreased by:	
Loan Repayment	_____ -
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ <u>36,997.50</u>

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**TRUST FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX LIENS**

Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 60,433.90
Increased by:	
Redemption of Third Party Liens	<u>363,912.44</u>
	424,346.34
Decreased by Disbursements:	
Cash Disbursed to Lienholders	<u>424,346.34</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>

**TRUST FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR TAX SALE PREMIUMS**

Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 187,210.00
Increased by:	
Tax Sale Premiums Received	<u>352,300.00</u>
	539,510.00
Decreased by Disbursements:	
Cash Disbursed	<u>379,800.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ <u><u>159,710.00</u></u>

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND  
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER**

Balance December 31, 2018		\$ 2,131,841.49
Increased by Receipts:		
Miscellaneous	228,750.00	
Capital Improvement Fund	160,000.00	
	<u>                    </u>	<u>388,750.00</u>
		2,520,591.49
Decreased by Disbursements:		
Improvement Authorizations	1,268,088.58	
Miscellaneous	61,250.00	
	<u>                    </u>	<u>1,329,338.58</u>
Balance December 31, 2019		\$ <u><u>1,191,252.91</u></u>

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

Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 7,395,000.00
Increased by:	
Bonds Issued	-
Decreased by:	
Bond Payments	<u>580,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2019	<u><u>\$ 6,815,000.00</u></u>

Improvement Authorizations Unfunded	\$ 2,571,157.18
Less:	
Unexpended Proceeds of Bond	
Anticipation Notes Issued:	
\$ -	
	<u>                    </u>
	-
	<u>\$ 2,571,157.18</u>

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND  
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Balance December 31, 2018		\$	79,398.00
Increased by:			
2019 Budget Appropriation	<u>160,000.00</u>		<u>160,000.00</u>
			239,398.00
Decreased by:			
Improvement Authorizations			<u>61,250.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2019		\$	<u><u>178,148.00</u></u>

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Ord. #	Improvement Description	Date	Amount	2019 Authorizations			Prior Encumbrances	Paid or Charged	Cancelled/ Other	Balance		
				Balance December 31, 2018		Downpayment or Capital Improvement Fund				Deferred Charges to Future Taxation	Funded	Unfunded
				Funded	Unfunded							
General Improvements												
1-10	Storm Water Drainage Improvements	1/26/2010	1,225,000				33,000.00	34,127.50		2,617.24	-	
11-02a	Storm Water Drainage	4/23/2011	515,000	3,744.74			15,237.80	15,237.80		-	-	
12-13d	Road Improvements	11/17/2013	902,500	-			16,211.53	14,686.94		1,524.59	-	
12-13j	Sewer Repairs & Reconstruction	11/17/2013	308,750	5,166.89			85,936.72	54,593.75		36,509.86	-	
15-15b	Public Safe Radios	6/23/2015	285,000	4,877.05					4,877.05	-	-	
15-15f	DPW Vehicles & Equipment	6/23/2015	66,500	43,131.05				49,634.00	(6,502.95)	0.00	-	
15-15h	Bike Path Improvements	6/23/2015	23,750	10,900.00					1,625.90	9,274.10	-	
15-15i	Road & Drainage Improvements	6/23/2015	855,000	673,695.05			36,439.25	710,134.30		0.00	-	
08-16	Various Improvements	6/28/2016	1,610,000	855,715.76	75,033.00		181,955.25	611,369.70		501,334.31	-	
13-17	Body Camera Equipment	10/17/2017	25,000	9,471.25				9,471.25		-	-	
16-17	Various Improvements	11/28/2017	1,285,000	-	1,188,025.80		96,974.20	141,601.20		-	1,143,398.80	
04-19	Sewer Improvements and Equipment	3/5/2019	1,000,000			1,000,000.00		175,800.00		-	824,200.00	
06-19	Park Improvements	4/2/2019	25,000			25,000.00		17,400.00		7,600.00	-	
09-19	Various Improvements	7/16/2019	725,000			36,250.00		91,441.62		30,000.00	603,558.38	
\$ 1,606,701.79				1,263,058.80		61,250.00	465,754.75	1,925,498.06	-	588,860.10	2,571,157.18	
								657,409.48	Encum			
								1,268,088.58	Cash			
								1,925,498.06				

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**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND  
SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Date of Original Issue	Date of Issue	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2018	Increased	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2019
	No current year activity				\$	-			-
						-			-
					\$	-	-	-	-

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**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF GENERAL SERIAL BONDS**

Improvement Description	Date of Issue	Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds				Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2018	Issued	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2019
			Outstanding		Amount						
			Date	December 31, 2019							
General Improvements	10/23/2012	4,650,000	9/1/2020	350,000		2.00%	\$ 3,150,000.00			350,000.00	2,800,000.00
			9/1/2021	350,000		2.00%					
			9/1/2022	350,000		2.00%					
			9/1/2023	350,000		2.00%					
			9/1/2024	350,000		3.00%					
			9/1/2025	350,000		3.00%					
			9/1/2026	350,000		3.00%					
			9/1/2027	350,000		3.00%					
							3,150,000.00	-		350,000.00	2,800,000.00
General Improvements	10/19/2016	4,675,000	10/15/2020	240,000		4.00%	4,245,000.00			230,000.00	4,015,000.00
			10/15/2021	245,000		4.00%					
			10/15/2022	255,000		5.00%					
			10/15/2023	270,000		5.00%					
			10/15/2024	285,000		5.00%					
			10/15/2025	300,000		5.00%					
			10/15/2026	315,000		5.00%					
			10/15/2027	330,000		2.50%					
			10/15/2028	335,000		2.63%					
			10/15/2029	345,000		2.75%					
			10/15/2030	355,000		3.00%					
			10/15/2031	365,000		3.00%					
			10/15/2032	375,000		3.00%					
							4,245,000.00	-		230,000.00	4,015,000.00
							7,395,000.00	-		580,000.00	6,815,000.00

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**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND  
SCHEDULE OF CONTRACTS PAYABLE**

Balance December 31, 2018		\$	465,754.75
Increased by:			
Additional Contracts			657,409.48
Decreased by:			
Cash Disbursed	465,754.75		
Cancelled	<u>-</u>		
			<u>465,754.75</u>
Balance December 31, 2019		\$	<u><u>657,409.48</u></u>

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

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Improvement Description</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2018</u>	<u>2019 Authorizations</u>	<u>Debt Issued</u>	<u>Raised in Budget</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2019</u>
<b><u>General Improvements</u></b>						
08-16	Various Improvements	\$ 167,500.00			167,500.00	-
16-17	Various Improvements	1,228,000.00				1,228,000.00
04-19	Sewer Improvements & Equipment		1,000,000.00			1,000,000.00
09-19	Road and Drainage Improvements		688,750.00			688,750.00
		<u>\$ 1,395,500.00</u>	<u>1,688,750.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>167,500.00</u>	<u>2,916,750.00</u>

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD**

**PART II**

**LETTER OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

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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." Due to the City having a Qualified Purchasing Agent, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a), the maximum bid threshold is \$40,000.

The governing body of the City of Northfield has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed \$40,000 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:

Road reconstruction

Renovation of public works restroom facilities

General repairs and construction of the sanitary sewer and stormwater facilities

Our examination of expenditures did not reveal any payments in excess of \$40,000 "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, 2019, 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 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 March 14, 2019 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:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>
2019	13
2018	16
2017	16

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>	<u>Number Mailed</u>
Payments of 2020 and 2019 Taxes	5
Payments of 2020 and 2019 Sewer	5
Delinquent Taxes	5
Municipal Court	5



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.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Collections</u>
2019	\$ 29,988,291	29,328,077	97.80%
2018	29,882,253	28,953,369	96.89%
2017	29,427,059	28,489,637	96.81%
2016	28,672,794	27,865,386	97.18%
2015	28,713,312	27,730,952	96.58%

### Comparative Schedule of Tax Rate Information

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Tax Rate	3.409	3.348	3.237	3.108	3.065
Apportionment of Tax Rate					
Municipal	0.967	0.963	0.924	0.893	0.854
Library	0.034	0.033	0.032	0.033	0.035
County	0.513	0.507	0.521	0.468	0.480
Local School	1.148	1.128	1.079	1.053	1.069
Regional High School	0.747	0.717	0.681	0.661	0.627
Assessed Valuation	878,762,860	882,012,236	891,767,560	921,913,460	934,737,421

### 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.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Tax Title Liens</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquent Taxes</u>	<u>Total Delinquent</u>	<u>Percentage of Tax Levy</u>
2019	\$ 165,019	345,156	510,175	1.70%
2018	132,639	385,960	518,599	1.74%
2017	117,622	368,908	486,530	1.84%
2016	31,414	495,088	526,502	2.23%
2015	25,124	615,608	640,732	1.67%

## **FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**None**

## **STATUS OF PRIOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

**None**

## **FINDINGS**

**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.

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**June 26, 2020**