WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #1

Audit Report

For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Fire Commissioners Woodbridge Township Fire District #1 Woodbridge Township, NJ 07095

We have audited the combined financial statements of The Woodbridge Township Fire District #1, which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2024 and the related combined statements of activities, net position of the District's various funds for the years then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Woodbridge Township Fire District #1 at December 31, 2024, and the changes in net position and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The Woodbridge Township Fire District #1, and to meet our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Woodbridge Township Fire District #1's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

Board of Fire Commissioners Woodbridge Township Fire District #1

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due
 to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such
 procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures
 in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Woodbridge Township Fire District #1's internal control.
 Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Woodbridge Township Fire District #1's ability to continue as a going concern.

We are required to communicate those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information:

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 2 and 3 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Board of Fire Commissioners
Woodbridge Township Fire District #1

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 30, 2025 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of this report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Bart & Bart, CPAs

Woodbridge, NJ October 30, 2025

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

Board of Fire Commissioners Woodbridge Township Fire District #1 Woodbridge, NJ 07095

We have audited the financial statements of Woodbridge Township Fire District #1, Woodbridge Township, New Jersey, for the year ended December 31, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2025. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and audit requirements as prescribed by the State of New Jersey.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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, detected or corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies in internal over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a material weakness as defined above.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants' 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 that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members of the District and its management and for filing with the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Bart & Bart, CPA's

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Woodbridge, NJ October 30, 2025

WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Unaudited

This discussion and analysis of Woodbridge Township Fire District No. 1's financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2024. The intent of this discussion and anlysis is to look at the district's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2024 as compared to 2023 are as follows:

, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	As of December 31,		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
Total Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources Capital Assets - Net	\$18,186,253 4,640,488	\$15,782,657 4,427,047	
Total Assets	\$22,826,741	\$20,209,704	
Total Current Liabilities	4,851,617	3,748,312	
Noncurrent Liabilities			
Net Defined Pension Liability and Deferred Outflows of Resources	27,834,516	28,744,253	
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 32,686,133	\$ 32,492,565	
Net Position			
Restricted: Invested in Capital Assets	4,640,488	4,427,047	
Unreserved (Deficit)	(14,499,880)	(16,709,908)	
Net Position	\$ (9,859,392)	\$ (12,282,861)	

Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position

There was an increase in Operating Revenues from Taxation. Revenue decreased \$398,693 from the prior year due to an increase in the voter approved Tax Levy and increased Uniform Fire Safety Act fees, and a reduction in Appropriated Fund Balance, as well as an increase of \$25,713 in Interest income.

Operating Expenses increased \$1,239,435 from the prior year. Depreciation charged has increased by \$27,327

Total Operating Revenues, less Total Operating Expenses, produced a surplus of \$2,908,140.

WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Unaudited

Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position (Continued)

Net Position as of December 31, 2024 increased \$2,210,028 from (\$16,709,908 to \$14,499,880), primarily as a result of pension and OPEB liability accruals required by the implemention of GASB 68 and GASB 75.

	Year Ending December 31,			ember 31,
		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
Total Operating Revenues	\$	13,366,875	\$	13,765,568
Operating Expenses		9,675,530		8,416,095
Operating Income/(Loss)		3,691,345		5,349,473
Revenue Offfsets		(44,332)		(30,991)
Capital Appropriations		(738,873)		(2,236,727)
Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit	\$	2,908,140	\$_	3,081,755

The following table shows the available fund balance maintained by the district, net of the required pension accruals:

	Year Ending December 31,		
	2024	<u>2023</u>	
Net Position	\$ (14,499,880)	\$ (16,709,908)	
Less: Deferred Outflow of Resources	(7,275,547)	(7,758,492)	
Add: Deferred Inflow of Resources	5,148,632	7,372,640	
Net Pension and OPEB Liability	22,685,884	21,371,673	
Available Fund Balance	\$ 6,059,089	\$ 4,275,913	

Unform Fire Safety Act revenues increased \$7,458, earnings on investments decreased \$25,713 and micellaneous income increased \$12,736. District taxes increased \$420,414.

WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Unaudited

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<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Asse</u>	ssed Valuations	<u>To</u>	<u>tal Tax Levy</u>	<u>Ta</u>	x Rates
2024	\$	647,030,800	\$	12,273,658	\$	1.91
2023		684,738,500		11,853,244		1.73
2022		682,669,700		8,876,404		1.30
2021		678,215,300		8,572,701		1.263
2020		689,554,500		8,217,782		1.15
2019		708,979,500		7,961,439		1.22
2018		715,427,900		7,552,154		1.05
2017		714,380,100		7,314,033		0.998
2016		713,667,500		7,087,397		0.993
2015		722,245,700		6,832,913		0.946
2014		719,397,300		6,602,357		0.918
2013		717,251,400		6,277,443		0.875

The District had \$10,458,735 in expenses, a decrease of \$225,078. Administration costs increased \$81,934. Costs of operations increased \$1,177,502. General revenues and fund balance were adequate to provide for these expenses.

For further information, contact Ms. Maria Bucsansky, E.A., Clerk for the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1, at PO Box 320, 418 School Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095

SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF PERS NET PENSION LIABILITY (NPL) DETERMINED AS OF JUNE 30, 2024, PERS MEASUREMENT DATE

District's **Proportionate** Share of NPL as Fiscal Year District's District's District's a % of Covered Payroll Proportion Proportion **Covered Payroll** Payroll 2024 0.0015 % \$206,499 \$ 113,061 182% 2023 0.0014% 208,174 120,864 172% 2022 0.0011% 180,630 114,108 158% 2021 0.0011% 129,492 93,080 139% 177,392 2020 0.0012% 81,546 217% 2019 0.0011% 192,706 79,406 242% 2018 0.0011% 201,688 76,584 263 % 2017 0.0008% 187,328 74,000 253% 2016 0.0007 % 226,863 61,203 370% 2015 0.0003 % 582,319 53,099 316%

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year	Required Contribution	Contributions Recognized by PERS	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll	
2024	\$ 20,187	\$20,679	\$ (488)	\$ 113,061	17 %	
2023	19,209	18,211	998	120,864	15%	
2022	12,800	16,852	(4,052)	114,108	14%	
2021	30,925	12,800	18,125	93,080	13%	
2020	26,257	10,403	15,854	81,546	13%	
2019	20,398	10,198	10,200	79,406	13%	
2018	10,198	7,445	2,743	76,584	9%	
2017	14,219	7,445	6,774	74,000	10%	
2016	20,817	6,804	14,013	61,203	11 %	
2015	9,610	6,443	3,167	53,099	12%	

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL NET PENSION LIABILITY

Fiscal Year	Beginning Balance Total Net Pension	Difference between Expected & Actual	Change of Assumptions	Difference between Expected & Actual Earnings	Change in Proportion & Actual Less Proportionate Share	Other Changes and Reclassifications	Ending Balance Total Net Pension Liability
2024	\$208,114	\$4,137	\$ 257	-	\$45,763	\$ (51,772)	206,499
2023	180,360	1,990	457	959	45,926	(21,518)	208,114
2022	129,492	744	(12,574)		25,640	37,058	180,360
2021	177,392	(32,066)	(45,421)	34,108		4,521	129,492
2020	192,706	(439)	(68,521)	6,063	35,332	12,251	177,392
2019	201,068	3,459	19,242	-	21,792	(52,855)	192,706
2018	187,329	3,850	(26,509)	-	5,693	30,795	201.068
2017	226,833	4,411	(262)	1,276	5,025	(49,954)	187,329
2016	168,230	4,218	48,948	8,649	4,079	(7,311)	226,833
2015	150,507	4,013	18,067	-	(6,846)	2,489	168,230

The Pension Schedules are intended to show information for ten years. The State of New Jersey has issued four years of pension information to the District. Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.

SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF PFRS NET PENSION LIABILITY (NPL) DETERMINED AS OF JUNE 30, 2024, PFRS MEASUREMENT DATE

Fiscal Year	District's Proportion	District's Proportion	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of NPL as a % of Covered Payroll Payroll	
2024	0.099 %	\$ 10,231,523	\$ 3,776,706	271 %	
2023	0.097%	10,798,923	3,674,908	293%	
2022	0.096%	11,051,411	3,481,346	317%	
2021	0.087%	11,339,956	3,180,407	356%	
2020	0.080%	9,911,403	2,973,344	333%	
2019	0.077%	10,498,088	2,759,327	380%	
2018	0.082%	12,741,861	2,619,203	486%	
2017	0.076 %	14,633,429	2,634,357	555%	
2016	0.075 %	12,515,415	2,425,019	316%	

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year	Required Contribution	Contributions Recognized by PERS	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll	
2024	\$1,023,671	\$1,310,504	\$ 346,833	\$ 3,776,706	27%	
2023	1,301,097	981,862	318,235	3,674,908	35%	
2022	1,043,620	355,012	688,608	3,481,346	30%	
2021	980,447	818,088	162,359	3,180,407	37%	
2020	818,088	758,470	59,618	2,973,344	25%	
2019	758,470	730,453	28,017	2,759,327	26%	
2018	1,492,264	730,453	761,811	2,619, 203	28 %	
2017	1,740,669	624,588	1,116,081	2,634,357	24%	
2016	1,218,039	610,762	607,277	2,425,019	25%	

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL NET PENSION LIABILITY

Fiscal Year	Beginning Balance Total Net Pension	Difference between Expected & Actual	Change of Assumptions	Difference between Expected & Actual Earnings	Change in Proportion & Actual Less Proportionate Share	Other Changes and Reclassifications	Ending Balance Total Net Pension Liability	
2024	\$10,798,923	\$ 294,308	\$ (284,309)	\$564,498	\$ 968,883	\$(2,110,780)	\$ 10,231,523	
2023	\$11,051,411	\$(52,625)	\$ (705,878)	549,969	\$ 1,327,710	\$(1,371,664)	\$ 10,798,923	
2022	6,545,011	(176,833)	30,288	-	1,011,984	3,640,961	11,051,411	
2021	9,911,403	73,628	(2,811,637)	530, 619	1,158,837	2,477,106	11,339,956	
2020	10,498,088	80,623	(2,863,655)	134,296	487,611	1,574,800	9,911,403	
2019	12,749,861	-	•	-	239,203	(764,992)	10.498.088	
2018	14,633,429	63,361	(1,789,345)	243,145	1,220,529	(721,875)	12,749,861	
2017	12,515,415	95,924	2,026,850	1,025,355	-	(1,030,115)	14,663,429	
2016	8,778,480	107,409	2,310,657	217,820	622,579	477,930	12.315.415	

The Pension Schedules are intended to show information for ten years. The State of New Jersey has issued four years of pension information to the District. Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available

SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE OPEB LIABILITY (OPEB) DETERMINED AS OF JUNE 30, 2024, OPEB MEASUREMENT DATE

Fiscal Year	District's Proportion	District's Proportion	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of NPL as a % of Covered Payroll Payroll	
2024	0.06840%	\$12,247,862	\$ 3,926, 251	312%	
2023	0.06906%	\$ 10,363,816	\$ 3,795,772	273%	
2022	0.05527%	8,967,386	3,595,454	249%	
2021	0.0530%	9,549,964	3,431,278	278%	
2020	0.0527%	9,472,761	3,180,407	297%	
2019	0.0482%	6,500,991	2,759,344	219%	
2018	0.0511%	8,017,548	2,759,327	263 %	
2017	0.050 %	1 1,895,090	2,619,203	253%	

This schedule are intended to show information for ten years. The State of New Jersey has issued four years of pension information to the District. Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.

General Fund

Comparative Statement of Net Position

	December 31,		
<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
Cash Construction Escrow Accounts Receivable	\$ 10,901,785 3,754 5,167	\$ 8,015,423 3,754 4,988	
Total Assets	10,910,706	8,024,165	
Deferred Outflow of Resources:			
Deferred Amount of Net Pension Liability Deferred Amount of Net OPEB Liability	1,676,792 5,598,755	2,412,707 5,345,785	
Total Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources	\$ 18,186,253	\$ 15,782,657	
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities and Reserves: Accounts Payable Reserve for Retirement Pay Reserve for Equipment Note Payable Net Pension Liability Net OPEB Liability	1,628,022 194,947 1,727,668 1,300,980 10,438,022 12,247,862	1,777,591 283,053 1,687,668 - 11,007,797 10,363,816	
Total Liabilities and Reserves	27,537,501	25,119,925	
Deferred Inflow of Resources: Deferred Amount of Net Pension Liability Deferred Amount of Net OPEB Liability	743,307 4,405,325	1,257,666 6,114,974	
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 32,686,133	\$ 32,492,565	
Net Position:			
Unrestricted	(14,499,880)	(16,709,908)	
Total Net Position	(14,499,880)	(16,709,908)	
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Net Position	\$ 18,186,253	\$ 15,782,657	

Woodbridge Township Fire District #1 General Fund

Statemet of Activities and Changes in Net Position

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Period Ended December 31, 2023

	2024							<u>2023</u>
						Variance avorable		
Revenues and Other		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Uı</u>	<u>nfavorable)</u>		<u>Actual</u>
Financing Sources:								
Miscellaneous Revenues:								
Uniform Fire Safety Act	ው	04 000	æ	70 115	\$	(12 6E4)	æ	72.054
Annual Registration Fees	\$	91,099	\$	78,445 56,232	Ф	(12,654) 56,232	\$	73,854
Other Fees, Penalties, Fines, Etc. Supplemental Fire Services Act		6,873		6,873		0		53,365
Earnings on Investments and Deposits		50,000		107,289		57,289		81,576
Sale of Equipment		30,000		70,000		70,000		01,570
Miscellaneous Income		22,353		76,266		53,913		63,530
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Total Miscellaneous Revenues		170,325		395,105		224,780		272,325
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Fund Balance Appropriated		779,506		698,112		(81,394)		1,639,999
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District Taxes		12,273,658		12,273,658				11,853,244
Total Revenues and Other			_					
Financing Sources	\$	13,223,489		13,366,875	\$	143,386		13,765,568
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Expenditures:		40 440 000		0.675.530		2.742.200		9 446 005
Current Operating Appropriations		12,418,839		9,675,530		2,743,309		8,416,095
Appropriations Offset with Revenue: Uniform Fire Safety Act		44,500		44,332		168		30,991
Capital Appropriations		760,150		738,873		21,277		2,236,727
Capital Appropriations		700,130		730,073		21,211	-	2,230,727
Total Expenditures		13,223,489		10,458,735		2,764,754		10,683,813
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Excess of Revenue over Expenditures		-		2,908,140		2,908,140		3,081,755
Less: Fund Balance Utilized		(759,506)		(698,112)		61,394		(1,639,999)
		•		•				·
Net Position, Beginning of Year		(16,709,908)		(16,709,908)		-		(18,151,664)
Net Position, End of Year	\$	(17,469,414)	<u>\$</u>	(14,499,880)	<u>\$</u>	2,748,271	\$	(16,709,908)

See accompanying accountant's reports aand notes to financial statements.

Woodbridge Township Fire District #1 General Fund

Statement of Expenditures Compared to Budget

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Period Ended December 31, 2023

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				2024				<u>2023</u>
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						avorable		
ADMINISTRATION:		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>		<u>nfavorable)</u>		<u>Actual</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$	74,000	\$	66,552	\$	7,448.00	\$	74,000
Fringe Benefits		401,104		320,978		80,126		299,176
Election		25,000		14,260		10,740		14,440
Membership Dues		4,000		1,936		2,064		1,735
Office Expenses		10,000		9,873		127		9,287
Professional Services		263,000		191,625		71,375		126,384
Outside Service		45,000		45,000		-		45,000
Promotions, Awards		13,250		13,235		15		6,302
Cleark		72,000		72,000		_		72,000
Furniture and Office Equipment		10,000		1,477		8,523		6,678
Total Administration	\$	917,354	\$	736,936	\$	180,418	\$	655,002
COST OF OPERATIONS:								
Salaries and Wages	\$	5,864,742	\$	4,685,359	\$	1,179,383	\$	4,475,098
Fringe Benefits	Ψ	3,609,931	Ψ	2,667,543	Ψ	942,388	Ψ	1,776,488
Insurance		243,000		140,906		102,094		1,770,488
Maintenance and Repair		453,000		378,699		74,301		•
Hydrant Services		704,122		600,782				446,148
Training and Education		65,000		•		103,340		535,170
Uniforms		-		39,777		25,223		47,138
		42,000		42,510		(510)		27,615
Utilities		55,000		47,047		7,953		40,982
Fuel		20,750		16,634		4,116		23,766
Mutual Services Agreement		6,800		6,000		800		6,000
Radio Agreements		21,221		21,221		-		21,221
LOSAP		60,000		6,423		53,577		6,153
Joint Purchasing Agreement		83,296		83,296		-		81,264
Medical Transport		500		-		500		-
Preplanning		4,000		3,017		983		433
Rent		163,250		149,876		13,374		58,707
Automobile Lease		18,000		7,911		10,089		24,853
Computers/Pagers/Internet		65,000		41,559		23,441		52,189
Supplemental Fire Services Act		6,873		-		6,873		-
Health and Wellness		5,000		34		4,966		2,970
Contingency		10,000		-		10,000		-
Volunteer Retention		-		_		-		12,313
Total Cost of Operations		11,501,485		8,938,594		2,562,891		7,761,092
Total Current Operating Exps.		12,418,839	-	9,675,530		2,743,309		8,416,094
EXPENSES OFFSET WITH REVENUE Uniform Fire Safety Act (P 1983),								
Ch. 383): Other Expenses		44,500		44,332		168		30,991
Total Operating Appropriations	\$	12,463,339	\$	9,719,862	\$ 2	2,743,477	\$	8,447,085
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS: Reserve-Furutre Capital Outlays		40,000		40,000		· · · · ·		2 226 727
Transfer to Fixed Asset Fund		720,150		40,000 698,873		- 21,277		2,236,727
Total Capital Appropriations		760,150		738,873		21,277	-	2,236,727
Total Appropriations	ф ́	13,223,489	•	10,458,735	• •	***************************************		
i otal Appropriations	Ψ	10,220,409	Ψ	10,400,730	Ψ 4	2,764,754	<u>Φ 1</u>	0,683,812

General Fixed Assets Account Group

Comparative Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2024 and 2023

ASSETS	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 1,474,264	\$	1,432,263
Fire Engines and Pumpers	2,309,430		2,309,430
Vehicles	700,691		591,633
Equipment	1,737,622		1,730,752
Construction in Progress	 1,780,202		1,427,727
Total Assets	8,002,209		7,491,805
Less Accumulated Depreciation	 3,361,821		3,064,758
Total Net Assets	\$ 4,640,388	\$	4,427,047
NET POSITION			
Investment in General Fixed Assets	\$ 4,640,388	\$	4,427,047

General Fixed Assets Account Group

Comparative Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2024 and 2023

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
Revenues and Other Financing Sources:				
Purchase of Equipment - Net	\$	510,324	\$	1,036,784
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	_\$	510,324	_\$_	1,036,784
Expenses:				
Depreciation	_\$	297,063	_\$_	269,326
Total Expenditures		297,063	<u> </u>	269,326
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures		213,341		767,458
Net Position, Beginning of Year		4,427,047		3,659,589
Net Position, End of Year	\$	4,640,388	\$	4,427,047

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Woodbridge Township Fire District #1 (The District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Separate financial statements are provided for the following separate funds:

<u>General Fund</u> - Resources and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature, including federal and state grant funds, except as otherwise noted.

<u>Capital Fund</u> - Resources and expenditures for the acquisition of general capital facilities, other than those acquired through the general fund, including the status of bonds and notes authorized for said purposes.

<u>General Fixed Assets Account Group</u> – Shows the District's investment in buildings and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation.

The following is a summary of the significant policies:

<u>Basis of Accounting</u> - The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become measurable and available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period. Expenditures are recognized in the period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except that unearned interest and principal on general obligation debt are accounted for as expenditures in the year becoming due and payable.

<u>Inventories of Supplies</u> - Purchases of materials and supplies are recognized and recorded as expenditures when they are acquired, regardless of when used.

The District has adopted 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 67 and 68 ("GASB 73"). Statement No. 73 requires the Authority to present a 10-year schedule of changes in total net pension liability is presented in Required Supplementary Information of these financial statements. The District also implemented GASB Statement No. 82, Pension Issues, which requires presentation of covered payroll, defined as payroll on which contributions are based, and ratios that use that measure, in schedules of required supplementary information.

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

CAPITAL ASSETS

All reported capital assets, except for land, are depreciated. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, capital assets and the useful lives used for determination of annual depreciation were as follows:

	Dece	Balance mber 31, 2022	Current Year's Activity Increase Decrease		Balance December 31, 2023	
Depreciable: Buikldings & Improvs Machinery & Equip.	\$	2,654,488 3,800,533	\$ 205,502 831,282	-	\$	2,859,990 4,631,815
Less: Accumulated		6,455,021	1,036,784	-		7,491,805
Depreciation		2,795,432	269,326			3,064,758
	\$	3,659,589	\$ 767,458	_	\$	4,427,047
				t Year's		
	Dece	Balance mber 31, 2023	Act Increase	ivity Decrease	Dece	Balance mber 31, 2024
Depreciable:						
Buildings & Improvs Machinery & Equip.	\$	2,859,990 4,631,815	\$ 394,476 115,928	-	\$	3,254,466 4,747,743
Less: Accumulated		7,491,805	510,404	-		8,002,209
Depreciation		3,064,758	297,063			3,361,821
	\$	4,427,047	\$ 213,341	-	\$	4,640,388

Depreciation expense for the years nded December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$269,326 and \$156,998 respectively.

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 204 and 2023

Note 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Cash

New Jersey statutes permit the deposit of public funds in institutions located in New Jersey, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or any other agencies of the United States that insures deposits or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

The State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund is authorized by statute and regulations of the State Investment Council to invest in fixed income and debt securities that mature or are redeemed within one year. Twenty-five percent of the Fund may be invested in eligible securities that mature within two years provided, however, the arbitrage maturity of all investments in the Fund shall not exceed one year. Collateralization of Fund investments is generally not required.

In addition, by regulation of the Division of Local Government Services, fire districts are allowed to deposit funds in Government Money Market Mutual Funds purchased through state registered brokers/dealers and banks.

In accordance with the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act of New Jersey, public depositories are required to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed insurance limits as follows:

The market value of the collateral must equal five percent of the average daily balance of public funds or,

If the public funds deposited exceed 75 percent of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value equal to 100 percent of the amount exceeding 75 percent.

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank, The Federal Home Loan Bank Board or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000.00.

The amount on deposit of the district's cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2023, is as follows:

Checking Account

\$10,901,785

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

B. INVESTMENTS

New Jersey statutes permit the District to purchase the following investments:

- Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America. This includes instruments such as Treasury bills, notes and bonds.
- Government money market mutual funds.
- Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors.
- Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or school districts of which the local unit is a part.
- Any other obligations with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the Division of Investments.
- Local government investment pools, such as New Jersey CLASS and the New Jersey Arbitrage Rebate Management Program.
- New Jersey State Cash Management Fund.
- Repurchase agreements of fully collateralized securities, subject to special conditions.

In addition, a variety of State laws permit local governments to invest in a wide range of obligations issued by State governments and its agencies.

C. RISK ANALYSIS

All bank deposits, as of the net position date, are entirely insured or collateralized by a collateral pool maintained by public depositories as required by the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act.

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note 3. PENSION

Employees participate in both the Public Employees' Retirement System of New Jersey (PERS), as well as the Police and Firemen's Pension System; (PFRS). Both are contributory defined benefit public employee retirement systems that were established by State statute. The Systems are sponsored and administered by the Division of Pensions and Benefits. The Systems are considered a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. Covered employees are required by statute to contribute a certain percentage of their salary to the Plans. The Division of Pensions bills the District annually for its required contributions.

Following is the total of the District's portion of the PERS and PFRS net pension liabilities, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and the pension expense and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net Pension Liabilities	\$10,438,022	\$11,007,097
Deferred Outflow of Resources	1,676,792	2,412,707
Deferred Inflow of Resources	743,307	1,257,666
Pension Expense	1,043,858	1,000,703
Contributions Made	1,320,306	1,270,750

PERS and PFRS are a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans. Both provide retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments and benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries. As a condition of employment, all District full-time employees are required to be members.

Plan Description and Benefits - PERS

PERS members can apply for a service retirement of age 60 if enrolled before November 2, 2008 (Tier 1 or Tier 2), or at age 62 if enrolled on or after November 2, 2008, but before June 28, 2011 (Tier 3 or Tier 4), or at age 65 if enrolled on or after June 28, 2011 (Tier 5) regardless of the amount of service credit earned.

Tier 1, 2 or 3: Annual Benefit = Years of Service Credit, divided by 55, times Final Average Salary (average salary of the last three years of credited service or the highest three fiscal years of credited service, whichever provides the higher benefit). Tier 4 or Tier 5: Annual Benefit = Years of Service Credit, divided by 60, times Final Average Salary (average salary of the last five years of credited service or the highest five fiscal years of credited service, whichever provides the higher benefit. Pension benefits fully vest on reaching 10 years of service. Vested employees who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007, and who have established 25 years or more of creditable service may retire without penalty at or after age 55 and receive full retirement benefits. PERS also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by State statute.

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note 3. PENSION (Continued)

Contributions

Employees contribution rates to PERS governed by P.L. 2011, C. 78, effective June 28, 2011, were increased from 5.5% of salary to 6.5% of salary, and a phase-in to 7.5% of salary over a seven-year period. Covered District employees are required by PERS to contribute 7.50% of their salaries. State statute requires the District to contribute an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and the unfunded accrued liability. The amount of the District's contribution is certified each year by PERS on the recommendation of the actuary, who makes an annual actuarial valuation. The valuation is based on a determination of the financial condition of the retirement system. It includes the computation of the present dollar value of benefits payable to former and present members and the present dollar value of future employer and employee contributions, giving effect to mortality among active and retired members and also to the rates of disability, retirement, withdrawal, former service, salary and interest. In accordance with State statue, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries.

Plan Description - PFRS

PFRS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division).

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A PFRS provides retirement as well as death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except disability benefits which vest after four years of service.

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note 3. PENSION (Continued)

The following represents the membership tiers for PFRS:

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Definition</u>
1	Members who were enrolled prior to May 22, 2010.
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior.
3	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011.

Service retirement benefits are available at age 55 and are generally determined to be 2% of final compensation for each year of creditable service, as defined, up to 30 years plus 1% for each year of service in excess of 30 years. Members may seek special retirement after achieving 25 years of creditable service, in which benefits would equal 65% (tiers 1 and 2 members) and 60% (tier 3 members) of final compensation plus 1% for each year of creditable service over 25 years but not to exceed 30 years. Members may elect deferred retirement benefits after achieving ten years of service, in which case benefits would begin at age 55 equal to 2% of final compensation for each year of service.

The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PFRS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets.

Special Funding Situation

Under N.J.S.A. 43:16A-15, local participating employers are responsible for their own contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed which legally obligated the State if certain circumstances occurred. The legislation which legally obligates the State is as follows: Chapter 8, P.L. 2000, Chapter 318, P.L. 2001, Chapter 86, P.L. 2001, Chapter 511, P.L. 1991, Chapter 109, P.L. 1979, Chapter 247, P.L. 1993 and Chapter 201, P.L. 2001. The amounts contributed on behalf of the local participating employers under this legislation is considered to be a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under this legislation directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to this legislation. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the non-employer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective net pension liability that is associated with the local participating employer.

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note 3. PENSION (Continued)

Assumptions – PERS

<u>PERS</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Inflation Rate	2.75%	2.75%
Salary Increases Through 2026	2.10 - 8.98% Based on Years of Service	2.10 – 8.98% Based on Years of Service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%	7.00%

Assumptions - PERS (Continued)

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023 and 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made based on the average of the last five years of contributions made in relation to the last five years of recommended contributions. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future payments of current plan members through 2033. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2033, and the municipal bond rate was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00% as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, as well as what the PERS net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the assumed rate.

Sensitivity of the Districts Proportionate Share of the PERS Local Share Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

	At 1% decrease (6.00%)	At current discountrate (7.00%)_	At 1% increase (8.00%)
2024	<u>\$ 249,839</u>	<u>\$ 206,479</u>	<u>\$ 169,312</u>
	At 1% decrease (6.00%)	At current discountrate (7.00%)	At 1% increase (8.00%)
2023	<u>\$ 249,808</u>	<u>\$ 208,174</u>	<u>\$ 170,702</u>

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note 3. PENSION (Continued)

Assumptions – PFRS

<u>PFRS</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Inflation Rate Salary Increases	2.75%	2.75%
Through all future years	3.25 – 16.25% Based on Years of Service	3.25 – 16.25% Based on Years of Service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%	7.00%

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023, respectively. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made based on the average of the last five years of contributions made in relation to the last five years of recommended contributions. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future payments of current plan members through 2062. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2062, and the municipal bond rate was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

The following presents the Districts proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00% as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, as well as what the PFRS net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the assumed rate.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the PFRS Local Share Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

	At 1% decrease (6.00%)	At current discount rate (7.00%)	At 1% increase (8.00%)
2024	<u>\$ 13,925,102</u>	\$ 10,231,523	<u>\$ 7,059,750</u>
	At 1% decrease (6.00%)	At current discount rate (7.00%)	At 1% increase (8.00%)
2023	<u>\$ 14,429,520</u>	\$ 10,798,923	<u>\$ 7,775,224</u>

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note 3. PENSION (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension.

Although the Division administers one cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, separate (sub) actuarial valuations are prepared to determine the actuarially determined contribution rate by group. Following this method, the measurement of the collective net pension liability, deferred outflow of resources, deferred inflow of resources and pension expense excluding that attributable to employer-paid member contributions are determined separately for each individual employer of the State and local groups.

To facilitate the separate (sub) actuarial valuations, The Division maintains separate accounts to identify additions, deductions, and fiduciary net position applicable to each group. The allocation percentages presented for each group in the schedule of employer allocations are applied to amounts presented in the schedules of pension amount by employer. The allocation percentages for each group as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, are based on the ratio of each employer's contributions to total employer contributions of the group for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, requires participating employers in PERS and PFRS to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, collected deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective pension expense excluding that attributable to employer-paid member contributions. The employer allocation percentage presented in the PERS and PFRS schedule of employer allocations and applied to amounts presented in the PERS schedule of pension amounts by employer are based on the ratio of the contributions as an individual employer to total contributions to the PERS during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. The District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability as of December 31, 2024 was 0.0015% and 0.0993% for PERS and PFRS, respectively.

At December 31, 2024 & 2023, the amount recognized as the District's proportionate share of the PERS and PFRS net pension liability was \$10,438,022 and \$11,007,097, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2024 & 2023, the District recognized PERS and PFRS pension (benefit) expense of \$1,043,858 and \$1,000,073 respectively.

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note 3. PENSION (Continued)

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Agency's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the PERS and PFRS pension are from the following sources:

	<u>2024</u>		<u>202</u>	<u>3</u>	
	Deferred <u>Outflows</u>	Deferred <u>Inflows</u>	Deferred <u>Outflows</u>	Deferred <u>Inflows</u>	
Difference Between Expected and					
Actual Experience	\$ 648,715	\$ 350,820	\$ 464,378	\$ 515,864	
Changes of Assumptions	16,431	302,832	23,765	741,802	
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earning on Pension					
Plan Investments	-	89,655	550,928	-	
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District Contributions and Proportionate					
Share of Contributions	1,011,642	<u> </u>	1,373,636		
Total	<u>\$1,676,788</u>	<u>\$ 743,307</u>	<u>\$2,412,707</u>	<u>\$1,257,666</u>	

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources to PERS and PFRS pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended <u>December 31,</u>	Total
2025 2025 2026 2027 2028 Thereafter	\$(2,800,455) 2,987,152 (3,726,737) (1,364,084) 2,021,162 2,347,578 \$ 933,481

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note 3. PENSION (Continued)

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements of the PERS and PFRS pension fund are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Employer contributions are recognized when payable to the fund. Benefits or refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the fund.

INVESTMENT VALUATION

Investments are reported at fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. Mortgages are valued on the basis of future principal and interest payments, and are discounted at prevailing interest rates for similar instruments. The fair value of real estate investments is based on independent appraisals. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair values.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Investment, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements of the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, Common Pension Fund A, Common Pension Fund B, Common Pension Fund D and Common Pension Fund E. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Investment, P.O. Box 290, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0290. More information on mortality rates and other assumptions, and investment policies, can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrprts.shtml.

NOTE 4. ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION - GASB 75

Plan Description and Benefits Provided

The State Health Benefit Retired Employees Plan is a multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan, with that is administered on a pay-as-you-go basis. Accordingly, no assets are accumulated in a qualifying trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan provides medical, prescription, drug, and Medicare Part B reimbursement to retirees and their covered dependents of local employers.

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 4. ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION - GASB 75 (Continued)

The employer contributions for the participating local employers are legally required to be funded by the State of New Jersey in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.32f. Therefore, these local participating employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 75 and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. According to N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.32f, the State provides employer-paid coverage to employees who retire from a board of education or county college with 25 years or more of service credit in, or retires on a disability pension from, one or more of the following plans: Teachers' Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF), the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS, the Police and Firemen Retirement System (PFRS), or the Alternate

Benefit Program (ABP). Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, the future retirees eligible for postretirement medical coverage who have less than 20 years of creditable service on June 28, 2011 will be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their health coverage in retirement provided they retire with 25 or more years of pension service credit. The percentage of the premium for which the retiree will be responsible will be determined based on the retiree's annual retirement benefit and level of coverage.

Total Non-employer OPEB Liability

The portion of the Total Non-employer OPEB Liability that was associated with the District at December 31 was as follows:

2024

2023

Non-employer OPEB Liability:

District's proportionate share

\$12.247.862

\$10.363.816

The Total Non-employer OPEB Liability as of December 31, 2024 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2024.

The Total Non-employer OPEB Liability was determined separately based on actual data of the District.

On December 31, 2024, the District's proportion was 0.068403 percent, which was a decrease of 0.000659 from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2023.

The State, a Non-employer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to OPEB for qualified retired PERS, TPAF/ABP and PFRS participants.

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

NOTE 4. ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION - GASB 75 (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2024 actuarial valuation reported by the State in the State's most recently issued CAFR was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified.

Inflation 2.5 %

Salary increases Through 2026 2.75% - 6.55% Based on Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2006 Headcount-Weighted Healthy Employee Male/Female mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using the MP-2017 scale. Post-Retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2006 Headcount-Weighted Healthy Employee Male/Female mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using the MP-2017 scale. Disability mortality was based on the RP-2006 Headcount-Weighted Healthy Employee Male/Female mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using the MP-2017 scale.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies for the periods July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021 for TPAF, PFRS and PERS.

Health Care Trend Assumptions

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend is initially is 5.6% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after seven years. For post-65 medical benefits, the actual fully-insured Medicare advantage trend rates for fiscal year 2021 through 2022 are reflected. The rates used for 2023 and 2024 are 21.83% and 18.53%, respectively, trending to 4.5% for all future years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 7.0% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after seven years.

Discount Rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2024 was 3.93%. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the State. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate is less than the bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather than the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 4. ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION - GASB 75 (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Total Non-employer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total non-employer OPEB liability associated with the Authority as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the total non-employer OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

1.00% At Discount 1.00% Decrease (2.93%) Rate (3.93%) Increase (4.93%) State of New Jersey's Non-employer OPEB Liability Associated with the District \$14,267,530 \$12,247,862 \$10,629,916

December 31, 2023

December 31, 2024

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	1.00% Decrease (2.65%)	At Discount Rate (3.65)	1.00% Increase(4.65%)
State of New Jersey's Non-employer OPEB Liability Associated			
with the District	\$12,004,408	\$10,363,816	\$9.044.502

<u>OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources</u> Related to OPEB

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the State reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to retired District employee's OPEB associated with the following sources:

9	2024		2023	
	Deferred Inflow of Resources	Deferred Outflow Resources	Deferred Inflow of Resources	Deferred Outflow of Resources
Changes of assumptions	\$2,033,068	\$2,047,611	\$2,929,519	\$1,342,503
Difference Between Expected And Actual : Experience	2,075,209	620,268	2,816,184	477,926
: Earnings	5,554	-	-	-
Changes in Proportion	<u>291,504</u>	<u>2,930,876</u>	369,271	<u>3,525,356</u>
	<u>\$ 4,405,335</u>	\$5,598,755 -29-	<u>\$ 6,114,974</u>	<u>\$5,345,785</u>

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 4. ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION - GASB 75 (Continued)

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to retired school employee's OPEB associated with the District will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	Amount
2025	\$633,703
2026	272,098
2027	46,541
2028	250,498
2029	158,723
Thereafter	<u>(1,361,563)</u>
	<u>\$1,193,420</u>

State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employee Plan Information

The New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits issues publicly available reports on the OPEB plan. Those reports may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pension and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-029 or on their website at http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/gasb-notices-opeb.shtml.

Note 5. Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)

The Fire District offers its employees a Length of Service Awards Program in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457 which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. The deferred compensation is not available to participants until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

All amounts of compensation deferred under the Program and all income attributed to those amounts are the exclusive property of the Fire District, subject to the claims of its general creditors. Participants' rights under the Program are equal to those of a general creditor of the Fire District in an amount equal to the fair market value of the deferred account for each participant. It is unlikely that the Fire District would use Program assets to satisfy claims of the general creditors in the future.

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Note 6. NOTE PAYABLE

On October 17,2024, the District issued a project note in the amount of \$1,300,000. The note bears Interest of 4.5%. The funds will be used to pay for the acquisition of a new ladder truck, scheduled for delivery in the spring of 2024. The note was paid in full on June 17,2025

Note 7. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In Managements opinion, there are no material events subsequent to December 31,2024 which would require recognition in the financial statements.

ROSTER OF OFFICIALS

Board of Commissioners

John Kenny

President

Robert Minkler, Sr.

Vice President

Jay Barcellona

Treasurer

Patrick Kenny

Second Vice President

Jeffrey Moran

Secretary

Other Officials

Maria Bucsanszky

District Clerk

Robert Fizer

Fire Official Local Enforcing Agency

Michael Coman

Fire Inspector

Ericson lim

Fire Inspector

Christopher Jago

Fire Inspector

Christopher T. Howell

Attorney

Surety Company

Employee Dishonesty coverage for \$500,000 on each employee and \$25,000 on the Treasurer.

WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #1

Comments and Recommendations

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

NONE