

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**REPORT OF AUDIT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

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**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**

**BERGEN COUNTY**

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**PART I**

**REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**AND SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the Borough Council  
Borough of Alpine  
Alpine, New Jersey

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

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets - regulatory basis of the various funds and account group of the Borough of Alpine, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis for the years then ended, and the related statement of revenues - regulatory basis and statement of expenditures - regulatory basis of the various funds for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial accounting and reporting provisions and practices that demonstrate compliance with the regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

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

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

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Borough of Alpine on the basis of the financial accounting and reporting provisions and practices that demonstrate compliance with the regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the financial reporting requirements of the State of New Jersey for municipal government entities.

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

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

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the “Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles” paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the Borough of Alpine as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, or changes in financial position, for the years then ended.

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

As discussed in Note 16 of the financial statements, the financial statements – regulatory basis of the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) Trust Fund have not been audited, and we were not required by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, to audit nor were we engaged to audit the LOSAP Trust Fund financial statements as part of our audit of the Borough’s financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. The LOSAP Trust Fund financial activities are included in the Borough’s Trust Funds, and represent 7.2 percent and 6.4 percent of the assets and liabilities, respectively, of the Borough’s Trust Funds as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.

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

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the LOSAP Trust Fund financial statements been audited as described in the “Basis for Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting” paragraph above, the financial statements – regulatory basis referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position – regulatory basis of the various funds and account group of the Borough of Alpine as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the results of operations and changes in fund balance – regulatory basis of such funds for the years then ended and the respective revenues – regulatory basis and expenditures – regulatory basis of the various funds for the year ended December 31, 2016 in accordance with the financial accounting and reporting provisions and practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as described in Note 1.

***Other Matters***

***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements of the Borough of Alpine as a whole. The supplementary schedules listed in the table of contents, schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance and the supplementary data and letter of comments and recommendations section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements of the Borough of Alpine.

The supplementary schedules listed in the table of contents and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary schedules listed in the table of contents and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

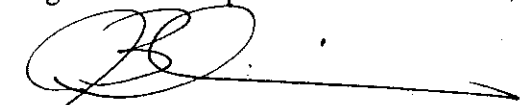
The supplementary data and letter of comments and recommendations section has not been subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

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

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 20, 2017 on our consideration of the Borough of Alpine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Borough of Alpine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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June 20, 2017



**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	A-4	\$ 3,337,944	\$ 3,012,348
Cash - Change Funds	A-5	100	100
Grant Receivables	A-10	11,470	25,644
Due from State of New Jersey - Senior Citizens' and Veterans' Deductions	A-7	<u>2,003</u>	<u>2,253</u>
		<u>3,351,517</u>	<u>3,040,345</u>
<b>Receivables and Other Assets With Full Reserves</b>			
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-8	185,424	127,623
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-9	16,883	17,198
Due from Recreation Trust Fund	B-14	-	1
Due from General Capital Fund	C-10	<u>-</u>	<u>105</u>
		<u>202,307</u>	<u>144,927</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><u>\$ 3,553,824</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,185,272</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Appropriation Reserves	A-3,A-11	\$ 547,230	\$ 393,854
Encumbrances Payable	A-12	53,406	
Fees Payable	A-13	3,771	1,207
Prepaid Taxes	A-14	313,034	205,306
Tax Overpayments	A-15	2,986	2,986
Due to Open Space Preservation Trust Fund	B-8	142	
Due to Other Trust Fund	B-11	100,000	124,882
Due to General Capital Fund	C-10	23,098	
County Taxes Payable	A-16	20,652	16,389
Local District School Tax Payable	A-17	817,023	741,998
Reserve for Grants - Appropriated	A-19	62,523	59,231
Reserve for Grants - Unappropriated	A-20	<u>18,386</u>	<u>12,032</u>
		1,962,251	1,557,885
Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets	A	202,307	144,927
<b>Fund Balance</b>	A-1	<u>1,389,266</u>	<u>1,482,460</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</b>		<u><u>\$ 3,553,824</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,185,272</u></u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -**  
**REGULATORY BASIS**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED</b>			
Fund Balance Utilized	A-2	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 1,000,000
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-2	1,611,941	1,680,429
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	A-2	127,617	160,959
Receipts from Current Taxes	A-2	14,957,100	14,982,599
Non-Budget Revenue	A-2	65,598	270,508
Other Credits to Income			
Unexpended Balances of Appropriation Reserves	A-11	193,831	208,154
Prior Year Interfunds Returned	A	<u>106</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenue		<u>18,106,193</u>	<u>18,302,649</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Budget Appropriations			
Operations			
Salaries & Wages	A-3	2,572,100	2,548,895
Other Expenses	A-3	1,434,547	1,403,573
Debt Service	A-3	596,339	573,504
Deferred Charges and Statutory			
Expenditures - Municipal	A-3	537,988	521,351
County Taxes	A-16	5,689,768	5,841,645
Due to County for Added and Omitted Taxes	A-16	20,652	16,389
Local District School Tax	A-17	6,084,841	5,934,795
Municipal Open Space Tax	A-18	98,581	98,139
Prior Year Adjustment County Taxes	A-1		1,947
Interfunds Advanced	A-1		106
Grant Receivables Cancelled	A-10	1,209	
Prior Year Taxes Refunded	A-4	<u>13,362</u>	<u>14,616</u>
Total Expenditures		<u>17,049,387</u>	<u>16,954,960</u>
Statutory Excess in Revenue		1,056,806	1,347,689
FUND BALANCE, JANUARY 1	A	<u>1,482,460</u>	<u>1,134,771</u>
		2,539,266	2,482,460
Decreased by:			
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	A-1,A-2	<u>1,150,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31	A	<u>\$ 1,389,266</u>	<u>\$ 1,482,460</u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Added By:</u> <u>40A:4-87</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess or</u> <u>(Deficit)</u>
FUND BALANCE ANTICIPATED	A-1	\$ 1,150,000	-	\$ 1,150,000	-
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>					
Fees and Permits					
Other	A-2	50,000		60,726	\$ 10,726
Fines and Costs - Municipal Court	A-9	37,000		37,097	97
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-9	30,000		38,624	8,624
Interest on Investments	A-2	2,000		13,496	11,496
Cell Tower Rent	A-9	309,000		343,975	34,975
Energy Receipts Tax	A-9	405,408		405,408	
Garden State Trust Fund	A-9	5,219		5,219	
Uniform Construction Code Fees	A-9	185,000		325,375	140,375
Municipal Alliance Grant	A-10	4,760	\$ 9,520	14,280	
Recycling Tonnage Grant	A-10	6,375		6,375	
Alcohol Education and Rehab Fund	A-20	59		59	
Body Armor Grant	A-20	1,510		1,510	
Clean Communities Program	A-20	6,463		6,463	
Police Donations-Equipment	A-20	4,000		4,000	
Rent - U.S. Post Office	A-9	85,000		85,000	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Boy Scouts of America	A-9	53,130		53,130	
Cresskill Leaf Compost	A-9	50,000		62,500	12,500
Open Space Trust Fund - Green Acres Loan	A-4	148,704	-	148,704	-
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	A-1	<u>1,383,628</u>	<u>9,520</u>	<u>1,611,941</u>	<u>218,793</u>
RECEIPTS FROM DELINQUENT TAXES	A-1,A-8	<u>122,000</u>	-	<u>127,617</u>	<u>5,617</u>
<b>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES FOR SUPPORT OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET</b>					
Local Tax For Municipal Purposes	A-2	<u>3,205,876</u>	-	<u>3,793,258</u>	<u>587,382</u>
	A-3	<u>\$ 5,861,504</u>	<u>\$ 9,520</u>	<u>6,682,816</u>	<u>\$ 811,792</u>
Non-Budget Revenue	A-1,A-2			<u>65,598</u>	
				<u>\$ 6,748,414</u>	

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Realized</u>
<b>ANALYSIS OF REALIZED REVENUES</b>		
Allocation of Current Tax Collections		
Revenue from Collections	A-1,A-8	\$ 14,957,100
Less Allocated to School, County and Municipal Open Space Taxes	A-16,A-17 A-18	<u>11,893,842</u>
		3,063,258
Add Appropriation Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-3	<u>730,000</u>
Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriation	A-2	<u>\$ 3,793,258</u>
<b>Fees and Permits - Other</b>		
Borough Clerk	A-9	\$ 15,753
Health Officer and Registrar	A-9	11,236
Police Department	A-9	6,607
Other Fees and Permits	A-9	<u>27,130</u>
	A-2	<u>\$ 60,726</u>
<b>Interest on Investments</b>		
Interest on Investments	A-9	\$ 8,078
Due from Other Trust Fund	B-11	4,185
Due from General Capital Fund	C-10	<u>1,233</u>
	A-2	<u>\$ 13,496</u>
<b>Analysis of Non-Budget Revenue</b>		
Cablevision Franchise Fee		\$ 22,851
Sale of Assets		18,675
Verizon Franchise Fee		10,708
Bergen County JIF		8,004
Uniform Fire Safety Act		2,290
Sale of SREC		1,686
Miscellaneous		894
Library State Aid		375
Senior's & Veteran's Admin Fee		<u>115</u>
	A-1,A-2	<u>\$ 65,598</u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	<u>Appropriated</u>		<u>Expended</u>		<u>Unexpended Balance Cancelled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	
<b>OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS"</b>					
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
Municipal Clerk					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 119,200	\$ 119,200	\$ 116,362	\$ 2,838	
Other Expenses	23,600	23,600	17,891	5,709	
Financial Administration					
Salaries and Wages	87,000	87,000	86,077	923	
Other Expenses	8,500	8,500	4,723	3,777	
Audit Services					
Other Expenses	36,500	36,500	33,740	2,760	
Revenue Administration					
Salaries and Wages	21,000	21,000	10,148	10,852	
Other Expenses	13,000	13,000	9,302	3,698	
Tax Assessment Administration					
Salaries and Wages	20,000	20,000	17,058	2,942	
Other Expenses	2,100	2,100	667	1,433	
Legal Services and Costs					
Other Expenses	165,000	162,323	31,390	130,933	
Engineering Services and Costs					
Other Expenses	32,000	48,500	39,210	9,290	
<b>MUNICIPAL LAND USE LAW (NJSA 40:55D-1)</b>					
Planning Board					
Salaries and Wages	6,500	6,500	5,972	528	
Other Expenses	5,000	5,000	1,690	3,310	
Zoning Board of Adjustment					
Salaries and Wages	8,000	8,000	5,933	2,067	
Other Expenses	6,950	6,950	580	6,370	
Insurance (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3(00))					
General Liability	66,742	66,742	62,338	4,404	
Workers Compensation	73,476	73,476	73,476	-	
Employee Group Health	345,100	345,100	332,406	12,694	
Employee Group Health Waiver	13,103	13,103	11,322	1,781	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Police					
Salaries and Wages	1,720,000	1,720,000	1,641,166	78,834	
Other Expenses	65,000	64,620	62,284	2,336	
Police Acquisition of Vehicles					
Other Expenses	40,000	38,000	37,575	425	
Police Dispatch/911					
Other Expenses	22,772	22,772	22,772	-	
Emergency Management Services					
Salaries and Wages	3,800	3,800	3,018	782	
Other Expenses	3,000	3,000	1,746	1,254	
First Aid Organization - Contribution					
Contribution	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	<u>Appropriated</u>		<u>Expended</u>		<u>Unexpended Balance Cancelled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	
<b>OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS" (Cont'd)</b>					
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY (Continued)</b>					
<b>Fire</b>					
Other Expenses	\$ 33,500	\$ 33,500	\$ 23,932	\$ 9,568	
Fire Hydrant Services	73,800	75,800	75,800	-	
<b>Fire Prevention/Uniform Fire Code</b>					
Salaries and Wages	15,300	15,300	12,144	3,156	
Other Expenses	3,324	3,324	1,048	2,276	
<b>Municipal Prosecutor</b>					
Contractual	6,500	6,500	6,156	344	
<b>PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTION</b>					
<b>Road Repairs and Maintenance</b>					
Salaries and Wages	378,000	378,000	290,194	87,806	
Other Expenses	43,050	43,050	34,691	8,359	
<b>Public Buildings and Grounds</b>					
Other Expenses	38,438	38,438	37,935	503	
<b>Solid Waste Collection</b>					
Salaries and Wages	9,100	9,100	5,759	3,341	
Other Expenses	35,135	35,135	33,351	1,784	
<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>					
<b>Board of Health</b>					
Salaries and Wages	30,700	14,200	14,112	88	
Other Expenses	2,600	2,600	712	1,888	
Other Expenses - Contractual	6,845	6,845	6,600	245	
<b>Environmental Commission (NJSA 40:56A et seq.)</b>					
Other Expenses	1,250	1,250	594	656	
<b>Animal Control</b>					
Other Expenses	500	500		500	
<b>Municipal Alliance Coordinator</b>					
Salaries and Wages	1,900	1,900		1,900	
<b>Occupational Safety and Health Act</b>					
Other Expenses - Hepatitis B. Inoculation	1,362	1,362	701	661	
<b>PARKS AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS</b>					
<b>Parks and Playgrounds</b>					
Other Expenses	2,000	2,000	1,986	14	
<b>Swim Pool Committee</b>					
Other Expenses	5,000	11,000	11,000	-	
<b>EDUCATION FUNCTIONS</b>					
Cresskill Library Fees	1,500	1,500		1,500	
<b>OTHER COMMON OPERATING FUNCTIONS</b>					
<b>Celebration of Public Events</b>					
Other Expenses	6,000				
<b>MUNICIPAL COURT FUNCTION</b>					
<b>Municipal Court</b>					
Salaries and Wages	26,200	26,200	19,562	6,638	
Other Expenses	5,500	5,500	1,653	3,847	
<b>Public Defender (P.. 1997, C. 256)</b>					
Salaries and Wages	2,500	2,500	1,906	594	

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**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	<u>Appropriated</u>		<u>Expended</u>		<u>Unexpended Balance Cancelled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE					
APPROPRIATIONS OFFSET BY DEDICATED					
REVENUES (N.J.A.C. 5:23-4-17)					
Building Inspector					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 92,000	\$ 93,580	\$ 83,044	\$ 10,536	
Other Expenses	11,000	11,000	8,335	2,665	
Electrical Inspector					
Salaries and Wages	13,000	13,000	9,884	3,116	
Plumbing Inspector					
Salaries and Wages	13,500	13,500	13,500	-	
Zoning Official					
Salaries and Wages	14,400	12,820	12,820	-	
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES					
Electric	35,000	35,000	28,565	6,435	
Street Lighting	21,500	21,500	19,102	2,398	
Telephone	24,000	24,000	19,395	4,605	
Water	6,000	6,000	3,052	2,948	
Natural Gas	14,000	14,000	6,574	7,426	
Gasoline	52,500	52,500	19,670	32,830	-
Total Operations Within "CAPS"	3,940,247	3,937,190	3,438,623	498,567	-
Contingent	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	-
Total Operations Including Contingent - Within "CAPS"	3,950,247	3,947,190	3,438,623	508,567	-
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	2,588,600	2,572,100	2,354,815	217,285	-
Other Expenses	1,361,647	1,375,090	1,083,808	291,282	-
DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY					
EXPENDITURES - MUNICIPAL					
WITHIN "CAPS"					
Statutory Charges					
Social Security System	93,000	93,000	84,619	8,381	
Police and Fireman's Retirement System of NJ	378,330	378,538	378,538	-	
Public Employees Retirement System	65,981	66,450	66,450	-	-
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory					
Expenditures - Municipal Within "CAPS"	537,311	537,988	529,607	8,381	-
Total General Appropriations for Municipal					
Purposes Within "CAPS"	4,487,558	4,485,178	3,968,230	516,948	-

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	<u>Appropriated</u>		<u>Expended</u>		<u>Unexpended Balance Cancelled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	
OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"					
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Fire					
Other Expense-LOSAP	\$ 23,200	\$ 23,200	\$ 19,850	\$ 3,350	-
Total Other Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>23,200</u>	<u>23,200</u>	<u>19,850</u>	<u>3,350</u>	<u>-</u>
OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"					
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS					
OFFSET BY REVENUES					
Municipal Alliance Program					
County Share	4,760	14,280	4,400	9,880	
Local Share	1,190	3,570	1,651	1,919	
Clean Communities Program	6,463	6,463	3,274	3,189	
Body Armor Grant	1,510	1,510		1,510	
Police Donations - Equipment	4,000	4,000		4,000	
Alcohol Education and Rehab. Fund	59	59		59	
Recycling Tonnage Grant	6,375	6,375	-	6,375	-
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	<u>24,357</u>	<u>36,257</u>	<u>9,325</u>	<u>26,932</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>47,557</u>	<u>59,457</u>	<u>29,175</u>	<u>30,282</u>	<u>-</u>
Detail:					
Other Expenses	<u>47,557</u>	<u>59,457</u>	<u>29,175</u>	<u>30,282</u>	<u>-</u>
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"					
Payment of Bond Principal	280,000	280,000	280,000		
Payment of Principal Capital Notes	142,347	142,347	142,347		
Interest on Bonds	4,550	4,550	4,550		
Interest on Notes	17,190	17,190	17,142		\$ 48
Green Trust Loan Program					
Loan Repayments for Principal and Interest	148,704	148,704	148,703		1
BCIA Loan Repayments - Principal and Interest	3,598	3,598	3,597	-	1
Total Municipal Debt Service Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>596,389</u>	<u>596,389</u>	<u>596,339</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>



**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Unexpended</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>		
			<u>Reserved</u>		
			<u>Balance Cancelled</u>		
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from "CAPS"	\$ 643,946	\$ 655,846	\$ 625,514	\$ 30,282	\$ 50
Subtotal General Appropriations	5,131,504	5,141,024	4,593,744	547,230	50
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>730,000</u>	<u>730,000</u>	<u>730,000</u>	-	-
Total General Appropriations	<u>\$ 5,861,504</u>	<u>\$ 5,871,024</u>	<u>\$ 5,323,744</u>	<u>\$ 547,230</u>	<u>\$ 50</u>
	<u>Reference</u>	A-2	A-1	A, A-1	
Budget As Adopted	A-3	\$ 5,861,504			
Added by 40A:4-87	A-2	<u>9,520</u>			
		<u>\$ 5,871,024</u>			
Cash Disbursements	A-4		\$ 4,540,338		
Encumbrances Payable	A-12		53,406		
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-2		<u>730,000</u>		
			<u>\$ 5,323,744</u>		

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**TRUST FUNDS**  
**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

ASSETS	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL FUND</b>			
Cash	B-3	\$ 4,079	\$ 3,404
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND</b>			
Cash	B-3	36,613	50,932
<b>OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND</b>			
Cash	B-3	92,078	141,965
Due from Current Fund	B-8	142	-
		<u>92,220</u>	<u>141,965</u>
<b>RECREATION TRUST FUND</b>			
Cash	B-3	5,310	10,686
<b>OTHER TRUST FUND</b>			
Cash	B-3	4,575,657	4,556,098
Due from Current Fund	B-11	100,000	124,882
		<u>4,675,657</u>	<u>4,680,980</u>
<b>LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM TRUST FUND (UNAUDITED)</b>			
Investments	B	354,478	317,742
Contributions Receivable	B	19,550	16,100
		<u>374,028</u>	<u>333,842</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>\$ 5,187,907</u>	<u>\$ 5,221,809</u>

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**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**TRUST FUNDS**  
**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</b>			
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL FUND</b>			
Due to State of New Jersey	B-5	\$ 2	
Reserve for Animal Control Fund Expenditures	B-4	<u>4,077</u>	<u>\$ 3,404</u>
		4,079	3,404
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND</b>			
Reserve for Unemployment Insurance Benefits	B-6	<u>36,613</u>	<u>50,932</u>
<b>OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND</b>			
Reserve for Open Space Expenditures	B-9	<u>92,220</u>	<u>141,965</u>
<b>RECREATION TRUST FUND</b>			
Due to Current Fund	B-14		1
Reserve for Recreation Expenditures	B-10	<u>5,310</u>	<u>10,685</u>
		5,310	10,686
<b>OTHER TRUST FUND</b>			
Payroll Deductions Payable	B-12	14,790	13,781
Miscellaneous Reserves and Deposits	B-13	<u>4,660,867</u>	<u>4,667,199</u>
		4,675,657	4,680,980
<b>LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM TRUST FUND (UNAUDITED)</b>			
Reserve for LOSAP Benefits	B	<u>374,028</u>	<u>333,842</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Reserves</b>		<u>\$ 5,187,907</u>	<u>\$ 5,221,809</u>

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**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES-REGULATORY BASIS  
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	<u>Anticipated</u>		<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess or Deficit</u>
	<u>Budget (Memo)</u>	<u>Budget After Modification (Memo)</u>		
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 98,225	\$ 98,225	\$ 98,581	\$ 356
Reserve Funds Utilized	-	50,479	50,479	-
	<u>\$ 98,225</u>	<u>\$ 148,704</u>	149,060	<u>\$ 356</u>
Non-Budget Revenue:				
Interest on Investments			378	
			<u>\$ 149,438</u>	
<u>Reference</u>	B-2		B-9	

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-REGULATORY BASIS  
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	<u>Appropriated</u>		<u>Expended</u>	
	<u>Budget (Memo)</u>	<u>Budget After Modification (Memo)</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>
Debt Service:				
Reimburse Current Fund - Green Acres Loan	\$ -	\$ 148,704	\$ 148,704	\$ -
Reserve for Future Use	98,255	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 98,255</u>	<u>\$ 148,704</u>	<u>\$ 148,704</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>Reference</u>	B-1	B-1	B-9	

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**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**  
**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	C-2,C-3	\$ 748,958	\$ 696,830
Grants Receivable	C-4	183,800	737,800
Due From Current Fund	C-10	23,098	
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation			
Funded	C-5	16,917	446,803
Unfunded	C-6	<u>2,876,781</u>	<u>2,456,473</u>
 Total Assets		 <u>\$ 3,849,554</u>	 <u>\$ 4,337,906</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</b>			
Serial Bonds Payable	C-13	-	280,000
Green Trust Loan Payable	C-14	-	146,502
Bergen County Improvement Authority Loan Payable	C-15	16,917	20,301
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	C-12	2,879,811	2,455,750
Contracts Payable	C-8	118,644	259,655
Due to Current Fund	C-10		105
Improvement Authorizations			
Funded	C-7	104,953	245,476
Unfunded	C-7	400,296	622,500
Capital Improvement Fund	C-9	97,434	117,679
Reserve for Grants Receivable	C-4	183,800	27,800
Reserve for Field Improvements	C-11	10,000	
Fund Balance	C-1	<u>37,699</u>	<u>162,138</u>
 Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		 <u>\$ 3,849,554</u>	 <u>\$ 4,337,906</u>

There were bonds and notes authorized but not issued on December 31, 2016 and 2015 of \$22,470 and \$1,048, respectively. (Exhibit C-16)

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

	<u>Reference</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Balance, January 1	C	\$ 162,138	\$ 212,076
Increased by:			
Premium on Notes Issued	C-2	<u>23,098</u>	<u>62</u>
		<u>185,236</u>	<u>212,138</u>
Decreased by:			
Prior Year Excess Grant Proceeds	C-4	437	
Appropriation to Finance Improvement Authorizations	C-7	147,100	
Payment to Current Fund as Anticipated Revenue	C-1	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>
		<u>147,537</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Balance, December 31	C	<u>\$ 37,699</u>	<u>\$ 162,138</u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP -**  
**REGULATORY BASIS**  
**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Land	\$ 6,101,500	\$ 6,101,500
Buildings and Building Improvements	1,755,614	1,755,614
Machinery and Equipment	<u>3,037,512</u>	<u>3,158,257</u>
	<u>\$ 10,894,626</u>	<u>\$ 11,015,371</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
Investment in General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 10,894,626</u>	<u>\$ 11,015,371</u>

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Reporting Entity**

The Borough of Alpine (the "Borough") was incorporated in 1903 and operates under an elected Mayor and Council form of government. The Mayor is elected to a four-year term and the six council members are elected at-large, two each year for terms of three years. The Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the Borough and as such presides over all public meetings and makes appointments to various boards. The Borough Council exercises all legislative powers including final adoption of the municipal budget and bond ordinances and confirmation of the Mayor's appointments, and all executive authority which is not specifically provided to the Mayor, by state law. The Borough's major operations include public safety, road repair and maintenance, sanitation, fire protection, recreation and parks, health services, and general administrative services.

GASB requires the financial reporting entity to include both the primary government and component units. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Borough is financially accountable. The Borough is financially accountable for an organization if the Borough appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the Borough is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Borough is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Borough is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the Borough is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Borough in that the Borough approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. The Borough is not includable in any other reporting entity as a component unit.

The financial statements contained herein include only those boards, bodies, officers or commissions as required by NJS 40A:5-5. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Borough does not include the volunteer fire department, which is considered a component unit under GAAP. Complete financial statements of the above component unit can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer of the respective entity.

**B. Description of Regulatory Basis of Accounting**

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

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. GASB has adopted accounting statements to be used by governmental units when reporting financial position and results of operations in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. (GAAP). The municipalities in the State of New Jersey do not prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP and thus do not comply with all of the GASB pronouncements.

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**C. Basis of Presentation – Financial Statements**

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

The Borough has the following funds and account group:

Current Fund – This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature and the assets and liabilities related to such activities, including Federal and State grants not accounted for in another fund.

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

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

Unemployment Insurance Fund - This fund is used to account for employee and employer contributions for the purpose of providing unemployment benefits to former eligible employees.

Open Space Preservation Trust Fund - This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to taxes and other revenues dedicated to the acquisition and maintenance of real property for open space.

Recreation Trust Fund – This fund is used to account for receipts from dedicated fees and associated disbursements relating to recreational activities administered by the Borough.

Other Trust Fund - This fund is established to account for the assets and resources, which are held by the Borough as a trustee or agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds. These funds include dedicated fees/proceeds collected, developer deposits, payroll related deposits and funds deposited with the Borough as collateral.

Length of Service Awards Program Fund (LOSAP) – This fund is established to account for the tax-deferred income benefits to active volunteer members of emergency service organizations of the Borough.

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

General Fixed Assets Account Group - This account group is used to account for all general fixed assets of the Borough. The Borough's infrastructure is not reported in the account group.

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**C. Basis of Presentation – Financial Statements (Continued)**

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

**Financial Statements – Regulatory Basis**

The GASB Codification also requires the financial statements of a governmental unit to be presented in the basic financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The Borough presents the regulatory basis financial statements listed in the table of contents which are required by the Division and which differ from the basic financial statements required by GAAP. In addition, the Division requires the regulatory basis financial statements listed in the table of contents to be referenced to the supplementary schedules. This practice differs from reporting requirements under GAAP.

**D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the accounting principles and practices prescribed by the Division in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The Borough of Alpine follows a modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method of accounting, revenues, except State/Federal Aid, are recognized when received and expenditures are recorded when incurred. The accounting principles and practices prescribed or permitted for municipalities by the Division (“regulatory basis of accounting”) differ in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to local government units. The more significant differences are as follows:

**Cash and Investments** - Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the government. Investments are reported at cost and are limited by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 et seq. with the exception of LOSAP Trust Fund investments which are reported at fair value and are limited by N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.19. GAAP requires that all investments be reported at fair value.

**Inventories** - The costs of inventories of supplies for all funds are recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The costs of inventories are not included on the various balance sheets. GAAP requires inventories to be recorded as assets in proprietary-type funds.

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

**Property Tax Revenues/Receivables** - Real property taxes are assessed locally, based upon the assessed value of the property. The tax bill includes a levy for Municipal, County, and School purposes. The bills are mailed annually in June for that calendar year's levy. Taxes are payable in four quarterly installments on February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. The amounts of the first and second installments are determined as one-quarter of the total tax levied against the property for the preceding year. The installment due the third and fourth quarters is determined by taking the current year levy less the amount previously charged for the first and second installments, with the remainder being divided equally. If unpaid on these dates, the amount due becomes delinquent and subject to interest at 8% per annum, or 18% on any delinquency amount in excess of \$1,500. A penalty of up to 6% of the delinquency may be imposed on a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the fiscal year in which the charges become delinquent. The school levy is turned over to the Board of Education as expenditures are incurred, and the balance, if any, must be transferred as of December 31, of each fiscal year. County taxes are paid quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15, to the County by the Borough. When unpaid taxes or any municipal lien, or part thereof, on real property, remains in arrears on April first in the year following the calendar year levy when the same became in arrears, the collector in the municipality shall, subject to the provisions of the New Jersey Statutes, enforce the lien by placing the property on a standard tax sale. The Borough also has the option when unpaid taxes or any municipal lien, or part thereof, on real property remains in arrears on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the eleventh month in the fiscal year when the taxes or lien became in arrears, the collector in the municipality shall, subject to the provisions of the New Jersey Statutes, enforce the lien by placing property on an accelerated tax sale, provided that the sale is conducted and completed no earlier than in the last month of the fiscal year. The Borough may institute annual in rem tax foreclosure proceedings to enforce the tax collection or acquisition of title to the property. In accordance with the accounting principles prescribed by the State of New Jersey, current and delinquent taxes are realized as revenue when collected. Since delinquent taxes and liens are fully reserved, no provision has been made to estimate that portion of the tax receivable and tax title liens that are uncollectible. GAAP requires property tax revenues to be recognized in the accounting period when they become susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they are both levied and available), reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts.

**Miscellaneous Revenues/Receivables** - Miscellaneous revenues are recognized on a cash basis. Receivables for the miscellaneous items that are susceptible to accrual are recorded with offsetting reserves on the balance sheet of the Borough's Current Fund. GAAP requires such revenues to be recognized in the accounting period when they become susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they are both measurable and available).

**Grant and Similar Award Revenues/Receivables** - Federal and State grants, entitlements or shared revenues received for purposes normally financed through the Current Fund are recognized when anticipated in the Borough's budget. GAAP requires such revenues to be recognized as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the grantor or provider have been met.

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

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

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

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

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

**Compensated Absences** - Expenditures relating to obligations for unused vested accumulated sick leave are not recorded until paid; however, municipalities may establish and budget reserve funds subject to NJSA 40A:4-39 for the future payment of compensated absences. GAAP requires that the amount that would normally be liquidated with expendable available financial resources be recorded as an expenditure in the operating funds and the remaining obligations are recorded as a long-term obligation in the government-wide financial statements.

**Tax Appeals and Other Contingent Losses** - Losses arising from tax appeals and other contingent losses are recognized at the time a decision is rendered by an administrative or judicial body; however, municipalities may establish reserves transferred from tax collections or by budget appropriation for future payments of tax appeal losses. GAAP requires such amounts to be recorded when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated.

**Deferred School Taxes** – School taxes raised in advance in the Current Fund for a school fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) which remain unpaid at December 31 of the calendar year levied may be deferred to fund balance to the extent of not more than 50% of the annual levy providing no requisition has been made by the school district for such amount. GAAP does not permit the deferral of unpaid school taxes to fund balance at year end.

**General Fixed Assets** - In accordance with NJAC 5:30-5.6, Accounting for Governmental Fixed Assets, the Borough of Alpine has developed a fixed assets accounting and reporting system. Fixed assets are defined by the Borough as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$2,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years.

Fixed assets used in governmental operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, such as roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks and sewerage and drainage systems are not capitalized.

General Fixed Assets purchased after December 31, 1985 are stated at cost. Donated fixed assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

General Fixed Assets purchased prior to December 31, 1985 are stated as follows:

Land and Buildings  
Machinery and Equipment

Assessed Value  
Replacement Cost

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

**General Fixed Assets (Continued)**

No depreciation has been provided for in the financial statements.

Expenditures for construction in progress are recorded in the General Capital Fund until such time as the construction is completed and put into operation for general fixed assets.

GAAP requires that capital assets be recorded in proprietary-type funds as well as the government-wide financial statement at historical or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. In addition, GAAP requires depreciation on capital assets to be recorded in proprietary-type funds as well as in the government-wide financial statements.

**Use of Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements requires management of the Borough 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 accrued revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

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

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

Trust Fund (Except for Open Space Trust Fund)  
General Capital Fund

The governing body is required to introduce and approve the annual budget no later than February 10, of the fiscal year. The budget is required to be adopted no later than March 20, and prior to adoption must be certified by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. The Director of the Division of Local Government Services, with the approval of the Local Finance Board may extend the introduction and approval and adoption dates of the municipal budget. The budget is prepared by fund, function, activity and line item (salary or other expense) and includes information on the previous year. The legal level of control for appropriations is exercised at the individual line item level for all operating budgets adopted. The governing body of the municipality may authorize emergency appropriations and the inclusion of certain special items of revenue to the budget after its adoption and determination of the tax rate. During the last two months of the fiscal year, the governing body may, by a 2/3 vote; amend the budget through line item transfers. Management has no authority to amend the budget without the approval of the governing body. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the line item level. During 2016 and 2015 the Borough Council increased the original budget by \$9,520 and \$20,168. The increases were funded by additional aid allotted to the Borough. In addition, the governing body approved several budget transfers during 2016 and 2015.

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**NOTE 3 CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

The Borough considers petty cash, change funds, cash in banks, certificates of deposit and deposits with the New Jersey Cash Management Fund as cash and cash equivalents.

**A. Cash Deposits**

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

Bank balances are insured up to \$250,000 in the aggregate by the FDIC for each bank. NCUSIF insures credit union accounts up to \$250,000 in the aggregate for each financial institution. SIPC replaces cash claims up to a maximum of \$250,000 for each failed brokerage firm. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the book value of the Borough's deposits were \$8,800,739 and \$8,472,363 and bank and brokerage firm balances of the Borough's deposits amounted to \$8,858,992 and \$8,539,322, respectively. The Borough's deposits which are displayed on the various fund balance sheets as "cash" are categorized as:

<u>Depository Account</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Insured	<u>\$ 8,858,992</u>	<u>\$ 8,539,322</u>

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Borough does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, none of the Borough's bank balances were exposed to custodial credit risk.

**B. Investments**

The Borough is permitted to invest public funds in accordance with the types of securities authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1. Investments include bonds or other obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America, Government Money Market Mutual Funds, bonds or other obligations of the Borough or bonds or other obligations of the school districts which are a part of the Borough or school districts located within the Borough, Local Government investment pools, and agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities, if transacted in accordance with NJSA 40A:5-15.1 (8a-8e). In addition, the Borough is permitted to invest LOSAP Funds with the types of eligible investments authorized in NJAC 5:30-14.19. LOSAP investments include interest bearing accounts or securities, in which savings banks of New Jersey are authorized to invest their funds, New Jersey Cash Management Fund, fixed and variable individual or group annuity contracts, mutual fund shares or fixed and variable life insurance contracts.

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**NOTE 3 CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**B. Investments (Continued)**

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Borough had the following investments:

	<u>Fair Value</u> <u>(LOSAP)</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Investment:		
Lincoln Financial Group LOSAP Investment Fund (Unaudited)	<u>\$ 354,478</u>	<u>\$ 317,742</u>

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments – For an investment, this is the risk, that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Borough will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are held by an outside party. The Borough does not have a policy for custodial risk. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, \$354,478 and \$317,472 of the Borough’s investments was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

	<u>Fair Value</u> <u>(LOSAP)</u> <u>(Unaudited)</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Uninsured and Collateralized:		
Collateral held by pledging financial institution's trust department but not in the Borough's name	<u>\$ 354,478</u>	<u>\$ 317,742</u>

Interest Rate Risk – The Borough does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk – State law limits investments as noted above (N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1). The Borough does not have an investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Borough’s investment in Lincoln Financial Group a subsidiary to Lincoln National Corporation was rated Baa1 by Moody’s Investor Services.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The Borough places no limit in the amount the Borough may invest in any one issuer. More than five (5) percent of the Borough’s investments are in Lincoln National Corporation. These investments are 100% of the Borough’s total investments.

The fair value of the above-listed investments were based on quoted market prices provided by the Lincoln Financial Group.

Interest earned in the General Capital Fund, Animal Control Fund and certain Other Trust Funds are assigned to the Current Fund in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting.



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**NOTE 4 TAXES RECEIVABLE**

Receivables at December 31, 2016 and 2015 consisted of the following:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Property Taxes	\$ 185,424	\$ 127,623

In 2016 and 2015, the Borough collected \$127,617 and \$160,959 from delinquent taxes, which represented 100% and 99%, respectively of the prior year delinquent taxes receivable balance.

**NOTE 5 DUE TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS**

As of December 31, interfund receivables and payables that resulted from various interfund transactions were as follows:

	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	
	<u>Due from Other Funds</u>	<u>Due to Other Funds</u>	<u>Due from Other Funds</u>	<u>Due to Other Funds</u>
Current Fund		\$ 123,240	\$ 106	\$ 124,882
Trust Funds:				
Open Space Preservation Trust Fund	142			1
Other Trust Fund	\$ 100,000		124,882	
General Capital Fund	<u>23,098</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105</u>
Total	<u>\$ 123,240</u>	<u>\$ 123,240</u>	<u>\$ 124,988</u>	<u>\$ 124,988</u>

The above balances are the result of revenues earned and/or appropriations budgeted in one fund that are due to another fund.

The Borough expects all interfund balances to be liquidated within one year.

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**NOTE 6 DEFERRED SCHOOL TAXES**

Under the regulatory basis of accounting, regulations allow for the deferral to fund balance of not more than 50% of the annual levy when school taxes are raised in advance for a school year and have not been requisitioned by the school district as of December 31. The balance of unpaid school taxes levied, amount deferred and the amount reported as a liability (payable) at December 31, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

	<u>Local District School</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Balance of Tax	\$ 3,157,005	\$ 3,081,980
Deferred	<u>2,339,982</u>	<u>2,339,982</u>
Taxes Payable	<u>\$ 817,023</u>	<u>\$ 741,998</u>

**NOTE 7 FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED**

Under the regulatory basis of accounting, fund balances in the Current Fund are comprised of cash surplus (fund balance) and non-cash surplus (fund balance). All or part of cash surplus as of December 31 may be anticipated in the subsequent year's budget. The non-cash surplus portion of fund balance may be utilized in the subsequent year's budget with the prior written consent of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services if certain guidelines are met as to its availability. Fund balances at December 31, which were appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in their own respective fund's budget for the succeeding year were as follows:

	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	
	<u>Fund Balance December 31,</u>	<u>Utilized in Subsequent Year's Budget</u>	<u>Fund Balance December 31,</u>	<u>Utilized in Subsequent Year's Budget</u>
Current Fund				
Cash Surplus	\$ 1,375,793	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,454,563	\$ 1,150,000
Non-Cash Surplus	<u>13,473</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,897</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 1,389,266</u>	<u>\$ 1,100,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,482,460</u>	<u>\$ 1,150,000</u>

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**NOTE 8 FIXED ASSETS**

**A. General Fixed Assets**

The following is a summary of changes in the general fixed assets account group for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

	Balance January 1, <u>2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
<b><u>2016</u></b>				
Land	\$ 6,101,500			\$ 6,101,500
Buildings and Building Improvements	1,755,614			1,755,614
Machinery and Equipment	<u>3,158,257</u>	<u>\$ 152,255</u>	<u>\$ (273,000)</u>	<u>3,037,512</u>
	<u>\$ 11,015,371</u>	<u>\$ 152,255</u>	<u>\$ (273,000)</u>	<u>\$ 10,894,626</u>

	Balance January 1, <u>2015</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>
<b><u>2015</u></b>				
Land	\$ 6,101,500			\$ 6,101,500
Buildings and Building Improvements	1,755,614			1,755,614
Machinery and Equipment	<u>2,719,350</u>	<u>\$ 629,407</u>	<u>\$ (190,500)</u>	<u>3,158,257</u>
	<u>\$ 10,576,464</u>	<u>\$ 629,407</u>	<u>\$ (190,500)</u>	<u>\$ 11,015,371</u>

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**NOTE 9 MUNICIPAL DEBT**

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

The Borough's debt is summarized as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Issued		
General		
Bonds, Notes and Loans	\$ 2,896,728	\$ 2,902,553
Less Funds Temporarily Held to Pay Bonds, Notes and Loans	<u>25,500</u>	<u>325</u>
Net Debt Issued	2,871,228	2,902,228
Authorized But Not Issued		
General		
Bonds and Notes	<u>22,470</u>	<u>1,048</u>
Net Bonds and Notes Issued and Authorized But Not Issued	<u>\$ 2,893,698</u>	<u>\$ 2,903,276</u>

**Statutory Net Debt**

The statement of debt condition that follows is extracted from the Borough's Annual Debt Statement and indicates a statutory net debt of .121% and .123% at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
<u>2016</u>			
General Debt	<u>\$ 2,919,198</u>	<u>\$ 25,500</u>	<u>\$ 2,893,698</u>
<u>2015</u>			
General Debt	<u>\$ 2,903,601</u>	<u>\$ 325</u>	<u>\$ 2,903,276</u>

**Statutory Borrowing Power**

The Borough's remaining borrowing power under N.J.S. 40A:2-6, as amended, at December 31, was as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
3-1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$ 83,833,658	\$ 82,469,809
Net Debt	<u>2,893,698</u>	<u>2,903,276</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$ 80,939,960</u>	<u>\$ 79,566,533</u>

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**NOTE 9 MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)**

**A. Long-Term Debt**

The Borough's long-term debt consisted of the following at December 31:

**General Obligation Bonds**

The Borough levies ad valorem taxes to pay debt service on general obligation bonds. General obligation bonds outstanding at December 31 are as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$1,635,000, 2008 Bonds, due in annual installments of \$280,000 through May, 2016, interest at 3.25%	\$ -	\$ 280,000
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 280,000</u>

**General Intergovernmental Loans Payable**

The Borough has entered into a loan agreement with the Bergen County Improvement Authority ("BCIA") for the financing relating to the Borough's solar power system program. The Borough has also entered into a loan agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the financing related to the acquisition of land under the Green Trust Program. The Borough levies ad valorem taxes to pay debt service on general intergovernmental loans issued. General intergovernmental loans outstanding at December 31 are as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$47,368, 2008 BCIA Loans, due in annual installments of \$3,383 to \$3,384 through December, 2021, interest at 1.05%	\$ 16,917	\$ 20,301
\$2,390,500, 1997 Green Acres Loan, due in semi-annual installments of \$72,886 to \$73,616 through November, 2016, interest at 2.00%	-	146,502
	<u>\$ 16,917</u>	<u>\$ 166,803</u>

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**NOTE 9 MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)**

**A. Long-Term Debt (Continued)**

The Borough's principal and interest for long-term debt issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2016 is as follows:

Calendar Year	BCIA Loan		Total
	Principal	Interest	
2017	\$ 3,383	\$ 178	\$ 3,561
2018	3,383	142	3,525
2019	3,383	107	3,490
2020	3,384	71	3,455
2021	<u>3,384</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>3,420</u>
	<u>\$ 16,917</u>	<u>\$ 534</u>	<u>\$ 17,451</u>

**Changes in Long-Term Municipal Debt**

The Borough's long-term capital debt activity for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

	Balance, January 1, <u>2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
<b><u>2016</u></b>					
General Capital Fund					
Bonds Payable	\$ 280,000		\$ 280,000		
Intergovernmental Loans Payable	<u>166,803</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149,886</u>	<u>\$ 16,917</u>	<u>\$ 3,383</u>
General Capital Fund Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 446,803</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 429,886</u>	<u>\$ 16,917</u>	<u>\$ 3,383</u>
	Balance, January 1, <u>2015</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
<b><u>2015</u></b>					
General Capital Fund					
Bonds Payable	\$ 550,000		\$ 270,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 280,000
Intergovernmental Loans Payable	<u>313,801</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,998</u>	<u>166,803</u>	<u>149,885</u>
General Capital Fund Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 863,801</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 416,998</u>	<u>\$ 446,803</u>	<u>\$ 429,885</u>

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**NOTE 9 MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)**

**B. Short-Term Debt**

The Borough's short-term debt activity for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 was as follows:

**Bond Anticipation Notes**

<u>2016</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Rate (%)</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Balance January 1, 2016</u>	<u>Renewed/ Issued</u>	<u>Retired/ Redeemed</u>	<u>Balance, December 31, 2016</u>
<u>General Capital Fund</u>							
	Various Capital Improvements	2.00%	12/5/2017	\$ 888,585	\$ 976,136	\$ 888,585	\$ 976,136
	Road Program	2.00%	12/5/2017	1,053,213	1,416,833	1,053,213	1,416,833
	Acquisition of Fire Engine and Computer Equipment	2.00%	12/5/2017	513,952	486,842	513,952	486,842
				<u>\$ 2,455,750</u>	<u>\$ 2,879,811</u>	<u>\$ 2,455,750</u>	<u>\$ 2,879,811</u>
<u>2015</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Rate (%)</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Balance January 1, 2015</u>	<u>Renewed/ Issued</u>	<u>Retired/ Redeemed</u>	<u>Balance, December 31, 2015</u>
<u>General Capital Fund</u>							
	Various Capital Improvements	0.70%	12/7/2016	\$ 776,052	\$ 888,585	\$ 776,052	\$ 888,585
	Road Program	0.70%	12/7/2016	877,996	1,053,213	877,996	1,053,213
	Acquisition of Fire Engine and Computer Equipment	0.70%	12/7/2016	513,952	513,952	513,952	513,952
				<u>\$ 2,168,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,455,750</u>	<u>\$ 2,168,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,455,750</u>

The purpose of these short-term borrowings was to provide resources for capital construction, acquisitions or improvement projects and other purposes permitted by State Local Bond Law NJSA 40A:2 et. seq. The amounts issued for governmental activities are accounted for in the General Capital Fund.

State law requires that notes are to be issued for a period not exceeding one year and may be renewed from time to time for additional periods, none of which shall exceed one year. All bond anticipation notes, including renewals, shall mature and be paid not later than the first day of the fifth month following the close of the tenth fiscal year following the date of the original notes. In addition any note renewed beyond the third anniversary date of the original note, requires one legally payable installment to be paid.

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**NOTE 10 OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

**A. Compensated Absences**

Under the existing policies and labor agreements of the Borough, employees are allowed to accumulate (with certain restrictions) unused sick leave over the life of their working careers and to redeem such unused leave time in cash (with certain limitations) upon death, retirement or by extended absence immediately preceding retirement.

It is estimated that the current cost of such unpaid compensation and salary related payments would approximate \$760,266 and \$771,714 at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. These amounts which are considered material to the financial statements, are not reported either as an expenditure or liability.

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Borough has reserved in the Other Trust Fund \$175,126 and \$191,988, respectively to fund compensated absences in accordance with NJSA 40A:4-39.

**B. Capital Lease Agreement**

The Borough entered into agreements for the leasing of police vehicles totaling \$55,981 under capital leases. The capital lease agreements are for terms of 3 year's payable in advance. The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments under capital leases, and the present value of the net minimum lease payments at December 31, 2016.

<u>Years Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017	\$ 16,159
2018	<u>5,981</u>
Total	22,140
Less: Amounts Representing Interest	<u>(922)</u>
Present Value of Net Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 21,218</u>



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**NOTE 10 OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)**

**Changes in Other Long-Term Liabilities**

Under the regulatory basis of accounting, certain other long-term liabilities which may be considered material to the financial statements are not reported either as an expenditure or a liability. However, under the regulatory basis of accounting, these other long-term liabilities and related information are required to be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements in conformity with the disclosure requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

The Borough's changes in other long-term liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
<b><u>2016</u></b>					
Compensated Absences	\$ 771,714	\$ 105,414	\$ 116,862	\$ 760,266	\$ 117,262
Capital Leases	49,696		28,478	21,218	15,358
Net Pension Liability - PERS	1,722,795	907,060	76,587	2,553,268	
Net Pension Liability - PFRS	<u>7,752,540</u>	<u>1,817,200</u>	<u>391,738</u>	<u>9,178,002</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 10,296,745</u>	<u>\$ 2,829,674</u>	<u>\$ 613,665</u>	<u>\$ 12,512,754</u>	<u>\$ 132,620</u>
	Balance, December 31, <u>2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
<b><u>2015</u></b>					
Compensated Absences	\$ 761,024	\$ 69,350	\$ 58,660	\$ 771,714	\$ 71,707
Capital Leases	53,378	28,166	31,848	49,696	28,478
Net Pension Liability - PERS	1,645,263	143,513	65,981	1,722,795	
Net Pension Liability - PFRS	<u>5,886,215</u>	<u>2,244,655</u>	<u>378,330</u>	<u>7,752,540</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 8,345,880</u>	<u>\$ 2,485,684</u>	<u>\$ 534,819</u>	<u>\$ 10,296,745</u>	<u>\$ 100,185</u>

**NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the following contributory defined benefit public employee retirement systems (retirement systems) covering substantially all state and local government employees which includes those Borough employees who are eligible for pension coverage.

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)** – established in July 1944, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:16A to provide coverage to substantially all full time county and municipal police or firemen and State firemen appointed after December 31, 1944. Membership is mandatory for such employees with vesting occurring after 10 years of membership. PFRS is a cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan.

**Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)** – established in January 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide coverage, including post-retirement healthcare for those eligible employees whose local employers elected to do so, to substantially all full-time employees of the State or any county, municipality, school district, or public agency provided the employee is not a member of another State-administered retirement system. Membership is mandatory for such employees and vesting occurs after 10 years of service for pension benefits and, if applicable, 25 years for post-retirement healthcare coverage. PERS is a cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan.

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**NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the following defined contribution public employee retirement program covering certain state and local government employees which include those Borough employees who are eligible for pension coverage.

**Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)** – established under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2008 to provide coverage to elected and certain appointed officials, effective July 1, 2007. Membership is mandatory for such individuals with vesting occurring after one (1) year of membership. This provision was extended by Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, effective May 21, 2010, to new employees (Tier 2) of the PFRS and new employees who would otherwise be eligible to participate in PERS and do not work the minimum required hours but earn a base salary of at least \$5,000 are eligible for participation in the DCRP. DCRP is a defined contribution pension plan.

**Other Pension Funds**

The state established and administers a Supplemental Annuity Collective Trust Fund (SACT) which is available to active members of the State-administered retirement systems to purchase annuities to supplement the guaranteed benefits provided by their retirement system. The state or local governmental employers do not appropriate funds to SACT.

The cost of living increase for PFRS and PERS are funded directly by each of the respective systems, but are currently suspended as a result of reform legislation.

According to state law, all obligations of each retirement system will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should any retirement system be terminated.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of each of the above systems, funds, and trust. The financial reports may be accessed via the New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits website at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions).

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the retirement systems are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Employer contributions are recognized when payable to the retirement systems. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the retirement systems.

**Investment Valuation**

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

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**NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

**Investment Valuation (Continued)**

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Investment, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements of the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund. The financial report may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Investment, P.O. Box 290, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0290, or at [www.state.nj/treasury/doinvest](http://www.state.nj/treasury/doinvest).

**Funded Status and Funding Progress**

As of July 1, 2015, the most recent actuarial valuation date, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2016, the aggregate funded ratio for all the State administered retirement systems, including local PERS and local PFRS is 45.7 percent with an unfunded actuarial accrued liability of \$50.3 billion. The aggregate funded ratio and unfunded accrued liability for the local PERS system is 40.14 percent and \$29.6 billion, respectively and the aggregate funded ratio and unfunded accrued liability for local PFRS is 52.01 percent and \$20.7 billion, respectively.

The funded status and funding progress of the retirement systems includes actuarial valuations which involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future. These amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the probability of future events.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective and are based on the benefits provided under the terms of the retirement systems in effect at the time of each valuation and also consider the pattern of the sharing of costs between the employer and members at that point in time. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations on the pattern of cost sharing between the employer and members in the future.

**Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

In the July 1, 2015 actuarial valuations, the date of the most recent actuarial valuations, the projected unit credit was used as actuarial cost method, and the five year average of market value was used as asset valuation method for pension trust funds. The actuarial assumptions included (a) 7.65% for investment rate of return for all the retirement systems except and (b) changes to projected salary increases applied through the year 2026 of 1.65-5.15 percent based on age for PERS and 2.10-9.98 percent based on age for PFRS.

**Employer and Employee Pension Contributions**

The contribution policy is set by laws of the State of New Jersey and contributions are required by active members and participating employers. Plan members and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation, with the amount of contributions by the State of New Jersey contingent upon the annual Appropriations Act. As defined, the various retirement systems require employee contributions based on 10.0% for PFRS, 7.06% for PERS and 5.50% for DCRP of employee's annual compensation for fiscal year 2016.

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**NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

**Annual Pension Cost (APC)**

Per the requirements of GASB Statement No. 27, *Accounting for Pensions by State and Local Government Employees*, for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. For PFRS and PERS, which are cost sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plans, annual pension cost equals contributions made. In the DCRP, which is a defined contribution plan, member contributions are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

During the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, the Borough, was required to contribute for normal cost pension contributions, accrued liability pension contributions and non-contributory life insurance premiums the following amounts which equaled the required contributions for each respective year:

<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31</u>	<u>PFRS</u>	<u>PERS</u>	<u>DCRP</u>
2016	\$ 378,330	\$ 65,981	None
2015	359,408	72,443	None
2014	361,738	66,849	None

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

**Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)**

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Borough reported a liability of \$2,553,268 and \$1,722,795, respectively, for its proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The Borough's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Borough's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating governmental entities, actuarially determined. As of the measurement date of June 30, 2016, the Borough's proportionate share was .00862 percent, which was an increase of .00095 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2015 of .00767 percent.

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**NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

**Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)**

For the year ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the pension system has determined the Borough's pension expense to be \$242,048 and \$77,552, respectively, for PERS based on the actuarial valuation which is more than the actual contributions reported in the Borough's financial statements of \$65,981 and \$72,443, respectively. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Borough's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS pension which are not reported on the Borough's financial statements are from the following sources:

	2016		2015	
	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 47,483		\$ 41,100	
Changes of Assumptions	528,901		185,014	
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	97,358			\$ 27,699
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Borough Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	161,063	\$ 139,327	8,836	176,780
Total	<u>\$ 834,805</u>	<u>\$ 139,327</u>	<u>\$ 234,950</u>	<u>\$ 204,479</u>

At December 31, 2016 the amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2017	\$ 148,952
2018	148,952
2019	173,464
2020	155,141
2021	68,969
	<u>\$ 695,478</u>

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**NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

**Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)**

*Actuarial Assumptions*

The Borough's total pension liability reported for the year ended December 31, 2016 was based on the June 30, 2016 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2016. The total pension liability reported for the year ended December 31, 2015 was based on the June 30, 2015 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2014, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2015. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement date:

<u>PERS</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Inflation Rate	3.08%	3.04%
Salary Increases:		
2012-2021		2.15-4.40%
Through 2026	1.65-4.15%	Based on Age
Thereafter	2.65-5.15%	3.15-5.40%
	Based on Age	Based on Age
Investment Rate of Return	7.65%	7.90%
Mortality Rate Table	RP-2000	RP-2000

Assumptions for mortality improvements are based on Society of Actuaries Scale AA.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2014 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial study for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011.

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**NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)**

**Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)**

*Long-Term Expected Rate of Return*

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rate of return (expected returns, net of pension plans investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plans' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, as reported for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	
	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	5.00%	0.87%	5.00%	1.04%
U.S. Treasuries	1.50%	1.74%	1.75%	1.64%
Investment Grade Credit	8.00%	1.79%	10.00%	1.79%
Mortgages	2.00%	1.67%	2.10%	1.62%
High Yield Bonds	2.00%	4.56%	2.00%	4.03%
Inflation-Indexed Bonds	1.50%	3.44%	1.50%	3.25%
Broad US Equities	26.00%	8.53%	27.25%	8.52%
Developed Foreign Equities	13.25%	6.83%	12.00%	6.88%
Emerging Market Equities	6.50%	9.95%	6.40%	10.00%
Private Equity	9.00%	12.40%	9.25%	12.41%
Hedge Funds/Absolute Return	12.50%	4.68%	12.00%	4.72%
Real Estate (Property)	2.00%	6.91%	2.00%	6.83%
Commodities	0.50%	5.45%	1.00%	5.32%
Global Debt ex US	5.00%	-0.25%	3.50%	-0.40%
REIT	5.25%	5.63%	4.25%	5.12%

*Discount Rate*

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liabilities of the PERS plan was as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Measurement Date</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>
2016	June 30, 2016	3.98%
2015	June 30, 2015	4.90%

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**NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)**

**Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)**

**Discount Rate (Continued)**

The following table represents the crossover period, if applicable, for the PERS defined benefit plan:

Period of Projected Benefit Payments for which the Following Rates were Applied:	
Long-Term Expected Rate of Return	Through June 30, 2034
Municipal Bond Rate *	From July 1, 2034 and Thereafter

\* The municipal bond return rate used is 2.85% and 3.80% as of the measurement dates of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. 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.

**Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability**

The following presents the Borough's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 calculated using the discount rate of 3.98% and 4.90%, respectively, as well as what the Borough's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.98% and 3.90%, respectively) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.98% and 5.90%, respectively) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>(2.98%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(3.98%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(4.98%)</u>
<u>2016</u>			
Borough's Proportionate Share of the PERS Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,128,732	\$ 2,553,268	\$ 2,078,173
	1% Decrease <u>(3.90%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(4.90%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(5.90%)</u>
<u>2015</u>			
Borough's Proportionate Share of the PERS Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,141,223	\$ 1,722,795	\$ 1,371,988

The sensitivity analysis was based on the proportionate share of the Borough's net pension liability at December 31, 2016 and 2015. A sensitivity analysis specific to the Borough's net pension liability was not provided by the pension system.



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

**Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)**

*Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position*

Detailed information about the PERS pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial report from the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits. The financial report may be accessed via the New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits, website at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions):

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)**

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Borough reported a liability of \$9,178,002 and \$7,752,540, respectively, for its proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The Borough's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Borough's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating governmental entities, actuarially determined. As of the measurement date of June 30, 2016, the Borough's proportionate share was .04805 percent, which was an increase of .00151 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2015 of .04654 percent.

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the pension system has determined the Borough pension expense to be \$973,496 and \$625,727, respectively, for PFRS based on the actuarial valuation which is more than the actual contributions reported in the Borough's financial statements of \$378,330 and \$359,408, respectively. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Borough's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PFRS pension which are not reported on the Borough's financial statements are from the following sources:

	2016		2015	
	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience		\$ 60,163		\$ 66,868
Changes of Assumptions	\$ 1,271,229		\$ 1,431,312	
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	643,084			134,926
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Borough Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	172,819	148,808	-	195,062
Total	<u>\$ 2,087,132</u>	<u>\$ 208,971</u>	<u>\$ 1,431,312</u>	<u>\$ 396,856</u>

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**NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)**

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)**

At December 31, 2016 the amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PFRS pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Total
2017	\$ 434,506
2018	434,506
2019	584,673
2020	383,440
2021	41,036
	<u>\$ 1,878,161</u>

***Actuarial Assumptions***

The Borough's total pension liability reported for the year ended December 31, 2016 was based on the June 30, 2016 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2016. The total pension liability reported for the year ended December 31, 2015 was based on the June 30, 2015 measurement date as determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2014, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2015. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement date:

**PFRS**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Inflation Rate	3.08%	3.04%
Salary Increases:		
2012-2021		2.60-9.48%
Through 2026	2.10-8.98%	Based on Age
Thereafter	3.10-9.98%	3.60-10.48%
	Based on Age	Based on Age
Investment Rate of Return	7.65%	7.90%
Mortality Rate Table	RP-2000	RP-2000

Assumptions for mortality improvements are based on Society of Actuaries Scale AA and one year using Scale BB.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2014 valuations were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013.

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**NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)**

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)**

***Long-Term Expected Rate of Return***

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rate of return (expected returns, net of pension plans investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plans' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, as reported for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	
	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	5.00%	0.87%	5.00%	1.04%
U.S. Treasuries	1.50%	1.74%	1.75%	1.64%
Investment Grade Credit	8.00%	1.79%	10.00%	1.79%
Mortgages	2.00%	1.67%	2.10%	1.62%
High Yield Bonds	2.00%	4.56%	2.00%	4.03%
Inflation-Indexed Bonds	1.50%	3.44%	1.50%	3.25%
Broad US Equities	26.00%	8.53%	27.25%	8.52%
Developed Foreign Equities	13.25%	6.83%	12.00%	6.88%
Emerging Market Equities	6.50%	9.95%	6.40%	10.00%
Private Equity	9.00%	12.40%	9.25%	12.41%
Hedge Funds/Absolute Return	12.50%	4.68%	12.00%	4.72%
Real Estate (Property)	2.00%	6.91%	2.00%	6.83%
Commodities	0.50%	5.45%	1.00%	5.32%
Global Debt ex US	5.00%	-0.25%	3.50%	-0.40%
REIT	5.25%	5.63%	4.25%	5.12%

***Discount Rate***

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liabilities of the PFRS plan was as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Measurement Date</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>
2016	June 30, 2016	5.55%
2015	June 30, 2015	5.79%

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**NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources  
Related to Pensions (Continued)**

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)**

*Discount Rate (Continued)*

The following table represents the crossover period, if applicable, for the PFRS defined benefit plan:

Period of Projected Benefit Payments for which the Following Rates were Applied:	
Long-Term Expected Rate of Return	Through June 30, 2050
Municipal Bond Rate *	From July 1, 2050 and Thereafter

\* The municipal bond return rate used is 2.85% and 3.80% as of the measurement dates of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. 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.

*Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability*

The following presents the Borough's proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 calculated using the discount rate of 5.55% and 5.79%, respectively, as well as what the Borough's proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.55% and 4.79%, respectively) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.55% and 6.79%, respectively) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>(4.55%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(5.55%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(6.55%)</u>
<u>2016</u>			
Borough's Proportionate Share of the PFRS Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 11,834,361</u>	<u>\$ 9,178,002</u>	<u>\$ 7,011,901</u>
	1% Decrease <u>(4.79%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(5.79%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(6.79%)</u>
<u>2015</u>			
Borough's Proportionate Share of the PFRS Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 10,220,309</u>	<u>\$ 7,752,540</u>	<u>\$ 5,740,295</u>

The sensitivity analysis was based on the proportionate share of the Borough's net pension liability at December 31, 2016 and 2015. A sensitivity analysis specific to the Borough's net pension liability was not provided by the pension system.

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**NOTE 11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)**

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)**

***Special Funding Situation – PFRS***

Under N.J.S.A. 43:16A-15, the Borough is responsible for their own PFRS contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed which legally obligated the State to make contributions if certain circumstances occurred. The legislation which legally obligates the State is as follows: Chapter 8, P.L. 2000, Chapter 318, P.L. 2001, Chapter 86, P.L. 2001, Chapter 511, P.L. 1991, Chapter 109, P.L. 1979, Chapter 247, P.L. 1993 and Chapter 201, P.L. 2001. The amounts contributed on behalf of the Borough by the State under this legislation is considered to be a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Accordingly, the Borough's proportionate share percentage determined under GASB Statement No. 68 is zero percent and the State's proportionate share is 100% for PFRS under this legislation.

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Borough for the PFRS special funding situation is \$770,725 and \$679,872, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the pension system has determined the State's proportionate share of the pension expense attributable to the Borough for the PFRS special funding situation is \$98,440 and \$84,804, respectively, which is more than the actual contributions the State made on behalf of the Borough of \$29,532 and \$35,391, respectively. The State's proportionate share attributable to the Borough was developed based on actual contributions made to PFRS allocated to employers based upon covered payroll. These on-behalf contributions have not been reported on the Borough's financial statements.

***Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position***

Detailed information about the PFRS pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial report from the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits. The financial reports may be accessed via the New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits, website at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions).

**NOTE 12 POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS**

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the post-retirement health benefit program plans for participating municipalities including the Borough. The plans are classified as either single employer plans or cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit plans depending on the plan the eligible employee is covered under.

As a result of implementing Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 43, *Financial Reporting for Post-employment Benefit Plans Other than Pension Plans* (OPEB), effective for Fiscal Year 2007, the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP), and the Prescription Drug Program (PDP), and Post-Retirement Medical (PRM) of the PERS and the Teacher's Pension and Annuity (TPAF) are combined and reported as Pension and Other Employee Benefit Trust Funds in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Specifically, SHBP-State, PDP-State, and the PRM of the PERS are combined and reported as Health Benefits Program Fund – State classified as a single employer plan. The SHBP-Local, PDP-Local, and the PRM of the TPAF-Local are combined and reported as Health Benefits Program Fund –Local Government classified as a cost sharing multiple-employer plan. The post-retirement benefit programs had a total of 584 state and local participating employers and contributing entities for Fiscal Year 2016.

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**NOTE 12 POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (Continued)**

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the following health benefit program covering substantially all local government employees from local participating employers.

**State Health Benefits Program Funds (HBPF) – Local Government** (including Prescription Drug Program Fund) – Certain local employers who participate in the State Health Benefits Program provide health insurance coverage to their employees at retirement. Under provisions of P.L. 1997, c.330, the State of New Jersey provides partially funded benefits to local police officers and firefighters who retire with 25 years of service (or on disability) from an employer who does not provide coverage. Retirees who are not eligible for employer paid health coverage at retirement can continue in the program by paying the cost of the insurance for themselves and their covered dependents. Also, local employees are eligible for the PDP coverage after 60 days of employment.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of the above Fund. The financial reports may be assessed via, the New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits website at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions).

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the health benefit programs are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Employer contributions are recognized when payable to the health benefit programs. Benefits or refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the health benefit programs.

**Investment Valuation**

Investments are reported at fair value. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair values.

**Funded Status and Funding Progress**

As of July 1, 2015, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the State had a \$84.3 billion unfunded actuarial liability for other postemployment benefits (OPEB) which is made up of \$25.9 billion for state active and retired members, \$16.8 billion for local active and retired members and \$41.6 billion for education employees and retirees that become the obligation of the State of New Jersey upon retirement.

The funded status and funding progress of the OPEB includes actuarial valuations which involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future. These amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the probability of future events.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective and are based on the benefits provided under the terms of the OPEB in effect at the time of each valuation and also consider the pattern of the sharing of costs between the employer and members at the point in time. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations on the pattern of cost sharing between the employer and members in the future.

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**NOTE 12 POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (Continued)**

**Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

In the July 1, 2015 OPEB actuarial valuation, the projected unit credit was used as the actuarial cost method, and the market value was used as asset valuation method for the OPEB. The actuarial assumptions included an assumed investment rate of return of 4.50 percent.

**Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contribution**

P.L. 1987, c. 384 and P.L. 1990, c.6 required the Public Employees' Retirement System to fund post-retirement medical benefits for those State and participating local government employees who retire after accumulating 25 years of credited service or on a disability retirement. As of June 30, 2016, there were 110,512 retirees receiving post-retirement medical benefits, and the State contributed \$1.37 billion on their behalf. The cost of these benefits is funded through contributions by the State and participating local governments in accordance with P.L. 1994, c.62. Funding of post-retirement medical benefits changed from a pre-funding basis to a pay-as-you-go basis beginning in Fiscal Year 1994.

P.L. 1977, c. 136 provides for the State and participating local governments to pay health benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis for all enrolled retired employees, regardless of retirement date, under two provisions. The first is for employees whose pensions are based on 25 years or more of credited service (except those who elect a deferred retirement). The second is for retired employees who are eligible for a disability retirement regardless of years of service. The State and participating local governments contributed \$181.9 million for 10,725 eligible retired members for Fiscal Year 2016. This benefit covers the Police and Firemen's Retirement System.

P.L. 1997, c. 330 provides paid post-retirement health benefits to qualified retirees of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System and the Consolidated Police and Firemen's Pension Fund and to dependents of qualified retirees. The State and participating local governments are responsible for 80 percent of the premium for the category of coverage elected by the retiree under the State managed care plan or a health maintenance organization participating in the program, whichever provides the lower charge. The State and participating local governments contributed \$48.3 million in Fiscal Year 2016 to provide benefits under Chapter 330 to qualified retirees.

The State sets the employer contribution rate based on a pay-as-you-go basis rather than the *annual required contribution of the employers (ARC)*, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) of the plan over a period not to exceed thirty years. The Borough's contributions to the State Health Benefits Program Fund-Local Government for post-retirement benefits for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were \$14,887, \$12,378 and \$15,261, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year.

**NOTE 13 RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Borough is exposed to various risks of loss related to general liability, automobile coverage, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; termination of employees and natural disasters. The Borough has obtained commercial insurance coverage to guard against these events to minimize the exposure to the Borough should they occur.

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**NOTE 13 RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

The Borough of Alpine is a member of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (BJIF) and Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL). The joint insurance funds are both an insured and self-administered group of municipalities established for the purpose of insuring against property damage, general liability, motor vehicles and equipment liability and worker's compensation. The Funds are risk-sharing public entity pools. The BJIF and MEL coverage amounts are on file with the Borough.

The relationship between the Borough and respective insurance funds is governed by a contract and by-laws that have been adopted by resolution of each unit's governing body. The Borough is contractually obligated to make all annual and supplementary contributions to the insurance funds, to report claims on a timely basis, to cooperate with the management of the funds, its claims administrator and attorneys in claims investigation and settlement, and to follow risk management procedures as outlined by the funds. Members have a contractual obligation to fund any deficit of the funds attributable to a membership year during which the municipality was a member.

The funds provide its members with risk management services, including the defense of and settlement of claims, and established reasonable and necessary loss reduction and prevention procedures to be followed by the members. Complete financial statements of the funds can be obtained by contacting the respective fund's Treasurer.

There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the previous year nor have there been any settlements in excess of insurance coverage in any of the prior three years.

The Borough has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Benefit Reimbursement Method". Under this plan the Borough is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund for benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The Borough is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State. The following is a summary of Borough contributions, employee contributions, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and the ending balance of the Borough's unemployment compensation trust fund for the current and previous two years:

<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31</u>	<u>Employee</u> <u>Contributions</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Reimbursed</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
2016	\$ 2,626	\$ 88	\$ 36,613
2015	6,962	107	50,932
2014	6,826	87	44,077

**NOTE 14 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Borough is a party defendant in some lawsuits, none of a kind unusual for a municipality of its size and scope of operation. In the opinion of the Borough's Attorney, the potential claims against the Borough not covered by insurance policies would not materially affect the financial condition of the Borough.



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**NOTE 14 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (Continued)**

**Pending Tax Appeals** - Various tax appeal cases were pending in the New Jersey Tax Court at December 31, 2016 and 2015. Amounts claimed have not yet been determined. The Borough is vigorously defending its assessments in each case. Under the accounting principles prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the Borough does not recognize a liability, if any, until these cases have been adjudicated. The Borough expects such amounts, if any, should be immaterial. Funding of any ultimate liability would be provided for in succeeding years' budget or from fund balance.

**Federal and State Awards** - The Borough participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the Borough may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, significant amounts of grant expenditure have not been audited by the various grantor agencies but the Borough believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on the overall financial position of the Borough.

**NOTE 15 FEDERAL ARBITRAGE REGULATIONS**

The Borough is subject to Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code as it pertains to the arbitrage rebate on all tax-exempt obligations, both long and short-term debt. Under the 1986 Tax Reform Act, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) required that all excess earnings from investment proceeds be rebated to the IRS. Arbitrage, for purposes of these regulations, is defined as the difference between the yield on the investment and the yield on the obligations issued. If there are excess earnings, this amount may be required to be rebated to the IRS. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Borough has not estimated its estimated arbitrage earnings due to the IRS, if any.

**NOTE 16 LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)-UNAUDITED**

The Borough of Alpine Length of Service Award Program (the Plan) was created by a Borough ordinance adopted on July 26, 2000 pursuant to 457 (e)(11)(13) of the Internal Service Code of 1986, as amended, except for provisions added by reason of the Length of Service Award Program as enacted into federal law in 1997. The voters of the Borough of Alpine approved the adoption of the Plan at the general election held on November 7, 2000.

The first year of eligibility for entrance into the Plan was calendar year 2001. The tax deferred income benefits for emergency services volunteers, consisting of the Volunteer Fire Department and the First Aid Organization, come from contributions made solely by the Borough on behalf of those volunteers who meet the criteria of a plan created by the governing body.

If an active member meets the year of active service requirement, a LOSAP must provide a benefit between the minimum contribution of \$100 and a maximum contribution of \$1,150 per year. While the maximum amount is established by statute, it is subject to periodic increases that are related to the consumer price index (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185(f)). The Division of Local Government Services issues the permitted maximum increase annually.

The Borough of Alpine has contributed \$1,150 for 2016 and 2015, respectively, for each eligible volunteer fire department and volunteer ambulance corp. member into the Plan. The total Borough contributions were \$19,550 and \$17,250 for 2016 and 2015, respectively.

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
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**NOTE 16 LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)-UNAUDITED (Continued)**

In accordance with the amendments to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and the State Deferred Revenue Regulations, the Borough has placed the amounts deferred, including earnings, in a trust for the exclusive benefit of the plan participants and their beneficiaries.

Lincoln Financial Group is the administrator of the plan. The Borough's practical involvement in administering the plan is essentially limited to verifying the eligibility of each participant and remitting the funds to the plan administrator.

**Vesting and Benefits**

A volunteer is eligible to receive a distribution of funds upon completing 5 (five) cumulative years as an active member of the volunteer organization. Certain restrictions and tax implications may result in the event of a withdrawal of funds from the Plan.

If a volunteer member does not vest and terminates their association with the emergency service organization, the funds are returned to the sponsoring agency's surplus.

**Reporting Requirements**

The New Jersey Administrative Code NJAC 5:30-14.49 requires that the Borough perform a separate review report of the plan in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statements on Standards for Accounting and Auditing Review Services. Since a review does not constitute an audit, the financial statements pertaining to the Plan are presented as unaudited in this report as part of the Borough's Trust Fund.

**Interlocal Services Agreement**

The Borough of Alpine and Closter entered into an interlocal service agreement for the purposes of reimbursing the Borough of Closter as sponsoring agency for a length of service awards program for the Closter Volunteer Ambulance Corps., a volunteer organization which services each of the Boroughs.

The contributions are made in accordance with the plan established by the Borough of Closter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-183 et seq. Alpine's share of the Closter Volunteer Ambulance Corps. LOSAP contributions for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 were \$5,500 and \$5,500 respectively.

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
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**NOTE 17 MORTGAGE NOTE**

On January 10, 2006 the Borough entered into a mortgage and mortgage note agreement with the Neighborhood Preservation Balanced Housing Program, Division of Housing and Community Resources, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$2,000,000. The proceeds of the loan were used to fund a portion of the development costs incurred in the construction of an eight (8) unit family rental project occupied by duly qualified low and moderate income families in accordance with the Fair Housing Act of 1985 ("the Project").

The mortgage note will mature upon the expiration of thirty (30) years from the first day of the month following the issuance of a final Certificate of Occupancy for the Project by the Borough, if not sooner according to the terms of the mortgage note and the mortgage. Upon maturity, at the option of the Lender, the entire unpaid balance of the principal sum shall become due and payable. No interest shall accrue during the entire term of the mortgage and mortgage note.

It was expressly agreed that the entire balance of said principal sum shall become due at the option of the Lender, its successor or assignee upon (i) the happening of any default as described in the mortgage; (ii) the expiration of Affordability Controls on dwelling units completed with the proceeds of this loan, if said units are not retained exclusively for occupancy by low and moderate households as defined in the State of New Jersey's Fair Housing Act of 1985, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.; and (iii) the unapproved sale, transfer or refinancing of the Project by the Municipal Borrower. As of December 31, 2016, there has been no default or event requiring repayment of the loan.

**NOTE 18 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On March 22, 2017 the Borough adopted a bond ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$335,000 in bonds or bond anticipation notes to fund the 2017 capital road project. As of the date of this report the Borough has not issued nor awarded the sale of said bonds or notes.

**CURRENT FUND**

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF CURRENT CASH AND INVESTMENTS - COLLECTOR/TREASURER**

Balance, December 31, 2015		\$ 3,012,348
Increased by:		
Taxes Receivable	\$ 14,873,911	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	1,425,132	
Non-Budget Revenue	65,598	
Grant Receivables	20,356	
Due from State of NJ (Ch. 20, P.L. 1972)	5,750	
Prepaid Taxes	313,034	
Tax Overpayments	30,880	
Fees Payable	13,062	
Reserve for Grants - Unappropriated	18,386	
Received From Recreation Trust Fund	1	
Received From Other Trust Fund	4,303	
Received From General Capital Fund	24,436	
Received From Open Space Trust Fund - Green Acres Loans	148,704	
Petty Cash	<u>500</u>	
		<u>16,944,053</u>
		19,956,401
Decreased by Disbursements:		
2016 Budget Appropriations	4,540,338	
2015 Budget Reserves	72,139	
County Taxes Payable	5,706,157	
Local District School Tax Payable	6,009,816	
Fees Payable	10,498	
Tax Overpayments	30,880	
Reserve for Grants- Appropriated	11,328	
Payments to Open Space Trust Fund	98,439	
Payments to Other Trust Fund	125,000	
Refund of Prior Year Taxes	13,362	
Petty Cash	<u>500</u>	
		<u>16,618,457</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		<u>\$ 3,337,944</u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF CHANGE FUNDS**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ <u>100</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ <u>100</u>

**STATEMENT OF PETTY CASH FUNDS**

Increased by:	
Received from Treasurer	\$ 500
Decreased by:	
Returned to Treasurer	\$ <u>500</u>

**STATEMENT OF DUE FROM STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
SENIOR CITIZENS' AND VETERANS' DEDUCTIONS**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 2,253
Increased by:	
Veterans' Deductions per Tax Duplicate 2016	<u>5,500</u>
	7,753
Decreased by:	
Receipts from State of New Jersey	<u>5,750</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 2,003</u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

Year	Balance, December 31, 2015	2016 Levy	Senior Citizens' and Veterans' Deductions Disallowed	Cash Collections 2015	2016	Senior Citizens' and Veterans' Deductions Allowed	Remitted, Abated or Cancelled	Balance, December 31, 2016
2015	\$ 127,623				\$ 127,617		\$ 6	
2016	-	\$ 15,142,524	-	\$ 205,306	14,746,294	\$ 5,500	-	\$ 185,424
	<u>\$ 127,623</u>	<u>\$ 15,142,524</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 205,306</u>	<u>\$ 14,873,911</u>	<u>\$ 5,500</u>	<u>\$ 6</u>	<u>\$ 185,424</u>

Analysis of 2016 Property Tax Levy

<b>TAX YIELD</b>	
General Purpose Tax	\$ 15,087,287
Added and Omitted Taxes (54:4-63.10 et seq.)	<u>55,237</u>
	<u>\$ 15,142,524</u>
<b>TAX LEVY</b>	
Local District School Taxes	\$ 6,084,841
County Taxes - General	\$ 5,631,895
County Taxes - Open Space	57,873
Due County for Added and Omitted Taxes (54:4-63.10 et seq.)	<u>20,652</u>
Municipal Open Space Tax	5,710,420
Municipal Open Space Added Taxes	<u>98,225</u>
	356
	98,581
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	3,205,876
Add Additional Tax Levies	<u>42,806</u>
	<u>3,248,682</u>
	<u>\$ 15,142,524</u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Accrued in <u>2016</u>	<u>Collected</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
Borough Clerk				
Fees and Permits	\$	15,753	\$ 15,753	
Health Officer and Registrar				
Fees and Permits		11,236	11,236	
Police Department				
Fees and Permits		6,607	6,607	
Other Fees and Permits		27,130	27,130	
Municipal Court				
Fines and Costs		37,097	37,097	
Interest and Cost on Taxes	\$ 4,356	44,068	38,624	\$ 9,800
Interest on Investments		8,078	8,078	
Cell Tower Rent	5,759	338,216	343,975	-
Energy Receipts Tax		405,408	405,408	
Garden State Trust Fund		5,219	5,219	
Uniform Construction Code Fees		325,375	325,375	
Cresskill Leaf Compost		62,500	62,500	
Rent - U.S. Post Office	7,083	85,000	85,000	7,083
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Boys Scouts	-	53,130	53,130	-
	<u>\$ 17,198</u>	<u>\$ 1,424,817</u>	<u>\$ 1,425,132</u>	<u>\$ 16,883</u>



**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF GRANT RECEIVABLES**

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Accrued in <u>2016</u>	Cash <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
Municipal Alliance Program	\$ 16,496	\$ 14,280	\$ 4,833	\$ 14,473	\$ 11,470
Bergen County Prosecutor Forfeiture	9,148		9,148		
Recycling Tonnage Grant	<u>-</u>	<u>6,375</u>	<u>6,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 25,644</u>	<u>\$ 20,655</u>	<u>\$ 20,356</u>	<u>\$ 14,473</u>	<u>\$ 11,470</u>
				Charged to Operations \$ 1,209	
				Reserve for Appropriated Grants <u>13,264</u>	
				<u>\$ 14,473</u>	

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF 2015 APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Balance After <u>Modification</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	Balance <u>Lapsed</u>
<b>Salaries and Wages</b>					
Municipal Clerk	\$ 16,387	\$ 16,387		\$ 16,000	\$ 387
Financial Administration	622	622			622
Revenue Administration	10,652	10,652		10,000	652
Tax Assessment Administration	759	759			759
Planning Board	552	552			552
Zoning Board Adjustment	1,919	1,919			1,919
Police	-	11,622	\$ 11,622		-
Emergency Management Services	452	452			452
Fire Prevention/Uniform Fire Code	6,183	6,183		6,000	183
Road Repairs and Maintenance	49,572	49,572	756	48,000	816
Solid Waste Collection	2,054	2,054			2,054
Board of Health	10,193	10,193		10,000	193
Municipal Alliance	610	610			610
Municipal Court	6,397	6,397		6,000	397
Public Defender	366	366			366
Building Inspector	8,275	8,275	300	4,000	3,975
Electrical Inspector	2,410	2,410			2,410
Zoning Inspector	2,779	2,779	-	-	2,779
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	<u>120,182</u>	<u>131,804</u>	<u>12,678</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>19,126</u>
<b>Other Expenses</b>					
Municipal Clerk	2,909	2,909	682		2,227
Financial Administration	6,231	6,231			6,231
Revenue Administration	3,483	3,483	156		3,327
Tax Assessment Administration	1,146	1,146			1,146
Legal Services & Costs	88,399	74,495	7,636		66,859
Engineering Services & Costs	14,187	14,187	3,222		10,965
Planning Board	2,951	2,951			2,951
Zoning Board of Adjustment	5,857	5,857	200		5,657
Liability Insurance	146	146			146
Workers Compensation	1	1			1
Employee Group Insurance	9,825	9,825	2,989		6,836
Fire - Other Expenses	4,653	5,086	5,086		-
Fire Hydrant Services	20	20			20
Police	3,730	3,730	1,870		1,860
Police Acquisition of Vehicles	64	64			64
Emergency Management Services	2,261	2,261			2,261
Fire Prevention/Uniform Fire Code	856	856	572		284
First Aid Organization - Contribution	5,200	5,200	5,200		

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF 2015 APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Balance After <u>Modification</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Balance Lapsed</u>
Other Expenses (Continued)					
Road Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 8,356	\$ 8,176	\$ 7,676		\$ 500
Public Buildings & Grounds	897	1,078	1,078		
Solid Waste Collection	2,670	1,286	1,286		
Board of Health	1,651	1,651			1,651
Board of Health Contractual	175	175			175
Environmental Commission	585	585			585
Animal Control	500	500			500
Parks and Playgrounds	693	693			693
Cresskill Library Fees	1,500	1,500	750		750
Celebration of Public Events	1,162	1,162			1,162
Contingent	10,000	10,000			10,000
Social Security System	5,205	5,205			5,205
Municipal Court	4,521	4,521			4,521
Utility Expenses					
Electric	9,072	9,072	2,356		6,716
Street Lighting	-	1,848	1,848		
Telephone	3,919	3,919			3,919
Water	737	737	30		707
Natural Gas	2,751	2,751	217		2,534
Gasoline	26,618	26,618	2,366		24,252
Municipal Alliance					
County Share	2,505	2,505		\$ 2,505	
Local Share	1,470	1,470		1,470	
200 Club of Bergen County Grant	1,500	1,500		1,500	
Bergen Co. Pros. Police Forfeiture Fund	9,148	9,148	9,148		
Alcohol Rehab and Education Fund	354	354		354	
Body Armor Grant	1,512	1,512	76	1,436	
Police Donations-Equipment	5,250	5,250		5,250	
Clean Communities Grant	4,945	4,945	4,945		
Recycling Tonnage Grant	14,057	15,441	72	15,369	-
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<u>273,672</u>	<u>262,050</u>	<u>59,461</u>	<u>27,884</u>	<u>174,705</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 393,854</u>	<u>\$ 393,854</u>	<u>\$ 72,139</u>	<u>\$ 127,884</u>	<u>\$ 193,831</u>

Cash Disbursements	\$ 72,139
Due to Other Trust Fund - Terminal Leave	\$ 100,000
Transfer to Appropriated Grant Reserves	-
	<u>27,884</u>
	<u>\$ 72,139</u>
	<u>\$ 127,884</u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF ENCUMBRANCES PAYABLE**

Increased by:	
Charges to Budget Appropriations	\$ <u>53,406</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ <u>53,406</u>

**STATEMENT OF FEES PAYABLE**

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Fees <u>Collected</u>	<u>Payments</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
Due State of New Jersey				
Marriage License Fees	\$ 53	\$ 300	\$ 275	\$ 78
State Training Fees	<u>1,154</u>	<u>12,762</u>	<u>10,223</u>	<u>3,693</u>
	<u>\$ 1,207</u>	<u>\$ 13,062</u>	<u>\$ 10,498</u>	<u>\$ 3,771</u>

**STATEMENT OF PREPAID TAXES**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 205,306
Increased by:	
Collection of 2017 Taxes	<u>313,034</u>
	518,340
Decreased by:	
Applied to 2016 Taxes Receivable	<u>205,306</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 313,034</u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

Balance, December 31, 2015		\$ 2,986
Increased by:		
Tax Overpayments Received		<u>30,880</u>
		33,866
Decreased by:		
Overpayments Refunded		<u>30,880</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		<u><u>\$ 2,986</u></u>

**STATEMENT OF COUNTY TAXES PAYABLE**

Balance, December 31, 2015		\$ 16,389
Increased by:		
2016 Levy - General Taxes	\$ 5,631,895	
2016 Levy - Open Space Taxes	57,873	
2016 Added and Omitted Taxes	<u>20,652</u>	
		<u>5,710,420</u>
		5,726,809
Decreased by:		
Payments		<u>5,706,157</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		<u><u>\$ 20,652</u></u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX PAYABLE**

Balance, December 31, 2015			
School Tax Payable	\$	741,998	
School Tax Deferred		<u>2,339,982</u>	
			\$ 3,081,980
Increased by:			
Levy - School Year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017			<u>6,084,841</u>
			9,166,821
Decreased by:			
Payments			<u>6,009,816</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016			
School Tax Payable December 31, 2016		817,023	
School Tax Deferred		<u>2,339,982</u>	
			<u>\$ 3,157,005</u>
<u>Liability for Local District School Tax</u>			
School Tax Payable December 31, 2016			\$ 817,023
Add: Payments			<u>6,009,816</u>
			6,826,839
Less: School Tax Payable at December 31, 2015			<u>741,998</u>
Amount Charged to 2016 Operations			<u>\$ 6,084,841</u>

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**STATEMENT OF MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TAX PAYABLE**

Increased by:			
2016 Levy	\$	98,225	
2016 Added and Omitted Taxes		<u>356</u>	
			\$ 98,581
Decreased by:			
Due to Open Space Trust Fund			<u>\$ 98,581</u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR GRANTS - APPROPRIATED**

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Transferred from 2015 Appropriation <u>Reserves</u>	Cash <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cancellation</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
Alcohol Education Rehab. Fund	\$ 1,166	\$ 354			\$ 1,520
Clean Communities	717		\$ 717		-
Drunk Driving Enforcement	2,339				2,339
Recycling Tonnage Grant	8,470	15,369	989		22,850
NJ DEP Stormwater Grant	967				967
Municipal Recycling Assistance Program	1,693				1,693
Police Donations	25,625	5,250	4,632		26,243
DARE Municipal Alliance					
County Share	7,718	2,505		\$ 7,718	2,505
Local Share	5,546	1,470		5,546	1,470
200 Club of Bergen County Grant		1,500			1,500
Body Armor	4,990	1,436	4,990	-	1,436
	<u>\$ 59,231</u>	<u>\$ 27,884</u>	<u>\$ 11,328</u>	<u>\$ 13,264</u>	<u>\$ 62,523</u>
		Grants Receivable		<u>\$ 13,264</u>	

**STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR GRANTS - UNAPPROPRIATED**

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Cash <u>Receipts</u>	Anticipated in 2016 <u>Budget</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Fund	\$ 59	\$ 181	\$ 59	\$ 181
Body Armor Grant	1,510	1,463	1,510	1,463
Clean Communities	6,463	7,392	6,463	7,392
Police Donations	4,000	9,350	4,000	9,350
	<u>\$ 12,032</u>	<u>\$ 18,386</u>	<u>\$ 12,032</u>	<u>\$ 18,386</u>

**TRUST FUNDS**



**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS CASH**

	<u>Animal Control</u>	<u>Unemployment Insurance</u>	<u>Open Space</u>	<u>Recreation Trust</u>	<u>Other Trust</u>
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 3,404	\$ 50,932	\$ 141,965	\$ 10,686	\$ 4,556,098
Increased by Receipts:					
Received From Current Fund		\$ 98,439			\$ 125,000
Interest on Deposits	\$ 93	378			10,813
Miscellaneous Reserves and Deposits					724,998
Payroll Deductions Payable		2,626			3,164,173
Unemployment Employee Contributions	\$ 384				
Due to State of NJ - Registration Fees	3,566				
Animal License Fees				\$ 45,531	
Recreation Fees	-	2,719	98,817	45,531	4,024,984
	<u>3,950</u>	<u>2,719</u>	<u>98,817</u>	<u>45,531</u>	<u>4,024,984</u>
	7,354	53,651	240,782	56,217	8,581,082
Decreased by Disbursements:					
Miscellaneous Reserves and Deposits					837,958
Payroll Deductions Payable					3,163,164
Payments to Current Fund			148,704	1	4,303
Dog License Fees Paid to State of NJ	382				
Reserve for Animal Expenditures	2,893				
Reserve for Unemployment Insurance		16,950			
Due to State Unemployment Benefits		88			
Recreation Expenditures				50,906	
	<u>3,275</u>	<u>17,038</u>	<u>148,704</u>	<u>50,907</u>	<u>4,005,425</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 4,079	\$ 36,613	\$ 92,078	\$ 5,310	\$ 4,575,657

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FUND EXPENDITURES**

Balance, December 31, 2015		\$	3,404
Increased by:			
Dog License Fees		\$	2,324
Cat License Fees			597
Miscellaneous and Late Fees			<u>645</u>
			<u>3,566</u>
			6,970
Decreased by:			
Expenditures Under R.S. 4:19-15.11:			
Cash Disbursements			<u>2,893</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		\$	<u>4,077</u>

**STATEMENT OF DUE TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND**

Increased by:			
State Fees Collected		\$	384
Decreased by:			
Payments to the State			<u>382</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		\$	<u>2</u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS**

Balance, December 31, 2015		\$	50,932
Increased by:			
Employee Contributions		\$	2,626
Interest on Investments			<u>93</u>
			<u>2,719</u>
			53,651
Decrease by:			
Refund Prior Year Excess Payroll Deductions to Payroll Account			16,950
Unemployment Claims Due to State			<u>88</u>
			<u>17,038</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		\$	<u>36,613</u>

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**STATEMENT OF DUE TO STATE**  
**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND**

Increased by:			
Unemployment Claims Charged to Reserve		\$	88
Decreased by:			
Cash Disbursements		\$	<u>88</u>

EXHIBIT B-8

**STATEMENT OF DUE FROM CURRENT FUND**  
**OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND**

Increased by:			
Open Space Tax Levy		\$	98,225
Added Open Space Tax Levy			356
Cash Disbursements			<u>148,704</u>
		\$	247,285
Decreased by:			
Cash Received from Current Fund			98,439
Current Fund Anticipated Revenue			<u>148,704</u>
			<u>247,143</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		\$	<u>142</u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE EXPENDITURES  
OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND**

Balance, December 31, 2015			\$ 141,965
Increased by:			
Due from Current Fund:			
Open Space Tax Levy	\$ 98,225		
Added Open Space Tax Levy	<u>356</u>		
		\$ 98,581	
Interest on Deposit		<u>378</u>	
			<u>98,959</u>
			240,924
Decreased by:			
Payments to Current Fund as Anticipated Revenue			<u>148,704</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016			<u>\$ 92,220</u>

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

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
Swim and Racquet Club	\$ 379	\$ 41,281	\$ 41,660	
Biddy Basketball	6,356		4,996	\$ 1,360
Men's Basketball	<u>3,950</u>	<u>4,250</u>	<u>4,250</u>	<u>3,950</u>
	<u>\$ 10,685</u>	<u>\$ 45,531</u>	<u>\$ 50,906</u>	<u>\$ 5,310</u>
Cash Receipts		\$ 45,531		
Cash Disbursed		<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 50,906</u>	
		<u>\$ 45,531</u>	<u>\$ 50,906</u>	

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF DUE FROM CURRENT FUND  
OTHER TRUST FUND**

Balance, December 31, 2015		\$	
Due from Current Fund - Terminal Leave		125,000	
Due to Current Fund - Developer's Escrow		<u>(118)</u>	
			\$ 124,882
Increased by:			
Transfer from 2015 Appropriation Reserves - Terminal Leave		100,000	
Payments to Current Fund		<u>4,303</u>	
			<u>104,303</u>
			229,185
Decreased by:			
Cash Receipts from Current Fund		125,000	
Interest on Investment		<u>4,185</u>	
			<u>129,185</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016			<u>\$ 100,000</u>

Analysis of Balance

Due from Current - Terminal Leave		\$	<u>100,000</u>
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**STATEMENT OF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS PAYABLE  
OTHER TRUST FUND**

Balance, December 31, 2015		\$	13,781
Increased by:			
Cash Receipts:			
Payroll Deposits		\$ 3,147,223	
Refund from Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund		<u>16,950</u>	
			<u>3,164,173</u>
			3,177,954
Decreased by:			
Cash Disbursements			<u>3,163,164</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016			<u>\$ 14,790</u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF MISCELLANEOUS RESERVES AND DEPOSITS**  
**OTHER TRUST FUND**

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
Escrow Deposits	\$ 2,000,353	\$ 441,896	\$ 564,173	\$ 1,878,076
Affordable Housing Developer Fees	1,615,904	155,421	102,965	1,668,360
Cell Tower Security Deposits	240,146		5,759	234,387
POAA Fees	687	20		707
Fire Inspection Penalty Fees	1,564			1,564
COAH/Balanced Housing Note Reserve	592,841	74,382	56	667,167
COAH Security Deposits	6,302	17	6	6,313
Terminal Leave Reserve	191,988	100,000	116,862	175,126
Police Outside Duty Fees	17,414	59,890	48,137	29,167
	<u>\$ 4,667,199</u>	<u>\$ 831,626</u>	<u>\$ 837,958</u>	<u>\$ 4,660,867</u>
Cash Receipts		\$ 724,998		
Interest on Deposits		6,628		
Due from Current Fund		100,000		
Cash Disbursed		<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 837,958</u>	
		<u>\$ 831,626</u>	<u>\$ 837,958</u>	

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**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF DUE TO CURRENT FUND**  
**RECREATION TRUST FUND**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 1
Decreased by:	
Cash Disbursements	<u>\$ 1</u>

**GENERAL CAPITAL**

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**STATEMENT OF GENERAL CAPITAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

Balance, December 31, 2015		\$ 696,830
Increased by Receipts:		
Premium on Notes Issued	\$ 23,098	
Interest on Deposits	1,233	
Bond Anticipation Notes	566,733	
Reserve for Field Improvements	10,000	
Deferred Charges Unfunded - Donations	<u>25,500</u>	
		<u>626,564</u>
		1,323,394
Decreased by Disbursements:		
Contracts Payable	259,655	
Improvement Authorizations	290,020	
Bond Anticipation Notes	325	
Payments to Current Fund	<u>24,436</u>	
		<u>574,436</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016		<u>\$ 748,958</u>



**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**ANALYSIS OF GENERAL CAPITAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 37,699
Capital Improvement Fund	97,434
Due from Current Fund	(23,098)
Contracts Payable	118,644
Reserve for Field Improvements	10,000
Excess Note Proceeds	25,500
Improvement Authorizations:	
Ordinance	
<u>Number</u>	
671/695	Acquisition of Real Property (1,000)
683	2009 Various Capital Improvements 23,471
699	Various 2009 Capital Improvements 12,348
712	Various Capital Improvements 3,000
723	2011 Road Program (21,422)
724	Various 2011 Capital Improvements 25,162
726	Acquisition of Computer Server 1,797
729	2012 Capital Improvements 3,000
730	2012 Road Program 16,213
735	Acquisition of Fire Engine and Computer Equipment 15,981
741	Various Capital Improvements 10,292
742	2014 Road Program 44,296
752	2015 Various Capital Improvements 103,864
753	2015 Road Program 78,983
758	2016 School Field 42,011
759	2016 Various Improvements 42,238
760	2016 Road Program 82,545
	<u>82,545</u>
	 \$ 748,958

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF GRANTS RECEIVABLE**

	Balance, December 31, <u>2015</u>	Prior Period <u>Adjustment</u>	Grant <u>Awards</u>	<u>Cancellations</u>	Balance, December 31, <u>2016</u>	Balanced Pledged to <u>Reserve</u>
<b>N.J. Dept. of Transportation</b>						
Ord. 730 - 2012 Road Program	\$ 300,000	\$ (203,937)		\$ 96,063		
Ord. 760 - 2016 Road Program			\$ 155,500		\$ 155,500	\$ 155,500
<b>County of Bergen</b>						
Ord. 730 - 2012 Road Program	410,000			410,000	-	
Ord. 752 - Soccer Field Upgrade Phase 2	<u>27,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,800</u>	<u>27,800</u>
	<u>\$ 737,800</u>	<u>\$ (203,937)</u>	<u>\$ 155,500</u>	<u>\$ 506,063</u>	<u>\$ 183,300</u>	<u>\$ 183,300</u>
Improvement Authorizations				\$ 506,063		
Deferred Charges Unfunded		\$ 203,500				
Fund Balance		<u>437</u>		<u>-</u>		
		<u>\$ 203,937</u>		<u>\$ 506,063</u>		

**STATEMENT OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - FUNDED**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 446,803
Decreased by:	
2016 Budget Appropriation:	
Serial Bonds	\$ 280,000
Green Trust Loan	146,502
BCIA Loan	<u>3,384</u>
	<u>429,886</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 16,917</u>

BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION- UNFUNDED

Analysis of Balance

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Balance, December 31, 2015	Prior Period Adjustment Grants	2016 Authorizations	Donations	Notes Paid by Budget	Balance, December 31, 2016	Bond Anticipation Note	Expenditures	Unexpended Improvement Authorizations
671/695	Acquisition of Real Property	1,000					1,000		1,000	
683	2009 Capital Improvement	57,321				10,122	47,199			
684	2009 Road Program	15,962				8,672	7,290			
699	Various 2009 Capital Improvements	100,403				18,635	81,768			
700	2009 Road Program	143,110				12,575	130,535			
711	2010 Road Program	182,116				12,211	169,905			
712	Various Capital Improvements	97,899				6,695	91,204			
723	2011 Road Program		203,500				203,500			
724	Various 2011 Capital Improvements	237,092				18,894	218,198		21,422	
729	2012 Capital Improvements	156,470				10,958	145,512			
730	2012 Road Program	296,550				16,475	280,075			
735	Acquisition of Fire Engine and Computer Equipment	514,000				27,110	486,890			48
741	Various Capital Improvements	60,800					60,800			
742	2014 Road Program	190,000					190,000			
752	2015 Various Capital Improvements	178,600			25,500		153,100			
753	2015 Road Program	225,150					225,150			
759	2016 Various Capital Improvements			152,855			152,855			
760	2016 Road Program			231,800			231,800			
		<u>\$ 2,456,473</u>	<u>\$ 203,500</u>	<u>\$ 384,655</u>	<u>\$ 25,500</u>	<u>\$ 142,347</u>	<u>\$ 2,876,781</u>	<u>\$ 2,854,311</u>	<u>\$ 22,422</u>	<u>\$ 48</u>

Bond Anticipation Notes \$ 2,879,811  
Less: Excess Note Proceeds Ord. No. 742 25,500

\$ 2,854,311

Improvement Authorizations Unfunded  
Less: Unexpended Bond Anticipation Note Proceeds Ordinance No.

683	\$ 23,471
699	12,348
712	3,000
724	25,162
729	3,000
730	16,213
735	15,981
741	10,292
742	9,868
752	77,374
753	78,983
758	42,011
760	82,545
	<u>400,296</u>



**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF CONTRACTS PAYABLE**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 259,655
Increase by:	
Charges to Improvement Authorization	<u>118,644</u>
	378,299
Decrease by:	
Cash Disbursements	<u>259,655</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 118,644</u>

**STATEMENT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 117,679
Decreased by:	
Appropriation to Finance Improvement Authorizations	<u>20,245</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 97,434</u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF DUE TO/FROM CURRENT FUND**

Balance, December 31, 2015 (Due To)	\$	105
Increased by:		
Interest on Deposits		<u>1,233</u>
		1,338
Decreased by:		
Cash Disbursements		<u>24,436</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016 (Due From)	\$	<u>23,098</u>

**STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR FIELD IMPROVEMENTS**

Increased by:		
Cash Receipts - Donations	\$	<u>10,000</u>
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$	<u>10,000</u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Date of Original Note	Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Interest Rate	%	Balance, December 31, 2015	Increased	Decreased	Balance, December 31, 2016
683	2008 Capital Improvements	2/12/2009	12/8/2015 12/6/2016	12/7/2016 12/5/2017	.70 2.00	\$	57,321	\$ 47,199	\$ 57,321	\$ 47,199
684	2008 Road Program	2/12/2009	12/8/2015 12/6/2016	12/7/2016 12/5/2017	.70 2.00		15,962	7,290	15,962	7,290
699	2009 Capital Improvements	2/10/2010	12/8/2015 12/6/2016	12/7/2016 12/5/2017	.70 2.00		100,403	81,768	100,403	81,768
700	2009 Road Program	2/10/2010	12/8/2015 12/6/2016	12/7/2016 12/5/2017	.70 2.00		143,110	130,535	143,110	130,535
711	2010 Road Program	2/14/2011	12/8/2015 12/6/2016	12/7/2016 12/5/2017	.70 2.00		182,116	169,905	182,116	169,905
712	2010 Capital Improvements	2/14/2011	12/8/2015 12/6/2016	12/7/2016 12/5/2017	.70 2.00		97,899	91,204	97,899	91,204
723	2011 Road Program	12/5/2016	12/6/2016	12/5/2017	2.00			182,078		182,078
724	2011 Capital Improvements	12/13/2012	12/8/2015 12/6/2016	12/7/2016 12/5/2017	.70 2.00		237,092	218,198	237,092	218,198
729	2012 Capital Improvements	12/13/2012	12/8/2015 12/6/2016	12/7/2016 12/5/2017	.70 2.00		156,470	145,512	156,470	145,512
730	2012 Road Program	12/13/2012	12/8/2015 12/6/2016	12/7/2016 12/5/2017	.70 2.00		296,550	280,075	296,550	280,075
735	2013 Acquisition of Fire Engine and Computer Equipment	12/12/2013	12/8/2015 12/6/2016	12/7/2016 12/5/2017	.70 2.00		513,952	486,842	513,952	486,842
741	Various Capital Improvements	12/10/2014	12/8/2015 12/6/2016	12/7/2016 12/5/2017	.70 2.00		60,800	60,800	60,800	60,800
742	2014 Road Program	12/10/2014	12/8/2015 12/6/2016	12/7/2016 12/5/2017	.70 2.00		190,325	190,000	190,325	190,000
752	Various Capital Improvements	12/8/2015	12/8/2015 12/6/2016	12/7/2016 12/5/2017	.70 2.00		178,600	178,600	178,600	178,600
753	2015 Road Program	12/8/2015	12/8/2015 12/6/2016	12/7/2016 12/5/2017	.70 2.00		225,150	225,150	225,150	225,150
758	Various Capital Improvements	12/5/2016	12/6/2016	12/5/2017	2.00			152,855		152,855
753	2016 Road Program	12/5/2016	12/6/2016	12/5/2017	2.00			231,800		231,800
							\$ 2,455,750	\$ 2,879,811	\$ 2,455,750	\$ 2,879,811
							Renewals	\$ 2,313,078	\$ 2,313,078	
							Issued for Cash	566,733	325	
							Paid by Excess Notes Proceeds - Cash	-	142,347	
							Paid by Budget Appropriation	\$ 2,879,811	\$ 2,455,750	

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
STATEMENT OF GENERAL SERIAL BONDS**

Purpose	Date of Issue	Original Issue Amount	Maturities of Bonds Outstanding December 31, 2016	Interest Rate	Balance, December 31, 2015	Decreased	Balance, December 31, 2016
General Improvement of 2008	5/1/2008	\$ 1,635,000		3.25%	\$ 280,000	\$ 280,000	\$ -
					\$ 280,000	\$ 280,000	\$ -
					Paid by Budget Appropriation		\$ 280,000

**STATEMENT OF GREEN ACRES LOAN PAYABLE**

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Date of Issue	Original Issue	Interest Rate	Balance, December 31, 2015	Loan Repayment	Balance, December 31, 2016
529	Acquisition of Real Property	2/26/1997	\$ 2,390,500	2.00%	\$ 146,502	\$ 146,502	\$ -
					Paid by Budget Appropriation		\$ 146,502





**BOROUGH OF ALPINE**  
**PART II**  
**GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**



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## 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

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Borough Council  
Borough of Alpine  
Alpine, 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 audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the financial statements – regulatory basis of the Borough of Alpine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 20, 2017. Our report on the financial statements – regulatory basis was modified to indicate that the financial statements were not prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America but rather prepared in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, to meet the financial reporting requirements of the State of New Jersey for municipal government entities as described in Note 1. In addition, our report on the financial statements – regulatory basis was modified on the regulatory basis of accounting because of the presentation of the unaudited LOSAP Trust Fund financial statements.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Borough of Alpine'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 opinion on the financial statements but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Borough of Alpine's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Borough of Alpine'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 Borough'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 Borough of Alpine'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 and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

**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 Borough of Alpine's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Borough of Alpine's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Fair Lawn, New Jersey  
June 20, 2017

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**NOT APPLICABLE**

SCHEDULE B

BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

State Grant Program	Grant Number	Grant Year	Grant Award	2016 Grant Receipts	Balance, January 1, 2016	Revenue Realized	Expended	Adjustment	Balance, December 31, 2016	Memo Cumulative Expenditures
Municipal Recycling Assistance Program (Passed Through County of Bergen)	4910-759-690-50	2004	\$ 1,591	\$ -	1,591	-	-	-	1,591	1,490
		2005	1,574	-	84	-	-	-	84	1,221
		2007	1,239	-	18	-	-	-	18	-
Department of Environmental Protection Clean Communities Program	4900-765-004	2012	4,831	-	78	\$ 78	-	-	-	4,831
		2013	5,672	-	639	639	-	-	-	5,672
		2014	5,320	-	4,945	4,945	-	-	-	5,320
		2015	6,463	-	\$ 6,463	3,274	-	-	3,189	3,274
		2016	-	\$ 7,392	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recycling Tonnage	4900-752-001	2011	3,991	-	1,335	989	-	-	346	3,645
		2012	5,918	-	5,192	-	-	-	5,192	726
		2013	5,858	-	1,942	-	\$ 1,385	-	3,327	2,531
		2014	14,057	-	14,057	72	-	-	13,985	72
		2016	6,375	-	6,375	-	-	-	6,375	-
NJ DEP Municipal Stormwater Program	N/A	2007	1,705	-	967	-	-	-	967	738
Judiciary Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund	9735-760-001	2008	375	-	375	-	-	-	375	375
		2009	325	-	325	-	-	-	325	325
		2010	251	-	251	-	-	-	251	251
		2011	54	-	54	-	-	-	54	54
		2012	108	-	108	-	-	-	108	108
		2013	53	-	53	-	-	-	53	53
		2014	354	-	354	-	-	-	354	354
		2015	59	-	59	-	-	-	59	59
		2016	-	181	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	1110-448031020-22	2013	4,678	-	2,339	-	-	-	2,339	2,339
Municipal Alliance Program	N/A	2010	10,000	-	1,463	-	\$ (1,463)	-	-	8,537
		2011	10,000	-	860	-	(860)	-	-	9,140
		2012	10,000	-	2,087	-	(2,087)	-	-	7,913
		2013	9,520	-	3,276	-	(3,276)	-	-	6,244
		2014	4,760	-	33	-	(33)	-	-	4,727
		2015	9,520	-	2,023	-	-	-	2,505	7,015
		2016	14,280	-	2,810	4,400	-	-	9,880	4,400
Body Armor Grant	1020-718-001	2008	3,394	-	2,149	2,149	-	-	3,394	3,394
		2009	1,273	-	348	348	-	-	1,273	1,273
		2012	1,551	-	509	509	-	-	1,551	1,551
		2013	1,984	-	1,984	1,984	-	-	1,984	1,984
		2014	1,512	-	1,512	76	-	-	1,436	76
		2015	1,510	-	1,510	-	-	-	1,510	-
		2016	-	1,463	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Department of Transportation Local Municipal Aid	78-6320-480-xxx	2012	300,000	-	198,808	-	(198,808)	-	-	300,000
2012 Road Program (Ord. #730)	78-6320-480-xxx	2016	155,500	-	-	-	-	-	155,500	-
2016 Road Program (Ord. #760)	78-6320-480-xxx	2016	155,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
					\$ 230,241	\$ 184,187	\$ 19,463	\$ (205,142)	\$ 209,823	

Note: This schedule was not subject to an audit in accordance with New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08.

See accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**NOTE 1 GENERAL**

The accompanying schedules present the activity of all state financial assistance programs of the Borough of Alpine. The Borough is defined in Note 1(A) to the Borough's financial statements. All state financial assistance passed through other government agencies is included on the schedules of expenditures of state financial assistance.

**NOTE 2 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The accompanying schedules are prepared and presented using the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed for municipalities by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey which differ in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to local government units. This basis of accounting is described in Note 1 to the Borough's financial statements.

**NOTE 3 RELATIONSHIP TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with amounts reported in the Borough's financial statements. Financial assistance revenues are reported in the Borough's financial statements on a basis of accounting described above as follows:

	<u>State</u>
Current Fund	\$ 28,687
General Capital Fund	<u>155,500</u>
	<u>\$ 184,187</u>

**NOTE 4 RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules may not necessarily agree with the amounts reported in the related federal and state financial reports due to timing differences between the Borough's fiscal year and grant program year.

**NOTE 5 DE MINIMIS INDIRECT COST RATE**

The Borough has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.



**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

*Part I – Summary of Auditor’s Results*

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditors' report issued on financial statements Modified - Unaudited LOSAP Fund

Internal control over financial reporting:

1) Material weakness(es) identified \_\_\_\_\_ yes  X  no

2) Significant deficiency(ies) that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? \_\_\_\_\_ yes  X  none reported

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? \_\_\_\_\_ yes  X  no

**Federal Awards Section**

NOT APPLICABLE

**State Awards Section**

NOT APPLICABLE

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

*Part 2 - Schedule of Financial Statement Findings*

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 Chapter 5.18-5.20 of *Government Auditing Standards*.

There were none.

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

This section identifies the status of prior-year findings related to the basic financial statements and federal and state awards that are required to be reported in accordance with Chapter 6.12 of *Government Auditing Standards*.

**STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

There were none.

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

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**PART III**

**SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

**LETTER OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE -  
CURRENT FUND**

	<u>Year 2016</u>		<u>Year 2015</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<b>REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED</b>				
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 1,150,000	6.35 %	\$ 1,000,000	5.46 %
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local				
Property Tax Levies	1,677,539	9.27	1,950,937	10.66
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	127,617	0.70	160,959	0.88
Collection of Current Tax Levy	14,957,100	82.61	14,982,599	81.86
Other Credits to Income	<u>193,937</u>	<u>1.07</u>	<u>208,154</u>	<u>1.14</u>
 Total Income	 <u>18,106,193</u>	 <u>100.00 %</u>	 <u>18,302,649</u>	 <u>100.00 %</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Budget Expenditures				
Municipal Purposes	5,140,974	30.15 %	5,047,323	29.77 %
County Taxes	5,710,420	33.49	5,858,034	34.55
Local School Taxes	6,084,841	35.69	5,934,795	35.00
Municipal Open Space Tax	98,581	0.58	98,139	0.58
Other Expenditures	<u>14,571</u>	<u>0.09</u>	<u>16,669</u>	<u>0.10</u>
 Total Expenditures	 <u>17,049,387</u>	 <u>100.00 %</u>	 <u>16,954,960</u>	 <u>100.00 %</u>
 Excess in Revenue	 1,056,806		 1,347,689	
 Fund Balance, January 1	 <u>1,482,460</u>		 <u>1,134,771</u>	
	2,539,266		2,482,460	
 Less Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	 <u>1,150,000</u>		 <u>1,000,000</u>	
 Fund Balance, December 31	 <u>\$ 1,389,266</u>		 <u>\$ 1,482,460</u>	

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

**Property Acquired By Tax Title Lien Liquidation**

No properties have been acquired in 2014 through 2016 by foreclosure or deed, as a result of liquidation of tax title liens.

**Comparative Schedule Of Fund Balances**

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance, December 31,</u>	<u>Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year</u>
<u>Current Fund</u>	2016	\$1,389,266	\$1,100,000
	2015	1,482,460	1,150,000
	2014	1,134,771	1,000,000
	2013	1,208,046	1,050,000
	2012	1,103,604	1,000,000

**Comparative Schedule Of Tax Rate Information**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>\$0.768</u>	<u>\$0.770</u>	<u>\$0.741</u>

Apportionment of Tax Rate

Municipal	.163	.162	.160
Municipal Open Space	.005	.005	.005
County (Including Open Space)	.290	.299	.279
Local School	.310	.304	.297

Assessed Valuation

2016	<u>\$1,964,490,500</u>	
2015		<u>\$1,957,304,700</u>
2014		<u>\$1,960,360,500</u>

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

**Comparison Of Levies And Collection Currently**

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

<u>Year</u>		<u>Tax Levy</u>		<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Collection</u>
2016	\$	15,142,524	\$	14,957,100	98.77%
2015		15,113,451		14,982,599	99.13%
2014		14,537,580		14,339,529	98.63%

**Delinquent Taxes And Tax Title Liens**

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

<u>December 31 Year</u>	<u>Amount of Tax Title Liens</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquent Taxes</u>		<u>Total Delinquent</u>	<u>Percentage of Tax Levy</u>
2016	None	\$ 185,424	\$	185,424	1.22%
2015	None	127,623		127,623	0.84%
2014	None	162,720		162,720	1.12%

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

**OFFICIALS IN OFFICE AND SURETY BONDS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount of Bond</u>	<u>Name of Corporate or Personal Surety</u>
Paul H. Tomasko	Mayor		
Vicki Frankel	Council President		
Michael Cacouris	Councilman		
Laurence Shadek	Councilman		
Gayle Gerstein	Councilwoman		
John Halbreich	Councilman		
Arthur Frankel	Councilwoman		
Stephanie Wehmann	Acting Borough Clerk		
Nancy Wehmann	Deputy Borough Clerk		
Marilyn Hayward	Treasurer		
	Tax Search Officer		
	Tax Collector	\$1,000,000	A
	Chief Financial Officer		
Rebecca Overgaard	Deputy Financial Officer		
Robert J. Cohan	Magistrate	1,000,000	A
Dawn Curatola	Court Administrator	1,000,000	A
Brian Frugis	Building Inspector		
Alden Blackwell	Construction Code Official		
Frank Rickenbaugh	Fire Sub-Code Official		
Christopher Belcolle	Police Chief		
William Yirce	Tax Assessor		
Alden Blackwell	Zoning Officer		

A The Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MELJIF) provides a statutory position bond in the amount of \$1,000,000. In addition, MELJIF provides an Excess Public Officials Bond covering all other Borough employees in the amount of \$1,000,000.



**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
LETTER OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Contracts and Agreements Required To Be Advertised For NJS 40a:11-4**

NJS 40A:11-4 states "Every contract or agreement, for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or the contract price whereof is to be paid with or out of public funds not included within the terms of Section 3 of this act, shall be made or awarded only after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this act or specifically by any other law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or furnished for a sum exceeding in the aggregate of the bid threshold except by contract or agreement".

The bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 was \$36,000 for 2016. The Borough has adopted a resolution increasing the threshold to \$40,000 and has appointed the Chief Financial Officer as the qualified purchasing agent in accordance with regulations established by the Division of Local Government Services.

The Governing Body of the Municipality has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the bid within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Borough Counsel's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

The minutes indicate that bids were requested by public advertising for the following items:

2016 Road Improvements  
DPW Plow Truck

The minutes indicate that resolutions were adopted and advertised, authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S. 40A:11-5. Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

**Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes And Assessments**

The New Jersey statute provides the method for authorizing interest and the maximum rate to be charged for the non-payment of taxes or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquent. The Governing Body on January 4, 2016 adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

"BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the rate of interest on delinquent taxes for the year 2016, shall be computed at the rate of eight (8%) percent per annum and,

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
LETTER OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**GENERAL COMMENTS (Continued)**

**Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes And Assessments (Continued)**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate of interest on delinquent taxes in excess of \$1,500 shall be computed at eighteen (18%) percent per annum, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a grace period of ten (10) days be given on delinquent taxes without interest."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in connection with any delinquency of taxes, assessments or municipal charges in excess of \$10,000 which has not been paid prior to the end of a calendar year, there shall be imposed a penalty in a sum equal to six (6%) percent of the delinquency in excess of \$10,000.

It appears from an examination of the collector's records that interest was collected in accordance with the foregoing resolution.

**Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens**

There was no tax sale required in 2016. The date of the last tax sale was October 1, 2014.

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Liens</u>
2016	None
2015	None
2014	None

Suggestions to Management

**APPRECIATION**

We desire to express our appreciation to the Borough Clerk, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and other Borough staff who assisted us during the course of our audit.

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE  
SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

There are none.

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A review was performed on all prior year's recommendations and corrective action has been taken on all.

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

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