THE POMPTON LAKES BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

(A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Commissioners Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority 2000 Lincoln Avenue Pompton Lakes, New Jersey 07442

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority, which comprise the statement of net position as of May 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority as of May 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations 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 (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority and to meet our other 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.



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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 control 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 Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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 opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and Government 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 control. 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.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government 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 Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.



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- 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 Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities
 Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with 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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, schedule of the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability, schedule of funding progress for OPEB plan, schedule of employer contributions to the OPEB plan, and schedule of Authority contributions as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprises the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority's financial statements. The Supplemental Schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The supplemental schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the



Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority Page 4.

underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the 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 schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 26, 2023 on our consideration of the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority'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 Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Very truly yours,

Wielkotz & Company, LLC WIELKOTZ & COMPANY, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Pompton Lakes, New Jersey

September 26, 2023



Required Supplementary Information - Part I

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Management Discussion and Analysis

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

As management of the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority, we offer the Authority's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the Authority's financial performance during the fiscal years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022. Please read this analysis in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements, which follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- The Authority's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$2,732,973 (net position) for the fiscal year reported. This compares to the previous year when assets exceeded liabilities by \$2,730,279.
- Total net position is comprised of the following:
 - (1) Capital assets, net of related debt, of \$6,204,418 includes property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced for outstanding debt related to the purchase or construction of capital assets.
 - (2) Restricted net position of \$-0- are restricted by constraints imposed from outside the Authority such as debt covenants, grantors, laws, or regulations.
 - (3) Unrestricted net position of \$(3,471,445) represent the portion available to maintain the Authority's continuing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- Total liabilities of the Authority increased by \$88,680 to \$8,521,286 during the fiscal year, largely due to an increase in the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report includes this management discussion, the independent auditor's report and the basic financial statements of the Authority. The financial statements also include notes that explain in more detail some of the information in the financial statements.

Required Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Authority report information of the Authority using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. These statements offer short and long-term financial information about its activities. The *Statement of Net Position* includes all of the Authority's assets and liabilities and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to Authority creditors (liabilities). It also provides the basis for evaluating the capital structure of the Authority and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the Authority.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) (UNAUDITED)

All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the *Statement of Revenues*, *Expenses and Changes in Net Position*. This statement measures the results of the Authority's operations over the past year and can be used to determine whether the Authority has recovered all its costs through its user fees and other charges, operational stability and credit worthiness.

The final required financial statement is the *Statement of Cash Flows*. This statement reports cash receipts and cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, investing and financing activities and provides answers to such questions as what operational sources provided cash, what was the cash used for, and what was the change in cash balance during the reporting period.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin immediately following the basic financial statements.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report presents certain required supplementary information. This supplementary information follows the notes to the financial statements.

Financial Analysis of the Authority

One of the most important questions asked about the Authority's finances is "Is the Authority as a whole better able to fulfill its mission as a result of this years activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position report information about the Authority's activities in a way that will help answer this question. These two statements report net position of the Authority and the changes in those assets. The reader can think of the Authority's net position – the difference between assets and liabilities – as one way to measure financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Authority's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, one will need to consider the non-financial factors such as changes in economic conditions, population growth, development, and new or changed government regulation.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) (UNAUDITED)

Net Position

As year-to-year financial information is accumulated on a consistent basis, changes in net position may be observed and used to discuss the changing financial position of the Authority as a whole.

The Authority's net position at fiscal year-end are \$2,732,973. This is a \$2,694 increase over last year's net position of \$2,730,279. A summary of the Authority's statement of net position is presented in the following table:

Condensed Statement of Net Position

	FY 2023	FY 2022	Dollar <u>Change</u>	Percent <u>Change</u>
Current and Other Assets Capital Assets Total Assets	3,229,023 9,240,029	3,020,244 10,041,664	208,779 (801,635)	6.91% (7.98)%
	12,469,052	13,061,908	(592,856)	(4.54)%
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,670,966</u>	1,460,241	210,725	14.43%
Long-term Debt Outstanding Other Liabilities Total Liabilities	2,651,522 5,869,764 8,521,286	2,948,168 5,484,438 8,432,606	(296,646) 385,326 88,680	(10.06)% 7.03% 1.05%
Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,885,759	3,359,264	(473,505)	(14.10)%
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt Unrestricted	6,204,418 (3,471,445)	6,727,764 (3,997,485)	(523,346) <u>526,040</u>	(7.78)% (13.16)%
Total Net Position	2,732,973	<u>2,730,279</u>	<u>2,694</u>	0.10%

While the Statement of Net Position shows the change in financial position of net position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position provides answers as to the nature and source of these changes. As can be seen in the above table, net position increased by \$2,694.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) (UNAUDITED)

Net Position (Continued)

Net position for the years ending May 31, 2022 and 2021, were as follows:

Condensed Statement of Net Position

	FY 2022	FY 2021	Dollar <u>Change</u>	Percent <u>Change</u>
Current and Other Assets	3,020,244	3,676,879	(656,635)	(17.86)%
Capital Assets	10,041,664	10,393,198	(351,534)	(3.38)%
Total Assets	13,061,908	14,070,077	(1,008,169)	(7.17)%
Deferred Outflows of				
Resources	1,460,241	1,238,589	<u>221,652</u>	17.90%
Long-term Debt				
Outstanding	2,948,168	3,637,297	(689,129)	(18.95)%
Other Liabilities	<u>5,484,438</u>	<u>5,636,529</u>	<u>(152,091)</u>	(2.70)%
Total Liabilities	<u>8,432,606</u>	<u>9,273,826</u>	(841,220)	(9.07)%
Deferred Inflows of				
Resources	3,359,264	3,369,239	(9,975)	(0.30)%
Invested in Capital Assets,				
Net of Related Debt	6,727,764	7,322,417	(594,653)	(8.12)%
Unrestricted	(3,997,485)	(4,656,816)	659,331	(14.16)%
Total Net Position	<u>2,730,279</u>	<u>2,665,601</u>	64,678	2.43%

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) (UNAUDITED)

Net Position (Continued)

Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

	FY 2023	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>Dollar</u> <u>Change</u>	Percent Change
Operating Revenue Total Revenues	3,381,963 3,381,963	3,329,732 3,329,732	<u>52,231</u> <u>52,231</u>	1.57% 1.57%
Depreciation Other Operating Expenses Other Non-Operating Expense Total Expenses	883,331 2,466,683 29,255 3,379,269	884,035 2,347,240 33,779 3,265,054	(704) 119,443 <u>(4,524)</u> 114,215	(0.08)% 5.09% (13.39)% 3.50%
Change in Net Position	2,694	64,678	(61,984)	(95.83)%
Beginning Net Position - June 1	2,730,279	2,665,601	<u>64,678</u>	2.43%
Ending Net Position May 31	<u>2,732,973</u>	<u>2,730,279</u>	<u>2,694</u>	0.10%

The Authority's Operating Revenues increased by \$52,231 to \$3,381,963 in 2023 from \$3,329,732 in 2022. This increase is primarily due to increases in water and sewer charges, interest and other income.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) (UNAUDITED)

Net Position (Continued)

Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

· •	FY 2022	FY 2021	<u>Dollar</u> <u>Change</u>	Percent <u>Change</u>
Operating Revenue Total Revenues	3,329,732 3,329,732	3,336,599 3,336,599	(6,867) (6,867)	(0.21)% (0.21)%
Depreciation Other Operating Expenses Other Non-Operating Expense Total Expenses	884,035 2,347,240 <u>33,779</u> 3,265,054	872,758 2,316,910 30,341 3,220,009	11,277 30,330 <u>3,438</u> <u>45,045</u>	1.29% 1.31% 11.33% 1.40%
Change in Net Position	64,678	116,590	(51,912)	(44.53)%
Beginning Net Position - June 1	<u>2,665,601</u>	2,549,011	116,590	4.57%
Ending Net Position May 31	<u>2,730,279</u>	<u>2,665,601</u>	<u>64,678</u>	2.43%

Budgetary Highlights

The State of New Jersey requires local authorities to prepare and adopt annual budgets in accordance with the Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law and regulations adopted by the Local Finance Board pursuant to this statute and codified as N.J.A.C. 5:31-1 et seq. The statutory budget was designed to demonstrate to the Bureau of Authority Regulation of the Division of Local Government Services that the cash flows of the Authority for the coming year will be sufficient to cover operating expenses, interest accruing on bonded indebtedness and cash payments of maturing bond and loan principal.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) (UNAUDITED)

Budgetary Highlights (Continued)

The following table provides a 2023 budget comparison:

Budget vs. Actual FY 2023

•	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues: Operating Non-Operating	3,306,947	3,418,910	111,963
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	3,306,947	3,418,910	111,963
Expenses: Operating Debt Service	3,013,000	2,786,984	226,016
	<u>293,947</u>	<u>307,544</u>	(13,597)
	3,306,947	<u>3,094,528</u>	212,419
Income Before Depreciation	0	<u>324,382</u>	<u>324,382</u>

The following table provides a 2022 budget comparison:

Budget vs. Actual FY 2022

	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues: Operating Non-Operating	3,233,341 -0- 3,233,341	3,376,831 <u>-0-</u> <u>3,376,831</u>	$ \begin{array}{r} 143,490 \\ \hline 0 \\ 143,490 \end{array} $
Expenses: Operating Debt Service	2,935,500 297,841 3,233,341	2,733,069 <u>299,713</u> <u>3,032,782</u>	202,431 (1,872) 200,559
Income Before Depreciation	0	<u>344,049</u>	344,049

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) (UNAUDITED)

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2023, the Authority had \$31,585,071 in capital assets. Included in that amount is \$1,237,625 of capital that was contributed to the Authority. The Authority's net property, plant and equipment at fiscal year end was \$9,240,029. This is a \$801,635 decrease under last year's net property, plant and equipment of \$10,041,664. A summary of the Authority's capital assets is presented in the following table:

CAPITAL ASSETS

	FY 2023	FY 2022	Dollar <u>Change</u>	FY 2021
Land Buildings, Force Mains	65,652	65,652	0	65,652
and Interceptors	25,899,777	25,836,109	63,668	25,066,265
Vehicles and Equipment	5,619,642	5,601,614	18,028	5,559,957
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	31,585,071	31,503,375	81,696	30,691,874
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	22,345,042	21,461,711	883,331	<u>20,577,676</u>
Total Capital Assets	9,240,029	10,041,664	(801,635)	10,114,198
Construction in Progress	0-	-0-	0	279,000
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	9,240,029	10,041,664	(801,635)	10,393,198

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) (UNAUDITED)

Capital Assets (Continued)

The Authority's on going capital plan is reviewed each year by the Authority's consulting engineer. Notable future capital improvements are listed below:

Water Fund:	Estimated Total Cost	Unrestricted Net Position <u>Utilized</u>
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Well Redevelopment & Upgrades	180,000	180,000
Misc. Upgrades to Water System Infrastructure	20,000	20,000
Misc. Building Upgrades	10,000	10,000
Misc. Security Equipment	10,000	10,000
Misc. Paving & Concrete Repairs	30,000	30,000
Fire Hydrant and Aux. Valve Upgrades	10,000	10,000
Misc. Computer and Office Equipment	10,000	10,000
Water Accountability Act Projects	15,000	15,000
Miscellaneous Laboratory Upgrades	<u>5,000</u>	5,000
Total	<u>290,000</u>	290,000
Sewer Fund:		
Thickener Bldg. Transfer Pump Upgrade	175,000	175,000
Misc. Infrastructure Upgrades	25,000	25,000
Misc. Treatment Plant Upgrades	25,000	25,000
Misc. Building Upgrades	25,000	25,000
Misc. Security Equipment	10,000	10,000
Misc. Paving & Concrete Repairs	115,000	115,000
Misc. Computer and Office Equipment	10,000	10,000
North Pump Station Upgrade	20,000	20,000
Water Accountability Act Projects	20,000	20,000
Miscellaneous Laboratory Upgrades	155,000	155,000
Well Re-Development and Upgrades	30,000	30,000
Total	610,000	610,000
Total Proposed Capital Budget	<u>\$900,000</u>	<u>\$900,000</u>

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) (UNAUDITED)

Debt Administration

At May 31, 2023, the Authority had outstanding New Jersey Infrastructure Bank Loans in the amount of \$2,422,519. The debt service matures in the year 2035. Interest rates range from 0.00% to 5.00%. The Authority also has a N.J. Department of Environment Protection Dam Restoration Loan outstanding in the amount of \$514,589. The Loan has a term of 20 years and a rate of 2.00%.

Contacting the Authority

This financial report is designed to provide our customers and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to demonstrate the Authority's accountability for the fees it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority, 2000 Lincoln Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey 07442.

Financial Statements

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The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes) Statement of Net Position

For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31,

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Unrestricted:		
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Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,881,556	2,683,453
Accounts Receivable-User Charges	162,518	199,678
Miscellaneous Receivables	14,693	8,655
Prepaid Expenses	82,076	48,838
Total Unrestricted Assets	3,140,843	2,940,624
Restricted:		
Customer Deposits:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	54,056	51,624
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Escrow Deposits:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	34,124	27,996
Total Current Assets:	\$ 3,229,023	3,020,244
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Non-Current Assets:		
Capital Assets:		
Property, Plant and Equipment	\$ 31,585,071	31,503,375
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(22,345,042)	(21,461,711)
Total Capital Assets	9,240,029	10,041,664
TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,469,052	13,061,908
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension Related Items	545,876	232,516
OPEB Related Items	1,125,090	1,227,725
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	1,670,966	1,460,241

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes) Statement of Net Position

For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31,

	2023	2022
LIABILITIES		2022
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Current Liabilities:		
Payable From Unrestricted Assets:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 72,065	83,604
Accrued Interest on Bonds Payable	12,281	13,561
Accrued Liabilities:		
Compensated Absences	46,454	39,155
Loans Payable - Current Portion	285,586	265,165
Total Current Liabilities Payable		
From Unrestricted Assets	416,386	401,485
Payable From Restricted Assets:		
Customer Deposits	54,056	51,624
Escrow Deposits Payable	34,124	27,996
Total Current Liabilities Payable		
From Restricted Assets	88,180	79,620
1 fold Residence Assets	00,100	17,020
Non-Current Liabilities :		
Net Pension Liability	2,325,360	1,592,554
Net OPEB Liability	3,039,838	3,410,779
Long-Term Portion of Loans Payable	2,651,522	2,948,168
Total Non-Current Liabilities	8,016,720	7,951,501
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 8,521,286	8,432,606
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension Related Items	489,110	1,191,300
OPEB Related Items	2,298,146	2,067,397
Gain on Advanced Refunding of Debt	35,640	30,000
Unamortized Bond Premium	62,863	70,567
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	2,885,759	3,359,264
NET POSITION		
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Net Investment in Capital Assets	6,204,418	6,727,764
Unrestricted:		
Designated	1,283,656	1,187,947
Undesignated	(4,755,101)	(5,185,432)
TOTAL NET DOCETION	¢ 2.722.072	2 720 270
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 2,732,973	2,730,279

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes) Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

For The Fiscal Year Ended May 31,

			2023	2022	
Operating Revenues:		,			
Water Charges		\$	823,914	677,744	
Sewer Charges			2,237,860	2,292,523	
Connection Fees			7,278	105,373	
Other			268,366	237,070	
Interest On Delinquent Accounts			28,104	12,300	
Interest Income			16,441	4,722	
Total Operating Revenues			3,3 <u>8</u> 1,963	3,329,732	
Operating Expenses:					
Costs of Providing Services		,	1,569,761	1,606,000	
Administrative, General and			1,509,701	1,606,228	
Employee Benefits			896,922	741.010	
Depreciation			883,331	741,012	
	٠		003,331	884,035	
Total Operating Expenses			3,350,014	3,231,275	
Operating Income (Loss)			31,949	98,457	
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Interest Expense			(42,737)	(46,119)	
Amortization			13,482	12,340	
			10,102	12,540	
Non-Operating Income / (Loss)			(29,255)	(33,779)	
Change in Net Position			2,694	64,678	
Net Position - June 1,	-		2,730,279	2,665,601	
Net Position - May 31,		\$	2,732,973	2,730,279	

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The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes) Statement Of Cash Flows

For The Fiscal Year Ended May 31,

		2023	2022
Cash Flow from Operating Activities:	e en		
Cash received from customers and users	\$	3,396,644	3,281,537
Interest received	~	16,441	4,722
Cash Paid to employees		(1,245,337)	(1,257,991)
Cash Paid for employee benefits		(568,136)	(538,246)
Cash Paid to suppliers and others		(1,002,429)	(919,211)
Interest paid		(44,017)	(47,991)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		553,166	522,820
Cash Flow from Investing Activities:	•		
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment		(81,696)	(549,483)
Net Cash Provided by (used in) Investing Activities	·	(81,696)	(549,483)
Cash Flow from Financing Activities:			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Repayment of NJIB and Dam Restoration Loans		(264,807)	(253,595)
Cash Received from Dam Restoration Loan		(201,007)	526,036
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities		(264,807)	272,441
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		206,663	245,778
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year		2,763,073	2,517,295
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$	2,969,736	2,763,073
Reconciliation to Statement of Net Position -			
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Unrestricted Assets	\$	2,881,556	2,683,453
Restricted Assets:	~	_,	_,000,100
Customer Deposit Account		54,056	51,624
Escrow Accounts		34,124	27,996
	\$	2,969,736	2,763,073

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes) Statement Of Cash Flows

For The Fiscal Year Ended May 31,

	2023		2022	
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash	:		. ;	
provided (used) by operating activities				
Operating Income	\$	31,949		98,457
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Position	•			
to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:				
Depreciation		883,331		884,035
Pension Adjustment		(282,744)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(367,367)
OPEB Adjustment		(37,557)	100	(18,462)
Interest Expense		(42,737)		(46,119)
(Increase) Decrease In:				
Accounts Receivable-User Charges		37,160		(50,500)
Miscellaneous Receivables		(6,038)		7,027
Prepaid Expenses		(33,238)		(4,114)
Increase (Decrease) In:	į			
Accounts Payable - Unrestricted		(11,539)		34,278
Accrued Interest Payable		(1,280)		(1,872)
Customer Deposits		2,432		963
Escrow Deposits Payable	4	6,128		(7,831)
Accrued Liabilities	-	7,299		(5,675)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$	553,166		522,820

Notes to Financial Statements

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022

1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority was created to construct and operate a water distribution system and a wastewater collection and treatment system to serve the Borough of Pompton Lakes, New Jersey. The Authority bills and collects its revenue only from the users of the systems. On May 1, 1993 the Authority entered into a service contract with the Borough of Pompton Lakes.

As a public body, the Authority is exempt from both federal and state corporation income taxes under existing statute.

A. Basis of Presentation and Accounting

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) applicable to enterprise funds of state and local governmental units. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges, or where the governing body has decided that the periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, accountability or other purposes. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Authority's significant accounting policies are described below.

The Authority has adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position, which amends the net asset reporting requirement of Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments, and other pronouncements by incorporating deferred outflows from resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required components of the residual measure and by renaming that measure as net position, rather than net assets. The classifications of net position are defined as follows:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

A. Basis of Presentation and Accounting, (continued)

- Net Investment in Capital Assets This component of net position consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. If there are any significant unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds are not included in the calculation of invested in capital assets, net of related debt. Rather that portion of the debt is included in the same net position component as the unspent proceeds.
- Restricted This component of net position consists of constraints placed on net position used through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt convents), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- *Unrestricted* This component of net position consists of net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

Basis of Accounting

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority prepares its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred.

Reporting Entity

In evaluating how to define the Authority for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include any potential units in the financial reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GASB Statements No. 14, The Financial Reporting Entity, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units, and GASB Statement No. 61, The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are insubstance part of the government's operations. Each discretely presented component unit would be or is reported in separate column in financial statements to emphasize that is legally separate from the government.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

A. Basis of Presentation and Accounting, (continued)

The basic-but not the only-criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability to fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and/or its citizens.

A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Finally, the nature and significance of a potential component unit to the primary government could warrant its inclusion within the reporting entity.

Based upon the application of these criteria, the Authority has no component units.

The Authority is financially accountable to the Borough of Pompton Lakes (the "Borough") since the Borough appoints a voting majority of the Authority's board, and (1) the Borough is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the Authority; or (2) the Borough is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the Authority's resources; the Borough is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the Authority; or the Borough is obligated for the debt of the Authority. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Borough in that the Borough approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Based on the foregoing criteria, the Authority is a component unit of the Borough.

B. Grants

Contributions received from various sources as grants are recorded in the period received. Developer financed construction is recorded in the period in which applicable construction costs are incurred. Donated assets are recorded at fair market value at the date of the gift. Grants not externally restricted and utilized to finance operations are identified to non-operating purposes are recorded as contributed capital and identified as grants-in-aid.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

C. Accounts Receivable

Bad debts are charged to operations in the year in which the account is determined uncollectable. If the reserve method of accounting for uncollectable accounts were used, it would not have a material effect on the financial statements.

D. <u>Inventories</u>

Inventories of materials and supplies are considered expenditures when purchased.

E. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost which included direct construction costs and other expenditures related to construction.

System construction costs are changed to construction in progress until such time as given segments of the system are completed and put into operation.

Depreciation is determined on the straight-line method for all property, plant equipment. Depreciation is provided over the following estimated useful lives:

Water and Sewer Systems	75 Years
Treatment Plants	40 Years
Buildings	40 Years
Equipment	5-40 Years

F. Restricted Accounts

The Authority has established the following restricted accounts:

Customer deposit for monies received from customer to assure payment or performance. Deposits are retained in the account until the customer withdraws from the system and satisfies all outstanding debts to the Authority.

Escrow deposit accounts for the payment of costs of various projects.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

G. Accrued Vacation Benefits

Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority employees are granted sick and vacation leave in varying amounts. Employees are permitted to accumulate sick days, however no reimbursement is given upon termination or resignation. In the event of termination, an employee is reimbursed for accumulated vacation days. Accrued vacation benefits amounting to \$46,454 and \$39,155, as of May 31, 2023 and 2022 respectively, have been recorded as expenditures and liabilities of the Authority.

H. Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The Authority does not provide an allowance for doubtful accounts because of the Authority's ability to compel payments through the lien or shut off process.

I. Operating Fund Budget

The budget amounts included in the schedule of operating revenues and cost funded by operating revenues compared to budget were approved in accordance with the requirements of the "Local Finance Board" of the State of New Jersey, and were adopted by the Commissioners after a public hearing.

J. <u>Use of Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that effect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date, and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates are used to determine depreciation expense and certain claims and judgment liabilities, among other accounts. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

K. Net Position

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- 1) Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- 2) Restricted when constraints placed on net position are either a) externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grants, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 3) Unrestricted any other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

L. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2019, the Government Accounting Standards Board issued <u>GASB Statement No. 91</u>, Conduit Debt Obligations. This Statement provides a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminates diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. This Statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improving required note disclosures. This Statement is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020. The Authority does not believe this Statement will have any effect on future financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

L. Recent Accounting Pronouncements, (continued)

In May 2020, the Government Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No. 95, Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance. The primary objective of this Statement is to provide temporary relief to governments and other stakeholders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. That objective is accomplished by postponing the effective dates of certain provisions in Statements and Implementation Guides that first became effective or are scheduled to become effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2018, and later. The effective dates of certain provisions contained in the following pronouncements are postponed by one year: Statement No. 83, Certain Asset Retirement Obligations; Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities; Statement No. 88, Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements; Statement No. 89, Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period: Statement No. 90, Majority Equity Interests; Statement No. 91, Conduit Debt Obligations; Statement No. 92, Omnibus 2020; Statement No. 93, Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates; Implementation Guide No. 2017-3, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (and Certain Issues Related to OPEB Plan Reporting): Implementation Guide No. 2018-1, Implementation Guidance Update-2018; Implementation Guide No. 2019-1, Implementation Guidance Update-2019; Implementation Guide No. 2019-2, Fiduciary Activities. The effective dates of the following pronouncements are postponed by 18 months: Statement No. 87, Leases; Implementation Guide No. 2019-3, Leases. The requirements of this Statement are effective immediately.

In May 2020, the Government Accounting Standards Board issued <u>GASB Statement No. 96</u>, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, Leases, as amended. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022. The Authority is still determining the effects, if any, this statement will have on future financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

L. Recent Accounting Pronouncements, (continued)

In June 2020, the Government Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No. 97, Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans - An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84, and a Supersession of GASB Statement No. 32. The primary objectives of this Statement are to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans. The requirements of this Statement that (1) exempt primary governments that perform the duties that a governing board typically performs from treating the absence of a governing board the same as the appointment of a voting majority of a governing board in determining whether they are financially accountable for defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution OPEB plans, or other employee benefit plans and (2) limit the applicability of the financial burden criterion in paragraph 7 of Statement 84 to defined benefit pension plans and defined benefit OPEB plans that are administered through trusts that meet the criteria in paragraph 3 of Statement 67 or paragraph 3 of Statement 74, respectively, are effective immediately. The requirements of this Statement that are related to the accounting and financial reporting for Section 457 plans are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021. For purposes of determining whether a primary government is financially accountable for a potential component unit, the requirements of this Statement that provide that for all other arrangements, the absence of a governing board be treated the same as the appointment of a voting majority of a governing board if the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform, are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. Earlier application of those requirements is encouraged and permitted by requirement as specified within this Statement. The Board considered the effective dates for the requirements of this Statement in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and in concert with Statement No. 95, Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance. The Authority is currently reviewing what effect, if any, this Statement might have on future financial statements.

In April 2022, the Government Accounting Standards Board issued <u>GASB Statement No. 99</u>, Omnibus 2022. The Objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The practice issues addressed by this Statement are as follows:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

L. Recent Accounting Pronouncements, (continued)

- Classification and reporting or derivative instruments within the scope of Statement No.
 53, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments, that do not meet the definition of either an investment derivative instrument or a hedging derivative instrument.
- Clarification of provisions in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended, related to the determination of the lease term, classification of a lease as a short-term lease, recognition and measurement of a lease liability and a lease asset, and identification of lease incentives.
- Clarification of provisions in Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, related to (a) the determination of the public-private and public-public partnership (PPP) term and (b) recognition and measurement of installment payments and the transfer of the underlying PPP asset.
- Clarification of provisions in Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements, related to the subscription-based information technology arrangement (SBITA) term, classification of a SBITA as a short-term SBITA, and recognition and measurement of a subscription liability.
- Extension of the period during which the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) is considered an appropriate benchmark interest rate for the qualitative evaluation of the effectiveness of an interest rate swap that hedges the interest rate risk of taxable debt.
- Accounting for the distribution of benefits as part of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- Disclosures related to nonmonetary transactions.
- Pledges of future revenues when resources are not received by the pledging government
- Clarification of provisions in Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements— and Management's Discussion Analysis—for State and Local Governments, as amended, related to the focus of the government-wide financial statements.
- Terminology updates related to certain provisions of Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position
- Terminology used in Statement 53 to refer to resource flows statements.

The requirements of this Statement that are effective as follows:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

L. Recent Accounting Pronouncements, (continued)

- The requirements related to extension of the use of LIBOR, accounting for SNAP distributions, disclosures of nonmentary transactions, pledges of future revenues by pledging governments, clarification of certain provisions in Statement 34, as amended, and terminology updates related to Statement 53 and Statement 63 are effective upon issuance.
- The requirements related to leases, PPPs, and SBITAs are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter.
- The requirements related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter.

The Authority is determining the effects, if any, this statement will have on future financial statements.

In June 2022, the Government Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62. This Statement defines accounting changes as changes in accounting principles, changes in accounting estimates, and changes to or within the financial reporting entity and describes the transactions or other events that constitute those changes. The requirements of this Statement are effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The Authority is determining what effects, if any, this pronouncement will have on future financial statements.

In June 2022, the Government Accounting Standards Board issued <u>GASB Statement No. 101</u>, Compensated Absences. This Statement requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The Authority is determining what effects, if any, this pronouncement will have on future financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

M. <u>Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>

The Statement of Net Position reports separate sections for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, reported after total assets, represents a reduction of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) at that time. Deferred inflows of resources, reported after total liabilities, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) at that time.

Transactions are classified as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflow of resources only when specifically prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards. The Authority is required to report the following as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources:

Defined Benefit Pension Plans - The difference between expected (actuarial) and actual experience, changes in actuarial assumptions, net difference between projected (actuarial) and actual earnings on pension plan investments, changes in the Authority's proportion of expenses and liabilities to the pension as a whole, differences between the Authority's pension contribution and its proportionate share of contributions, and the Authority's pension contributions subsequent to the pension valuation measurement date.

Deferred Loss on Refunding of Bonds - Deferred loss on refunding arising from the issuance of revenue refunding bonds, is recorded as s deferred outflow of resources. The deferred loss is amortized in a systematic and rational method as a component of interest expense.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Deposits - The Authority's deposits are insured through either the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) or New Jersey's Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). The Authority is required to deposit their funds in a depository which is protecting such funds pursuant to GUDPA. The New Jersey Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act requires all banks doing business in the State of New Jersey to pledge collateral equal to at least 5% of the average amount of its public deposits and 100% of the average amount of its public funds in excess of the lessor of 75% of its capital funds or \$200 million for all deposits not covered by the FDIC.

Bank balances are insured up to \$250,000 in the aggregate by the FDIC for each bank. SIPC replaces cash claims up to a maximum of \$250,000 for each failed brokerage firm. At May 31, 2023 and 2022, the book value of the Authority's deposits were \$2,969,736 and \$2,763,073, respectively, and bank balances of the Authority's cash and deposits amounted to \$3,051,375 and \$2,772,198, respectively.

The Authority's deposits which are displayed on the balance sheet as "cash and cash equivalents" are categorized as:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Insured:		
Restricted	\$88,180	\$79,620
Unrestricted	<u> 2,881,556</u>	<u>2,683,453</u>
	\$2,969,736	<u>\$2,763,073</u>

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 Authority's policy is based on New Jersey Statutes requiring cash be deposited only in New Jersey based on 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 May 31, 2023 and 2022, \$-0- of the Authority's bank balance of \$3,051,375 and \$2,772,198, respectively, was exposed to custodial credit risk.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

3. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Activity for property, plant and equipment is summarized below for fiscal years 2023 and 2022:

Capital Assets Being Depreciated:	Balance <u>May 31, 2022</u>	Additions	Deletions	Balance May 31, 2023
Buildings, Pumps, Mains Equipment and Vehicles Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	\$25,836,109 5,601,614 31,437,723	\$63,668 <u>18,028</u> <u>81,696</u>	\$	\$25,899,777 <u>5,619,642</u> <u>31,519,419</u>
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated: Land Construction in Progress	65,652 0			65,652 0
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	65,652	0	0	65,652
Total Capital Assets	31,503,375	81,696	0	31,585,071
Accumulated Depreciation	(21,461,711)	(883,331)		(22,345,042)
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>\$10,041,664</u>	<u>(\$801,635)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$9,240,029</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:	Balance May 31, 2021	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance <u>May 31, 2022</u>
Buildings, Pumps, Mains Equipment and Vehicles Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	\$25,066,265 <u>5,559,957</u> <u>30,626,222</u>	\$769,844 <u>41,657</u> 811,501	\$	\$25,836,109 <u>5,601,614</u> <u>31,437,723</u>
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:	65,652	011,001	<u> </u>	
Construction in Progress Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	279,000 344,652	<u>532,501</u> <u>532,501</u>	811,501 811,501	$ \begin{array}{r} 65,652 \\ \underline{0} \\ 65,652 \end{array} $
Total Capital Assets	30,970,874	1,344,002	811,501	31,503,375
Accumulated Depreciation	(20,577,676)	(884,035)		(21,461,711)
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>\$10,393,198</u>	<u>\$459,967</u>	<u>\$811,501</u>	<u>\$10,041,664</u>

4. <u>UNAMORTIZED PREMIUM - DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES</u>

The Authority received a premium of \$40,422 in connection with the Series 2009 NJEIT financing; \$41,356 in connection with the Series 2010 NJEIT financing; \$46,956 in connection with the Series 2012 NJEIT financing; and \$25,338 in connection with the Series 2016 NJEIT financing. These premiums are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining lives of the bonds. Accumulated amortization at May 31, 2023 is \$91,209 and at May 31, 2022 is \$83,504. The unamortized balance as of May 31, 2022 is shown on the Statement of Net Position as a deferred inflow of resources.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

5. LONG-TERM DEBT

On December 2, 2009, the Authority issued \$735,000 Series 2009A (Trust) and \$2,112,891 Series 2009A (Fund) subordinate bonds through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program. These bonds were issued to fund various improvements to the Authority's facilities. The Series 2009A Fund Bonds had \$1,408,594 in principal forgiven through the New Jersey Infrastructure Trust Program. In 2019, the NJEIT refunded the outstanding bonds, resulting in a principal savings credit of \$25,000.

On February 23, 2010, the Authority issued \$71,914 Series 2010DL (Trust) and \$204,192 Series 2010DL (Fund) subordinate bonds through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program. These bonds were issued to fund various improvements to the Authority's facilities.

On December 2, 2010, the Authority issued \$415,000 Series 2010B (Trust) and \$420,860 (Fund) subordinate bonds through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program. These bonds were issued to fund various improvements to the Authority's facilities. The Series 2010B Fund Bonds had \$210,430 in principal forgiven through the New Jersey Infrastructure Trust Program. In 2017, the NJEIT refunded the outstanding bonds, resulting in a principal savings credit of \$26,000.

On May 3, 2012, the Authority issued \$370,000 Series 2012A (Trust) and \$1,157,873 Series 2012A (Fund) subordinate bonds through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program. These bonds were issued to fund various improvements to the Authority's facilities. In 2016, \$13,763 in unspent funds were deobligated and the Series 2012A (Fund) loan was reduced. In 2022, the NJEIT refunded the outstanding bonds, resulting in a principal savings credit of \$11,418.

On May 26, 2016, the Authority issued \$260,000 Series 2016A (Trust) and \$799,313 Series 2012A (Fund) subordinate bonds through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program. These bonds were issued to fund various improvements to the Authority's facilities.

In March of 2022, the Authority received a loan in the amount of \$526,036 under the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 2003 Dam Restoration Program. This loan was used to fund the restoration of the Twin Lakes Dam. This loan has an interest rate of 2.00% with semi-annual repayment due in June and December of each year.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

5. LONG-TERM DEBT, (continued)

The following is a summary of the Authority's long-term debt for the fiscal years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Balance <u>May 31, 2022</u>	<u> Issued</u>	Deobligated/ <u>Retired</u>	Balance <u>May 31, 2023</u>
NJEIT Trust Loan Series 2009A NJEIT Fund Loan Series 2009A NJEIT Trust - Direct Loan NJEIT Fund - Direct Loan NJEIT Trust Loan Series 2010 NJEIT Trust Loan Series 2010 NJEIT Fund Loan Series 2012 NJEIT Trust Loan Series 2012 NJEIT Fund Loan Series 2016A-1 NJEIT Trust Loan Series 2016A-1	\$361,000 289,266 35,295 82,394 223,000 95,548 230,000 585,849 210,000 574,945	\$	\$38,000 37,730 3,870 10,747 18,000 11,273 31,060 62,029 10,000 42,069	\$323,000 251,536 31,425 71,647 205,000 84,275 198,940 523,820 200,000 532,876
NJDEP Dam Restoration Loan	<u>526,036</u> \$3,213,333	<u>\$0</u>	11,447 \$276,225	514,589 \$2,937,108
	Balance <u>May 31, 2021</u>	<u>Issued</u>	Deobligated/ <u>Retired</u>	Balance <u>May 31, 2022</u>
NJEIT Trust Loan Series 2009A NJEIT Fund Loan Series 2009A NJEIT Trust - Direct Loan NJEIT Fund - Direct Loan NJEIT Trust Loan Series 2010 NJEIT Fund Loan Series 2010 NJEIT Trust Loan Series 2012 NJEIT Trust Loan Series 2012 NJEIT Fund Loan Series 2016A-1 NJEIT Fund Loan Series 2016A-1 NJEIT Fund Loan Series 2016A-1 NJEIT Dam Restoration Loan	\$399,000 326,996 39,042 93,141 241,000 106,821 250,000 647,878 220,000 617,014	\$ 526.026	\$38,000 37,730 3,747 10,747 18,000 11,273 20,000 62,029 10,000 42,069	\$361,000 289,266 35,295 82,394 223,000 95,548 230,000 585,849 210,000 574,945
1911 Dan Mestoration Loan	\$2,940,892	<u>526,036</u> <u>\$526,036</u>	\$253,595	<u>526,036</u> \$3,213,333

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

5. LONG-TERM DEBT, (continued)

The Authority has issued and outstanding the following bonds and loans as of May 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Interest		
	Rate	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
NJEIT Trust Loan Series 2009A	3.75% - 4.00%	\$323,000	\$361,000
NJEIT Fund Loan Series 2009A	0.00%	251,536	289,266
NJEIT Trust - Direct Loan	3.62% - 4.18%	31,425	35,295
NJEIT Fund - Direct Loan	0.00%	71,647	82,394
NJEIT Trust Loan Series 2010	5.00%	205,000	223,000
NJEIT Fund Loan Series 2010	0.00%	84,275	95,548
NJEIT Trust Loan Series 2012	3.00% - 5.00%	198,940	230,000
NJEIT Fund Loan Series 2012	0.00%	523,820	585,849
NJEIT Trust Loan Series 2016A-1	2.00% - 5.00%	200,000	210,000
NJEIT Fund Loan Series 2016A-1	0.00%	532,876	574,945
NJDEP Dam Restoration Loan	2.00%	514,589	<u>526,036</u>
Net Carrying Amount of Debt		<u>\$2,937,108</u>	<u>\$3,213,333</u>
Current Portion		285,586	265,165
Long-Term Portion		2,651,522	2,948,168
_		\$2,937,108	<u>\$3,213,333</u>

Presented below is a summary of debt service requirements to maturity by year.

May 31,	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$286,586	\$44,871	331,457
2025	292,044	40,057	332,101
2026	292,515	35,181	327,696
2027	302,667	30,098	332,765
2028	306,119	24,914	331,033
2029-2033	1,029,983	62,328	1,092,311
2034-2038	314,781	22,105	336,886
2039-2042	112,413	4,541	116,954
Total	<u>\$2,937,108</u>	<u>\$264,095</u>	<u>\$3,201,203</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

6. GAINS ON DEBT DEFEASANCE

Accounting losses and gains on advanced refundings of debt are being amortized over the life of the new debt. The unamortized balances as of May 31, 2021 are as follows:

Gain on NJEIT Refunding (Series 2009)	\$15,909
Gain on NJEIT Refunding (Series 2010)	9,455
Gain on NJEIT Refunding (Series 2012)	10,276
	\$35,640

These unamortized gains are shown on the statement of net position as deferred inflows of resources.

7. PENSION PLANS

Description of Plans:

Authority employees participate in the State of New Jersey Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) contributory, defined benefit public employee retirement systems or the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP), a tax-qualified defined contribution money purchase pension plan under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) 401(a).

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Plan Description

The State of New Jersey Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the "Division"). For additional information about the PERS, please refer to the Division's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts.shtml.

Benefits Provided

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS. The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

<u>Tier</u>	Definition
1	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
3	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008 and prior to May 22, 2010
4	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
5	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

7. PENSION PLANS, (continued)

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to Tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and to Tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to Tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, to Tiers 3 and 4 before age 62 with 25 years of service credit and Tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before 65.

Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

Defined Contribution Retirement Program

Prudential Financial jointly administers the DCRP investments with the NJ Division of Pensions and Benefits. If an employee is ineligible to enroll in the PERS, the employee may be eligible to enroll in the DCRP provides eligible members with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting is immediate upon enrollment for members of the DCRP.

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 of the DCRP. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625-0295.

Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. Employee contributions are based on percentages of 5.50% for DCRP of employees' annual compensation, as defined. The DCRP was established July 1, 2007, under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2008. Employee contributions for DCRP are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

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, of the employee's annual compensation, as defined by law. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in all Funds. The actuarially determined employer contribution includes funding for cost-of-living adjustments and noncontributory death benefits in the PERS.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

7. <u>PENSION PLANS</u>, (continued)

Contribution Requirements, (continued)

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>PERS</u>	DCRP
2023	\$194,309	251
2022	157,436	255
2021	138,835	217

At May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Authority had a liability of \$2,325,360 and \$1,592,554 for its proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Authority's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating governmental entities, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the Authority's proportion was .0154085330 percent, which was an increase of .00196529 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

<u>ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR PENSION IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PER - GASB NO. 68</u>

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

For the year ended May 31, 2022, the Authority recognized pension benefit of \$88,435. At May 31, 2023, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of <u>Resources</u>	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience Changes of assumptions Net difference between projected and actual earnings	\$16,783 7,205	\$14,801 348,198
on pension plan investments Changes in proportion and differences between the Authority's	96,245	
contributions and proportionate share of contributions	425,643	126,111
Total	<u>\$545,876</u>	<u>\$489,110</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

7. PENSION PLANS, (continued)

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR PENSION IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PER - GASB NO. 68, (continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), (continued)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date (June 30, 2022) will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions (excluding changes in proportion) will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended May 31:	
2023	\$(199,467)
2024	(101,622)
2025	(49,559)
2026	108,119
2027	(237)

Changes in Proportion

The previous amounts do not include employer specific deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to changes in proportion. These amounts should be recognized (amortized) by each employer over the average of the expected remaining service lives of all plan members, which is 5.04, 5.13, 5.16, 5.21, 5.63 and 5.48 years for 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Additional Information

Local Group Collective balances net of nonemployer (State of New Jersey) balances at June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021 are as follows:

	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$1,660,772,008	\$1,164,738,169
Collective deferred inflows of resources	3,236,303,935	8,339,123,762
Collective net pension liability	15,091,376,611	11,846,499,172
Authority's Proportion	.0154085330%	.0134432430%

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

7. <u>PENSION PLANS</u>, (continued)

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR PENSION IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PER - GASB NO. 68, (continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The collective total pension liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021, which rolled forward to June 30, 2022. This actuarial valuation used the following assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

Inflation Rate:

Price 2.75% Wage 3.25%

Salary Increases 2.75-6.55% (based on years of service)

Investment Rate of Return 7.00 Percent

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. It is likely that future experience will not exactly conform to these assumptions. To the extent that actual experience deviates from these assumptions, the emerging liabilities may be higher or lower than anticipated. The more the experience deviates, the larger the impact on future financial statements.

Mortality Rates

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non- Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement based on Scale MP-2021.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

7. PENSION PLANS, (continued)

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR PENSION IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PER - GASB NO. 68, (continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), (continued)

Long-Term Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2022) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

-	Target	Long-Term Expected Real
Asset Class	<u>Allocation</u>	Rate of Return
U.S. Equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Market Equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real Estate	8.00%	11.19%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.60%
High Yield	4.00%	4.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.10%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	3.38%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	1.75%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	4.91%

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

7. PENSION PLANS, (continued)

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR PENSION IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PER - GASB NO. 68, (continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), (continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 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 and the nonemployer contributing entity will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Collective Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the collective net pension liability of the participating employers as of June 30, 2022, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the collective net pension liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1 -percentage point lower or 1- percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	·	June 30, 2022	
-	1%	At Current	1%
	Decrease <u>6.00%</u>	Discount Rate 7.00%	Increase 8.00%
Authority's proportionate share of the pension liability	\$3,012,706	\$2,325,360	\$1,776,853

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

7. PENSION PLANS, (continued)

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR PENSION IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PER - GASB NO. 68, (continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), (continued)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Financial Report for the State of New Jersey Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). The financial report may be accessed at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

8. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

In addition to the pension benefits described in Note 8, the Authority 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. On December 11, 2007, the Authority adopted the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.38 and adhered to the rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission to implement the provisions of that law. This resolution affects employees as shown in Chapter 48, P.L. 1999.

Chapter 48, P.L. 1999, provides eligible participating local employers considerable flexibility in managing their postretirement medical costs. It also brings State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) and School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) eligibility standards for employer-paid coverage into alignment with local government laws.

Adoption of this Resolution does not free the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority of the obligation to pay for postretirement medical benefits of retirees or employees who qualified for those payments under any Chapter 88 or Chapter 48 Resolution previously adopted by the governing body.

The Resolution will remain in effect until properly amended or revoked with the State Health Benefits Program. The Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority recognizes that, while it remains in the State Health Benefits Program, it is responsible for providing the payment for postretirement medical coverage as listed in the Chapter 48 Resolution Addendum for all employees who qualify for this coverage while this Resolution is in force.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

8. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, (continued)

General Information about the OPEB Plan

The State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (the Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan with a special funding situation. It covers employees of local government employers that have adopted a resolution to participate in the Plan. The plan meets the definition of an equivalent arrangement as defined in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for the Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (GASB Statement No. 75); therefore, assets are accumulated to pay associated benefits. For additional information about the Plan, please refer to the State of New Jersey (the State), Division of Pensions and Benefits' (the Division) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which can be found at https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml.

The Plan provides medical and prescription drug to retirees and their covered dependents of the employers. Under the provisions of Chapter 88, P.L. 1974 and Chapter 48, P.L. 1999, local government employers electing to provide postretirement medical coverage to their employees must file a resolution with the Division. Under Chapter 88, local employers elect to provide benefit coverage based on the eligibility rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission. Chapter 48 allows local employers to establish their own age and service eligibility for employer paid health benefits coverage for retired employees. Under Chapter 48, the employer may assume the cost of postretirement medical coverage for employees and their dependents who: 1) retired on a disability pension; or 2) retired with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 3) retired and reached the age of 65 with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 4) retired and reached age 62 with at least 15 years of service with the employer. Further, the law provides that the employer paid obligations for retiree coverage may be determined by means of a collective negotiations agreement.

Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, future retirees eligible for postretirement medical coverage who have less than 20 years of creditable service on June 28, 2011 will be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their health care coverage in retirement provides 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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

8. <u>OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS</u>, (continued)

Total OPEB Liability

At May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Authority had a liability of \$3,039,838 and \$3,410,779, respectively, for its proportionate share of the non-special funding net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022 and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Authority's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the Authority's long-term share of contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers a in the plan. At June 30, 2022, the Authority's proportion was .018823 percent, which is a decrease of .000126 percent from its proportion measured at June 30, 2021.

For the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Authority recognized OPEB (benefit)/expense of \$(4,690) and \$7,741, respectively. At May 31, 2023 and 2022, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	202	23
	Deferred Outflows of <u>Resources</u>	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$156,981	\$563,457
Changes of assumptions	405,679	1,037,438
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments Changes in proportion and differences between the Authority's	800	
contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>561,630</u>	697,251
Total	<u>\$1,125,090</u>	<u>\$2,298,146</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

8. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, (continued)

	202	22
``	Deferred Outflows of <u>Resources</u>	Deferred Inflows of <u>Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience Changes of assumptions Net difference between projected and actual earnings	\$76,534 490,651	\$713,585 602,895
on OPEB plan investments Changes in proportion and differences between the Authority's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,631 658,909	750.017
Total	\$1,227,725	<u>750,917</u> <u>\$2,067,397</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the OPEB liability in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB (excluding changes in proportion) will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2023	\$(275,452)
2024	(275,695)
2025	(217,712)
2026	(97,232)
2027	(21,799)
Thereafter	(149,545)

Changes in Proportion

The previous amounts do not include employer specific deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to changes in proportion. These amounts should be recognized (amortized) by each employer over the average of the expected remaining service lives of all plan members, which is 7.82, 7.82, 7.87, 8.05, 8.14 and 8.04 years for the 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017 amounts, respectively.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

8. <u>OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS</u>, (continued)

Actual Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021, which rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2021 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2021. The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

Inflation rate 2.50%

Salary increases*:

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)
Rate for all future years

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)

Rate for all future years

2.75% to 6.55%

3.25% to 16.25%

Mortality:

PERS

Pub-2010 General classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021

PFRS

Pub-2010 Safety classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021

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

^{*} Salary increases are based on the defined benefit plan that the member is enrolled in and his or her age.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

8. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, (continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2022 and 2021 was 3.54% and 2.16%, respectively. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the Division. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less that the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as of June 30, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate:

		June 30, 2022	<u>'</u>
	1%	At Current	1%
	Decrease	Discount Rate	Increase
	<u>2.54%</u>	<u>3.54%</u>	<u>4.54%</u>
Authority's proportionate share of			, ,,
Net OPEB liability	\$3,523,785	\$3,039,838	\$2,650,458
		<i>,</i>	
		June 30, 2021	
	1%	At Current	1%
	Decrease	Discount Rate	Increase
	<u>1.16%</u>	<u>2.16%</u>	<u>3.16%</u>
Authority's proportionate share of		•	,
Net OPEB liability	\$4,013,832	\$3,410,779	\$2,932,846

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

8. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, (continued)

Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend Rates:

The following presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as of June 30, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate:

		June 30, 2022	
	1%	Healthcare Cost	1%
	Decrease	Trend Rate	<u>Increase</u>
Authority's proportionate share of			
Net OPEB liability	\$2,578,786	\$3,039,838	\$3,630,316
•		T 20 2021	
•		June 30, 2021	
	1%	Healthcare Cost	1%
	<u>Decrease</u>	Trend Rate	<u>Increase</u>
Authority's proportionate share of		•	
Net OPEB liability	\$2,845,738	\$3,410,779	\$4,148,086

9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Authority's attorney has advised them that there are no known material commitments or contingencies that would have a material effect on the financial statements.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority is currently a member of the New Jersey Utility Authorities Joint Insurance Fund, a public entity risk pool currently composed of 46 member authorities. The Fund provides members with Property, Liability, and Workers Compensation Insurance, and Public Officials Liability Insurance.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2023 AND 2022 (continued)

11. <u>DESIGNATION OF UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION</u>

The Authority's General and Operating Accounts maintain funds that, although may be spent for any lawful purpose by the Authority, have been designated by the Board as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Appropriated in Subsequent Year's Budget Designated for Retiree Health Benefits	\$932,656 351,000	\$836,947 351,000
-	<u>\$1,283,656</u>	<u>\$1,187,947</u>

At May 31, 2023, the Authority reported a total amount of \$1,283,656 of Unrestricted Net Position — Designated for the purposes describe above.

The remaining undesignated portion of the Authority's net position was comprised of the following at May 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Post-Retirement Employer Health Benefits Related Accrued Unfunded Pension Liability Available for Use in Future Budgets	\$(4,212,894) (2,268,594) 	\$(4,250,451) (2,551,338) 1,616,357
Total	<u>(\$4,755,101)</u>	<u>(\$5,185,432)</u>

12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Authority has evaluated subsequent events through September 26, 2023, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued and the following item was noted for disclosure:

At its June 19, 2023 meeting, the Authority approved a resolution awarding Contract No. SL-23-25 for a two-year sludge hauling contract to Wind River Environmental LLC. The contract is effective from 8/1/2023 through 7/31/25 at a rate of \$0.0751 per gallon of sludge.

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Required Supplementary Information - Part II

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THE POMPTON LAKES BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY Schedules of Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Authority's Share of Net Pension Liability - PERS Last 10 Fiscal Years*

		:-							ır.	Fiscal Year Ending May 31	Jing N	lay 31,							
		2023		2022	2	2021		2020		2019	ı	2018		2017		2016.		2015	
Authority's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.01	0.0154085330%	0.01	34432430%	0.0126	0.0126911701%	0.0138	0.0138343012%	0.014	0.0141836000%	0.013	0.0131568323%	0.01	0.0132744142%		0.0130687267%	0.012	0.0125380651%	
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	s	2,325,360	. 69	1,592,554	\$	2,069,598	49	2,492,731	€9	2,792,680	€9	3,062,700	₩	3,931,501	€>	2,933,667	₩	2,347,469	
Authority's covered payroll - PERS	↔	1,145,156		1,178,786	69	1,094,829	es.	995,677	6 5	962,719	69	974,299	€	969,755	€9	939,426	€9-	908,206	
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll		203.06%		135.10%		189.03%		250.36%		290.08%		314.35%		405.41%		312.28%		258.47%	
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		62.91%		70.33%	•	58.32%		56.27%		53.60%		48.10%		40.14%		47.93%		52.08%	

^{*} GASB requires that ten years of information be presented. However, since fiscal year 2016 was the first year of GASB 68 implementation ten years is not presented. Each year thereafter, an additional year will be included until ten years of data is presented.

THE POMPTON LAKES BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY Schedules of Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Authority's Contributions - PERS Last 10 Fiscal Years*

		***************************************		FIS	Fiscal Year Ended May 31,	/31,			
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 194,309.00	\$ 157,436.00	\$ 138,835.00	\$ 134,567.00	\$ 141,081.00 \$ 121,884.00	\$ 121,884.00	\$ 117,928.00	\$ 112,356.00	\$ 103,362.00
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ (194,309.00)	\$ (194,309.00) \$ (157,436.00)	\$ (138,835.00)	\$ (134,567.00)	\$ (141,081.00)	\$ (121,884.00)	\$ (117,928.00)	\$ (112,356.00)	\$ (103,362.00)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	٠ ج	<i>€</i>	€	, Ф		69			Ф
Authority's covered payroll - PERS	\$ 1,145,156 \$ 1,178,786	\$ 1,178,786	\$ 1,094,829	\$ 995,677	\$ 962,719	\$ 974,299	\$ 969,755	\$ 939,426	\$ 908,206
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	. 16.97%	13.36%	12.68%	13.52%	14.65%	12.51%	12.16%	, 11.96%	11.38%

GASB 68 implementation ten years is not presented. Each year thereafter, an additional year will be included until ten * GASB requires that ten years of information be presented. However, since fiscal year 2016 was the first year of years of data is presented.

THE POMPTON LAKES BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY Note to Required Schedules of Supplementary Information For the Year Ended May 31, 2023

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)

Change in benefit terms

None

Change in assumptions

Assumptions used in calculating the Pension liability are presented in Note 7.

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THE POMPTON LAKES BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
Schedules of Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Authority's Share of Net OPEB Liability
Last 10 Fiscal Years*

		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	٠.	2018
Authority's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)		0.018823%		0.018949%		0.017275%		0.016096%		0.020277%		0.019063%
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	↔	3,039,838	₩	3,410,779	↔	3,100,277	€	2,180,376	€9	3,176,720	₩.	3,891,862
Authority's covered payroll	€9	1,145,156	€	1,178,786	↔	1,094,829	↔	995,677	↔	962,719	(/)	974,299
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll		265.45%		289.35%		283.17%		218.98%		329.97%		399.45%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB א liability		-0.36%		0.28%		0.91%		1.98%		1.97%		1.03%

* GASB requires that ten years of information be presented. However, since fiscal year 2017 was the first year of GASB 75 implementation ten years is not presented. Each year thereafter, an additional year will be included until ten years of data is presented.

THE POMPTON LAKES BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY Schedules of Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Authority's OPEB Contributions Last 10 Fiscal Years*

		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	•
Contractually required contribution	↔	\$ 32,667.00	é)	26,203.00	↔	24,575.00	↔	31,511.00	↔	42,963.00	₩	\$ 62,350.00	
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		(32,667.00)		(26,203.00)		(24,575.00)	-	(31,511.00)		(42,963.00)		(62,350.00)	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	છ	•	s	1	↔		↔	ı	₩		↔	1	
Authority's covered payroll	€9	\$ 1,145,156	↔	1,178,786	↔	1,094,829	↔	995,677	↔	962,719	₩	974,299	
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll		2.85%		2.22%		2.24%		3.16%		4.46%		6.40%	

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THE POMPTON LAKES BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY Schedules of Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Changes in the Authority's Proportionate Share of the State OPEB Contributions

Last 10 Fiscal Years*

2023 2022
49,954 \$ 75,550 75,758
107,676 677,543) (110,170) 10,008 (22,744)
(391,511)
3,420,305 3,128,757
3,028,794 \$ 3,420,305
73,314 \$
8,619 10,008 77
(110,170) (2,322) (63)
(20,570) (18,954)
9,526
(11,044)
3,039,838 \$ 3,410,779

* GASB requires that ten years of information be presented. However, since fiscal year 2017 was the first year of GASB 75 implementation ten years is not presented. Each year thereafter, an additional year will be included until ten years of data is presented.

THE POMPTON LAKES BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY Note to Required Schedules of Supplementary Information For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2023

Change in benefit terms

None

Change in assumptions

Assumptions used in calculating the OPEB liability are presented in Note 8.

Supplementary Schedules

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes) Schedule Of Revenues, Expenses And Changes In Net Position Restricted And Unrestricted

For The Fiscal Years Ended May 31, 2023 and 2022

	•	Unrest	tricted	in the second se	
	Invested in Capital			Total (Memo)
	Assets	Designated	Undesignated	2023	2022
Operating Revenues:	to the second second				
Water Charges	•		823,914	823,914	677.744
Sewer Charges			2,237,860		677,744
Connection Fees				2,237,860	2,292,523
Other		•	7,278	7,278	105,373
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			268,366	268,366	237,070
Interest on Delinquent Accounts			28,104	28,104	12,300
Interest Income			16,441	16,441	4,722
Total Operating Revenues	-		3,381,963	3,381,963	3,329,732
Operating Expenses:					
Costs of Providing Services			1,569,761	1,569,761	1.606.000
Administrative, General and	*		1,209,701	1,309,701	1,606,228
Employee Benefits			007.000	000000	-44 040
	002 221		896,922	896,922	741,012
Depreciation	883,331	-		883,331	884,035
Total Operating Expenses	883,331		2,466,683	3,350,014	3,231,275
Operating Income (Loss)	(883,331)		915,280	31,949	98,457
Non-Operating Revenue and (Expense	es):				
Interest Expense			(42,737)	(42,737)	(46,119)
Amortization	13,482		(,)	13,482	12,340
					12,510
	13,482		(42,737)	(29,255)	(33,779)
Net Income (Loss) Before Transfers					
and Capital Contributions	(869,849)		872,543	2,694	64,678
Transfers:		•			
Bond Principal Paid	264,807		(264,807)		1
Capital Expenditures	81,696	1 %			
	61,090	06 700	(81,696)		
Other	4	95,709	(95,709)		·
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	(523,346)	95,709	430,331	2,694	64,678
Net Position, June 1	6,727,764	1,187,947	(5,185,432)	2,730,279	2,665,601
Net Position - May 31,	6,204,418	1,283,656	(4,755,101)	2,732,973	2,730,279
TIME SOUTHOUR TIMES AT	V3=V13 11V	23000,000	(1,700,101)	251725717	2,130,217
Appropriated in Subsequent Year's Budg	et	932,656			
Designated for Retiree Health Benefits	•	351,000			
		1,283,656			4.5

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes) Schedule Of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements And Changes In Cash and Investments Unrestricted And Restricted Accounts For The Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2023

	Operating Account	Payroll Fund	Revenue Fund	Customer Deposit Account
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments -	222.204		1.450.001	
June 1, 2022	233,394	6,517	1,459,291	51,624
Cash Receipts:				
Interest on Investments	2,068	404	8,914	471
Water and Sewer Charges		•	2,948,612	
Connection Fees	7,278			
Customer Deposits				4,894
Other	216,376			•
Employee/Employer Payroll Taxes		767,528		
Transfers	3,125,631	782,535	<u>.</u>	
Total Cash Receipts	3,351,353	1,550,467	2,957,526	5,365
Cash and Investments Available	3,584,747	1,556,984	4,416,817	56,989
Cash Disbursements:				
Operations .	2,022,968	782,535		
Capital Expenditures	2,-22,-00			
Employee/Employer Payroli Taxes		767,753		
Bond Principal Payments	264,807	701,700		
Bond Interest Payments	44,017	*		
Customer Deposits	,,,			2,933
Other			2,127	-,
Transfers	782,535		3,100,000	
Total Cash Disbursements	3,114,327	1,550,288	3,102,127	2,933
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments -	· ·			
May 31, 2023	470,420	6,696	1,314,690	54,056
Analysis of Balance:			•	•
Cash and Cash Equivalents	470,420	6,696	1,314,690	54,056
Investments			1,314,050	J-1,030
	470,420	6,696	1,314,690	54,056
Unrestricted	470,420	6,696	1,314,690	
Restricted	470,420	0,050	1,514,090	54,056
	470,420	6,696	1,314,690	54,056

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes) Schedule Of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements And Changes In Cash and Investments Unrestricted And Restricted Accounts For The Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2023

	Escrow Deposit Fund	General/ Capital Reserve Account	Cert. of Deposit	Total
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments -				
June 1, 2022	27,996	682,851	301,400	2,763,073
Cash Receipts:				÷
Interest on Investments	259	1,527	3,528	17,171
Water and Sewer Charges				2,948,612
Connection Fees		•		7,278
Customer Deposits	31,500			36,394
Other		190,682		407,058
Employee/Employer Payroll Taxes				767,528
Transfers				3,908,166
Total Cash Receipts	31,759	192,209	3,528	8,092,207
Cash and Investments Available	59,755	875,060	304,928	10,855,280
Cash Disbursements:		-		
Operations		8,542		2,814,045
Capital Expenditures		81,696		81,696
Employee/Employer Payroll Taxes				767,753
Bond Principal Payments				264,807
Bond Interest Payments				44,017
Customer Deposits				2,933
Other				2,127
Transfers	25,631			3,908,166
Total Cash Disbursements	25,631	90,238		7,885,544
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments -				
May 31, 2023	34,124	784,822	304,928	2,969,736
Analysis of Balance:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	34,124	784,822	304,928	2,969,736
Investments		-	-	
,	•			
•	34,124	784,822	304,928	2,969,736
Unrestricted	-	784,822	304,928	2,881,556
Restricted	34,124			88,180
	34,124	784,822	304,928	2,969,736

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes) Schedule Of Operating Revenue And Costs Funded By Operating Revenue Compared To Budget

For The Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2023

	2023 Adopted Budget	2023 Modified Budget	2023 Actual	Variance Favorable / (Unfavorable)	2022 Actual
Revenues:			1100000	(Chiarorabic)	Actual
Unrestricted Net Position Appropriated	36,947	36,947	36,947		47,099
Water Charges	850,000	850,000	823,914	(26,086)	677,744
Sewer Charges	2,194,000	2,194,000	2,237,860	43,860	2,292,523
Connection Fees			7,278	7,278	105,373
Other	215,000	215,000	268,366	53,366	237,070
Interest on Delinquent Accounts	10,000	10,000	28,104	18,104	12,300
Interest on Investments and Deposits	1,000	1,000	16,441	15,441	4,722
Total Operating Revenues	3,306,947	3,306,947	3,418,910	111,963	3,376,831
Expenses:					
Cost of Providing Services:					
Operating Salaries	850,000	850,000	790,604	59,396	817,282
Overtime Salaries	40,000	40,000	34,810	5,190	39,269
Professional Fees - Other	5,000	5,000	5,000	3,170	5,000
Engineering - Miscellaneous	10,000	10,000	267	9,733	10,096
Chemicals	80,000	80,000	94,208	(14,208)	77,859
Systems and Equipment - Repairs	,		> 1,200	(11,200)	773000
and Maintenance	150,000	150,000	133,449	16,551	150,929
Truck Expenses - Gas, Oil, License	17,000	17,000	22,992	(5,992)	16,585
Truck Expenses - Repairs	10,000	10,000	6,591	3,409	10,159
Electricity	249,500	249,500	250,517	(1,017)	202,513
Water Consumed in Operations	3,000	3,000	2,083	917	1,910
Sludge Removal	135,000	135,000	116,289	18,711	145,241
Uniforms	5,000	5,000	4,463	537	4,639
Fees and Permits	50,000	50,000	47,796	2,204	44,246
Lab Supplies and Expenses	50,000	50,000	37,989	12,011	54,954
Customer Refunds	1,000	1,000	154	846	783
Miscellaneous Supplies and Expenses	25,000	25,000	22,549	2,451	24,763
Contingency (NJEIT)	25,000	25,000		25,000	
Sub-total Cost of Providing Services	1,705,500	1,705,500	1,569,761	135,739	1,606,228
Administrative, General Expenses and			• •		
Employee Benefits:					
Administrative Salaries	398,000	398,000	386,898	11,102	366,800
Commissioners' Salaries	36,000	36,000	33,025	2,975	34,640
Administrative Trustees Fees	6,000	6,000	5,556	444	5,556
Customer Billing - Postage	7,000	7,000	6,229	771	6,035
IT Programming	5,000	5,000	6,968	(1,968)	4,957
IT System Maintenance	38,000	38,000	41,380	(3,380)	10,960
Auditing	25,000	25,000	25,000		25,000
Legal - Retainer	18,500	18,500	18,500		18,000
Legal - Miscellaneous	6,000	6,000	3,755	2,245	5,292
Office Supplies and Postage	10,000	10,000	8,953	1,047	9,612
Conferences and Seminars	6,000	6,000	5,919	81	4,426
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The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes) Schedule Of Operating Revenue And Costs Funded By Operating Revenue Compared To Budget

For The Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2023

	2023 Adopted Budget	2023 Budget After Modifications	2023 Actual	Variance Favorable / (Unfavorable)	2022 Actual
		•			
Administrative, General Expenses and					
Employee Benefits (continued):					
Special Accounting Services	5,000	5,000	5,306	(306)	3,335
Printing and Publications	8,000	8,000	5,962	2,038	7,996
Telephone and Alarm System	10,000	10,000	10,145	(145)	11,996
Insurance	55,000	55,000	60,493	(5,493)	49,643
Building Repairs and Maintenance	20,000	20,000	18,815	1,185	19,465
Heating	4,000	4,000	4,056	(56)	3,160
Bank Sweep Fees	2,000	2,000	2,127	(127)	1,722
Employee Benefits:	-,				
Public Employee Retirement System	165,000	165,000	194,560	(29,560)	157,691
Social Security Tax	91,000	91,000	84,359	6,641	86,456
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	5,000	5,000	4,625	375	5,096
Worker's Compensation Insurance	32,000	32,000	26,552	5,448	29,608
Medical Insurance Premium	310,000	310,000	211,793	98,207	223,231
Retiree Health Benefits	45,000	45,000	46,247	(1,247)	36,164
Ketnee Heatin Denotitis	12,000	10,000			
	1,307,500	1,307,500	1,217,223	90,277	1,126,841
Debt Service:	252 710	253,718	264,807	(11,089)	253,594
Bond Principal	253,718	·	42,737	(2,508)	46,119
Interest on Bonds	40,229	40,229	42,/37	(2,308)	40,117
	002.045	302.047	307,544	(13,597)	299,713
	293,947	293,947	307,344	(13,397)	233,113
	2 206 047	2 206 042	3,094,528	212,419	3,032,782
Total Costs Funded by Operating Revenues	3,306,947	3,306,947	3,094,328	212,417	3,032,102
					All the second
			004000		244.040
Excess of Actual Revenues Over Expenses		•	324,382		344,049
			*		
Reconciliation of Budgetary Basis to GAAP:			(0.0.045)		(45,000)
Undesignated Retained Earnings	*	. •	(36,947)		(47,099)
Pension Adjustment			282,744		367,367
OPEB Adjustment			37,557		18,462
Depreciation			(883,331)		(884,035)
Amortization			13,482		12,340
Bond Principal			264,807		253,594
					(200 201)
Total Adjustments			(321,688)	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	(279,371)
					64.600
Change in Net Position			2,694		64,678

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes) Schedule Of Capital Financing Sources And Costs Funded By Financing Sources Compared To Budget

For The Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2023

	2023 Adopted Budget	2023 Budget After Modifications	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
Financing Sources:				
Unrestricted Net Position	800,000	800,000	81,696	177,183
Debt Authorization				355,318
Total Financing Sources	800,000	800,000	81,696	532,501
Capital Outlays:		-		
Miscellaneous Water Main Valve Upgrades	20,000	20,000		
Well Redevelopment & Upgrades	180,000	180,000		8,414
Miscellaneous Upgrades to Water System	20,000	20,000	•	4,093
Miscellaneous Building Upgrades	25,000	25,000		19,850
Miscellaneous Security Equipment	20,000	20,000	14,246	3,380
Twin Lakes Dam Inspection & Rehabilitation			6,244	355,318
Miscellaneous Paving & Concrete Repairs	40,000	40,000	10,000	34,424
Fire Hydrant and Valve Upgrades	10,000	10,000		
Misc. Computer and Office Equipment	20,000	20,000		. 3,380
Water Accountability Act Project	15,000	15,000	4,945	17,987
Ringwood Ave. Water Main Upgrades	50,000	50,000		
Miscellaneous Laboratory Upgrades	10,000	10,000		
Misc. Upgrades to Pumping Stations	175,000	175,000	42,479	
Miscellaneous Infrastructure Upgrades	20,000	20,000		
Miscellaneous Treatment Plant Upgrades	25,000	25,000	-3,782	11,105
South Sewerage Pumping Station Grinder	20,000	20,000		
Upgrade of WTP Sludge Thickener Electric	150,000	150,000		
2021 Ford F-350 Utility Truck w/ Plow		•		48,623
East Pond Hole Sewer Main Upgrade		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	25,927
Total Capital Outlay	800,000	800,000	81,696	532,501
Excess of Actual Revenues Over Expenses			parameter 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
Total	800,000	800,000	81,696	532,501

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority
(A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes)
Schedule Of Bonds and Loans Payable

Balance May 31, 2023	323,000	251,536
Refunded/ Refired	38,000	37,730
Issued		
Balance June 1, 2022	361,000	289,266
ities Amount	43,000 43,000 43,000 48,000 47,000 52,000	25,154 25,153 25,153 25,154 25,154 25,154 25,153 25,154 25,153 25,153 25,153
Maturities Date	08/01/2023 08/01/2024 08/01/2025 08/01/2026 08/01/2027 08/01/2028	08/01/2023 02/01/2024 02/01/2024 02/01/2025 02/01/2026 02/01/2026 02/01/2027 02/01/2027 02/01/2028 08/01/2028 02/01/2028
Interest Rate	4.000% 4.000% 3.750% 4.000% 4.000% 4.000%	%0000000000000000000000000000000000000
Issuance	735,000	704,297
Original Date	12/2/2009	122/2009
	NJEIT Trust Loan Series 2009A	NJEIT Fund Loan Series 2009A

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes)
Schedule Of Bonds and Losus Payable

Balance	May 31, 2023	31,425								21 647	/+0+1/
1/1	Retired	3,870									10,747
	Issued										
Balance	June 1, 2022	35,295								;	82,394
S	Amount	4,004 4,149 4,304 4,68 4,643 4,830 5,027	7,165	7,165 3,582 7,165	3,582	3,582	3,582	7,165	3,582	7,165	•
Maturities	Date	08/01/2023 08/01/2024 08/01/2025 08/01/2026 08/01/2027 08/01/2028	08/01/2023 02/01/2024	08/01/2024 02/01/2025 08/01/2025	02/01/2026	02/01/2027	02/01/2028	08/01/2028	02/01/2029	08/01/2029	
Interest	Rate	3.620% 3.720% 3.820% 3.920% 4.010% 4.180%	%000.0 %000.0	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	%000.0	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	
Issuance	Amount	71,914	204,192								
Original Issuance	Date	2/23/2010	2/23/2010								
		NJEIT Trust Loan Direct Loan	NJEIT Fund Loan Direct Loan								

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority
[A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes]
Schedule Of Bonds and Loans Pavable

Balance May 31, 2023	205,000	84.275
Redeemed/ Retired	0	11,273
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Balance June 1, 2022	223,000	95,548
es Amount	23,000 23,000 23,000 27,000 27,000 27,000 32,000	7,515 3,758 7,515 7,515 7,515 7,515 7,515 7,515 7,515 7,515 7,515 7,515 7,515
Maturities	08/01/2023 08/01/2024 08/01/2025 08/01/2026 08/01/2027 08/01/2027 08/01/2029	08/01/2023 02/01/2024 08/01/2024 08/01/2025 02/01/2025 02/01/2025 02/01/2026 02/01/2027 02/01/2027 02/01/2028 08/01/2029 02/01/2029 02/01/2029 02/01/2029 08/01/2030
Interest	5.000% 5.000% 5.000% 5.000% 5.000% 5.000%	%00000 %00000 %00000 %00000 %00000 %00000 %00000 %00000 %00000 %00000 %00000 %00000 %00000 %00000 %00000
Issuance	415,000	210,430
Original I	12/2/2010	12/2/2010
	NJELT Trust Loan Series 2010B	NJEIT Fund Loan Series 2010B

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes) Schedule Of Bonds and Loans Payable

Balance May 31, 2023	198,940	523,820
Redeemed/ Retired	31,060	62,029
Penssi		
Balance June 1, 2022	230,000	585,849
ines Amount	19,494 19,340 19,180 23,682 23,463 23,470 23,444 23,401	41,353 20,676 41,353 20,676 41,353 20,676 41,353 20,676 41,353 20,676 41,353 20,676 41,353 20,676 41,353 20,676 20
Maturities Date	08/01/2023 08/01/2024 08/01/2025 08/01/2026 08/01/2028 08/01/2029 08/01/2029 08/01/2030	08/01/2023 02/01/2024 08/01/2024 02/01/2025 02/01/2026 08/01/2026 08/01/2027 08/01/2028 02/01/2028 02/01/2029 08/01/2029 08/01/2029 08/01/2030 08/01/2031
Interest Rate	5.000% 5.000% 5.000% 5.000% 3.000% 3.125% 3.250%	%000'0 %000'0 %000'0 %000'0 %000'0 %000'0 %000'0 %000'0 %000'0 %000'0 %000'0
Original Issuance tte Amount	370,000	1,144,110
Original Date	05/3/2012	05/3/2012
	NJEJT Trust Loan Series 2012A	NJEIT Fund Loan Series 2012A.

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Schedule Of Bonds and Loans Payable

Balance	200,000	A33 87K
Redeemed/	10,000	99069
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Balance Free 1 2022	210,000	210 LE
ities	10,000 15,000 15,000 15,000 15,000 15,000 15,000 15,000 15,000 15,000 20,000	28,046 14,023 28,046 14,023 28,046 14,023 28,046 14,023 28,046 14,023 28,046 14,023 28,046 14,023 28,046 14,023 28,046 14,023 28,046 14,023 28,046
Maturities	08/01/2023 08/01/2024 08/01/2024 08/01/2025 08/01/2025 08/01/2029 08/01/2031 08/01/2031 08/01/2033 08/01/2033	08/01/2023 02/01/2024 08/01/2025 08/01/2025 08/01/2026 08/01/2026 08/01/2028 08/01/2029 08/01/2029 08/01/2029 08/01/2029 08/01/2029 08/01/2031 08/01/2031 08/01/2033 02/01/2033 02/01/2033 02/01/2033 02/01/2033 02/01/2033 02/01/2033
Interest	5.000% 4.000% 4.000% 4.000% 2.000% 2.000% 3.000% 3.000% 3.000% 3.000%	0.00000 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
Original Issuance	260,000	799,313
Original	9102/97/90	9102/92/50
	NJEIT Trust Loan Series 2016A-1	NJEJT Fund Loan Series 2016A-1

The Pompton Lates Borough Municipal Utilities Authority
(A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes)
Schedule Of Bonds and Loans Payable

	Original	Original Issuance	Interest	Maturities	8	Balance		Redeemed/	Balance	
. !	Date	Amount	Rate	Date	Amount	June 1, 2022	Issued	Retired	May 31, 2023	
NJDEP 2003 Dam Restoration Loan Program -										
Project #EC19-038	3/23/2022	526,036	2.000%	06/22/2023	11,562					
				12/22/2023	11,6/7	-				
				12/22/2024	11,734					
				06/22/2025	12,031					
				12/22/2025	12,152					
				06/22/2026	12,273					
				12/22/2026	12,396					
			,	06/22/2027	12,520					
				12/22/2027	12,645					
				12/22/2028	12,899					
				06/22/2029	13,028					
				12/22/2029	13,158			-		
				06/22/2030	13,290			-		
				12/22/2030	13,423					
	,			06/22/2031	13,557					
				12/2/2/2031	13,630					
				12/72/2032	13,830					
	-			06/22/2033	14,108					
				12/22/2033	14,249					
				06/22/2034	14,391					
		,		12/22/2034	14,535					
•				06/22/2035	14,681					
				12/22/2035	14,827					
				06/22/2036	14,970					
				0602/22/20	15 277					
				12/22/2037	15,429					
				06/22/2038	15,584					
				12/22/2038	15,739					
				06/22/2039	15,897					
	÷			12/22/2039	16,056					
				12/22/040	16 378					
				067272041	16.542					
					•	526,036		11,447	514,589	
Grand Total						3,213,333		276,225	2,937,108	
						301 300			985 580	
Current Portion Non-Current Portion	-					2,948,168			2,651,522	
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THE POMPTON LAKES BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes)

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY

JUNE 1, 2022 TO MAY 31, 2023

Official	<u>Position</u>	Term Expires February 1
Kevin P. Carroll	Chairman	2026
Neal Galletta	Vice-Chairman/Treasurer	2027
Timothy Troast	Assistant Secretary	2025
Michael Longo	Secretary	2024
Lloyd Kent	Assistant Treasurer	2028

POMPTON LAKES BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2023



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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 Chairman and Members of the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority 2000 Lincoln Avenue Pompton Lakes, New Jersey 07442

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey; and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes), as of and for the year ended May 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 26, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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



Honorable Chairman and Members of the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority Page 2.

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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as Finding 2023-01 that we consider to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority's Response to Findings

Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financials statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

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

Wielkotz & Company, LLC

WIELKOTZ & COMPANY, LLC Certified Public Accountants Pompton Lakes, New Jersey

September 26, 2023



THE POMPTON LAKES BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes)

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2023

FINDING:

2023-001* CONDITION:

The Authority is not maintaining and updating its fixed asset inventory.

CRITERIA:

Governmental entities are required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.6 to maintain a fixed assets accounting system including a subsidiary ledger of detailed records of fixed assets and the related depreciation.

EFFECT:

Absent or inadequate controls over the safeguarding of assets.

CAUSE:

An inventory of the Authority's fixed assets and has not been performed and updated on a regular basis.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Authority implement a capital asset management accounting and reporting system to reflect all fixed assets and the related depreciation, and that updates be performed on an annual basis.

VIEWS OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS/CORRECTIVE ACTION:

Management is has retained an outside firm to update its capital assets and implement fixed asset update procedures.

^{*} Indicates repeat finding.

THE POMPTON LAKES BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes)

GENERAL COMMENTS

Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised Per N.J.S. 40A:11-3

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 \$17,500, 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." If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of P.L. 1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-9), the governing body of the contracting unit may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$44,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 states that 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 of specifically by any other law. The governing body of a contracting unit may, be resolution approved by a majority of the governing body and subject to subsections b. and c. of this section, disqualify a bidder who would otherwise be determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, if the governing body finds that it has had prior negative experience with the bidder.

Effective January 1, 2011, P.L., 2009, c.166 eliminated the previous lower non-qualified purchasing agent threshold of \$26,000. Thus a contracting unit without a qualified purchasing agent now has a maximum bid threshold of \$17,500.

Effective July 1, 2015, the bid threshold, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 and 40A:11-4 (as amended) is \$17,500 and with a qualified purchasing agent the threshold may be up to \$44,000.

THE POMPTON LAKES BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY (A Component Unit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes)

GENERAL COMMENTS, (continued)

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 Authority has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory threshold within the contract year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Authority 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.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts, or agreements were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies," in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.

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

We would like to express our gratitude to the management and staff of the Authority for their assistance extended to us throughout the audit.

Very truly yours,

Wielkotz & Company, LLC WIELKOTZ & COMPANY, LLC

Certified Public Accountants
Pompton Lakes, New Jersey