

**REPORT OF AUDIT**  
**TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON**  
**COUNTY OF SUSSEX**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, N.J.**

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**PART I**

**REPORT OF AUDIT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

July 22, 2015

The Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the Township Council  
Township of Hardyston  
Hardyston, NJ 07419

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

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets - regulatory basis of the various funds and account group of the Township of Hardyston in the County of Sussex, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, 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, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township'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.



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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.

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

***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 Township of Hardyston 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 Township of Hardyston as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, or changes in financial position for the years then ended.



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

As described in Note 11 of the financial statements, The Township 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 \$224,243.15 and \$195,710.64 for 2014 and 2013, respectively, were not audited and, therefore, we express no opinion on the LOSAP program. Additionally, the financial statements referred to above do not include an updated statement of general fixed assets as required by the Division of Local Government Services. This is more fully described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

***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, with the exception of the Length of Service Awards Program and the general fixed assets, present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis balances sheets and account group as of December 31, 2014 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 Township of Hardyston’s basic financial statements. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents and schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance 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 and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance are the responsibility of management and were 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, schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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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 July 22, 2015 on our consideration of the Township of Hardyston'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 Township of Hardyston's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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July 22, 2015

## Comparative Balance Sheet - Regulatory Basis

## Current Fund

December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Current Fund:			
Cash	A-4	5,569,425.43	5,363,226.49
Change Fund	A-5	625.00	525.00
		<u>5,570,050.43</u>	<u>5,363,751.49</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:			
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	A-8	843,499.75	674,543.39
Tax Title Liens Receivable	A-9	290,291.89	309,713.95
Property Acquired for Taxes - Assessed Valuation	A-10	14,700.00	14,700.00
		<u>1,148,491.64</u>	<u>998,957.34</u>
Deferred Charges:			
Special Emergency	A-13	-	80,000.00
		<u>6,718,542.07</u>	<u>6,442,708.83</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Grants Receivable	A-21	336,618.69	101,567.44
Due From Current Fund	A-24	3,233,399.94	3,366,248.32
		<u>3,570,018.63</u>	<u>3,467,815.76</u>
		<u>10,288,560.70</u>	<u>9,910,524.59</u>

The accompanying "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

## Comparative Balance Sheet - Regulatory Basis

## Current Fund

December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>			
Current Fund:			
Appropriation Reserves	A-3; A-14	484,931.46	311,748.20
Interfunds Payable			
State and Federal Grant Fund	A-12	3,233,399.94	3,366,248.32
Encumbrances Payable	A-15	124,661.00	102,008.74
Prepaid Taxes	A-16	240,690.49	185,882.04
County Taxes Payable	A-19	23,625.16	19,027.30
Tax Overpayments	A-20	59,433.29	61,607.27
Accounts Payable	A-20	37,743.35	37,743.35
Due to State of NJ:			
Marriage Surcharge	A-20	250.00	-
Senior Citizen and Veteran Deductions	A-7	4,984.18	4,072.91
Reserve for:			
Sale of Assets	A-20	-	22,501.56
Preparation of Tax Map	A-20	3,825.00	1,075.00
Reserve for Revaluation	A-20	7,449.00	66,879.34
		<u>4,220,992.87</u>	<u>4,178,794.03</u>
Reserve for Receivables	Contra	1,148,491.64	998,957.34
Fund Balance	A-1	<u>1,349,057.56</u>	<u>1,264,957.46</u>
		<u>6,718,542.07</u>	<u>6,442,708.83</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Appropriated Reserve for Grants	A-22	3,549,678.06	3,457,209.69
Unappropriated Reserve for Grants	A-23	18,002.74	9,623.27
Reserve for Encumbrances	A-25	2,337.83	982.80
		<u>3,570,018.63</u>	<u>3,467,815.76</u>
		<u>10,288,560.70</u>	<u>9,910,524.59</u>

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## Township of Hardyston , N.J.

## Comparative Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis

## Current Fund

## Year Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Revenues and Other Income:			
Fund Balance Utilized	A-2	680,000.00	680,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-2	2,713,251.94	2,208,374.23
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	A-2	714,585.15	665,922.19
Receipts from Current Taxes	A-2	27,154,086.81	26,673,490.18
Non-Budget Revenue	A-2	421,840.64	387,296.89
Other Credits to Income:			
Unexpended Balance of PY Appropriation Reserves	A-14	29,676.39	70,478.47
Cancellation of Tax Sale Premium	A-12	1,600.00	-
Total Revenues and Other Income		<u>31,715,040.93</u>	<u>30,685,561.96</u>
Expenditures:			
Budget and Emergency Appropriations:			
Operations:			
Salaries and Wages	A-3	4,085,809.59	3,917,151.29
Other Expenses	A-3	3,561,217.98	3,433,266.73
Capital Improvement Fund	A-3	749,343.00	415,000.00
Municipal Debt Service	A-3	861,170.00	859,127.72
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	A-3	939,768.00	971,838.00
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	A-4	1,644.84	7,797.50
Local District School Tax	A-17	9,889,591.00	9,701,726.00
Regional High School Tax	A-18	4,912,247.22	4,811,729.00
County Taxes Including Added Taxes	A-19	5,950,149.20	5,897,859.76
Total Expenditures		<u>30,950,940.83</u>	<u>30,015,496.00</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenue Over Expenditures		764,100.10	670,065.96
Fund Balance, January 1,	A	<u>1,264,957.46</u>	<u>1,274,891.50</u>
		2,029,057.56	1,944,957.46
Decreased by:			
Fund Balance Utilized as Budget Revenue	A-2	<u>680,000.00</u>	<u>680,000.00</u>
Fund Balance, December 31,	A	<u>1,349,057.56</u>	<u>1,264,957.46</u>

The accompanying "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

## Statement of Revenues - Regulatory Basis

## Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Ref.	Budget	Special N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87	Realized	(Deficit)
Fund Balance Anticipated	A-1	680,000.00		680,000.00	-
Miscellaneous Revenues:					
Licenses:					
Alcoholic Beverages	A-11	3,430.00		3,430.00	-
Fines and Costs:					
Municipal Court	A-11	81,447.00		94,031.08	12,584.08
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-11	125,000.00		158,873.72	33,873.72
Interest on Investments	A-11	6,500.00		9,838.94	3,338.94
Garbage Collection Fees	A-11	4,000.00		3,235.00	(765.00)
Uniform Fire Safety Act (Local Fees)	A-11	12,800.00		9,367.00	(3,433.00)
Antenna Lease Fees	A-11	48,500.00		48,489.87	(10.13)
Sale of Solar Renewable Energy Credits	A-11	15,000.00		9,422.10	(5,577.90)
Consolidated Municipal Property Taxes Relif Aid	A-11	1,638.00		1,638.00	-
Energy Receipts Tax (P.L. 1999, Chapters 162 & 167)	A-11	498,765.00		498,765.00	-
Garden State Trust - PILOT Funds	A-11	29,950.00		29,950.00	-
Watershed Moratorium offset	A-11	194,721.00		194,721.00	-
Uniform Construction Code Fees	A-11	122,628.00		116,310.09	(6,318.00)
Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority - Administrative Service	A-11	11,000.00		11,000.00	-
Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority - Secretarian/Billing Ser	A-11	72,564.69		72,563.99	(0.70)
Franklin Borough - Recreation Program	A-11	24,294.00		24,292.00	(2.00)
Hardyston Elementary School - Recycling & Solid Waste Rerr	A-11	11,220.00		11,220.00	-
Hardyston Elementary School - Park Maintenance	A-11	33,609.00		33,609.00	-
Hardyston Township MUA - Sewer and Water Operation	A-11	182,310.00		177,081.62	(5,228.38)
Franklin Borough - Construction Code Official	A-11	66,100.00		82,824.00	16,724.00
Hamburg Borough - Construction Code Official	A-11	46,125.00		51,141.00	5,016.00
Sussex Borough DPW	A-11	281,341.07		281,341.20	0.13
Hamburg Borough - Recycling	A-11	32,388.43		32,388.43	-
Hamburg Borough Solid Waste	A-11	3,800.00		3,800.00	-
Town of Newton - Construction	A-11	108,500.00		88,085.15	(20,414.85)
Sussex Borough - Construction	A-11	23,460.00		24,367.00	907.00
Andover Township Land Use	A-11	43,076.00		43,076.00	-
Newton Fire Subcode	A-11	7,428.00		7,428.00	-
Sussex Borough Sewer Operator	A-11	19,500.00		21,125.00	1,625.00
Hamburg Computer Maintenance	A-11	4,750.00		4,750.00	-
Hamburg Borough Uniform Fire Inspection	A-11	8,490.00		9,020.00	530.00
Hamburg Zoning and Property Maintenance	A-11	7,140.00		7,140.00	-
Hamburg Recreation	A-11	13,000.00		11,000.00	(2,000.00)
Sparta Township - Municipal Housing Liaison	A-11	5,000.00		5,000.00	-
Vernon Township - Temporary Fire Official	A-11	3,000.00		3,000.00	-
Wantage Township - Fire Official	A-11	19,500.00		19,600.00	100.00
Wantage Township - Construction Official	A-11	53,333.00		56,291.00	2,958.00
NJ Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act	A-21	295,115.00		295,115.00	-
Recycling Tonnage Grant	A-21	5,349.12		5,349.12	-
Clean Communities Program	A-21	19,431.65		19,431.65	-
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism And Drug Abuse	A-21	12,474.00		12,474.00	-
NJ Division of Criminial Justice - Body Armor Grant	A-21	2,897.47		2,897.47	-
Reserve for Clean Communities Program	A-21	981.43		981.43	-
Hazard Mitigation Grant	A-21	75,000.00		75,000.00	-
Interest on Special Legislative Grant	A-21	395.25		395.25	-
Uniform Fire Safety Act	A-11	7,800.00		11,820.36	4,020.36
Reserve for Sale of Municipal Assets	A-11	22,501.56		22,501.56	-
General Capital Surplus	A-11	8,071.00		8,071.00	-
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	A-1	2,675,324.67	-	2,713,251.94	37,927.27
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	A-1; A-2	520,000.00		714,585.15	194,585.15
Subtotal General Revenues		3,875,324.67	-	4,107,837.09	232,512.42
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget - Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-2	7,128,623.07		7,197,738.56	69,115.49
Budget Totals		11,003,947.74	-	11,305,575.65	301,627.91
Non-Budget Revenue	A-1; A-2			421,840.64	421,840.64
		11,003,947.74	-	11,727,416.29	723,468.55
		A-3	A-3		

The accompanying "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

Township of Hardyston, N.J.  
Statement of Revenues - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

Analysis of Realized Revenues

	<u>Ref</u>	
Revenue from Collections	A-1; A-8	27,154,086.81
Allocated to School and County Taxes	A-8	<u>20,751,987.42</u>
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations		6,402,099.39
Add : Appropriation - Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-3	<u>795,639.17</u>
Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	A-2	<u><u>7,197,738.56</u></u>
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes:		
Delinquent Taxes	A-8	695,163.09
Tax Title Liens	A-9	<u>19,422.06</u>
	A-2	<u><u>714,585.15</u></u>

Analysis of Non-budget Revenues

	<u>Ref</u>	
Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated:		
Revenues Accounts Receivable:		
Clerk - Fees and Miscellaneous		8,591.51
Board of Health - Fees and Permits		7,675.00
Planning Board Fees		<u>2,818.44</u>
		19,084.95
Treasurer		
Soil Log / PERC Test		300.00
Collector Receipts		497.20
Cable TV Franchise Fee		32,468.00
Police Fees		1,911.49
Senior Citizen and Veterans Administration Fee		1,599.11
Payment in Lieu of Taxes		906.00
Sale of Assets		471.75
Zoning Board Fees		4,464.63
Zoning Permits		3,650.00
NJ Hotel Tax		354,385.89
Miscellaneous / Reimbursements		<u>2,101.62</u>
	A-4	<u>402,755.69</u>
	A-2	<u><u>421,840.64</u></u>

Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Ref.	Budget	For 2014		Paid or Charged	Reserved	Balance Cancelled
			By Emergency Appropriation	After Modification			
General Appropriations							
Operations - within "CAPS"							
Administrative and Executive:							
Salaries and Wages		284,598.63		283,267.63	282,926.23	341.40	
Use of Office Equipment and Supplies		13,000.00		9,500.00	6,017.72	3,482.28	
Miscellaneous Other Expenses		59,000.00		56,500.00	47,831.67	8,668.33	
Elections:							
Other Expenses		6,000.00		6,000.00	5,461.32	538.68	
Financial Administration:							
Salaries and Wages		41,371.20		41,371.20	41,370.32	0.88	
Other Expenses		79,500.00		83,000.00	72,022.03	10,977.97	
Computer Technology/Maintenance							
Salaries and Wages		42,209.61		42,209.61	42,209.61		
Other Expenses		25,600.00		33,100.00	32,908.60	191.40	
Collection of Taxes:							
Salaries and Wages		67,917.31		67,918.31	67,917.35	0.96	
Other Expenses		14,508.00		14,508.00	11,170.10	3,337.90	
Assessment Of Taxes							
Salaries and Wages		81,620.85		82,400.85	82,396.46	4.39	
Other Expenses		13,700.00		16,700.00	15,386.95	1,313.05	
Legal Services and Costs							
Other Expenses		70,000.00		20,000.00	14,168.56	5,831.44	
Engineering Services and Costs:							
Retainer		4,320.00		4,320.00	3,960.00	360.00	
Other Expenses		35,000.00		32,000.00	20,403.00	11,597.00	
Economic Development Commission:							
Other Expenses		5,500.00		5,500.00	1,291.80	4,208.20	

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Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

Ref.	Budget	For 2014		Paid or Charged	Reserved	Balance Cancelled
		By Emergency Appropriation	After Modification			
<u>General Appropriations</u>						
Municipal Land Use Law: (N.J.S. 40:55D-11)						
Planning Board:						
Salaries and Wages	65,592.80		65,742.80	65,739.51	3.29	
Other Expenses	31,500.00		26,500.00	24,239.35	2,260.65	
Board of Adjustment:						
Other Expenses	8,100.00		8,100.00	4,783.80	3,316.20	
Insurance:						
Other Insurance Premiums	133,239.00		135,711.00	135,711.00		
Workers' Compensation Insurance	51,273.93		51,273.93	51,273.93		
Employee Group Health Insurance	820,752.63		825,888.63	781,596.00	44,292.63	
Health Benefit Waiver	60,000.00		38,528.00	38,469.36	58.64	
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	13,500.00		13,900.00	13,886.21	13.79	
Disability Insurance	37,544.00		32,408.00	32,287.84	120.16	
Public Safety:						
Police:						
Salaries and Wages:	2,040,987.25		2,040,987.25	2,015,863.41	25,123.84	
Other Expenses	52,000.00		103,400.00	29,171.33	74,228.67	
Purchase of Police Cars	73,500.00		133,500.00	132,495.13	1,004.87	
Purchase and Maintenance of Uniforms	3,800.00		800.00	435.00	365.00	
Police Communications:						
Salaries and Wages	348,500.00		348,500.00	339,715.41	8,784.59	
Other Expenses	49,100.00		49,100.00	42,753.06	6,346.94	
Emergency Management Services:						
Salaries and Wages	8,700.00		8,700.00	8,699.77	0.23	
Other Expenses	8,000.00		8,000.00	6,321.06	1,678.94	
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies	68,900.00		82,450.00	77,095.88	5,354.12	
First Aid Organization Contribution	35,000.00		42,000.00	21,444.62	20,555.38	
Fire Prevention Bureau:						
Salaries and Wages	13,210.00		13,210.00	9,557.26	3,652.74	
Other Expenses	3,700.00		3,700.00	3,700.00		

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Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

<u>General Appropriations</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	For 2014		<u>After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	<u>Balance Cancelled</u>
			<u>By Emergency Appropriation</u>	<u>Modification</u>				
Municipal Prosecutor		17,800.00		17,800.00	17,783.76	16.24		
Other Expenses								
Municipal Court		106,565.00		108,865.00	107,905.97	959.03		
Salaries and Wages								
Other Expenses		5,350.00		3,050.00	2,095.70	954.30		
Streets and Roads:								
Road Repairs and Maintenance		430,500.00		430,500.00	385,911.93	44,588.07		
Salaries and Wages								
Other Expenses:								
Miscellaneous Other Expenses		289,000.00		296,200.00	229,450.73	66,749.27		
Road Equipment Repair & Maintenance		136,500.00		136,500.00	122,895.98	13,604.02		
Sanitation:								
Recycling								
Other Expenses		7,200.00						
Buildings & Grounds								
Other Expenses		44,700.00		85,333.00	75,304.65	10,028.35		
Dog Regulation								
Other Expenses		12,500.00		12,500.00	11,133.00	1,367.00		
Contribution to Senior Citizens Center:								
Other Expenses		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00			
Senior Citizen Bus Service:								
Other Expenses		17,000.00		17,000.00	11,704.00	5,296.00		
PEOSHA								
Hepatitis - B Vaccination		500.00		500.00				
Recreation and Education:								
Recreation:								
Other Expenses:								
Community Center		28,000.00		23,250.00	14,593.00	8,657.00		
Miscellaneous Other Expenses		24,000.00		24,000.00	19,154.99	4,845.01		
Summer Recreation								

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Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

Ref.	Budget	For 2014 By Emergency Appropriation	After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	Balance Cancelled
<u>General Appropriations</u>						
<u>Sub-Code Officials:</u>						
	51,426.71		26,593.71	25,749.11	844.60	
Salaries and Wages- Const. Code Official						
Miscellaneous Other Salaries						
Building Inspector:						
Other Expenses	14,900.00		14,900.00	11,832.18	3,067.82	
Zoning Enforcement Officer:						
Salaries and Wages	25,742.54		25,742.54	25,731.65	10.89	
Other Expenses	2,140.00		2,140.00	1,811.43	328.57	
Unclassified:						
Celebration of Public Events:						
Other Expenses	6,000.00		6,000.00	5,960.00	40.00	
Accumulated Leave Compensation	43,000.00		8,100.00	8,003.10	96.90	
Utility Expense/ Bulk Purchases						
Electricity	55,000.00		55,000.00	44,456.66	10,543.34	
Street Lighting	25,000.00		25,000.00	10,926.44	14,073.56	
Telephone	55,000.00		55,000.00	42,196.38	12,803.62	
Fuel Oil	28,000.00		28,000.00	27,635.76	364.24	
Gasoline	110,000.00		88,000.00	87,997.60	2.40	
Diesel Fuel	75,000.00		60,900.00	59,748.43	1,151.57	
Natural Gas	25,000.00		25,000.00	20,568.70	4,431.30	
Total Operations within "CAPS"	6,409,569.46		6,409,569.46	5,956,231.80	453,337.66	
<u>Detail:</u>						
Salaries and Wages	3,608,941.90		3,586,008.90	3,501,693.99	84,314.91	
Other Expenses	2,800,627.56		2,823,560.56	2,454,537.81	369,022.75	

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Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

Ref.	Budget	For 2014 By Emergency Appropriation	After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	Balance Cancelled
<u>General Appropriations</u>						
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal within "CAPS"						
Statutory Expenditures:						
Contribution to:						
	221,398.00		221,398.00	221,398.00		
Public Employees Retirement System	296,688.00		296,688.00	296,684.49	3.51	
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	341,682.00		341,682.00	341,682.00		
Police and Firemen's Retirement System of N.J.						
Total Deferred Charged and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal within "CAPS"	859,768.00		859,768.00	859,764.49	3.51	
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Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	7,269,337.46		7,269,337.46	6,815,996.29	453,341.17	
<u>Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"</u>						
Insurance						
Employee Group Health Insurance						
Reserve for Tax Appeals	25,000.00		25,000.00	8,458.12	16,541.88	
Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Program - Other Expenses	15,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00	
Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements						
Franklin Borough - Recreation Programs						
Salaries and Wages	24,294.00		24,294.00	24,294.00		
Hardyston Twp. M.U.A. Administrative Services						
Salaries and Wages	11,000.00		11,000.00	11,000.00		
Hardyston Twp. M.U.A. Sec./Billing Clerk						
Salaries and Wages	72,564.69		72,564.69	72,564.69		
Hardyston Elementary School - Park Maint.						
Other Expenses	33,609.00		33,609.00	33,609.00		
Hardyston Township M.U.A. Water/Sewer Operations						
Other Expenses	182,310.00		182,310.00	182,310.00		

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Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	For 2014 By Emergency <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	<u>Balance Cancelled</u>
<u>General Appropriations</u>						
Franklin Borough - Construction Code Official Salaries and Wages	66,100.00		66,100.00	66,100.00		
Hamburg Borough - Construction Code Official Salaries and Wages	46,125.00		46,125.00	46,125.00		
Hardyston Elementary School- Recycle/Solid Other Expenses	11,220.00		11,220.00	11,220.00		
Hamburg Borough - Recycling Other Expenses	32,388.43		32,388.43	32,388.43		
Hamburg Borough - Solid Waste Other Expenses	3,800.00		3,800.00	3,800.00		
Sussex Borough - DPW Other Expenses	281,341.07		281,341.07	281,341.07		
Newton - Construction Code Official Salaries and Wages	108,500.00		108,500.00	108,500.00		
Sussex Borough - Construction Code Official Other Expenses	23,460.00		23,460.00	23,460.00		
Andover Township - Land Use Administrator Salaries and Wages	43,076.00		43,076.00	43,076.00		
Newton - Fire Subcode Official Salaries and Wages	7,428.00		7,428.00	7,428.00		
Hamburg Borough - Uniform Fire Inspection Salaries and Wages	8,490.00		8,490.00	8,490.00		
Hamburg Borough Zoning/Property Maintenance Salaries and Wages	7,140.00		7,140.00	7,140.00		
Hamburg Borough Recreation Other Expenses	13,000.00		13,000.00	12,951.59	48.41	
Hamburg Borough Computer Maintenance Salaries and Wages	4,750.00		4,750.00	4,750.00		
Borough of Sussex Sewer Operator Salaries and Wages	19,500.00		19,500.00	19,500.00		
Spartia Township - Municipal Housing Liaison						

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Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

Ref.	Budget	For 2014		Paid or Charged	Reserved	Balance Cancelled
		By Emergency Appropriation	After Modification			
General Appropriations	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		
Salaries and Wages	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		
Vernon Township - Temporary Fire Official						
Salaries and Wages						
Wantage Township - Fire Official	19,500.00		19,500.00	19,500.00		
Salaries and Wages						
Wantage Township - Construction Official	53,333.00		53,333.00	53,333.00		
Salaries and Wages						

Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

Ref.	Budget	For 2014 By Emergency Appropriation	After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	Balance Cancelled
<u>General Appropriations</u>						
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:						
	20,413.08		20,413.08	20,413.08		
Recycling Tonnage Grant						
Clean Communities Program	12,474.00		12,474.00	12,474.00		
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse State Share	75,000.00		75,000.00	75,000.00		
Hazard Mitigation Grant						
State of NJ Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	2,897.47		2,897.47	2,897.47		
NJ Div of Criminal Justice - Body Armor Grant	5,349.12		5,349.12	5,349.12		
Recycling Tonnage Grant						
Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over						
Interest on Special Legislative Grant	395.25		395.25	395.25		
	<u>1,237,458.11</u>		<u>1,237,458.11</u>	<u>1,205,867.82</u>	<u>31,590.29</u>	
Detail:						
Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"						
Salaries & Wages	A-1 499,800.69		499,800.69	499,800.69		
Other Expenses	A-1 737,657.42		737,657.42	706,067.13	31,590.29	

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Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Ref.	Budget	For 2014 By Emergency Appropriation	After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	Balance Cancelled
<u>General Appropriations</u>							
Capital Improvements:							
Capital Improvement Fund		454,228.00		454,228.00	454,228.00		
New Jersey Trust Fund Authority Act		295,115.00		295,115.00	295,115.00		
Total Capital Improvements Excluded from "CAPS A-1		749,343.00		749,343.00	749,343.00		
Municipal Debt Service:							
Payment of Bond Principal		550,000.00		550,000.00	539,000.00		11,000.00
Interest on Bonds		322,170.00		322,170.00	322,170.00		
Total Municipal Debt Service-Excluded from "CA  A-1		872,170.00		872,170.00	861,170.00		11,000.00
Deferred Charges:							
Special Emergency Authorizations - 5 Years		80,000.00		80,000.00	80,000.00		
Total Deferred Charges - Municipal - Excluded from "CAPS"	A-1	80,000.00		80,000.00	80,000.00		
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from "CAPS"		2,938,971.11		2,938,971.11	2,896,380.82	31,590.29	11,000.00
Subtotal General Appropriations		10,208,308.57		10,208,308.57	9,712,377.11	484,931.46	11,000.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		795,639.17		795,639.17	795,639.17		
Total General Appropriations		11,003,947.74		11,003,947.74	10,508,016.28	484,931.46	11,000.00
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Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Ref.	Budget	For 2014 By Emergency Appropriation	After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	Balance Cancelled
General Appropriations	A-2			11,003,947.74			
Adopted Budget	A-2						
Appropriated by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87				<u>11,003,947.74</u>			
<u>Analysis of Paid or Charged</u>							
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-2				795,639.17		
Cash Disbursed	A-4				9,507,716.11		
Special Emergency	A-13				80,000.00		
Encumbrances Payable	A-15				<u>124,661.00</u>		
					<u>10,508,016.28</u>		

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## Township of Hardyston , N.J.

## Comparative Balance Sheet - Regulatory Basis

## Trust Funds

December 31, 2014 and 2013

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Animal Control Trust Fund			
Cash	B-1	4,649.46	3,411.76
Due from State of NJ	B-2	2.40	
		<u>4,651.86</u>	<u>3,411.76</u>
Other Trust Funds:			
Cash	B-1	2,032,215.13	1,789,880.11
Letters of Credit	B-5	15,287,468.09	15,287,468.09
		<u>17,319,683.22</u>	<u>17,077,348.20</u>
Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Program (Unaudited)			
Cash	B-1	210,743.15	182,210.64
Contributions Receivable	B-8	13,500.00	13,500.00
		<u>224,243.15</u>	<u>195,710.64</u>
		<u>17,548,578.23</u>	<u>17,276,470.60</u>

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Township of Hardyston , N.J.

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Comparative Balance Sheet - Regulatory Basis

Trust Funds

December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves &amp; Fund Balance</u>			
Animal Control Trust Fund			
Reserve for Dog Fund Expenditures	B-3	<u>4,651.86</u>	<u>3,411.76</u>
		<u>4,651.86</u>	<u>3,411.76</u>
Other Trust Fund:			
Reserve for Encumbrances	B-4	12,998.89	758.09
Various Reserves	B-6	17,304,740.34	17,074,142.86
Net Payroll and Payroll Deductions	B-7	<u>1,943.99</u>	<u>2,447.25</u>
		<u>17,319,683.22</u>	<u>17,077,348.20</u>
Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Program (Unaudited)			
Net Assets Available for Benefits	B-9	<u>224,243.15</u>	<u>195,710.64</u>
		<u>17,548,578.23</u>	<u>17,276,470.60</u>

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## Township of Hardyston , N.J.

## Comparative Balance Sheet- Regulatory Basis

## General Capital Fund

December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash	C-2; C-3	182,439.08	269,905.67
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:			
Funded	C-4	7,845,000.00	8,385,000.00
Unfunded	C-5	<u>2,702,500.00</u>	<u>1,002,500.00</u>
		<u>10,729,939.08</u>	<u>9,657,405.67</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>			
Serial Bonds Payable	C-6	7,845,000.00	8,385,000.00
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	C-7	164,624.40	140,090.28
Unfunded	C-7	2,415,780.91	829,285.00
Capital Improvement Fund	C-9	100,217.09	185,217.09
Various Reserves	C-11	24,000.00	25,862.77
Reserve for Encumbrances	C-12	180,316.62	83,879.47
Fund Balance	C-1	<u>0.06</u>	<u>8,071.06</u>
		<u>10,729,939.08</u>	<u>9,657,405.67</u>

Footnote: There were Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued on December 31, 2014 and 2013 in the amount of \$2,702,500.00 and \$1,002,500.00, respectively, as show on Exhibit C-8.

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**Township of Hardyston , N.J.**  
**Comparative Statement of Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis**  
**General Capital Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2013	C	8,071.06
Decreased by:		
Appropriated to Finance Improvement Authorizations	C-10	<u>8,071.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	C	<u><u>0.06</u></u>

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**Township of Hardyston**  
**Comparative Statement of General Fixed Assets - Regulatory Basis**  
**December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2014</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2013</u>
<u>General Fixed Assets:</u>		
Land / Land Improvements and Buildings	6,910,700.00	6,910,700.00
Machinery and Equipment	<u>7,132,405.00</u>	<u>7,132,405.00</u>
	<u>14,043,105.00</u>	<u>14,043,105.00</u>
 Investment in Fixed Assets	 <u>14,043,105.00</u>	 <u>14,043,105.00</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, N.J.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

The financial statements of the Township of Hardyston have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles and practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division") which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Such principles and practices are designed primarily for determining compliance with legal provisions and budgetary restrictions and as a means of reporting on the stewardship of public officials with respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the Township accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate funds which differ from the fund structure required by GAAP.

**A. Reporting Entity**

The Township of Hardyston (the "Township") operates under a Mayor/Council form of government. The Township's major operations include public safety, road repair and maintenance, sanitation, fire protection, recreation and parks, health services, and general administrative services.

GASB has issued Statement No. 14 which requires the financial reporting entity to include both the primary government and those component units for which the primary government is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as appointment of a voting majority of the component unit's board, and either a) the ability to impose will by the primary government, or b) the possibility that the component unit will provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the primary government.

However, the municipalities in the State of New Jersey do not prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP and thus do not comply with all of the GASB pronouncements. The financial statements contained herein include only those boards, bodies, officers or commissions as required by NJS 40A:5-5. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Township do not include the Volunteer Fire Department, First Aid Squad and the Free Public Library which is considered component units under GAAP. Complete financial statements of the above components can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer of the respective entity.

TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, N.J.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013  
(continued)

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation

The Township uses funds, as required by the Division, to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial administration by segregating transactions related to certain Township functions or activities. An account group, on the other hand, is designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in those Funds.

The Township has the following funds:

Current Fund - This fund accounts for resources and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature, including Federal and State grants.

Trust Funds - Trust Funds are used to account for assets held by the government in a trustee capacity. Funds held by the Township as an agent for individual, private organizations, or other governments are recorded in the Trust Funds.

Other Trust Fund - This fund is established to account for the assets and resources which are also held by the Township as a trustee or agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds.

Dog License Fund - This fund is used to account for fees collected from dog licenses and expenditures which are regulated by NJS 4:19-15.11.

Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Program - This fund is used to account for the cumulative payments to participant's in the emergency services volunteer length of service award program including any income, gains, losses or increases or decreases in market value attributable to the investment of the participant's length of service awards.

General Capital Fund - This fund is used to account for the receipt and disbursement of funds used for acquisition or improvement of general capital facilities, other than those acquired in the Current Fund.

General Fixed Asset Account Group - To account for all fixed assets of the Township. The Township's infrastructure is not reported in the group.

TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, N.J.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation, (continued)

Basis of Accounting

A modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the Township of Hardyston. Under this method of accounting revenues, except State/Federal Aid, are recognized when received and expenditures are recorded, when incurred. The accounting principles and practices prescribed for municipalities by the Division differ in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) applicable to local government units. The more significant differences are as follows:

Property Tax Revenues - Real property taxes are assessed locally, based upon the assessed value of the property. The tax bill includes a levy for Municipal, County, and School purposes. The bills are mailed annually in June for that calendar year's levy. Taxes are payable in four quarterly installments on February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. The amounts of the first and second installments are determined as one quarter of the total tax levied against the property for the preceding year. The installment due the third and fourth quarters is determined by taking the current year levy less the amount previously charged for the first and second installments, with the remainder being divided equally. If unpaid on these dates, the amount due becomes delinquent and subject to interest at 8% per annum, or 18% on any delinquency amount in excess of \$1,500. The school levy is turned over to the Board of Education as expenditures are incurred, and the balance, if any, must be transferred as of June 30, of each fiscal year. County taxes are paid quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15, to the County by the Township. When unpaid taxes or any municipal lien, or part thereof, on real property, remains in arrears on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in the fiscal year levied, the collector in the municipality shall subject to the provisions of the New Jersey Statutes enforce the lien by placing the property on a tax sale. Annual in rem tax foreclosure proceedings are instituted to enforce the tax collection or acquisition of title to the property by the Township. In accordance with the accounting principles prescribed by the State of New Jersey, current and delinquent taxes are realized as revenue when collected. Since delinquent taxes and liens are fully reserved, no provision has been made to estimate that portion of the taxes receivable and tax title liens that are uncollectible. GAAP requires property tax revenues to be recognized in the accounting period when they become susceptible to accrual, reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation, (continued)

Basis of Accounting, (continued)

Miscellaneous Revenues - Miscellaneous revenues are recognized on a cash basis. Receivables for the miscellaneous items that are susceptible to accrual are recorded with offsetting reserves on the balance sheet of the Township's Current Fund. GAAP requires such revenues to be recognized in the accounting period when they become susceptible to accrual.

Grant Revenues - Federal and State grants, entitlements or shared revenues received for purposes normally financed through the Current Fund are recognized when anticipated in the Township's budget. GAAP requires such revenues to be recognized in the accounting period when they become susceptible to accrual.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting - An annual budget is required to be adopted and integrated into the accounting system to provide budgetary control over revenues and expenditures for the current fund. Budget amounts presented in the accompanying financial statements represent amounts adopted by the Township and approved by the State Division of Local Government Services per N.J.S.A. 40A:4 et seq.

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

General Capital Fund

Trust Funds

The governing body shall introduce and approve the annual budget not later than February 10, of the fiscal year. The budget shall be adopted not later than March 20, and prior to adoption must be certified by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. The Director of the Division of Local Government Services, with the approval of the Local Finance Board may extend the introduction and approval and adoption dates of the municipal budget. The budget is prepared by fund, function, activity and line item (salary or other expense) and includes information on the previous year. The legal level of control for appropriations is exercised at the individual line item level for all operating budgets adopted. Emergency appropriations, those made after the adoption of the budget and determination of the tax rate, may be authorized by the governing body of the municipality. During the last two months of the fiscal year, the governing body may, by a 2/3 vote, amend the budget through line item transfers. Management has no authority to amend the budget without the approval of the Governing Body. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the line item level. During 2014, the Township did not increase the original budget. In addition, several budget transfers were approved by the governing body.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation, (continued)

Basis of Accounting, (continued)

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

Encumbrances - Contractual orders outstanding at December 31, are reported as expenditures through the establishment of an encumbrance payable. Encumbrances do not constitute expenditures under GAAP.

Appropriation Reserves - Are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding year. Lapsed appropriation reserves are recorded as additions to income. Appropriation reserves do not exist under GAAP.

Compensated Absences - Expenditures relating to obligations for unused vested accumulated vacation and sick pay are not recorded until paid. GAAP requires that the amount that would normally be liquidated with expendable available financial resources be recorded as an expenditure in the operating funds and the remaining obligations be recorded as a long-term obligation.

Property Acquired for Taxes - Is recorded in the Current Fund at the assessed valuation when such property was acquired and fully reserved. GAAP requires such property to be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group at market value on the date of acquisition.

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

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

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation, (continued)

Basis of Accounting, (continued)

Cash and Investments - Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within one year of the date acquired by the government. Investments are stated at costs which approximates fair value and are limited by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(a).

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

Fixed Assets - The Township of Hardyston 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.

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 cost is not available.

No depreciation has been provided for in the financial statements.

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

GAAP requires that fixed assets be capitalized at historical or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available.

The Township's fixed assets have not been updated for the year ended December 31, 2014.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation, (continued)

Basis of Accounting, (continued)

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements requires management of the Township to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2012, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27. This statement, which is effective for fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2014, will not have any effect on the entity's financial reporting. However, the provisions of this statement will require significant modifications to the disclosure requirements related to the entity's proportionate share of the cost-sharing defined benefit plans reported at the State of New Jersey level.

In November 2013, the Government Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No. 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68. The provisions of this statement are required to be applied simultaneously with the provisions of Statement 68 which is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2014. The provisions of this statement will require significant modifications to the disclosure requirements related to the entity's proportionate share of the cost-sharing defined benefit plans reported at the State of New Jersey level.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation, (continued)

Basis of Accounting, (continued)

Recent Accounting Pronouncements, (continued)

The Government Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application. This Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements. The definition of *fair value* is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. This Statement also provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for financial reporting purposes. This Statement also provides guidance for applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements. The Township is currently reviewing what effect, if any, this Statement might have on future financial statements.

The Government Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No. 73, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not Within the Scope of GASB Statement 68 and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015 – except those provisions that address employers and governmental nonemployer contributing entities for pensions that are not within the scope of Statement 68, which are effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016. The Township is currently reviewing what effect, if any, this Statement might have on future financial statements.

The Government Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans. This Statement applies to OPEB plans and basically parallels GASB Statement 67 and replaces GASB Statement 43 and is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016. The Township is currently reviewing what effect, if any, this Statement might have on future financial statements.

The Government Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. This Statement applies to government employers who provided OPEB plans to their employees and basically parallels GASB Statement 68 and replaces GASB Statement 45. The Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. The Township is currently reviewing what effect, if any, this Statement might have on future financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

C. Basic Financial Statements

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

NOTE 2. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

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 Township's policy is based on New Jersey Statutes requiring cash be deposited only in New Jersey based banking institutions that participate in New Jersey Governmental Depository Protection Act (GUDPA) or in qualified investments established in New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) that are treated as cash equivalents. As of December 31, 2014, \$-0- of the Township's bank balance of \$7,647,879.57 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Investments

Investment Rate Risk

The Township 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 allowance investments are Bonds of the United States of America, bonds or other obligations of the towns or bonds or other obligations of the local unit or units within which the town is located: 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.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 2. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS, (continued)**

New Jersey Cash Management Fund - all investments in the Fund are governed by the regulations of the Investment Council, which prescribe specific standards designed to insure the quality of investments and to minimize the risks related to investments. In all the years of the Division of Investment's existence, the Division has never suffered a default of principal or interest on any short-term security held by it due to the bankruptcy of a securities issuer; nevertheless, the possibility always exists, and for this reason a reserve is being accumulated as additional protection for the "Other-than-State" participants. In addition to the Council regulations, the Division sets further standards for specific investments and monitors the credit of all eligible securities issuers on a regular basis.

As of December 31, 2014, the Township had \$396,931.38 on deposit with the New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

The Township places no limit on the amount the Township may invest in any one issuer.

**Unaudited Investments**

As more fully described in Note 14, the Township has created a Length of Service Award 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 Township. All investments are valued at fair value. In accordance with NJAC 5:30-14.37, the investments are maintained by Lincoln Financial Group, which is an authorized provider approved by the Division of Local Government Services. The balance in the account on December 31, 2014 and 2013 amounted to \$210,743.15 and \$182,210.64, respectively.

The following investments represent 5% or more of the total invested with Lincoln Financial Group on December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
AB Gbl Tech	\$7,388.21	\$6,654.50
AFIS Growth	21,624.14	16,408.10
Delaware VIP VS	15,542.92	12,802.21
Fixed	32,441.92	28,973.70
LVIP SSGA	51,732.29	43,290.52
REIT	16,240.33	11,907.47
All Others	<u>65,773.34</u>	<u>62,174.14</u>
Total	<u>\$210,743.15</u>	<u>\$182,210.64</u>

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NOTE 3. MUNICIPAL DEBT

Long-term debt as of December 31, 2014 consisted of the following:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2013</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Amounts Due</u> <u>Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Bonds Payable - General Obligation Debt	\$8,385,000.00	\$	\$540,000.00	\$7,845,000.00	\$425,000.00
Other Liabilities - Compensated Absences Payable	<u>266,424.00</u>	<u>461.00</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>266,885.00</u>	<u>                    </u>
	<u>\$8,651,424.00</u>	<u>\$461.00</u>	<u>\$540,000.00</u>	<u>\$8,111,885.00</u>	<u>\$425,000.00</u>

Summary of Municipal Debt

The Local Bond Law governs the issuance of bonds and notes to finance capital expenditures. General obligation bonds have been issued for the general capital fund. All bonds are retired in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness. Bonds issued by the Township are general obligation bonds, backed by the full faith and credit of the Township. Bond anticipation notes, which are issued to temporarily finance capital projects, must be paid off within ten years and five months or retired by the issuance of bonds.

Summary of Municipal Debt, (continued)

The Township's debt is summarized as follows:

	<u>Year 2014</u>	<u>Year 2013</u>	<u>Year 2012</u>
<u>Issued:</u>			
General:			
Bonds and Notes	<u>\$7,845,000.00</u>	<u>\$8,385,000.00</u>	<u>\$9,019,000.00</u>
Total Issued	<u>7,845,000.00</u>	<u>8,385,000.00</u>	<u>9,019,000.00</u>
General:			
Bonds and Notes	<u>2,702,000.00</u>	<u>1,002,500.00</u>	<u>495,500.00</u>
Total Authorized But Not Issued	<u>2,702,000.00</u>	<u>1,002,500.00</u>	<u>495,500.00</u>
Net Bonds and Notes Issued and Authorized But Not Issued	<u>\$10,547,000.00</u>	<u>\$9,387,500.00</u>	<u>\$9,514,500.00</u>

**TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, N.J.**

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**NOTE 3. MUNICIPAL DEBT, (continued)**

Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statements

The summarized statement of debt condition which follows is prepared in accordance with the required method of setting up the Annual Debt Statement and indicates a statutory net debt of 0.900%.

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
Local School District Debt	\$13,336,490.33	\$13,336,490.33	\$0.00
General Debt	<u>10,547,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,547,500.00</u>
	<u>\$23,883,990.33</u>	<u>\$13,336,490.33</u>	<u>\$10,547,500.00</u>

Net Debt \$10,547,500.00 divided by Equalized Valuation Basis per N.J.S. 40A:2-2 as amended, \$1,171,836,242.67 equals 0.900%.

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

3 ½% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$41,014,268.00
Net Debt	<u>10,547,500.00</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$30,466,768.00</u>

The Township's long term debt consisted of the following at December 31, 2014:

<u>Paid by Current Fund</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
General Serial Bonds - General Serial Bonds issued February 1, 2007, due through February 1, 2030 with variable interest rates from 4.10% to 4.15%	\$4,065,000.00
General Serial Bonds - General Serial Bonds issued December 1, 2011, due through February 1, 2024 with variable interest rates from 2.00% to 3.75%	1,125,000.00
General Obligation Bonds - General Refunding Bonds with variable interest rates of 3.00% to 4%, issued May 16, 2013, due through October 1, 2023	<u>2,655,000.00</u>
	<u>\$7,845,000.00</u>

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NOTE 3. MUNICIPAL DEBT, (continued)

General Capital Serial Bonds are direct obligations of the Township for which its full faith and credit are pledged, and are payable from taxes levied on all taxable property located within the Township.

In addition to the above, the Township had authorized but not issued debt as follows:

General Capital	<u>\$2,702,500.00</u>
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Schedule of Annual Debt Service for Principal and Interest for Bonded Debt Issued and Outstanding

	General		
<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	\$575,000.00	\$291,395.00	\$866,395.00
2016	570,000.00	271,445.00	841,445.00
2017	595,000.00	252,595.00	847,595.00
2018	615,000.00	232,995.00	847,995.00
2019	635,000.00	212,795.00	847,795.00
2020	660,000.00	189,020.00	849,020.00
2021-2025	2,830,000.00	552,725.00	3,382,725.00
2026-2030	<u>1,365,000.00</u>	<u>118,246.25</u>	<u>1,483,246.25</u>
	<u>\$7,845,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,121,216.25</u>	<u>\$9,966,216.25</u>

NOTE 4. SCHOOL TAXES

Regulations provide for the deferral of not more than 50% of the annual levy when school taxes are raised for a school year and have not been requisitioned by the school district. The Township of Hardyston has not elected to defer local school district taxes.

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NOTE 5. PENSION PLANS

Description of Systems:

Substantially all of the Township's employees participate in one of the following contributory defined benefit public employee retirement systems which have been established by State statute: the Police and Firemens' Retirement System (PFRS) or the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). These systems are sponsored and administered by the State of New Jersey. The Public Employees' Retirement System and the Police and Firemens' Retirement System (PFRS) are considered a cost sharing multiple-employer plans. According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of the systems will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the systems terminate.

*Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)*

The Public Employees' Retirement System was established in January, 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide coverage including post-retirement health care to certain qualified members. 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. Vesting occurs after 8-10 years of service and 25 years for health care coverage. Members are eligible for retirement at age 60 with an annual benefit generally determined to be 1/55th of the average annual compensation for the highest three fiscal years' compensation for each year of membership during years of creditable service. Early retirement is available to those under age 60 with 25 or more years of credited service. Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested for 2% of related interest earned on contributions. In case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the members' accounts.

Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 amended the early retirement reduction formula for members hired on or after July 1, 2007 and retiring with 25 years of service to be reduced by 1% for every year between age 55 and 60, plus 3% for every year under age 55.

Chapter 89, P.L. 2008 increased the PERS eligibility age for unreduced benefits from age 60 to age 62 for members hired on or after November 1, 2008; increased the minimum annual compensation required for membership eligibility for new members. Also, it amended the early retirement reduction formula for members hired on or after November 1, 2008 and retiring with 25 years of service to be reduced by 1% for every year between age 55 and 62, plus 3% for every year under age 55.

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NOTE 5. PENSION PLANS, (continued)

Description of Systems, (continued)

*Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), (continued)*

Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, effective May 21, 2010, changed the membership eligibility criteria for new members of PERS from the amount of compensation to the number of hours worked weekly. Also, it returned the benefit multiplier for new members of PERS to 1/60 from 1/55, 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. 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 as 1/7th of the required amount, beginning in fiscal year 2012.

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

Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, provides that new members of 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. Tier 5 members will be eligible for a service retirement benefit at age 65.

*Police and Firemens' Retirement System (PFRS)*

The Police and Firemens' Retirement System was established in July 1944 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:16A to provide retirement, death and disability benefits to its members. Membership is mandatory for all full time county and municipal police and firemen, and state firemen or officer employees with police powers appointed after June 30, 1944.

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NOTE 5. PENSION PLANS, (continued)

Description of Systems, (continued)

*Police and Firemens' Retirement System (PFRS), (continued)*

Enrolled members of the Police and Firemens' Retirement System may retire at age 55 with no minimum service requirement. The annual allowance is equal to 2% of the members' final compensation for each year of service up to 30 years, plus 1% of each year of creditable service over 30 years. Final compensation equals the compensation for the final year of service prior to retirement. Special retirement is permitted to members who have 25 or more years of creditable service in the system. Benefits fully vest on reaching 10 years of service. Members are always fully vested for their own contributions. In the case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full payment of members' contributions.

Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, effective May 21, 2010, eliminated the provision in PFRS that would permit a member to retire, at any age after 25 years of service credit, on a special retirement allowance of 70% of final compensation after the retirement system reaches a funded level of 104%. Also, for new members of PFRS, the law capped the maximum compensation that can be used to calculate a pension from the plan 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.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information for PERS and PFRS. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Divisions of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-0295.

Significant Legislation

On March 17, 2009, the legislative of the State of New Jersey enacted Public Laws 2009, c.19(S-21) the "Pension Deferral Program". This law allows the Division of Pensions and Benefits to provide non-state government pension system employers the option of paying their full amount, or an amount that reflects a 50 percent reduction of the normal and accrued liability component of the Public Employees' Retirement System and/or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System obligation for payment due to the State Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009. The amount deferred will be repaid starting in April 2012 over a 15-year period at 8¼ percent. The amount will fluctuate based on pension system investment earnings on the deferred amount. The local employer is allowed to payoff the obligation at any time prior to April 2012.

The Township of Hardyston did not opt for this deferral.

TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, N.J.

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NOTE 5. PENSION PLANS, (continued)

Description of Systems, (continued)

Contribution Requirements

The contribution policy is set by laws of the State of New Jersey and, in most retirement systems, contributions are required by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. The pension funds provide for employee contributions based on 5.5% for PERS. This amount will increase to 6.5% plus an additional 1% phased in over 7 years beginning 2012 and 8.5% for PFRS, which increased to 10% in October 2011, of the employee's annual compensation, as defined by law. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in all Funds except the SACT. The actuarially determined employer contribution includes funding for cost-of-living adjustments and noncontributory death benefits in the PERS and PFRS. In the PERS and PFRS, the employer contribution includes funding for post-retirement medical premiums.

The Township's contribution to the various plans, equal to the required contributions for each year, were as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>PERS</u>	<u>PFRS</u>
2014	\$221,398.00	\$341,682.00
2013	229,540.00	361,925.00
2012	216,298.00	311,721.00

Defined Contribution Retirement Program

The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) was established on July 1, 2007 for certain public employees under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007. The program provides eligible members, with a minimum base salary of \$1,500.00 or more, with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, in addition to life insurance and disability coverage. The DCRP is jointly administered by the Division of Pensions and Benefits and Prudential Financial.

If the eligible elected or appointed official will earn less than \$5,000.00 annually, the official may choose to waive participation in the DCRP for that office or position. The waiver is irrevocable.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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NOTE 5. PENSION PLANS, (continued)

Defined Contribution Retirement Program, (continued)

This retirement program is a new pension system where the value of the pension is based on the amount of the contribution made by the employee, employer and through investment earnings. It is similar to a Deferred Compensation Program where the employee has a portion of tax deferred salary placed into an account that the employee manages through investment option provided by the employer.

The law requires that three classes of employees enroll in the DCRP detailed as follows:

All elected officials taking office on or after July 1, 2007, except that a person who is reelected to an elected office held prior to that date without a break in service may retain in the PERS.

A Governor appointee with advice and consent of the Legislature or who serves at the pleasure of the Governor only during that Governor's term of office.

Other employees commencing service after July 1, 2007, pursuant to an appointment by an elected official or elected governing body which include the statutory untenured Chief Administrative Officer such as the Business Administrator, County Administrator, or Municipal or County Manager, Department Heads, Legal Counsel, Municipal or County Engineer, Municipal Prosecutor and the Municipal Court Judge.

Notwithstanding the foregoing requirements, other employees who hold a professional license or certificate or meet other exceptions are permitted to remain to join or remain in PERS.

Contributions made by employees for DCRP are currently at 5.5% of the base wages. Member contributions are matched by a 3.0% employer contribution.

NOTE 6. OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

In addition to the pension benefits described in Note 7, the Township provides post employment health care benefits in accordance with the provisions of Ch. 88, P.L. 1974 as amended by Chapter 436, P.L. 1981, at its cost.

TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, N.J.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013  
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NOTE 6. OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS, (continued)

Plan Overview

Township of Hardyston ("Hardyston") provides post-employment benefits other than pensions ("OPEB") to employees who meet certain criteria. As a result of offering such benefits, Hardyston will be required to report the value of such benefits and the associated costs according to the accounting requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting "by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions ("GASB 45").

Hardyston provides medical benefits to retirees who retire with at least 25 years of service with Hardyston Township.

The summary below identifies the value of benefits at December 31, 2014 and costs for the 2014 Fiscal Year according to the accounting requirements of GASB 45 and summarizes the actuarial valuation results by Township of Hardyston's active and retired employee groups.

Note that implicit subsidies as required by GASB 45 are factored into all relevant values in this report.

GASB 45 Measures	<u>FY 2014</u>
Annual Required Contributions (ARC)	\$338,845
Annual OPEB Cost	338,845

Liabilities and Normal Cost

The Actuarial Accrued Liability is the liability or obligation for benefits earned through the valuation date, based on certain actuarial methods and assumptions. The Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability was \$3,355,153.

Liabilities and Normal Cost	<u>December 31, 2014</u>
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$3,355,153
Plan Assets	-
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	<u>\$3,355,153</u>

**TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, N.J.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013  
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**NOTE 6. OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS, (continued)**

**Census Information**

Data was provided by Township of Hardyston as of December 31, 2014.

Participant Information	<u>December 31, 2014</u>
Active Participants	53
Retired Participants	<u>3</u>
Total	56

**Funding Policy**

Township of Hardyston currently accounts for these post-retirement benefits in a pay-as-you-go basis.

**Accounting and Actuarial Information**

The effective date of the GASB OPEB Accounting Standard for Phase 1 employers is the Fiscal Year beginning after December 15, 2006. For the Township of Hardyston, this is the period from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The Township of Hardyston had the report completed in 2015. The following exhibits show the Annual Required Contribution (ARC), Annual OPEB Cost (AOC), and projected December 31, 2014 Net OPEB Obligation (NOO), assuming the accounting standards is first adopted for the 2014 Fiscal Year.

***Development of Annual Required Contribution***

The Standard sets the method for determining Township of Hardyston's post employment benefits accrual, the Annual Required Contribution (ARC), to include both the value of benefits earned during the year (Normal Cost) and a supplemental cost based on an amortization of the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. Accordingly, the following table shows Township of Hardyston's 2014 FY ARC based on a 30-year amortization of the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability as a level dollar amount:

**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2014**

(1) Normal Cost	\$132,867
(2) Actuarial Accrued Liability	3,355,153
(3) Assets	0
(4) UAAL = (2)-(3)	3,355,153
(5) 30 Year Amortization of UAAL at Discount Rate	205,978
(6) ARC = (1)+(5)	338,845

TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, N.J.

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NOTE 6. OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS, (continued)

Accounting and Actuarial Information, (continued)

GASB 45 paragraph 26(a) requires the following elements to be listed in the report. Below is the projected schedule of funding progress:

Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets - United Credit	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	Funded Ratio	Covered Payroll	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
	<u>(a)</u>	<u>(b)</u>	<u>(b) - (a)</u>	<u>(a) / (b)</u>	<u>(c)</u>	<u>[(b) - (a)] / (c)</u>
December 31, 2014	-	\$3,355,153	\$3,355,153	0.00%	N/A	N/A

\* Required disclosure at adoption of Standard. Payroll is not provided.

Plan Provisions

The following summary of plan provisions represents our understanding of Hardyston's substantive plan.

An employee is eligible to receive pre-65 post-retirement health benefits through the Hardyston Township health plan by meeting the following criteria:

- Retire from active employment with Hardyston Township with at least 25 years of service with Hardyston Township.

Disability Retirement

ELIGIBILITY:	An employee is eligible if the employee retires with a disability pension from a state administered retirement system.
SURVIVING SPOUSE:	Eligible for subsidized coverage.
SPOUSE COVERAGE:	Spouses may enroll as dependents of retirees.

TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, N.J.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 6. OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS, (continued)**

RETIREMENT

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Hardyston Township pays a maximum \$7,684 in 2014 plus half of premium increases. An additional \$1,000 is contributed by the Township upon attainment of age 60. Eligible retirees contribute remainder of the premium.

Information for this note was obtained from the UHY Advisor's report dated 2015.

**NOTE 7. FUND BALANCES**

Fund balances as of December 31, 2014 that have been anticipated as revenue in the 2015 budget is as follows:

Current Fund	<u>\$680,000.00</u>
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**NOTE 8. FIXED ASSETS**

The following is a summary of changes in the general fixed asset account group for the year 2014.

	Balance <u>Dec. 31, 2013</u>	<u>Additions</u>	Deletions/ <u>Adjustments</u>	Balance <u>Dec. 31, 2014</u>
Land, Buildings and Improvements	\$6,910,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,910,700.00
Machinery and Equipment	<u>7,132,405.00</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>7,132,405.00</u>
	<u>\$14,043,105.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$14,043,105.00</u>

**NOTE 9. ACCRUED SICK AND VACATION BENEFITS**

Under the existing policies and labor agreements of the Township, employees are allowed to accumulate (with certain restrictions) unused sick pay over the life of their working careers up to a maximum of 150 days. Of the days accumulated one-third will be paid as terminal leave upon retirement.

The estimated current cost of such unpaid compensation is \$266,885.00. This amount which could be material to the financial statements, is not reported either as an expenditure or liability. However, it is expected that the cost of such unpaid compensation would be included in the Township's operating budget in the year it is used.

TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, N.J.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 10. INTERFUND BALANCES AND ACTIVITY**

Balances due to/from other funds at December 31, 2014 consists of the following:

<u>\$3,233,399.94</u>	Due to Federal and State Grant Fund from Current Fund various receipts and disbursements.
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It is anticipated that all interfunds will be liquidated during the fiscal year.

**NOTE 11. EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PLAN (LOSAP)**

On January 17, 2001, the Division of Local Government Services approved the Township's LOSAP plan, provided by Lincoln Financial Group. The purpose of this plan is to enhance the Township's ability to retain and recruit volunteer firefighters and volunteer members of emergency service squads.

Lincoln Financial Group will provide for the benefit of participants, a multi-fund variable annuity contract as its funding vehicle. The plan shall provide for a fixed annual contribution of \$1,150.00 to each eligible volunteer who accumulates a minimum of 350 service points based on criteria established by Township Ordinance No. 2000-17. The Township's contribution shall be included in the current years budget.

All amounts awarded under a length of service award plan shall remain the asset of the sponsoring agency; the obligation of the sponsoring agency to participating volunteers shall be contractual only; and no preferred or special interest in the awards made shall accrue to such participants. Such money shall be subject to the claims of the sponsoring agency's general creditors until distributed to any or all participants.

We have reviewed the plan for the year ended December 31, 2014 in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statement on Standards for Accounting and Review Services.

**NOTE 12. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to general liability, automobile coverage, damage and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Township has obtained insurance coverage to guard against these events which will provide minimum exposure to the Township should they occur. During the 2014 calendar year, the Township did not incur claims in excess of their coverage and the amount of coverage did not significantly decrease.

TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, N.J.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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NOTE 12. RISK MANAGEMENT, (continued)

The Township of Hardyston is currently a member of the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (the "Fund"). The Fund provides their members with Liability, Property and Workers' Compensation and Employer Liability Insurance. The Fund is a risk-sharing public entity risk pool that is both an insured and self administered group of municipalities established for the purpose of providing low-cost insurance coverage for their respective members in order to keep local property taxes at a minimum. Each member appoints an official to represent their respective entity for the purpose of creating a governing body from which officers for the Fund are elected.

As a member of the Fund, the Township could be subject to supplemental assessments in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund were to be exhausted, members would become responsible for their respective shares of the Fund's liabilities.

The Fund can declare and distribute dividends to members upon approval of the State of New Jersey Department of Insurance. These distributions are divided among the members in the same ratio as their individual assessment related to the total assessment of the membership body.

Financial statements for the Fund are available at the office of the Fund's Executive Director, NIP Group, Inc., Woodbridge, New Jersey.

NOTE 13. 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:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec 31, 2014</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec 31, 2013</u>
Prepaid Taxes	<u>\$240,690.49</u>	<u>\$185,882.04</u>
Cash Liability for Taxes Collected in Advance	<u>\$240,690.49</u>	<u>\$185,882.04</u>

TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, N.J.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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NOTE 14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

We are advised by the Township Counsel that there are several tax appeals pending whose impact on the financial statements is not known at this time.

NOTE 15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Township has evaluated subsequent events through July 22, 2015, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued and no other items were noted for disclosure with the exception of the item noted below:

On May 6, 2015, the Township issued \$1,700,000 General Improvement Bonds with variable interest rates of 1.50% to 2.75%. These Bonds were issued to fund the Township's \$1,700,000 of authorized but not issued debt.

**SUPPLEMENTARY DATA AND SCHEDULES**

**COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF TAX RATE INFORMATION**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<u>Tax Rate:</u>	<u>2.588</u>	<u>2.374</u>	<u>2.287</u>
<u>Apportionment of Tax Rate:</u>			
Municipal	.662	.640	.565
County	.552	.479	.490
District School	.918	.839	.827
Regional School	.456	.416	.405
 <u>Assessed Valuation:</u>			
2014	\$1,076,607,273		
2013		\$1,155,931,671	
2012			\$1,151,575,546

**COMPARISON OF TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTION CURRENTLY**

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Currently</u>	
		<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Collection</u>
2014	\$27,972,641.33	\$27,154,086.81	97.07%
2013	27,504,326.53	26,673,490.18	96.98
2012	26,463,599.99	25,698,002.75	97.11

**DELINQUENT TAXES AND TAX TITLE LIENS**

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Tax Title Liens</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquent Taxes</u>	<u>Total Delinquent</u>	<u>Percentage of Tax Levy</u>
2014	\$290,291.89	\$843,499.75	\$1,133,791.64	4.05%
2013	309,713.95	674,543.39	984,257.34	3.58
2012	292,084.63	684,393.53	976,478.16	3.69

**PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY TAX TITLE LIENS LIQUIDATION**

No properties have been acquired in 2014 by foreclosure or deed as a result of liquidation of tax title liens.

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2014	\$14,700.00
2013	14,700.00
2012	14,700.00

**COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUND BALANCES**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Current Fund</u>	
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year</u>
2014	\$1,349,058	\$680,000
2013	1,264,957	680,000
2012	1,274,892	680,000
2011	1,603,998	980,000
2010	1,678,451	977,279

## OFFICIALS IN OFFICE AND SURETY BONDS

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount Of Bond</u>
Leslie Hamilton	Mayor	
Stanley Kula	Deputy Mayor	
Carl Miller	Councilperson	
Frank Cicerale	Councilperson	
Santo Verrilli	Councilperson	
Marianne Smith	Manager	
Scott Holzhauer	Assessor	
Jane Bakalarczyk	Clerk, Assessment Search Officer & Registrar of Vital Statistics	
Anne-Marie Wilhelm	Land Use Administrator	
Township of Sparta	C. F. O.	
Terry Beshada	Tax Collection Services	
John Mulhern	Magistrate	
Theresa Lynn	Court Administrator	
Lorraine Spirito	Deputy Court Clerk	
Fred Semrau	Attorney	
Anthony Den Uyl	Prosecutor	
Jeff Stabile	Zoning Officer	
Robert Guerin	Engineer	
Charles J. Ferraioli, Jr., C.P.A., R.M.A.	Township Auditor	
Bret Aley	Chief of Police	

All employees are covered under a blanket bond in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 issued by National Casualty Company, issued January 1, 2014.

Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Financial Assistance

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Federal Grantor / Pass-through Grantor Program	Federal CFDA No.	Pass-through Entity ID No.	Grant Award	Grant Receipts	Grant Period		Grant Expenditures	Cumulative Grant Expenditures
					From	To		
US Department of Transportation: Pass-through NJ Division of Highway and Traffic Safety: Drunk Driver Prevention - 2013	20.601	1160-100-113	4,311.84	-	1/1/2013	12/31/2013	514.62	4,579.75
<b>Total Federal Awards</b>							<u>514.62</u>	<u>4,579.75</u>

NOTE: This schedule was not subject to an audit in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 or NJ Circular 04-04.

Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

State Grantor / Pass-through Grantor Program	State Account No.	Pass-through Entity ID No.	Grant Award	Grant Receipts	Grant Period		Grant Expenditures	Cumulative Grant Expenditures
					From	To		
NJ Department of Environmental Protection and Energy:								
Recycling Tonnage Grant - 2012	4900-752-001	n/a	4,646.17	-	1/1/2012	12/31/2012	6.17	4,646.17
Recycling Tonnage Grant - 2013	4900-752-001	n/a	5,349.12	-	1/1/2013	12/31/2013	5,349.12	5,349.12
Recycling Tonnage Grant - 2014	4900-752-001	n/a	5,349.12	5,777.98	1/1/2014	12/31/2014	297.54	297.54
Clean Communities Grant - 2012	4900-765-004	n/a	19,431.65	-	1/1/2012	12/31/2012	2,453.15	19,431.65
Clean Communities Grant - 2013	4900-765-004	n/a	20,413.08	-	1/1/2013	12/31/2013	20,413.08	20,413.08
Clean Communities Grant - 2014	4900-765-004	n/a	20,126.91	20,126.91	1/1/2014	12/31/2014	18,450.22	19,431.65
Stormwater Management Grant	n/a	n/a	5,000.00	-	1/1/2013	12/31/2013	345.00	805.00
NJ Department of Community Affairs:								
Special Legislative Grant:								
Walkkill River Cleanup - 2000	n/a	n/a	3,500,000.00	-	1/1/2000	12/31/2013	75,892.23	297,587.39
Interest Portion - 2009 and Prior	n/a	n/a	33,872.26	-	1/1/2009	12/31/2013	-	-
Interest Portion - 2010	n/a	n/a	19,900.00	-	1/1/2010	12/31/2013	-	-
Interest Portion - 2011	n/a	n/a	21,540.26	-	1/1/2011	12/31/2013	-	-
Interest Portion - 2012	n/a	n/a	716.94	-	1/1/2012	12/31/2012	-	-
Interest Portion - 2013	n/a	n/a	395.25	-	1/1/2013	12/31/2013	-	-
Interest Portion - 2014	n/a	n/a	496.48	496.48	1/1/2013	12/31/2013	-	-
Small Grant	n/a	n/a	10,000.00	-	1/1/2013	12/31/2013	-	10,000.00
NJ Department of Law and Public Safety								
Body Armor Replacement Fund:								
SNJ Body Armor Grant - 2013	1020-718-001	n/a	2,897.47	-	1/1/2013	12/31/2013	1,911.52	1,911.52
SNJ Body Armor Grant - 2014	1020-718-001	n/a	2,187.03	2,187.03	1/1/2014	12/31/2014	-	-
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	n/a	n/a	4,945.88	4,945.88	1/1/2014	12/31/2014	-	-
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund	9735-760-098	n/a	708.96	708.96	1/1/2014	12/31/2014	-	-
NJ Division of Motor Vehicles								
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund - 2013	6400-100-078	n/a	6,365.56	-	1/1/2013	12/31/2013	-	847.78
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund - 2014	6400-100-078	n/a	3,886.41	3,886.41	1/1/2014	12/31/2014	-	-
NJ Department of Transportation								
NJ DOT Grant	n/a	n/a	295,115.00	138,836.25	1/1/2014	12/31/2014	185,115.00	185,115.00
Total State Awards			<u>176,965.90</u>	<u>176,965.90</u>			<u>310,233.03</u>	<u>565,835.90</u>

NOTE: This schedule was not subject to an audit in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 or NJ Circular 04-04.

Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Schedule of Expenditures of County / Other Financial Assistance

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Grantor / Pass-through Grantor Program	Account No.	Pass-through Entity ID No.	Grant Award	Grant Receipts	Grant Period		Grant Expenditures	Cumulative Grant Expenditures
					From	To		
Sussex County: County Awards: Municipal Alliance: 2014 Program	n/a	n/a	15,458.60	8,987.67	1/1/2011	12/31/2011	10,431.07	10,431.07
Total County / Other Awards				<u>8,987.67</u>			<u>10,431.07</u>	<u>10,431.07</u>

## Township of Hardyston , N.J.

## Schedule of Cash - Treasurer

## Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Ref.</u>		<u>Current Fund</u>
Balance - December 31, 2013	A		5,363,226.49
Increased by Receipts:			
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	A-1	421,840.64	
State of NJ Receipts	A-7	79,955.48	
Taxes Receivable	A-8	27,584,323.65	
Tax Title Lien Receipts	A-9	19,422.06	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-11	2,713,251.94	
Interfunds	A-12	187,656.74	
Prepaid Taxes	A-16	240,690.49	
Various Cash Liabilities and Reserves	A-20	4,125.00	
		<hr/>	31,251,266.00
			<hr/> 36,614,492.49
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Refund Prior Year Revenue	A-1	1,644.84	
Current Year Budget Appropriations	A-3	9,507,716.11	
Petty Cash	A-6	100.00	
Interfunds	A-12	319,205.12	
Appropriation Reserves	A-14	383,780.55	
Local District School Taxes	A-17	9,889,591.00	
Regional High School Taxes	A-18	4,912,247.22	
County Taxes Payable	A-19	5,945,551.34	
Various Cash Liabilities and Reserves	A-20	85,230.88	
		<hr/>	31,045,067.06
			<hr/> <hr/> 5,569,425.43
Balance - December 31, 2014	A		<hr/> <hr/> 5,569,425.43

**Township of Hardyston , N.J.**  
**Schedule of Cash - Change Fund**  
**Current Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2013	A	525.00
Increased by:		
Cash Receipts	A-4	100.00
Balance - December 31, 2014	A	625.00
<u>Analysis of Balance:</u>		
Tax Collector		200.00
Clerk		100.00
Recreation		100.00
Police		25.00
Building Department - Wantage		100.00
Building Department		100.00
		625.00

**Schedule of Cash - Petty Cash**  
**Current Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Increased by:		
Disbursements	A-4	150.00
Decreased by:		
Receipts	A-4	150.00

## Township of Hardyston , N.J.

Schedule of Amount Due To State of New Jersey  
for Senior Citizens' and Veterans' Deductions - CH. 73 P.L. 1976

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance - December 31, 2013	A		4,072.91
Increased by:			
State Share of Senior Citizens and Veteran			
Deductions Disallowed by Tax Collector	A-8	1,750.00	
Deductions Received in Cash	A-4	<u>79,955.48</u>	
			81,705.48
Decreased by:			
Senior Citizens Deductions Per Tax Billing		12,250.00	
Veterans Deductions Per Tax Billing		66,250.00	
Senior Citizens & Veterans Deduction			
Allowed by Tax Collector		<u>2,294.21</u>	
	A-8		<u>80,794.21</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	A		<u><u>4,984.18</u></u>

Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Schedule of Taxes Receivable and Analysis of Property Tax Levy

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

Year	Balance, Dec. 31, 2013	Added Taxes	Levy	Collected		Senior Citizen and Veteran Deductions	Canceled	Balance, Dec. 31, 2014
				2013	2014			
2012	18,471.30				18,471.30			22,127.26
2013	656,072.09	44,403.23			676,691.79			22,127.26
	674,543.39	44,403.23			693,163.09		1,656.27	
2014		113,579.00	27,867,289.22	185,882.04	26,889,160.56	79,044.21	5,408.92	821,372.49
	674,543.39	157,982.23	27,867,289.22	185,882.04	27,584,323.65	79,044.21	7,065.19	843,499.75
	A		A-2; A-16		A-2; A-4	A-2; A-7		A

Analysis of Tax Levy

Tax yield:

General Property Tax	Ref.	27,861,880.30
Added Tax (R.S. 54:4-63.1 et seq.)		110,761.03
		<u>27,972,641.33</u>

Tax Levy:

Local District School Tax	A-17	9,889,591.00
Regional High School Tax	A-18	4,912,247.22
County Library		399,750.66
County Tax		5,319,555.77
County Health		181,145.49
County Open Space Preservation		26,072.12
Added County Taxes	A-19	<u>23,625.16</u>
		5,950,149.20
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	A-2	20,751,987.42
Additional Taxes		<u>7,128,623.07</u>
		92,030.84
		<u>7,220,653.91</u>
		<u>27,972,641.33</u>

## Township of Hardyston , N.J.

## Schedule of Tax Title Liens

## Current Fund

## Year Ended December 31, 2014

Balance - December 31, 2013	<u>Ref.</u> A	309,713.95
Decreased by:		
Cash Receipts	A-2;A-4	<u>19,422.06</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	A	<u><u>290,291.89</u></u>

## Schedule of Property Acquired for

## Taxes Assessed Valuation

## Current Fund

## Year Ended December 31, 2014

Balance - December 31, 2013	<u>Ref.</u> A	<u>14,700.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	A	<u><u>14,700.00</u></u>

## Township of Hardyston , N.J.

## Schedule of Revenue Accounts Receivable

## Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Accrued</u>	<u>Collected</u>
Licenses:			
Alcoholic Beverages	A-2	3,430.00	3,430.00
Fines and Costs:			
Municipal Court	A-2	94,031.08	94,031.08
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-2	158,873.72	158,873.72
Interest on Investments	A-2	9,838.94	9,838.94
Garbage Collection Fees	A-2	3,235.00	3,235.00
Uniform Fire Safety Act (Local Fees)	A-2	9,367.00	9,367.00
Antenna Lease Fees	A-2	48,489.87	48,489.87
Sale of Solar Renewable Energy Credits	A-2	9,422.10	9,422.10
Consolidated Municipal Property Taxes Relif Aid	A-2	1,638.00	1,638.00
Energy Receipts Tax (P.L. 1999, Chapters 162 & 167)	A-2	498,765.00	498,765.00
Garden State Trust - PILOT Funds	A-2	29,950.00	29,950.00
Watershed Moratorium offset	A-2	194,721.00	194,721.00
Uniform Construction Code Fees	A-2	116,310.00	116,310.00
Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority - Administrative Service	A-2	11,000.00	11,000.00
Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority - Secretarian/Billing Ser	A-2	72,563.99	72,563.99
Franklin Borough - Recreation Program	A-2	24,292.00	24,292.00
Hardyston Elementary School - Recycling & Solid Waste Rec	A-2	11,220.00	11,220.00
Hardyston Elementary School - Park Maintenance	A-2	33,609.00	33,609.00
Hardyston Township MUA - Sewer and Water Operatio	A-2	177,081.62	177,081.62
Franklin Borough - Construction Code Official	A-2	82,824.00	82,824.00
Hamburg Borough - Construction Code Official	A-2	51,141.00	51,141.00
Sussex Borough DPW	A-2	281,341.20	281,341.20
Hamburg Borough - Recycling	A-2	32,388.43	32,388.43
Hamburg Borough Solid Waste	A-2	3,800.00	3,800.00
Town of Newton - Construction	A-2	88,085.15	88,085.15
Sussex Borough - Construction	A-2	24,367.00	24,367.00
Andover Township Land Use	A-2	43,076.00	43,076.00
Newton Fire Subcode	A-2	7,428.00	7,428.00
Sussex Borough Sewer Operator	A-2	21,125.00	21,125.00
Hamburg Computer Maintenance	A-2	4,750.00	4,750.00
Hamburg Borough Uniform Fire Inspection	A-2	9,020.00	9,020.00
Hamburg Zoning and Property Maintenance	A-2	7,140.00	7,140.00
Hamburg Recreation	A-2	11,000.00	11,000.00
Sparta Township - Municipal Housing Liaison	A-2	5,000.00	5,000.00
Vernon Township - Temporary Fire Official	A-2	3,000.00	3,000.00
Wantage Township - Fire Official	A-2	19,600.00	19,600.00
Wantage Township - Construction Official	A-2	56,291.00	56,291.00
NJ Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act	A-2	295,115.00	295,115.00
Recycling Tonnage Grant	A-2	5,349.12	5,349.12
Clean Communities Program	A-2	19,431.65	19,431.65
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism And Drug Abuse	A-2	12,474.00	12,474.00
NJ Division of Criminial Justice - Body Armor Grant	A-2	2,897.47	2,897.47
Reserve for Clean Communities Program	A-2	981.43	981.43
Hazard Mitigation Grant	A-2	75,000.00	75,000.00
Interest on Special Legislative Grant	A-2	395.25	395.25
Uniform Fire Safety Act	A-2	11,820.36	11,820.36
Reserve for Sale of Municipal Assets	A-2	22,501.56	22,501.56
General Capital Surplus	A-2	8,071.00	8,071.00
		<u>2,713,251.94</u>	<u>2,713,251.94</u>

Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Schedules of Interfunds

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	Due From/(To) Balance Dec. 31, 2013	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	Due From/(To) Balance Dec. 31, 2014
State and Federal Grant Fund	A	(3,366,248.32)	187,956.74	320,805.12	(3,233,399.94)
		<u>(3,366,248.32)</u>	<u>187,956.74</u>	<u>320,805.12</u>	<u>(3,233,399.94)</u>
		A	A-4		A
			A-4	319,205.12	
			A-1	<u>1,600.00</u>	
				<u>320,805.12</u>	

Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Schedule of Deferred Charges

N.J.S. 40A:4-53 Special Emergency

Year Ended December 31, 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Net Amount</u>	<u>1/5 of</u>	<u>Balance,</u>	<u>Amount in</u>	<u>Balance,</u>
<u>Authorized</u>		<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Net Amount</u>	<u>Dec. 31,</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Dec. 31,</u>
			<u>Authorized</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2014</u>
02/03/09	Revaluation of Taxes	400,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	
				<u>80,000.00</u>	<u>80,000.00</u>	
				A	A-3	A

Township of Hardyston , N.J.

Schedule of Appropriation Reserves

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Balance, Dec. 31, <u>2013</u>	Balance after <u>Transfers</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Balance Lapsed</u>
Operations - within "CAPS"				
Administrative and Executive:				
Salaries and Wages	5,770.59			
Other Expenses	6,730.77	20,868.00	20,868.00	
Elections:				
Other Expenses	154.89			
Financial Administration:				
Salaries and Wages	4.00	4.00		4.00
Other Expenses	17,643.58	17,741.89	17,405.92	335.97
Computer Technology/Maintenance				
Salaries and Wages	0.17	0.17		0.17
Other Expenses	6,317.11	6,351.31	6,351.31	
Collection of Taxes				
Salaries and Wages	5.25	5.25		5.25
Other Expenses	2,596.93	212.70	212.70	
Assessment of Taxes:				
Salaries and Wages	44.65			
Other Expenses	1,826.17	20,784.66	20,784.66	
Legal Services and Costs:				
Other Expenses	4,214.27	4,214.27	4,214.27	
Economic Development Commission:				
Other Expenses	5,081.10	5,081.10	2,501.03	2,580.07
Engineering Services and Costs:				
Retainer	5.00	5.00		5.00
Other Expenses	4,834.89	3,655.00	3,655.00	
Municipal Land Use Law : (N.J.S. 40:55D-11)				
Planning Board:				
Salaries and Wages	493.88	3,067.50	2,837.61	229.89
Board of Adjustment:				
Other Expenses	475.37			
Insurance:				
Group Insurance Plan for Employees	23,756.10	24,987.16	24,987.16	
Health Benefit Waiver	51.19			
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	21.90	157.22	157.22	
Disability Insurance	1,463.29	3,516.55	3,516.55	

Township of Hardyston , N.J.

Schedule of Appropriation Reserves

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Balance, Dec. 31, 2013	Balance after <u>Transfers</u>	Paid or <u>Charged</u>	Balance <u>Lapsed</u>
Public Safety:				
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies	6,910.54	13,201.07	10,593.33	2,607.74
Police:				
Salaries and Wages:	14,552.17	14,424.93	14,424.93	
Other Expenses	5,857.41	21,494.88	20,200.09	1,294.79
Police Communications:				
Salaries and Wages:	3,552.42	467.46	467.12	0.34
Other Expenses	284.96			
Emergency Management Services:				
Salaries and Wages	9.53			
Other Expenses	2,913.01	3,999.53	2,431.99	1,567.54
First Aid Organization Contribution	5,496.95	2,450.84	2,130.44	320.40
Fire Prevention Bureau:				
Salaries and Wages	4,885.56			
Other Expenses	20.24			
Municipal Prosecutor				
Other Expenses	16.24			
Municipal Court				
Salaries and Wages	4.60	4.60	4.60	
Other Expenses	987.11	1,287.67	1,287.67	
Streets and Roads:				
Road Repairs and Maintenance				
Salaries and Wages	4,411.57	4,256.92	4,256.92	
Other Expenses	80,997.47	129,913.76	112,840.87	17,072.89
Buildings & Grounds				
Other Expenses	184.85	24,820.32	23,620.32	1,200.00
Dog Regulation				
Other Expenses	456.14			
Recreation and Education:				
Recreation:				
Other Expenses	10,477.66	11,371.12	11,371.12	
Senior Citizen Bus Service:				
Other Expenses	310.00	310.00	310.00	

Township of Hardyston , N.J.

Schedule of Appropriation Reserves

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Balance, Dec. 31, <u>2013</u>	Balance after <u>Transfers</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	Balance <u>Lapsed</u>
Sub-Code Officials:				
Salaries and Wages- Const. Code Official	2.72	1.72		1.72
Miscellaneous Other Salaries				
Building Inspector:				
Other Expenses	553.01			
Zoning Enforcement Officer:				
Salaries and Wages	6.75	6.75		6.75
Other Expenses	1,143.31			
Unclassified:				
Celebration of Public Events:				
Other Expenses	40.00	40.00		40.00
Accumulated Leave Compensation	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	
Electricity	11,129.92	5,407.77	5,367.44	40.33
Street Lighting	14,989.54	20,925.25	20,925.25	
Telephone	10,201.01	4,371.80	4,076.72	295.08
Fuel Oil	141.80	756.74	614.94	141.80
Gasoline	1,029.39	(2,818.93)	(3,295.59)	476.66
Computer/Network Maintenance		1,440.00	1,440.00	
Diesel Fuel	1,490.40	5,457.59	5,457.59	
Natural Gas	14,123.39	3,370.78	3,370.78	
Total Operations within "CAPS"	<u>296,670.77</u>	<u>395,614.35</u>	<u>367,387.96</u>	<u>28,226.39</u>
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal within "CAPS"				
Statutory Expenditures:				
Contribution to:				
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	<u>77.43</u>	<u>1,392.59</u>	<u>1,392.59</u>	
Total Reserves for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	<u>296,748.20</u>	<u>397,006.94</u>	<u>368,780.55</u>	<u>28,226.39</u>
Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"				
Reserve for Tax Appeals				
Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Program - Other Expenses	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements Sussex Borough - DPW Salaries and Wages		1,450.00		1,450.00
Due to State of NJ: Marriage Surcharge		300.00		
Total Reserves for Municipal Purposes Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>16,750.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>1,450.00</u>
Total Reserves	<u>311,748.20</u>	<u>413,756.94</u>	<u>383,780.55</u>	<u>29,676.39</u>
	A		A-4	A-1
2013 Appropriation Reserves	A	311,748.20		
2013 Encumbrances	A-15	<u>102,008.74</u>		
		<u>413,756.94</u>		

**Township of Hardyston , N.J.**  
**Schedule of Encumbrances Payable**

**Current Fund**

**Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2013	A	102,008.74
Increased by:		
Charges to Current Appropriations	A-3	124,661.00
		<u>226,669.74</u>
Decreased by:		
Disbursed	A-4	102,008.74
		<u>102,008.74</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	A	<u><u>124,661.00</u></u>

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**Schedule of Prepaid Taxes**

**Current Fund**

**Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2013	A	185,882.04
Increased by:		
Receipts - Prepaid 2014 Taxes	A-4	240,690.49
		<u>426,572.53</u>
Decreased by:		
Applied to 2014 Taxes	A-8	185,882.04
		<u>185,882.04</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	A	<u><u>240,690.49</u></u>

**Township of Hardyston , N.J.**  
**Schedule of Local District School Tax**  
**Current Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Increased by:		
Levy Calendar Year 2014	A-1; A-8	<u>9,889,591.00</u>
Decreased by:		
Payments	A-4	<u>9,889,591.00</u>

**Schedule of Regional High School Tax**  
**Current Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Increased by:		
Levy Calendar Year 2014	A-1; A-8	<u>4,912,247.22</u>
Decreased by:		
Payments	A-4	<u>4,912,247.22</u>

## Township of Hardyston , N.J.

## Schedule of County Taxes Payable

## Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2013	A	19,027.30
Increased by:		
Tax Levy 2014		
County Tax		5,319,555.77
County Library		399,750.66
County Health		181,145.49
County Open Space Preservation		26,072.12
Added and Omitted Taxes		<u>23,625.16</u>
	A-1; A-8	<u>5,950,149.20</u>
Decreased by:		
Payments	A-4	<u>5,945,551.34</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	A	<u><u>23,625.16</u></u>

Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Schedule of Various Cash Liabilities and Reserves

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

<u>Liabilities and Reserves</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2013</u>	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2014</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Tax Overpayments	61,607.27		2,173.98	59,433.29
Accounts Payable	37,743.35		-	37,743.35
Due to State of N.J. Marriage Surcharge	-	1,375.00	1,125.00	250.00
<u>Reserves for:</u>				
Sale of Assets	22,501.56		22,501.56	-
Preparation of Tax Map	1,075.00	2,750.00	-	3,825.00
Reserve for Revaluation	66,879.34		59,430.34	7,449.00
	<u>189,806.52</u>	<u>4,125.00</u>	<u>85,230.88</u>	<u>108,700.64</u>
	A	A-4	A-4	A

Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Schedule of Grants Receivable

Federal and State Grant Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

Grant	Balance,	Budget	Received	Transfer From	Balance,
	Dec. 31, 2013	Revenue		Unappropriated Reserves	Dec. 31, 2014
N.J. Department of Transportation Grant	25,037.50				25,037.50
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	16,889.66	12,474.00	8,987.67		20,375.99
Clean Communities Grant		20,413.08	20,126.91		286.17
Recycling Tonnage Grant		5,349.12		5,349.12	
U.S. Department of Justice - COPS in School	24,640.28				24,640.28
Special Legislative Grant Interest		395.25		395.25	
State Body Armor Grant		2,897.47		2,897.47	
NJ DOT Grant Bunn Road		110,000.00			110,000.00
NJ DOT Grant Holland Mountain		185,115.00	138,836.25		46,278.75
Municipal Court Alcohol Rehab					
Hazard Mitigation Grant		75,000.00			75,000.00
NJ DEP Clean Water	35,000.00				35,000.00
	<u>101,567.44</u>	<u>411,643.92</u>	<u>167,950.83</u>	<u>8,641.84</u>	<u>336,618.69</u>
	A	A-2, A-23	A-24	A-23	A

**Township of Hardyston, N.J.**  
**Schedule of Appropriated Reserves for Grants**  
**Federal and State Grant Fund**

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Balance,</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2014</u>
	<u>Dec. 31, 2013</u>	<u>From Budget</u> <u>Appropriations</u>		
Clean Communities Program	21,884.80	20,413.08	42,297.88	0.00
Recycling Tonnage Grant	4,652.34	5,349.12	5,652.83	4,348.63
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	5,517.87		514.62	5,003.25
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse:				
State Share	4,783.44	12,474.00	8,148.77	9,108.67
Local Share	77.20		1,502.80	
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse: Franklin Share			779.50	779.50
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation	4,439.10		1,911.52	4,439.10
Body Armor Replacement Fund		2,897.47	75,892.23	985.95
NJ Special Legislative Grant - Walkkill River Cleanup	3,278,304.84		345.00	3,202,412.61
Domestic Violence Grant	1,080.39			1,080.39
Stormwater Management Grant	817.50			472.50
Special Leg. Grant Interest	76,029.46	395.25		76,424.71
NJ DOT Grant	24,622.75	295,115.00	185,115.00	134,622.75
Hazard Mitigation		75,000.00		75,000.00
NJDEP Clean Water	35,000.00			35,000.00
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over				
	<u>3,457,209.69</u>	<u>411,643.92</u>	<u>322,160.15</u>	<u>3,549,678.06</u>
	A	A-3, A-21	A-24	A
	<u>Ref.</u>			
Cash Disbursements	A-24		319,822.32	
Reserve for Encumbrances	A-25		<u>2,337.83</u>	
			<u>322,160.15</u>	

## Township of Hardyston , N.J.

## Schedule of Unappropriated Reserves for Grants

## Federal and State Grant Fund

## Year Ended December 31, 2014

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2013</u>	<u>Transfer</u> <u>To 2014</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Received/</u> <u>(Cancelled)</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2014</u>
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund			3,886.41	3,886.41
State Body Armor Grant	2,897.47	2,897.47	2,187.03	2,187.03
Interest on Special Legislative Grant	395.25	395.25	496.48	496.48
Clean Communities	981.43		(981.43)	
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over			4,945.88	4,945.88
Alcohol Eduction and Rehabilitation Fund			708.96	708.96
State Recycling Grant	5,349.12	5,349.12	5,777.98	5,777.98
	<u>9,623.27</u>	<u>8,641.84</u>	<u>17,021.31</u>	<u>18,002.74</u>
	A	A-21	A-24	A

Township of Hardyston , N.J.  
 Schedule of Due From Current Fund  
 Federal and State Grant Fund  
 Year Ended December 31, 2014

Balance - December 31, 2013	Ref. A		3,366,248.32
Increased by:			
Federal and State Grant Fund Receipt	A-21	167,950.83	
Unappropriated Receipts	A-23	17,021.31	
Matching Funds for Grants - 2014 Budget Appropriations	A-22	<u>2,984.60</u>	
			<u>187,956.74</u>
			3,554,205.06
Decreased by:			
Federal and State Grant Fund Expenditures	A-22	319,822.32	
Encumbrance Expenditures	A-25	<u>982.80</u>	
			<u>320,805.12</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	A		<u><u>3,233,399.94</u></u>

**Township of Hardyston , N.J.**  
**Schedule of Encumbrances Payable**  
**Federal and State Grant Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2014**

Balance - December 31, 2013	<u>Ref.</u> A	982.80
Increased by:		
Charges to Federal and State Grants	A-22	<u>2,337.83</u>
		3,320.63
Decreased by:		
Disbursements	A-24	<u>982.80</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	A	<u><u>2,337.83</u></u>

## Township of Hardyston , N.J.

## Schedule of Cash

## Trust Funds

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Program</u>	<u>Animal Control Trust Fund</u>	<u>Other Trust Funds</u>
Balance - December 31, 2013	B	<u>182,210.64</u>	<u>3,411.76</u>	<u>1,789,880.11</u>
Increase by Receipts:				
Interest	B-3		13.87	
State Share of Dog Licenses	B-2		1,458.00	
Township Share of Dog Licenses	B-3		6,374.00	
Late Fees	B-3		1,264.00	
Other Trust Funds	B-6			822,178.89
Net Payroll and Payroll Deductions	B-7			5,522,565.48
Borough Contributions	B-8	13,500.00		
Increase in Investment Value	B-9	<u>16,207.51</u>		
Total Receipts		<u>29,707.51</u>	<u>9,109.87</u>	<u>6,344,744.37</u>
		<u>211,918.15</u>	<u>12,521.63</u>	<u>8,134,624.48</u>
Decreased by Disbursements:				
Due to State of New Jersey	B-2		1,460.40	
Reserve for Dog Expenditures	B-3		6,411.77	
Reserve for Encumbrances	B-4			758.09
Other Trust Funds	B-6			578,582.52
Net Payroll and Payroll Deductions	B-7			5,523,068.74
Accounting Charge	B-9	<u>1,175.00</u>		
Total Disbursements		<u>1,175.00</u>	<u>7,872.17</u>	<u>6,102,409.35</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	B	<u><u>210,743.15</u></u>	<u><u>4,649.46</u></u>	<u><u>2,032,215.13</u></u>

**Township of Hardyston , N.J.**  
**Schedule of Due From State of New Jersey**  
**Animal Control Trust Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2013	B	
Increased by:		
Payments to State of NJ	B-1	<u>1,460.40</u>
Decreased by:		
State License Fees Collected	B-1	<u>1,458.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	B	<u>2.40</u>

Township of Hardyston , N.J.

Reserve for Animal Control Trust Expenditures

Animal Control Trust Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2013	B	3,411.76
Increased by:		
Interest	B-3	13.87
Dog License Fees Collected in 2014	B-1	6,374.00
Late Charges and Fines	B-1	<u>1,264.00</u>
		<u>7,651.87</u>
		11,063.63
Decreased by:		
Expenditures R.S. 4:19-1511		<u>6,411.77</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	B	<u><u>4,651.86</u></u>

	<u>License Fees Collected</u>
<u>Year</u>	
2014	6,374.00
2013	<u>6,373.60</u>
	<u><u>12,747.60</u></u>

**Township of Hardyston , N.J.**  
**Schedule of Reserve for Encumbrances**  
**Other Trust Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2013	B	758.09
Increased by:		
Charges to Reserves	B-6	<u>12,998.89</u>
		13,756.98
Decreased by:		
Cash Disbursements	B-1	<u>758.09</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	B	<u><u>12,998.89</u></u>

**Schedule of Letters of Credit**  
**Other Trust Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2013	B	<u><u>15,287,468.09</u></u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	B	<u><u>15,287,468.09</u></u>

Township of Hardyston , N.J.

Schedule of Other Trust Funds

Other Trust Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2013</u>	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2014</u>
Reserve for Deposits by Letters of Credit	15,287,468.09			15,287,468.09
Redemption Outside Liens		228,589.48	228,589.48	
Uniform Fire Safety Fines	10,798.52	2,000.00	2,255.69	10,542.83
Reserve for Recreation	16,547.91	25,822.29	34,665.75	7,704.45
Escrow Deposits	103,439.75	44,753.33	53,933.41	94,259.67
Littell Community Center	16,250.39	8,520.00	13,575.00	11,195.39
Small Cities	7,016.96			7,016.96
Municipal Court - P.O.A.A.	248.00	60.00		308.00
Public Defender	50.00	9,584.86	9,600.00	34.86
Police Outside Work		1,547.25	1,547.25	
Affordable Housing	121,954.86	256,307.27	38,767.01	339,495.12
Accumulated Sick Leave	337,984.66		200.00	337,784.66
Snow Related Costs	97,425.01	10,781.37	18,143.22	90,063.16
Performance Bonds Escrow	793,558.71	52,213.04	4,404.60	841,367.15
Premiums on Tax Sale	281,400.00	182,000.00	185,900.00	277,500.00
	<u>17,074,142.86</u>	<u>822,178.89</u>	<u>591,581.41</u>	<u>17,304,740.34</u>
	B			B

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Cash Receipts	B-1	822,178.89	
Cash Disbursements	B-1		578,582.52
Reserve for Encumbrances	B-4		12,998.89
		<u>822,178.89</u>	<u>591,581.41</u>

## Township of Hardyston , N.J.

## Schedule of Net Payroll and Payroll Deductions

## Other Trust Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2013</u>	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2014</u>
Federal Withholding	-	587,586.81	587,586.81	-
Social Security/Medicare	-	669,402.40	669,402.40	-
State Withholding	-	161,356.00	161,356.00	-
Unemployment Insurance	63.90	24,350.36	24,350.36	63.90
Christmas	-	34,850.00	34,850.00	-
Cont. Insurance	(57.39)	10,820.23	10,964.78	(201.94)
Public Employees Retirement System	2,496.99	439,106.54	439,160.82	2,442.71
Police and Fire Retirement System	(6.25)	596,824.89	597,129.32	(310.68)
Dues	-	9,224.00	9,224.00	-
Savings	-	5,520.00	5,520.00	-
Medical Copay	2.00	158,160.86	158,160.86	2.00
AFLAC	(52.00)	8,283.66	8,283.66	(52.00)
Valic	-	17,820.00	17,820.00	-
AXA	-	26,130.00	26,130.00	-
Garnishments	-	15,881.80	15,881.80	-
Due Current	-	103.97	103.97	-
Net Payroll	-	2,757,143.96	2,757,143.96	-
	<u>2,447.25</u>	<u>5,522,565.48</u>	<u>5,523,068.74</u>	<u>1,943.99</u>
	B	B-1	B-1	B

## Township of Hardyston , N.J.

## Schedule of Contributions Receivable

## Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Services Award Program

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2013	B	13,500.00
Increased by:		
Township Contributions	B-9	13,500.00
		<u>27,000.00</u>
Decreased by:		
Receipts	B-1	<u>13,500.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	B	<u><u>13,500.00</u></u>

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## Schedule of Net Assets Available for Benefits

## Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Services Award Program

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance - December 31, 2013	B		195,710.64
Increased by:			
Township Contributions	B-8	13,500.00	
Increase (Decrease) in Investment Value	B-1	<u>16,207.51</u>	
			<u>29,707.51</u>
			225,418.15
Decreased by:			
Accounting Charge	B-1	<u>1,175.00</u>	
			<u>1,175.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	B		<u><u>224,243.15</u></u>

## Township of Hardyston , N.J.

## Schedule of Cash

## General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance - December 31, 2013	C		269,905.67
Increased by Receipts:			
Interfund - Current Fund	C-10	446,157.00	
	C-3		<u>446,157.00</u>
			716,062.67
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Improvement Authorizations	C-7	447,881.35	
Various Capital Reserves	C-11	1,862.77	
Reserve for Encumbrances	C-12	83,879.47	
	C-3		<u>533,623.59</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	C		<u><u>182,439.08</u></u>

Township of Hardyston , N.J.

Analysis of Cash

General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Balance or (Deficit) Dec. 31, 2013	Receipts			Disbursements			Transfers		Balance or (Deficit) Dec. 31, 2014
		Miscellaneous	Improvement Authorizations	Miscellaneous	From	To				
Fund Balance	8,071.06				8,071.00					0.06
Capital Improvement Fund	185,217.09				539,228.00			454,228.00		100,217.09
Various Reserves	25,862.77			1,862.77						24,000.00
Reserve for Encumbrances	83,879.47			83,879.47					180,316.62	180,316.62
Interfund - Current Fund		446,157.00			454,228.00				8,071.00	
Improvement Authorizations:										
10-10 Purchase Recycling Vehicle	632.69		632.69							
07-11 Various Capital Improvements	4,455.42		(3,015.76)		7,471.18					(11,977.74)
15-11 Park Drive Fire Alarm System	1,300.00		13,277.74							876.55
06-12 Various Improvements and Purchases	4,860.44		3,983.89							(193,015.00)
01-13 Purchase of Street Sweeper	(173,215.00)		19,800.00							6,202.94
06-13 Various Improvements and Purchases	115,174.79		104,394.01		4,577.84					(47,500.00)
08-13 Upgrade to "911" Equip	2,500.00		50,000.00							(34,226.35)
09-13 Local Improve Summit Lake Dam	11,166.94		45,393.29							72,544.91
06-14 Various Improvements and Purchases			213,415.49		168,267.60			454,228.00		85,000.00
14-14 Various Capital Improvements								85,000.00		
	269,905.67	446,157.00	447,881.35	85,742.24	1,181,843.62			1,181,843.62		182,439.08
	C	C-2	C-2	C-2						C

## Township of Hardyston , N.J.

Schedule of Deferred Charges to Future  
Taxation - Funded

## General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2013	C	8,385,000.00
Decreased by:		
Serial Bonds Paid by Current Year		
Budget Appropriations	C-6	<u>540,000.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	C	<u><u>7,845,000.00</u></u>

Township of Hardyston , N.J.

Schedule of Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - Unfunded

General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Balance, 2014		Unexpended Improvement Authorization	Analysis of Balance Dec. 31, 2014
		Dec. 31, 2013	Authorizations		
14-11	Various General Improvements	218,500.00	218,500.00	206,522.26	
01-13	Street Sweeper	195,000.00	195,000.00	1,985.00	
08-13	Upgrades to 911 Equipment	47,500.00	47,500.00		
09-13	Local Improvement - Summit Lake	541,500.00	541,500.00	507,273.65	
14-14	Various Capital Improvements		1,700,000.00	1,700,000.00	
		<u>1,002,500.00</u>	<u>1,700,000.00</u>	<u>2,702,500.00</u>	<u>2,415,780.91</u>
		C	C-7	C	
	Improvement Authorizations Unfunded		C-7		<u>2,415,780.91</u>

Township of Hardyston, N.J.  
 Schedule of General Serial Bonds Payable  
 General Capital Fund  
 Year Ended December 31, 2014

Purpose	Date of Issue	Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds Outstanding, December 31, 2014	Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2013	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2014
General Improvement Bonds of 2004A	10/1/2004	3,300,000.00		3.875%	290,000.00	290,000.00	
General Improvement Bonds of 2007A	2/1/2007	4,825,000.00	2/1/16-24	4.10%			
			2/1/25-29	4.10%			
			2/1/30	4.15%	4,215,000.00	150,000.00	4,065,000.00
General Improvement Bonds of 2011A	12/1/2011	1,425,000.00	2/1/15-18	2.00%			
			2/1/19	2.13%			
			2/1/20	2.38%			
			2/1/24	3.75%	1,225,000.00	100,000.00	1,125,000.00
General Refunding Bonds of 2013	5/16/2013	2,655,000.00	10/01/15	3.00%	325,000.00		
			10/01/16	3.00%	220,000.00		
			10/01/17	3.00%	245,000.00		
			10/01/18	3.00%	265,000.00		
			10/01/19	4.00%	285,000.00		
			10/01/20	4.00%	310,000.00		
			10/01/21	4.00%	335,000.00		
10/01/22	4.00%	335,000.00					
10/01/23	4.00%	335,000.00			2,655,000.00		
					C	C-4	C
					8,385,000.00	540,000.00	7,845,000.00

Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Schedule of Improvement Authorizations

General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Ordinance Date	Amount	Balance, Dec. 31, 2013		2014 Authorizations	Paid or Charged	Balance, Dec. 31, 2014	
				Funded	Unfunded			Funded	Unfunded
10-10	Purchase Recycling Vehicle	05/18/10	36,500.00	632.69			632.69		
07-11	Various Capital Improvements	05/17/11	442,860.00	4,455.42			4,455.42		
15-11	Park Drive Fire Alarm System	11/01/11	230,000.00	1,300.00	218,500.00		13,277.74		206,522.26
06-12	Various Improvements and Purchases	04/15/12	415,000.00	4,860.44			3,983.89		876.55
01-13	Purchase of Street Sweeper	02/19/13	275,000.00		21,785.00		19,800.00		1,985.00
06-13	Various Improvements and Purchases	06/18/13	415,000.00	115,174.79			108,971.85		6,202.94
08-13	Upgrade to "911" Equip	09/10/13	50,000.00	2,500.00	47,500.00		50,000.00		
09-13	Local Improve Summit Lake Dam	12/03/13	570,000.00	11,166.94	541,500.00		45,393.29		507,273.65
14-06	Various Improvements and Purchases	05/28/14	454,228.00			454,228.00	381,683.09		72,544.91
14-14	Various Capital Improvements	11/12/14	1,785,000.00			1,785,000.00			85,000.00
				140,090.28	829,285.00	2,239,228.00	628,197.97	164,624.40	2,415,780.91
				C	C			C	C

Ref.

Capital Improvement Fund	C-9	539,228.00
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - Unfunded	C-5; C-8	1,700,000.00
Cash Disbursements	C-2	447,881.35
Encumbrances Payable	C-12	180,316.62
		2,239,228.00
		628,197.97

Township of Hardyston, N.J.

Schedule of Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued

General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

<u>Ordinance Number</u>	<u>Improvement Description</u>	<u>Balance, Dec. 31, 2013</u>	<u>2014 Authorizations</u>	<u>Balance, Dec. 31, 2014</u>
15-11	Park Drive Fire Alarm System	218,500.00		218,500.00
01-13	Street Sweeper	195,000.00		195,000.00
08-13	Upgrades to 911 Equipment	47,500.00		47,500.00
09-13	Local Improvement - Summit Lake	541,500.00		541,500.00
14-14	Various Capital Improvements		1,700,000.00	1,700,000.00
		<u>1,002,500.00</u>	<u>1,700,000.00</u>	<u>2,702,500.00</u>
		Footnote C	C-7	Footnote C

## Township of Hardyston , N.J.

## Schedule of Capital Improvement Fund

## General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2013	C	185,217.09
Increased by:		
Budget Appropriation	C-10	<u>454,228.00</u>
		639,445.09
Decreased by:		
Appropriated to Finance Improvement Authorizations	C-7	<u>539,228.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	C	<u><u>100,217.09</u></u>

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## Schedule of Due from Current Fund

## General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Increased by:			
Appropriated to 2013 Budget Revenue Capital Improvement Fund	C-1 C-9	<u>454,228.00</u>	
			<u><u>454,228.00</u></u>
Decreased by:			
Cash Receipts Improvement Authorizations	C-2 C-1	446,157.00 <u>8,071.00</u>	
			<u><u>454,228.00</u></u>

Township of Hardyston , N.J.

Schedule of Various Reserves

General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Balance, <u>Dec. 31, 2013</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	Balance, <u>Dec. 31, 2014</u>
Improvements to Block 62 Lot 34.01	24,000.00		24,000.00
Road Department Equipment	<u>1,862.77</u>	<u>1,862.77</u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>25,862.77</u>	<u>1,862.77</u>	<u>24,000.00</u>
	C	C-2	C

**Township of Hardyston , N.J.**  
**Schedule of Reserve for Encumbrances**  
**General Capital Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2013	C	83,879.47
Increased by:		
Charges to:		
Improvement Authorizations	C-7	<u>180,316.62</u> 264,196.09
Cash Disbursements	C-2	<u>83,879.47</u>
Balance - December 31, 2014	C	<u><u>180,316.62</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON

PART II

LETTER ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the Township Council  
Township of Hardyston  
Hardyston, New Jersey 07419

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the financial statements of the Township of Hardyston, of the State of New Jersey (the "Township"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 22, 2015. The financial statements of the Length of Service Award Program ("LOSAP") were not audited and were not required by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey to audit the LOSAP Fund financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, *Government Auditing Standards* and the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. We expressed an adverse opinion on the conformity of the statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As described in Note 1, the financial statements are prepared by the Township 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. Our opinion was also qualified because the Division of Local Government Services does not require the Length of Service Award Program to be audited, only reviewed.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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



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A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or 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.

We did identify certain immaterial deficiencies in internal control that we have reported to management of the Township of Hardyston in the accompanying comments and recommendations section of this report.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to the management of the Township of Hardyston in the accompanying comments and recommendations section of this report.

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the Township Council  
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**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township of Hardyston'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 Township of Hardyston's internal controls and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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July 22, 2015

## GENERAL COMMENTS

### Contracts and Agreements

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

Effective July 1, 2005 and thereafter the bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 (as amended) is \$21,000. On July 1, 2010, the bid threshold was increased to \$26,000.

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 contains definitions for terms used throughout N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and was amended under P.L. 1999, c.440. It includes as subsection (23) the term 'competitive contracting', which is defined as "the method described in sections 1 through 5 of P.L. 1999, c.440 (C.40:11-4.1 through C.40A:11-4.5) of contracting for specialized goods and services in which formal proposals are solicited from vendors' formal proposals are evaluated by the purchasing agent or counsel; and the governing body awards a contract to a vendor or vendors from among the formal proposals received."

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 was amended with P.L. 1999, c.440 to raise the bid threshold and require award by governing body resolution. "When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the purchasing agent in the aggregate does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$21,000 or \$26,000 after July 1, 2010, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by ordinance or resolution as appropriate to the contracting unit, of the governing body of the contracting unit without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except that the governing body may adopt an ordinance or resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations."

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 was amended with P.L. 1999, c.440 to extend the base contract period. "Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months."

The governing body of the Municipality has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed \$26,000 within the contract year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Township Counsel's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts and agreements for "Professional Services" N.J.S. 40A:11-5.

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any material or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear cut violation existed. No violations were disclosed.

Our examination of expenditures did not reveal any individual payments, contracts or agreements in excess of the statutory threshold "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 6, 2014 adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

WHEREAS, Chapter 75 of the Public Laws of 1991 of the State of New Jersey authorizes the governing body of each municipality by resolution to fix the rate of interest to be charged for nonpayment of taxes or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquent, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of said statute provides that the rate of interest to be so charged may be fixed at a rate not to exceed 8% per annum on the first \$1,500. of delinquency, and a rate of 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.

WHEREAS, the statute further provides that the governing body may provide that no interest shall be charged if payment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date which the same became payable, and

WHEREAS, (N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 AS AMENDED) also provides that the governing body may fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000. who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the (calendar) fiscal year which shall not exceed (6%) six percent; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Hardyston deems that implementation of Chapter 75 of the P.L. of 1991 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-67) the same is desirable and appropriate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Hardyston that pursuant to the authority granted to it by N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, AS AMENDED that the rate of interest be set in the amount of 8% on the first 1,500. of the delinquency and at the rate of 18% on any amount in excess of \$1,500 provided payment is not made within the grace period of ten days from the date payable and that the penalty on amounts due in excess of \$10,000 at the close of the (calendar) fiscal year be set at 6% of the amount of the delinquency.

It appears from our test of the collector's record that interest was collected in accordance with the foregoing resolution.

**Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens**

The last tax sale was held on October 8, 2014, and was complete.

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Liens</u>
2014	33
2013	36
2012	38

**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.

The results of the test, which was made as of December 31, 2014, is not yet known, but a separate report will be rendered if any irregularities were developed.

In addition, analytical review procedures were utilized to ascertain the validity of the receivables.

**OTHER COMMENTS**

**Municipal Court**

The report required by statute covering the accounts of the Municipal Court has been filed under a separate cover with the Magistrate, Township Clerk and the Division of Local Government Services. Comments regarding the financial records maintained by the Court Administrator are covered in this report.

\*It was also noted that there is a lack of internal control in the Municipal Court. In most cases, the Court Administrator receives cash, posts the cash receipt to the computer, reconciles the bank accounts and disburses checks.

**Finance**

The Township did not update their fixed asset inventory.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Municipal Court

The Township should weigh the costs/benefits of segregating accounting duties.

Finance

The Township should review and update all fixed asset accounting records.

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS/RECOMMENDATIONS

A review was performed on all prior year recommendations and corrective action was taken on all with the exception of those marked with an “\*”.

The problems and weaknesses noted in our audit 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 me.

Very truly yours,



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