

**TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE
SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 and 2019**

TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

**Board of Commissioners and Management
December 31, 2020**

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PART I
REPORT OF AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Commissioners
Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority
Neptune, New Jersey

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority ("Authority") of the Township of Neptune, State of New Jersey, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority of the Township of Neptune, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Authority and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the Township of Neptune, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension liability and contribution information on pages 5-13, 43-49, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the supplementary information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other supplementary information, also listed as supplementary information in the table of contents is the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 28, 2022, on our consideration of the 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 the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Fallon & Company LLP

FALLON & COMPANY LLP
Hazlet, New Jersey
February 28, 2022

**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***

The Board of Commissioners
Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority
Neptune, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey ("Division"), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority ("Authority"), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 28, 2022.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the 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 Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Fallon & Company LLP

FALLON & COMPANY LLP

Hazlet, New Jersey

February 28, 2022

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

INTRODUCTION

Mission

The Authority was created to protect and preserve the vital ecology of its service area and that of adjoining areas. The Authority accomplishes this by effectively treating wastewater and recycling sewage, sending clean water back into the Atlantic Ocean. TNSA efficiently meets or surpasses all mandated federal and state regulations and standards.

The Authority extends its mission beyond the geographical boundaries of its service area by affiliating with and participating in various organizations and activities dedicated to preserving the environment. By cooperating with many watershed groups and agencies operating within its Service Area, TNSA further demonstrates its commitment to environmental protection.

Responsibility and Controls

The Authority has prepared, and is responsible for, the financial statements and related information included in this report. A system of internal accounting controls is maintained to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded and the books and records reflect only authorized transactions. Limitations exist in any system of internal controls. However, recognizing that the cost of a system should not exceed its benefits, management believes its system of internal accounting controls maintains an appropriate cost/benefit relationship.

The Authority's system of internal accounting controls is evaluated on an ongoing basis by the Authority's financial staff. Independent external auditors also consider certain elements of the internal control system in order to determine their auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements.

Management believes that its policies and procedures provide guidance and reasonable assurance that the Authority's operations are conducted in accordance with management's intentions and to a high standard of business ethics.

In management's opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Authority in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The unqualified opinion of our independent external auditors, Fallon & Company, LLP is included in this report.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) provides an introduction to, and should be read with, the basic audited Financial Statements and supplementary information. It presents management's analysis of the Authority's financial condition and performance. Financial Statement data, key financial and operational indicators, the operating budget, bond resolutions and other management tools were used for this analysis.

Financial Highlights

- Total assets increased \$499,227.
- Total liabilities decreased by \$265,515.
- Operating expenses decreased \$619,697.
- Net position at year-end was \$26,675,018, a decrease of \$233,712.

Overview of Annual Financial Report

The Financial Statements utilize full accrual accounting methods such as are applicable for similar business activities in the private sector. However, rate-regulated accounting principles applied to private utilities are not used by government utilities. The financial statements included a Statement of Net Position; a Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, a Statement of Cash Flows; and Notes to the Financial Statements.

The Statement of Net Position presents the Authority's year-end financial position on a full accrual, historical cost basis. It provides information on Authority assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position are an indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position present the results of business activities for the fiscal year and information as to how the net position changed during the year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The Statement of Cash Flows presents changes in cash and cash equivalents resulting from operational, financing, and investing activities. Receipts and disbursements are presented on a cash, not an accrual, basis.

The Notes to the Financial Statements present such required disclosures and information as are essential to fully understanding material data provided in the statements, including significant policies, balances, activities, risks, obligations, commitments, contingencies and subsequent events, if any.

Summary of Organization and Business

TNSA, a public body corporate and politic, was created pursuant to Chapter 138 of the Laws of 1946 of the State of New Jersey (the “Original Act”). It serves seven (7) municipal entities: Neptune Township, Ocean Grove, Bradley Beach, Avon-by-the-Sea, Neptune City, Tinton Falls and Wall Township. Each customer municipality must comply with the Authority’s Rules and Regulations, wherein uniform requirements for system users assure the Authority’s compliance with applicable federal and state laws.

The Authority owns and operates an 8.5 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) wastewater treatment system consisting of a secondary trickling filter treatment facility, with an aerated stabilization pond, and a new “state of the art” biological aerated filtration plant that is used as a polishing point before discharging effluent a mile into the Atlantic Ocean via an Authority-owned outfall pipe. The system includes an elaborate series of trunk lines and force mains, plus one pump station (Laird Ave.) that handles the majority of the wastewater flow from customer municipalities.

TNSA has completed many upgrades to its treatment facility over the past ten years. Most notable are: 1) Replacement of trickling filter media, from stone to cross flow plastic, 2) Upgrading the aeration system and cleaning the aerated stabilization pond; and 3) installation of a “state of the Art” biological-filtration-oxygenated-reactor (BIOFOR) system.

In addition to these upgrades, the Authority has made several mechanical equipment upgrades at the wastewater treatment facility. These upgrades included the purchase and installation of new Horizontal Chopper Sludge Recirculation Pumps, new Rotary Lobe Sludge Transfer Pumps, new energy efficient turbo blower for the Stabilization Pond Aeration System, new Trickling Filter Re-circulation Pumps, new waste gas burner to comply with current NJDEP air emission permit requirements, new dry pit submersible pumps located in the Chlorine Contact Tank Number 1 and Intermediate and Outfall Pump Station Buildings and new grit conveyance pumps for Grit Chamber Numbers 1 and 2.

TNSA’s treatment facility is divided into three complete sections called “trains”. Each train consists of a muffin monster (grinder), flow meter, grit chamber, primary clarifier, trickling filter (with media and distributor), secondary clarifier and a chlorine contact tank. After wastewater has flowed through a treatment train it is pumped from the chlorine contact tank up to the aerated stabilization pond before entering the BIOFOR system.

The BIOFOR system is the last treatment process the wastewater goes through before being discharged into the Atlantic Ocean. The BIOFOR treatment system employs a biological fixed-film technology, using proprietary media that acts as both a biological contactor and a filter, thereby eliminating the need for separate clarification. The primary advantages of the BIOFOR system, when compared to conventional activated sludge systems, are reduced space requirements, elimination of secondary clarifiers, and improved treatment of cold and diluted wastewaters, rapid startup and fully automated operation.

A five member board of Commissioners, appointed by Neptune Township, governs the Authority. An Executive Director, appointed by the Commissioners, administers the Authority. Including the Executive Director, TNSA has 18 full time employees and 1 part time administrative employee.

The Authority has no power to levy or to collect taxes. Operation and maintenance costs are funded from service fees and other charges. Acquisition and construction of capital assets are funded through Operating Revenues, the General Fund, Federal and State Grants, Sewer Revenue Bonds and New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program Loans.

Trends

In the early 1960s, the Township of Neptune constructed a wastewater treatment plant with a capacity of 2.5 million gallons per day to serve the western part of the Township. The plant employed the trickling filter process to provide “secondary treatment” according to then-current New Jersey treatment standards.

The Public Sanitary Sewerage Facilities Assistance Act of 1965 authorized municipal participation in federal grants-in-aid programs for wastewater treatment. In 1972, in furtherance of the State’s regionalization policy, the Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority (TNSA) was created to implement build and operate pollution abatement facilities for Avon-by-the-Sea, Bradley Beach, Neptune City, Neptune Township (including Ocean Grove) and parts of Tinton Falls and Wall Township.

Under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (PL92-500), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“USEPA”) provided substantial funding of wastewater treatment facilities, provided those facilities were designed according to USEPA national standards. TNSA’s plan called for the nucleus of the plant to be Neptune Township’s original 2.5 million gallon per day trickling filter plant, called “Train #1”. The Authority would add a parallel, interconnected, 2.5 million gallon per day “Train #2”, and a parallel, essentially separate, 3.5 million gallon per day “Train #3”.

Over time, as USEPA’s standards became more stringent, additional treatment procedures were required. An aerated effluent stabilization lagoon, to enhance the trickling filter process, added in 1976. The State of New Jersey and USEPA provided 14.5 million of grants-in-aid to TNSA for construction.

In 1977, the State adopted the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.) to address requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 95-217). Under the New Jersey Act, wastewater treatment plants were required to obtain permits for the discharge of effluents to State waters. The permits would contain specific effluent limitations for each wastewater discharger based on so-called “conventional pollutants” (oxygen demand, suspended solids, coliforms, and certain physical/chemical parameters widely used at the time). The same pollutants had been the basis for both design and approval of the original TNSA treatment plant. Eventually, USEPA delegated permitting authority to the New

Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) under the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NJPDES”).

The Clean Water Act emphasized toxic substances that had not been addressed by the USEPA national standards nor, therefore, by most 1970s plant designs. In 1986, NJDEP added a limit on effluent acute toxicity to TNSA’s permit. Consequently, from January 1987 through December 1990, TNSA failed 56 percent of its quarterly toxicity tests, although maintaining a solid record of passing grades for conventional pollutants.

NJDEP did not cite TNSA for the failures because its plant had not been designed to handle toxicity. However, in 1994 and under 1991 amendments to NJ’s Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.), NJDEP was compelled to initiate enforcement action. On June 26, 1995, TNSA accepted an Administrative Consent Order (“ACO”) with NJDEP that temporarily set aside toxicity limitations in its permit while the Authority sought the causes of, and remedies to, the toxicity problem.

Events

TNSA embarked on a comprehensive program aimed at bringing the treatment facility to complete compliance with all NJDEP parameters. The comprehensive program included:

- Pilot studies (GAC/Activated Sludge/BIOFOR)
- Toxicity identification, evaluation and reduction studies
- Service area studies and surveys

As a result of many upgrades the Authority has effected the plant has passed the majority of its bioassay tests with a 100% result and no measurable trace of toxicity.

Financial Analysis

Financial Condition

The Authority's financial condition remained strong at year end with adequate liquid assets, a reasonable level of unrestricted net position, and reliable facilities and systems to meet demand. The Authority's financial condition, technical capabilities, and operating and modernization plans are secure.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Total Current Assets	\$16,594,058	\$17,109,510
Total Deferred Outflow of resources	1,767,565	1,004,811
Plant, Property and Equipment, Net	<u>27,431,692</u>	<u>28,178,221</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$45,793,315</u>	 <u>\$46,292,542</u>
Total Current Liabilities (payable from unrestricted assets)	\$ 1,234,342	\$ 1,342,513
Total Current Liabilities (payable from restricted assets)	3,466,748	3,421,551
Total Non-Current Liabilities	9,773,037	9,405,942
 Deferred Inflow of Resources		
Pension deferrals	1,928,295	1,984,538
OPEB deferrals	<u>2,715,875</u>	<u>3,229,268</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>\$19,118,297</u>	 <u>\$19,383,812</u>
Total Net Position Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	\$26,057,351	\$26,188,541
Total Restricted Net Position	1,472,800	1,472,800
Total Unrestricted Net Position	<u>(855,133)</u>	<u>(752,611)</u>
 Total Net Position	 <u>\$26,675,018</u>	 <u>\$26,908,730</u>
 Total Liabilities and Net Position	 <u>\$45,793,315</u>	 <u>\$46,292,542</u>

Results of Operations

Operations and administrative functions were conducted as intended by, and within the budget established by, TNSA's Board of Commissioners:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Total Operating Revenues	\$ <u>6,728,022</u>	<u>\$6,730,432</u>
Operating Expenses	4,093,051	4,719,526
Depreciation	<u>1,235,568</u>	<u>1,228,790</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 5,328,619</u>	<u>\$5,948,316</u>
Operating Income	<u>1,399,403</u>	<u>782,116</u>
Nonoperating Revenues/(expenses):		
Interest Income	122,077	246,576
Impairment of fixed assets	(1,703,743)	(2,581)
Interest Expense	(45,774)	(61,851)
Amortization expense	<u>(5,675)</u>	<u>(7,794)</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenues (expenses)	<u>(1,633,115)</u>	<u>174,350</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>(233,712)</u>	956,466
Net Position, January 1	<u>\$26,908,730</u>	<u>\$25,952,264</u>
Net Position, December 31	<u>\$26,675,018</u>	<u>\$26,908,730</u>

Statement of Cash Flows

Cash flow was adequate to meet operating, capital and debt requirements.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	\$2,510,455	\$ 434,474
Net Cash Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities	(2,913,952)	(1,328,180)
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>127,422</u>	<u>253,271</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(276,075)	(640,435)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>\$15,544,168</u>	<u>\$16,184,603</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$15,268,093</u>	<u>\$15,544,168</u>

Rates, Billing and Collection Processes

The annual Service Charge to each of TNSA's seven customers is set by allocating the year's operating and debt service requirements among the customers, based on their actual prior-year inflows and capacity ownership, respectively.

Service Charges are certified to each customer not later than January 31st of each year and are due, in equal installments on and be made on or before the 1st day of April, July, October and January. Pursuant to the "Sewerage Authorities Law" (N.J.S.A. 40:14A), customers are assessed interest at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month on any Service Charge installment, or portion thereof, unpaid beyond its due date.

Capital Improvement Program and Debt Administration

TNSA's 5-Year Capital Improvement Program ("Plan") was prepared in consultation with, and reviewed by, the Authority's engineer, commissioners, and staff and presented as directed by the Division of Local Government Services ("DLGS"), State of New Jersey. Funding the plan will not result in extraordinary increases in annual Service Charges to customers.

	<u>Est. Total Cost</u>	<u>Unreserved Retained Earnings</u>	<u>Renewal & Replacement Reserve</u>	<u>Debt Auth.</u>
Digester No. 3 Project	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000		
Biofor Integration Upgrade	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000		
Electrical Upgrades	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000		
Treatment Train Rehabilitation	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000		
Odor Control System	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000		
Fleet Maintenance	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000		
Outfall Pipe Rehabilitation	\$1,500,000			\$1,500,000
Digester No. 4 Rehabilitation	\$1,500,000			\$1,500,000
Collection System Evaluation	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000		
Stabilization Pond Rehabilitation	\$1,000,000			\$1,000,000
Total	<u>\$7,190,000</u>	<u>\$3,190,000</u>		<u>\$4,000,000</u>

Closing Comments

The Financial condition of the Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority is strong. Its facilities, staff, management, and its planning and funding options, are sufficient to assure TNSA's ability to meet its operating responsibilities well into the future.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31,

	2020	2019
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current Assets:		
Unrestricted Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,605,122	\$ 9,785,332
Customer accounts receivable	1,315,854	1,517,641
Other receivables	188	5,345
Prepaid expenses	9,923	42,356
Total Unrestricted Assets	10,931,087	11,350,674
Restricted Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,662,971	5,758,836
Total Restricted Assets	5,662,971	5,758,836
Total Current Assets	16,594,058	17,109,510
Deferred Outflow of Resources:		
Pension deferrals	486,386	597,000
OPEB deferrals	1,276,534	397,491
Unamortized deferred charges	4,645	10,320
Total Deferred Outflow of Resources	1,767,565	1,004,811
Plant, Property and Equipment, net	27,431,692	28,178,221
Total Assets	\$ 45,793,315	\$ 46,292,542

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Current Liabilities (payable from unrestricted assets):		
Accounts payable	\$ 493,385	\$ 613,987
Accrued liabilities	14,682	48,526
Retainage payable	34,075	-
Current portion of long-term debt	665,000	640,000
Accrued interest payable	27,200	40,000
Total Current Liabilities (payable from unrestricted assets)	1,234,342	1,342,513

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31,

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Current Liabilities (payable from restricted assets):		
Security held for member municipalities	\$ 3,466,748	\$ 3,421,551
Total Current Liabilities (payable from restricted assets)	<u>3,466,748</u>	<u>3,421,551</u>
Non-Current Liabilities:		
Unrestricted Liabilities:		
Accrued employee benefits	488,320	476,222
Pension liability	3,402,393	3,648,375
Net OPEB obligation	5,167,009	3,876,208
Long-term debt (inclusive of premiums of \$20,315 and \$45,137 for 2020 and 2019, respectively)	<u>715,315</u>	<u>1,405,137</u>
Total Non-Current Liabilities	<u>9,773,037</u>	<u>9,405,942</u>
Deferred Inflow of Resources:		
Pension deferrals	1,928,295	1,984,538
OPEB deferrals	<u>2,715,875</u>	<u>3,229,268</u>
Total Deferred Inflow of Resources:	<u>4,644,170</u>	<u>5,213,806</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>19,118,297</u>	<u>19,383,812</u>
Net Position		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	<u>26,057,351</u>	<u>26,188,541</u>
Restricted Net Position:		
Bond service reserve	722,800	722,800
Renewal and replacement	<u>750,000</u>	<u>750,000</u>
Total Restricted Net Position	<u>1,472,800</u>	<u>1,472,800</u>
Unrestricted Net Position	<u>(855,133)</u>	<u>(752,611)</u>
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**TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

	2020	2019
Operating Revenues:		
Service charges of member municipalities	\$ 6,727,900	\$ 6,727,900
Miscellaneous income	122	2,532
Total Operating Revenues	6,728,022	6,730,432
Operating Expenses:		
Personnel costs and benefits	1,933,114	2,008,340
Administrative and general	454,071	457,693
Plant, system and maintenance	1,705,866	2,253,493
Depreciation	1,235,568	1,228,790
Total Operating Expenses	5,328,619	5,948,316
Operating Income	1,399,403	782,116
Non-Operating Revenue (Expenses):		
Interest income	122,077	246,576
Impairment of fixed assets	(1,703,743)	(2,581)
Interest expense	(45,774)	(61,851)
Amortization expense	(5,675)	(7,794)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	(1,633,115)	174,350
Net Income (Loss)	(233,712)	956,466
Net Position, January 1	26,908,730	25,952,264
Net Position, December 31	\$ 26,675,018	\$ 26,908,730

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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	2020	2019
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Cash received from member municipalities	\$ 6,929,687	\$ 5,728,926
Cash paid to suppliers	(2,899,038)	(3,710,636)
Cash paid to employees	(1,520,316)	(1,586,348)
Other operating receipts	122	2,532
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	2,510,455	434,474
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(2,203,356)	(617,236)
Principal payments on bonds payable	(640,000)	(615,000)
Interest expense	(70,596)	(95,944)
Net Cash Provided (Used) in Capital and Related Financing Activities	(2,913,952)	(1,328,180)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Interest received on investments	127,422	253,271
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	127,422	253,271
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(276,075)	(640,435)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	15,544,168	16,184,603
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 15,268,093	\$ 15,544,168
Reconciliation to Balance Sheet:		
Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,605,122	\$ 9,785,332
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	5,662,971	5,758,836
	\$ 15,268,093	\$ 15,544,168

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
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	2020	2019
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Operating Income	\$ 1,399,403	\$ 782,116
Depreciation and Amortization	1,241,243	1,236,584
	2,640,646	2,018,700
Change in Assets and Liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	239,377	(998,974)
(Increase)/decrease in prepaids	(446)	(446)
(Increase)/decrease in deferred pension and OPEB outflows	(768,429)	573,977
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable	(120,602)	(94,415)
Increase/(decrease) in accrued expenses and retainage	(471)	(223,337)
Increase/(decrease) in pension and OPEB liability	1,044,819	(1,921,977)
Increase/(decrease) in deferred pension and OPEB inflows	(569,636)	1,011,725
Increase/(decrease) in security held for member municipalities	45,197	69,221
	(130,191)	(1,584,226)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	\$ 2,510,455	\$ 434,474

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION

The Township of Neptune Sewerage Authority (“Authority”), a public body, corporate and political of the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, was organized and exists under the Sewerage Authority Law, constituting Chapter 138 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1946, of the State of New Jersey, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereof. The Authority was established in accordance with the provisions of the Act in order to own and operate a regional sewerage treatment system to serve the Townships of Neptune and Wall, Ocean Grove Sewerage Authority, and the Boroughs of Avon-by-the-Sea, Bradley Beach, Tinton Falls, and Neptune City. The Act authorized the Authority to issue its bonds and other obligations in an unlimited aggregate amount in order to accomplish its public purpose of promoting the relief of waters in or bordering the State of New Jersey from pollution by providing adequate sewerage treatment and disposal services to the Service Area.

The Authority provides sewerage treatment to its seven member municipalities in accordance with service agreements established with each municipality. The service agreements obligate each member to the Authority for their proportionate share of the Authority’s operating expenses, debt service and required reserve additions to the extent not met by other sources.

Reporting Entity

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity Omnibus - An Amendment of GASB 14 and 34*, and GASB Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units* the Authority’s basic financial statements include those of the Authority and any component units. Component units are legally separate organizations whose majority of officials are appointed by the primary government or the organization is fiscally dependent on the primary government and there is a potential for those organizations either to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government.

An organization has a financial benefit or burden relationship with the primary government if any one of the following conditions exist:

1. The primary government (Authority) is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources.
2. The primary government is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the obligation to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization.
3. The primary government is obligated in some manner for the debt of the organization.

Based on the application of the above criteria, this report includes all programs and activities operated by the Authority. There were no additional entities required to be included in the reporting entity under these criteria in the current fiscal year.

Based on the application of the above criteria, the Authority is a component unit of the Township of Neptune. The Authority issues separate financial statements from the Township. However, if the Township presented its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, these financial statements would be included with the Township’s on a blended basis. There were no additional entities required to be included in the reporting entity under these criteria in the current fiscal year.

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NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION (continued)

A. Basis of Presentation and Accounting

The Authority's financial statements are presented on the full accrual basis in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

All activities of the Authority are accounted for within a single proprietary (enterprise) fund.

Proprietary funds are used to account for operations that are (a) financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to the Authority is determined by its measurement focus. The transactions of the Authority are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operations are included on the balance sheet. Total Net Position (i.e., total assets net of total liabilities) are segregated into invested capital assets, net of related debt; restricted for capital activity; restricted for debt service; and unrestricted components.

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, the allowance for doubtful accounts and certain claims and judgment liabilities, among other accounts. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

B. Budgetary Accounting

Each year the Authority adopts a budget which is approved by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services. The budget may be amended by resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Authority. The budgetary basis of accounting is utilized to determine the Authority has sufficient cash to operate and pay debt service. As such, certain items such as bond payments are included in budgetary expenses while depreciation is not included. A reconciliation from the budgetary basis to the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position is included in Schedule 1 of the Supplementary Information.

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NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

New Jersey Authorities are required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 to deposit public funds in a bank or trust company having its place of business in the State of New Jersey and organized under the laws of the United States or of the State of New Jersey or the New Jersey Cash Management Fund. N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 provides a list of securities which may be purchased by New Jersey authorities. The Authority is required to deposit funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (“Act”). The Act was enacted in 1970 to protect government units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey.

N.J.S.A. 17:9-42 requires government units to deposit public funds only in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act.

Public funds are defined as the funds of any government unit. Public depositories include banks (both state and national banks), savings and loan institutions and savings banks, the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories pledge collateral, having a market value of five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of government units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories in the collateral pool, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the government units.

For the Statements of Cash Flows, the Authority combines the unrestricted cash with the restricted cash and cash equivalents. The Authority considers investments with maturities of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents.

D. Restricted Accounts

In accordance with the Bond Resolutions and the Trust Agreement securing the 2010 and 2012 Revenue Bonds (“Bonds”), the Authority has established various cash and investment accounts with a trustee with restrictions on the use of funds. These funds, accounts and the related principal restrictions are as follows:

Construction Fund - The Construction Fund has been established for the payment of the cost of each project for which bonds have been issued under the Trust Agreement. Upon completion of the construction project, any funds remaining and not reserved for unpaid costs shall be applied to payment of costs of any portion of the system, payment of any principal or interest on the bonds, payment of any sinking fund installment, or redemption of any bonds.

Revenue Fund - All pledged revenues as defined in the Trust Agreement are required to be paid over to the Trustee upon receipt and deposited in the Revenue Fund. Transfers from the Revenue Fund shall be made on the first business day of each month in amounts needed to establish the respective fund balances as follows:

Operating Fund - to increase the amount which is on deposit in the Operating Fund to an amount equal to the Authority’s net operating expenses for the current month and the next succeeding three months.

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NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Restricted Accounts (continued)

Bond Service Fund - to equal the interest and principal falling due on the Bonds during the fiscal year.

Bond Reserve Fund - to maintain or provide an amount equal to the average annual debt service requirement as defined in the Trust Agreement in the bonds for any succeeding fiscal year.

Renewal and Replacement Fund - to equal the reasonably required reserve called for by the Trust Agreement.

General Fund - to deposit therein the balance of the pledged revenues to the extent any monies are available.

Operating Fund - to pay all reasonable and necessary costs of operating, maintaining and repairing the sewer system.

Bond Service Fund - to pay principal and interest on the bonds.

Bond Reserve Fund - to make up any deficiencies in the Bond Service Fund or any other Sinking Fund Account. In addition to transfers from the Revenue Fund, monies from the Renewal and Replacement and the General Funds may be transferred into this Fund.

Renewal and Replacement Fund - If the amount in the Bond Reserve Fund shall be less than the Bond Reserve requirement, the Trustee shall withdraw from the General Fund and then from the Renewal and Replacement Fund, and pay into the Bond Reserve Fund the amount needed to increase the amount in the Bond Reserve Fund so that it equals the Bond Reserve requirement. Monies in this Fund may be applied to the reasonable and necessary expenses of the Authority with respect to the Sewer System for major repairs, renewals, replacements or maintenance items of a type not recurring annually or at shorter intervals.

General Fund - If the amount in the Bond Reserve Fund shall be less than the Bond Reserve requirement the Trustee shall withdraw from the General Fund and pay into the Bond Reserve Fund the amount needed to increase the amount in the Bond Reserve Fund so that it equals the Bond Reserve requirement. Under the condition set forth in the Trust Agreement, the Trustee may transfer monies from the General Fund to the Revenue Fund or to the Authority to be spent for any lawful purpose.

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NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

E. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. The cost of property, plant and equipment is depreciated over its estimated useful life, by the straight-line method. Major improvements to existing plant and equipment are capitalized. Repairs and maintenance that do not extend the economic life of plant and equipment are charged to expense as incurred. Upon the sale or retirement of property, plant and equipment, the cost and related accumulated depreciation is eliminated from the accounts and any related gain or loss is reflected in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position.

System construction costs are charged to construction in progress until such time as given segments of the system are completed and placed in operation. The assets are then transferred to the appropriate property and plant account and depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's estimated useful life.

The estimated useful lives of the assets are:

Treatment Plant	75 years
Force Main and Ocean Outfall	75 years
BioFor Treatment Plant	40 years
Pumping Station	10-40 years
Equipment	5-15 years
Vehicles	5 years
Office Furniture	5 years

F. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

G. Investment Income

Investment Income on amounts held by the Authority as security for member municipalities is restricted and added to principal amounts for reinvestment. All other investment income earned is unrestricted and is utilized to defray the cost of operations and debt service.

H. Inventory of Supplies

Minimal inventories of replacement parts, chemicals and supplies are maintained by the Authority and are expensed at the time the individual items are purchased.

I. Income Taxes

The Authority is exempt from federal and state income taxes as it is a public body politic and corporate of the State of New Jersey.

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NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

J. Net Position

Net position comprises the various net earnings from operating and non-operating revenues, expenses and contributions of capital. Net position is classified in the following three components: net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted. Net invested in capital assets consists of all capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding debt that is attributable to the acquisition, construction and improvement of those assets; debt related to unspent proceeds or other restricted cash and investments is excluded from the determination. Restricted includes resources with external restrictions. Unrestricted consists of all other resources not included in the above categories.

NOTE 3 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS

A. Deposits

Cash and Cash Equivalents consist of the following at December 31:

	2020	2019
Cash	\$ 77,265	\$ 120,084
Money Market Funds	15,190,828	15,424,084
	\$ 15,268,093	\$ 15,544,168

As of December 31, 2020, the Authority's Cash and Cash Equivalents are insured or collateralized with securities held by the Authority or by its agent in the Authority's name.

A. Deposits (continued)

The carrying amount of the Authority's cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2020 was \$15,268,093 and the bank balance was \$15,647,227. Of the bank balance, \$500,000 was covered by federal depository insurance, and the remaining \$15,147,227 was covered under the unit certificate of eligibility as required by New Jersey statutes.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of a financial institution or counterparty to a transaction, the Authority will not be able to recover the value of its investment. The Authority mitigates this risk by depositing or investing with public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Act.

B. Investments

The Authority had no investments at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

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NOTE 4 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, Plant and Equipment consisted of the following at December 31:

	Balance December 31, 2019	Additions	Transfers or Disposals	Balance December 31, 2020
Land	\$ 346,264			\$ 346,264
Plant and Improvements	54,934,637	\$ 285,371		55,220,008
Equipment and Vehicles	604,455	10,900		615,355
Construction in Progress	291,680	1,896,511	\$ 1,703,743	484,448
	<u>56,177,036</u>	<u>2,192,782</u>	<u>1,703,743</u>	<u>56,666,075</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>27,998,815</u>	<u>1,235,568</u>		<u>29,234,383</u>
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	<u>\$ 28,178,221</u>	<u>\$ 957,214</u>	<u>\$ 1,703,743</u>	<u>\$ 27,431,692</u>

The Authority contracted to install new equipment on a digester which, in 2020, resulted in a failed project. The cost of the failed project was \$1,703,743 and is shown as an abandonment. The Authority is litigating to recover its cost.

NOTE 5 DEFERRED CHARGES

Deferred Charges relate to the issuance costs, including legal, printing and financing costs, of the 2012 Sewer Revenue Bond Series. These charges are being amortized on the interest method over the life of the respective bonds. During 2012, the 2003A Sewer Revenue Bond Series was refunded and the deferred charges written off as part of the loss on bond refunding.

Deferred Charges consist of the following at December 31:

	2020	2019
Bond Issuance Costs	\$ 10,320	\$ 18,114
Less: Accumulated Amortization	<u>5,675</u>	<u>7,794</u>
Net Deferred Charges	<u>\$ 4,645</u>	<u>\$ 10,320</u>

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NOTE 6 LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-Term Debt consisted of the following at December 31:

	2020	2019
2012 Series, Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds	\$ 1,360,000	\$ 2,000,000
Total Long-term Debt	1,360,000	2,000,000
Unamortized Bond Premium	20,315	45,137
Current Portion	(665,000)	(640,000)
Net Long-term Debt	\$ 715,315	\$ 1,405,137

2012 Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds

The Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 were authorized for the purpose of refunding \$6,250,000 of the outstanding principle amount of the Authority's Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, and to provide funds to pay all fees and expenses incurred with the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds consist of \$5,930,000 in Serial Bonds which mature annually on July 1, 2012 through 2022. Interest during that period ranges from 3.000% to 4.000% payable semi-annually on January 1 and July 1.

Annual Debt Service

The following table sets forth the annual debt service (budgetary basis) of the Authority for all bonds outstanding:

12 Month Period Ending December 31,	2012 Series A	Total Debt Service
2021	\$ 719,400	\$ 719,400
2022	722,800	722,800
	\$ 1,442,200	\$ 1,442,200

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NOTE 6 LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

The following table sets forth the debt service requirements for principal and interest:

12 Month Period Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 665,000	\$ 54,400	\$ 719,400
2022	695,000	27,800	722,800
	\$ 1,360,000	\$ 82,200	\$ 1,442,200

Changes in the outstanding debt for 2020 are as follows:

<u>Issue</u>	Balance December 31, 2019	Issued	Paid	Balance December 31, 2020
Series 2012	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 640,000	\$ 1,360,000
	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 640,000	\$ 1,360,000

NOTE 7 SECURITY HELD FOR MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES

Service agreements with member municipalities provide that payments shall be at 102% of the member municipality's obligation for sewer treatment services. The additional 2% shall be deposited to the credit of the municipality in a Sewer Rent Reserve Account until deposits and interest earned in investment of such amounts equals the next two quarterly payments to become due from the member municipality.

Investment accounts have been established for each of the member municipalities as directed by the individual governing bodies.

NOTE 8 COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Per the Authority's "Personnel Code", its employees are entitled to sick leave benefits and vacation time.

Sick Leave

Sick leave allowances are determined as follows:

After one year of employment, an employee will be allowed 15 days sick leave in each twelve-month period. Sick leave eligibility will be credited on the basis of one and one-quarter days for each month in

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which the employee is on the payroll.

NOTE 8 COMPENSATED ABSENCES (continued)

Unused sick leave may be accumulated from year to year without a limit. An employee is entitled to use the accumulated sick leave with pay when needed.

Sick leave in excess of the accrued time may be granted at the discretion of the Authority when warranted by the employee's overall work record.

An employee who has used five days or less of sick time in a calendar year can elect to be compensated for up to five (5) of the remaining days and banking the remainder of the days in their accumulated sick time totals. The compensation for up to seven (7) unused days may be taken as a cash payment or as compensatory time off. If compensatory time off is chosen, this will be taken as straight time (i.e. 8 hours = 8 hours compensatory time off).

One half of the accumulated sick leave shall be paid upon retirement, permanent disability or death. Sick leave will not be granted as credit toward early retirement.

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the computed contingent liability for accumulated sick leave compensation is \$340,294 and \$337,026 respectively. This is presented on the comparative balance sheet as an unrestricted noncurrent liability under to caption "Accrued Employee Benefits".

Vacation Time

It is the policy of the Authority that all employees be granted time away from work for the purpose of vacation. Each employee shall take advantage of the authorized vacation period for reasons of health, rest relaxation and pleasure; and therefore, extra compensation in lieu of vacation will not be allowed. The amount of time granted shall be determined by the employee's length of service. A vacation year shall run from the anniversary date of each employee's employment date. All vacation time earned in a given year must be used within the vacation year or be forfeited.

Employees who terminate their employment will receive vacation pay according to their accruals, provided the employee is in compliance with all requirements related to termination.

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the computed contingent liability for accrued vacation time is \$148,026 and \$139,196, respectively. This is presented on the comparative balance sheet as an unrestricted current liability included with other accrued liabilities under the caption "Accrued Employee Benefits".

NOTE 9 PENSION PLAN

Description of the System

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 PERS, please refer to the Division's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrprts.shtml.

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NOTE 9 PENSION PLAN (continued)

Description of the System (continued)

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>	<u>Definition</u>
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

Service retirement benefits of 1/5 5th 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 tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 before age 62 with 25 or more years of service credit and tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before age 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.

Membership

Membership in the PERS is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the State of New Jersey or any county, municipality, school Authority or public agency, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another state-administered retirement system or other state or local jurisdiction. Since PERS covers public employees throughout the State separate records are not maintained for each reporting unit; accordingly, the actuarial data for the employees of the Authority who are members of PERS are not available.

Contributions

The contribution policy for PERS is set by N.J.S.A. 15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For fiscal year 2015, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount. The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of the

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normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such
NOTE 9 PENSION PLAN (continued)

Contributions (continued)

employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. Authority contributions to PERS amounted to \$232,673 and \$214,345 for 2019 and 2018, respectively. The annual employer contribution includes funding for basic retirement allowances, cost-of-living adjustments, cost of medical premiums after retirement for qualified retirees, and noncontributory death benefits.

The Authority contribution to the plan for the past three years are as follows:

Year	PERS
2020	\$ 204,849
2019	232,673
2018	214,348

All contributions were equal to the required contributions for each of the three years, respectively.

In 2004 the Authority deferred a portion of their pension obligation as allowed. The present value of the deferral at December 31, 2020 and 2019 is \$32,300 and \$36,342, respectively. This amount is included as an accrued liability on the balance sheet. The Authority is obligated to pay, at a minimum \$6,673 per year plus an adjustment based on the rate of return of the actuarial value of the plans assets for 15 years beginning in 2012 to pay back the deferral.

Net Pension Liability and Pension Expense

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Authority’s proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability is valued to be \$3,402,393 and \$3,648,375, respectively. The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019, to the measurement date of June 30, 2020. The Authority’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Authority’s actual contributions to the plan relative to the total of all participating employers’ contributions for the year ended June 30, 2019. The Authority’s proportion measured as of June 30, 2020, was 0.0208641246%, which was an increase of 0.0006161654% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019 of 0.0202479592%.

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NOTE 9 PENSION PLAN (continued)

Net Pension Liability and Pension Expense (continued)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u>
Actuarial Valuation Date	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2019	
Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,402,393	\$ 3,648,375	\$ (245,982)
Authority's Proportion of the Plan's Total Net Pension Liability	0.0208641246%	0.0202479592%	0.0006161654%

For the year ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 the Authority recognized pension expense of \$4,790 and \$62,109, respectively. The Authority reported deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflow of resources related to pension from the following sources:

Year ended December 31, 2020	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 61,952	\$ 12,032
Changes of assumptions	110,377	1,424,614
Changes in proportion	197,760	459,349
Net difference between projected and actual investment earning on pension plan investments	<u>116,297</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 486,386</u>	<u>\$ 1,895,995</u>

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NOTE 9 PENSION PLAN (continued)

Net Pension Liability and Pension Expense (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2019	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 65,484	\$ 16,117
Changes of assumptions	364,304	1,266,339
Changes in proportion	167,212	644,491
Net difference between projected and actual investment earning on pension plan investments	<u> -</u>	<u> 57,591</u>
	<u><u>\$ 597,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,984,538</u></u>

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

Year ended December 31,

	2021	\$	(514,537)
	2022		(472,982)
	2023		(315,809)
	2024		(90,566)
	2025		<u>(15,715)</u>
	Total	\$	<u>(1,409,609)</u>
			<u>December 31, 2020</u>
	Deferred Outflows	\$	486,386
	Deferred Inflows		<u>(1,895,995)</u>
	Net Outflows (Inflows)	\$	<u>2,382,381</u>

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NOTE 9 PENSION PLAN (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

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

	<u>PERS</u>
Measurement Date	6/30/20
Actuarial valuation date	7/1/19
Investment rate of return	7.00%
Salary increases:	2.00 – 6.00%
Through 2026	Based on Years of Service
Thereafter	3.00 – 7.00%
	Based on Years of Service
Inflation rate:	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%

Preretirement 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 is based on Scale MP-2020.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2020) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investment 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 range 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 estimate of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2019 are summarized in the following table:

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NOTE 9 PENSION PLAN (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Risk mitigation strategies	3.00%	3.40%
Cash equivalents	4.00%	0.50%
U.S. Treasuries	5.00%	1.94%
Investment grade credit	8.00%	2.67%
High yield	2.00%	5.95%
Private credit	8.00%	7.59%
Real assets	3.00%	9.73%
Real estate	8.00%	9.56%
US equity	27.00%	7.71%
Non-U.S. developed markets equity	13.50%	8.57%
Emerging markets equity	5.50%	10.23%
Private equity	13.00%	11.42%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be based on 78% 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 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, 2020, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the collective net pension 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:

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NOTE 9 PENSION PLAN (continued)

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

	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Discount</u>	<u>Increase</u>
	<u>(6.00%)</u>	<u>(7.00%)</u>	<u>(8.00%)</u>
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,283,045	\$ 3,402,393	\$ 2,655,136

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

NOTE 10 POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS ("OPEB")

General Information About the OPEB Plan

The State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employee 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. For additional information about the Plan, please refer to the State of New Jersey ("State"), Division of Pensions and Benefits' ("Division"). Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>.

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

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

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NOTE 10 POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (“OPEB”) (continued)

General Information About the OPEB Plan (continued)

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

Basis of Presentation

The schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and the schedule of OPEB amounts by employer and nonemployer (collectively, “Schedules”) present amounts that are considered elements of the financial statements of its participating employers or the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. Accordingly, they do not purport to be a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of the participating employer or the State. The accompanying Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Such preparation requires management of the Plan to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Allocation Methodology

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the Plan to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources, and collective OPEB (benefit) expense. The special funding situation’s and nonspecial funding situation’s net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB (benefit) expense are based on separately calculated total OPEB liabilities. For the special funding situation and the nonspecial funding situation, the total OPEB liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2020 were \$5,512,481,278 and \$12,598,993,950, respectively. The nonspecial funding situation’s net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB (benefit) expense are further allocated to employers based on the ratio of the plan members of an individual employer to the total members of the Plan’s nonspecial funding situation during the measurement period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Employer and nonemployer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes; therefore, amounts presented in the schedule of OPEB amounts by employer and nonemployer may result in immaterial differences.

Special Funding Situation

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

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NOTE 10 POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (“OPEB”) (continued)

Special Funding Situation (continued)

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

Net OPEB Liability

At December 31, 2020, the Authority reported a liability of \$5,167,009 as the Authority's proportionate share of Net OPEB liability. The Net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2020. The total OPEB liability used to calculate the Net OPEB liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total OPEB liability from an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2020. The Authority's proportion measured as of June 30, 2020, was 0.028791% which was an increase of 0.000176% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

OPEB Expense

At December 31, 2020, the Authority's proportionate share of the expense (benefit), calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2020 measurement date is (\$7,370).

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NOTE 10 POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (“OPEB”) (continued)

Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources, and OPEB Expense

At December 31, 2020 the State reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows from resources attributable to the Authority from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Net differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 136,095	\$ 962,194
Net differences between projected and actual investment earnings	3,281	
Changes of assumptions	772,822	1,149,063
Changes in proportion	<u>364,336</u>	<u>604,618</u>
	<u>\$ 1,276,534</u>	<u>\$ 2,715,875</u>

At December 31, 2019 the State reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows from resources attributable to the Authority from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Net differences between expected and actual experience		\$ 1,133,554
Net differences between projected and actual investment earnings	\$ 3,193	
Changes of assumptions		1,373,642
Changes in proportion	<u>394,298</u>	<u>722,072</u>
	<u>\$ 397,491</u>	<u>\$ 3,229,268</u>

The Authority will amortize the above sources of deferred outflows and inflows related to the OPEB over the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with OPEB through the OPEB plan with the exception of net differences between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments which will be amortized over 5 years. The average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees is 8.05 and 8.14 for the 2019 and 2018 amounts, respectively.

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NOTE 10 POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (“OPEB”) (continued)

Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources, and OPEB Expense (continued)

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB that would be recognized in future periods if the Authority was on a GAAP basis of accounting, is as follows:

Year ended December 31,		
2021	\$	(328,729)
2022		(328,979)
2023		(329,430)
2024		(329,765)
2025		(191,074)
2026-2027		<u>68,636</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>(1,439,341)</u></u>
		<u>December 31,</u>
		<u>2020</u>
Deferred Outflows	\$	1,276,534
Deferred Inflows		<u>(2,715,875)</u>
Net Outflows (Inflows)	\$	<u><u>(1,439,341)</u></u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total OPEB liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases*:	
Through 2026	2.00 – 6.00%
Thereafter	3.00 – 7.00%

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

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NOTE 10 POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (“OPEB”) (continued)

Actuarial assumptions (continued)

Mortality:

Pub-2010 General classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2020.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) experience studies prepared for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018.

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

Health Care Trend Assumptions

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend is initially 5.6% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after seven years. For post-65 medical benefits, the actual fully-insured Medicare Advantage trend rates for fiscal year 2021 through 2022 are reflected. The rates used for 2023 and 2024 are 21.83% and 18.53%, respectively, trending to 4.5% for all future years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 7.00% and decreased to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after seven years.

Discount Rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2020 was 2.21. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the State. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

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

The following presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the collective net OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage- point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (1.21%)	<u>June 30, 2020</u> Current Discount Rate (2.21%)	1% Increase (3.21%)
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 6,108,496</u>	<u>\$ 5,167,009</u>	<u>\$ 4,421,736</u>

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NOTE 10 POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (“OPEB”) (continued)

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

The following presents the Authority’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, calculated using the healthcare trend rate as disclosed above as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	<u>1%</u> <u>Decrease</u>	<u>June 30, 2020</u> <u>Current</u> <u>Trend Rate</u>	<u>1%</u> <u>Increase</u>
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 4,275,705	\$ 5,167,009	\$ 6,334,183

NOTE 11 RISK MANAGEMENT

Health insurance coverage for the Authority’s employees is obtained through the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program (“SHBP”). SHBP provides the following basic benefit coverage to all participants: hospital, surgical, group major medical, prescription drug coverage for active and qualified retired Authority employees and their families. Worker’s compensation is obtained through the Statewide Joint Insurance Fund, a public entity risk pool. General liability and property coverage is provided by Zurich American Insurance Company; general liability coverage is in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and property coverage is in the amount of \$1,000,000 combined single limit. A commercial umbrella policy from American Alternative Insurance Company increases the limits to \$10,000,000 for each occurrence and in the aggregate for general liability and property coverage.

There have been no reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year. Additionally, the amount of settlements has not exceeded insurance coverage in the past three years.

NOTE 12 CONTINGENCIES

The Authority is subject to extensive federal and state environmental regulations. The Authority’s management is not aware of any violations that may have a material effect on the financial statements.

NOTE 13 LITIGATION

The Authority is party to various lawsuits, none of which the Authority believes will cause any monetary damage to the Authority.

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NOTE 14 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In 2021 the Authority had a digester failure which is under investigation. At this time the estimated amount the Authority may need to abandon is approximately \$2,200,000.

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 28, 2022 the date the financial statements were issued.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
NEPTUNE, NEW JERSEY**

**SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUES AND COSTS FUNDED BY
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Year Ended December 31, 2020
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2019)**

	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	Variance	2019 Actual
Operating Revenues:				
Unrestricted Net Position Utilized	\$ 2,654,200		(2,654,200)	
Service Charges	6,727,900	\$ 6,727,900	-	\$ 6,727,900
Interest Income	60,000	122,077	62,077	246,576
Miscellaneous Income		122	122	2,532
Total Budget	\$ 9,442,100	\$ 6,850,099	\$ (2,592,001)	\$ 6,977,008
Operating Expenses:				
Personel Costs and Benefits:				
Administrative Salaries and Wages	\$ 160,500	\$ 157,990	\$ 2,510	\$ 155,566
Operational Salaries and Wages	1,600,000	1,362,326	237,674	1,430,782
Pension	205,000	4,790	200,210	62,109
Hospitalization & Dental	455,000	271,072	183,928	180,813
Prescription Plan	60,000	51,637	8,363	61,859
Payroll Taxes	139,000	85,299	53,701	117,211
Total Personel Costs and Benefits	2,619,500	1,933,114	686,386	2,008,340
Administrative and General Expenses				
Insurance	198,000	186,038	11,962	186,038
Travel	4,000		4,000	752
Training	10,000	1,235	8,765	5,606
Postage	2,000	910	1,090	1,282
Telephone	15,000	9,561	5,439	10,915
Office Supplies and Equipment	29,000	17,562	11,438	26,189
Maintenance Agreements	25,000	25,152	(152)	22,743
Books and Publications	1,000	468	532	172
Advertising	2,500	1,990	510	1,805
Licensing Fees	65,000	68,471	(3,471)	57,874
Affiliation Fees	7,000	5,968	1,032	5,515
Administrative	10,600	11,272	(672)	6,874
Auditing and Financial Consulting	38,000	27,750	10,250	29,408
Legal and Legal Consulting	78,000	93,194	(15,194)	98,020
Trustee Fees	4,500	4,500	-	4,500
Total Administrative and General Expenses	489,600	454,071	35,529	457,693

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OPERATING REVENUES (Budgetary Basis)
Year Ended December 31, 2020
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2019)**

	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	Variance	2019 Actual
Plant, System and Maintenance Expenses				
Electric	\$ 650,000	\$ 437,777	\$ 212,223	\$ 457,662
Fuel Oil	12,000	5,675	6,325	8,484
Water	8,000	8,108	(108)	8,203
Chemical/Odor Control	150,000	133,858	16,142	87,273
Janitorial Supplies	9,000	6,083	2,917	3,956
Equipment and Maintenance	480,000	140,903	339,097	169,363
Natural Gas	160,000	79,644	80,356	79,983
Uniforms	9,000	6,856	2,144	5,863
Lab Supplies	40,000	32,828	7,172	37,629
Lubricants	13,000	1,675	11,325	9,289
Sodium Hypochlorite	120,000	87,498	32,502	86,671
Sludge Processing	1,000,000	613,758	386,242	1,096,519
Ocean Outfall Inspection	50,000		50,000	52,400
Gasoline	12,000	4,885	7,115	6,961
Vehicle Maintenance	10,000	7,426	2,574	5,223
Engineering and Engineering Consulting	200,000	138,892	61,108	138,014
Total Plant, System and Maintenance Expenses	<u>2,923,000</u>	<u>1,705,866</u>	<u>1,217,134</u>	<u>2,253,493</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>6,032,100</u>	<u>4,093,051</u>	<u>1,939,049</u>	<u>4,719,526</u>
Other Costs Funded by Operating Revenues:				
Capital Outlay:				
Plant Improvements and Equipment	2,690,000	2,192,782	497,218	609,442
Total Capital Outlay	<u>2,690,000</u>	<u>2,192,782</u>	<u>497,218</u>	<u>609,442</u>
Debt Service:				
Bond Interest	80,000	67,200	12,800	92,300
Other Interest		3,396	(3,396)	3,644
Bond Principal	640,000	640,000		615,000
Total Debt Service	<u>720,000</u>	<u>710,596</u>	<u>9,404</u>	<u>710,944</u>
Total Other Costs Funded by Operating Revenues	<u>3,410,000</u>	<u>2,903,378</u>	<u>506,622</u>	<u>1,320,386</u>
Total Costs Funded by Operating Revenues	<u>9,442,100</u>	<u>6,996,429</u>	<u>2,445,671</u>	<u>6,039,912</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Costs		<u>(146,330)</u>	<u>(5,037,672)</u>	<u>937,096</u>
Total Budget	<u>\$ 9,442,100</u>	<u>\$ 6,850,099</u>	<u>\$ (2,592,001)</u>	<u>\$ 6,977,008</u>

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**SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUES AND COSTS FUNDED BY
OPERATING REVENUES (Budgetary Basis)
Year Ended December 31, 2020
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2019)**

	2020 <u>Actual</u>	2019 <u>Actual</u>
Reconciliation of Budgetary Basis to Net Income		
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Costs	\$ (146,330)	\$ 937,096
Capitalized Plant Improvements	2,192,782	609,442
Impairment of fixed assets	(1,703,743)	(2,581)
Depreciation Expense	(1,235,568)	(1,228,790)
Amortization of Bond Premium	24,822	34,093
Amortization of Deferred Charges	(5,675)	(7,794)
Debt Service - Bond Principal	<u>640,000</u>	<u>615,000</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ (233,712)</u>	<u>\$ 956,466</u>

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**SCHEDULE OF THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
NET PENSION LIABILITY
Years Ended December 31, (Last 10 Years)***

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.0208641246%	0.0202479592%	0.0233918165%	0.0231375835%	0.0221332915%	0.0231464044%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,402,393	\$ 3,648,375	\$ 4,605,732	\$ 5,386,060	\$ 6,555,246	\$ 5,195,904
Covered - employee payroll	\$ 1,509,816	\$ 1,586,348	\$ 1,653,583	\$ 1,786,383	\$ 1,718,894	\$ 1,657,203
Proportionate Share of the net pension liability as percentage of employee payroll	225.35%	229.99%	278.53%	301.51%	381.36%	313.53%
Proportionate share of plan's fiduciary net position	\$ 3,429,147	\$ 4,727,419	\$ 5,319,784	\$ 4,991,694	\$ 4,395,133	\$ 4,782,414
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	42.51%	56.27%	53.60%	48.10%	40.14%	47.93%

Notes to Schedule:

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**SCHEDULE OF PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
Years Ended December 31, (Last 10 Years)***

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution (actuarially determined)	\$ 228,243	\$ 196,953	\$ 232,673	\$ 214,345	\$ 195,997	\$ 180,288
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	228,243	196,953	232,673	214,345	195,997	180,288
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered - employee payroll	\$ 1,509,816	\$ 1,586,348	\$ 1,653,583	\$ 1,786,383	\$ 1,718,894	\$ 1,657,203
Contributions as a percentage of covered- employee payroll	15.12%	12.42%	14.07%	12.00%	11.40%	10.88%
Notes to Schedule:						
Valuation date:	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015
Inflation rate (Price/Wage)	2.75% / 3.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	3.08%	3.04%
Salary Increases	2.00 - 6.00%	2.00 - 6.00%	1.65 - 4.15%	1.65 - 4.15%	1.65 - 4.15%	2.15 - 4.40%
Through 2026 for 2019	Based on Years of Service	Based on Years of Service	Based on Age	Based on Age	Based on Age	Based on Age
Thereafter	3.00 - 7.00%	3.00 - 7.00%	2.65 - 5.15%	2.65 - 5.15%	2.65 - 5.15%	3.15 - 5.40%
	Based on Years of Service	Based on Years of Service	Based on Age	Based on Age	Based on Age	Based on Age
Investment rate of return	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.65%	7.90%

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Schedule IV

**SCHEDULE OF THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
NET OPEB LIABILITY
Years Ended December 31, (Last 10 Years)***

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Authority's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.028791%	0.028615%	0.030899%	0.028594%	0.030546%
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 5,167,009	\$ 3,876,208	\$ 4,840,828	\$ 5,837,691	\$ 6,633,817
Authority's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,509,816	\$ 1,586,348	\$ 1,653,583	\$ 1,786,383	\$ 1,718,894
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	342.23%	244.35%	292.75%	326.79%	385.94%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.91%	1.98%	1.97%	1.03%	0.69%

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Schedule V

**SCHEDULE OF OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS
Years Ended December 31, (Last 10 Years)***

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Contractually required contribution (actuarially determined)	\$ 353,747	\$ 408,498	\$ 366,197	\$ 415,633	\$ 360,248
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	353,747	408,498	366,197	415,633	360,248
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation date:	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016
Inflation rate	2.50%	2.25%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
Salary Increases Through 2026	2.00 - 6.00% Based on Years of Service	2.00 - 6.00% Based on Years of Service	1.65 - 8.98% Based on Age	1.65 - 8.98% Based on Age	1.65 - 8.98% Based on Age
Thereafter	3.00 - 7.00% Based on Years of Service	3.00 - 7.00% Based on Years of Service	2.65 - 9.98% Based on Age	2.65 - 9.98% Based on Age	2.65 - 9.98% Based on Age
Discount rate	2.21%	3.50%	3.87%	3.58%	2.85%

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PART II
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
Year Ended December 31, 2020**

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and with audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

None.

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**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT
Year Ended December 31, 2020**

This section identifies the status of prior year findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

None.