

**THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN)**

**REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015**

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FINANCIAL SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Chairman and Members
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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the business-type activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Town of Hackettstown) as of and for the year ended November 30, 2015, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these basic financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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 in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, 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 basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the basic financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Authority's preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall basic financial statement presentation. We believe that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient to provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

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Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Town of Hackettstown) as of November 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note VI to the basic financial statements, the Authority implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - An Amendment to GASB Statement No. 27*, and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68* during the year ended November 30, 2015. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter. The implementation resulted in the restatement of certain balances on the Statement of Net Position and the ending balance for Net Position for the Business-Type Funds as of November 30, 2014 as detailed in Note XIII to the basic financial statements.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on schedule 1 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

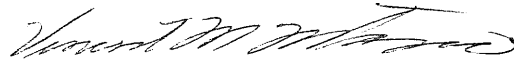
Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements of the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Town of Hackettstown) that collectively comprise their financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information listed in the table of contents including statistical information and the letter of comments and recommendations section are presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by the Division of Local Government Services and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The supplemental information listed in the table of contents are the responsibility of management and were derived from the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, such information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 16, 2016 on our consideration of the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Town of Hackettstown)'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards and should be read in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART I

*The Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority
(A Component Unit of the Town of Hackettstown)
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2015
(UNAUDITED)*

Our discussion and analysis of the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority's (A Component Unit of the Town of Hackettstown) financial activities for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015. Please read it in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Authority's restated net position of its business-type activities decreased \$388,863.66 or .75 percent as a result of this year's operations.
- Total cost of all of the Authority's programs was \$5,348,582.56 in 2014-2015 compared to \$5,229,453.93 in 2013-2014. During the year, the Authority had expenses for its business-type activities that were \$388,863.66 more than the \$4,959,718.90 generated in service fees and other program revenues.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Authority as a whole and present a longer-term view on the Authority's finances. For business-type activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Authority's operation in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the Authority's most financially significant funds

Reporting the Authority as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position

One of the most important questions asked about the Authority's finances is "Is the Authority as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position report information about the Authority as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. Accrual of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Authority's *net position* and changes in them. You can think of the Authority's net position, the difference between assets and liabilities, as one way to measure the Authority's financial health, or *financial position*. Over time, *increases* or *decreases* in the Authority's net position are one indicator whether its *financial health* is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors, however, such as changes in the Authority's user fee base, and the condition of the Authority's capital assets to assess the overall *health* of the Authority.

Reporting the Authority's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Proprietary funds: when the Authority charges customers for the full cost of the services it provides, these services are reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. In fact, the Authority's enterprise funds (a component of business type funds) are the same as the business-type activities we report in the government-wide statements but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows, for proprietary funds.

The Authority as Trustee

Reporting the Authority’s Fiduciary Responsibilities

The Authority is the trustee, or *fiduciary*, for Developer’s Escrow Fund. All of the Authority’s fiduciary activities are reported in separate Statements of Fiduciary Net Position and Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. We exclude these activities from the Authority’s other financial statements because the Authority cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The Authority is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements: The notes provided additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

**Major Features of
The Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority
(A Component Unit of the Town of Hackettstown)
Fund Financial Statements
(Figure A-1)**

Scope	Fund Statements	
	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Funds
	Activities the Authority operates similar to private businesses.	Instances in which the Authority is the trustee or agent for someone else’s resources such as Unemployment Compensation Trust
Required financial statements	Statement of net position Statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position Statement of cash flows	Statement of fiduciary net position Statement of changes in fiduciary net position
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets, deferred outflow/inflows and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term.	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term.
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses, regardless of when cash is received or paid.	All revenues and expenses, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

THE AUTHORITY AS A WHOLE

The Authority's *combined* restated net position changed from a year ago, *decreased* from \$51,513,599.98 to \$51,214,183.32. Looking at the net position and net expenses of the business-type activities separately, different stories emerge. Our analysis below focuses on the net position (Table 1) and changes in net position (Table 2) of the Authority's business-type activities as of November 30.

Table 1
Net Position

	Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Current and Other Assets	\$ 12,002,278.28	\$ 11,551,182.72	\$ 12,002,278.28	\$ 11,551,182.72
Capital Assets	<u>44,855,100.31</u>	<u>46,407,597.46</u>	<u>44,855,100.31</u>	<u>46,407,597.46</u>
Total Assets	<u>56,857,378.59</u>	<u>57,958,780.18</u>	<u>56,857,378.59</u>	<u>57,958,780.18</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>676,956.00</u>	<u>301,434.00</u>	<u>676,956.00</u>	<u>301,434.00</u>
Long-term Debt Outstanding	2,054,779.88	2,459,470.20	2,054,779.88	2,459,470.20
Net Pension Liability	3,711,263.00	3,219,054.00	3,711,263.00	3,219,054.00
Other Liabilities	<u>478,957.39</u>	<u>876,252.00</u>	<u>478,957.39</u>	<u>876,252.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>6,245,000.27</u>	<u>6,554,776.20</u>	<u>6,245,000.27</u>	<u>6,554,776.20</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>164,598.00</u>	<u>191,838.00</u>	<u>164,598.00</u>	<u>191,838.00</u>
Net Position:				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	42,767,625.72	44,288,812.95	42,767,625.72	44,288,812.95
Restricted	6,192,360.96	6,938,769.48	6,192,360.96	6,938,769.48
Unrestricted	<u>2,164,749.64</u>	<u>286,017.55</u>	<u>2,164,749.64</u>	<u>286,017.55</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 51,124,736.32</u>	<u>\$ 51,513,599.98</u>	<u>\$ 51,124,736.32</u>	<u>\$ 51,513,599.98</u>

- Net Position of the Authority's business-type activities *decreased* \$388,863.66 or .75 percent.
- Unrestricted net position, the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements – *increased* \$1,878,732.09.
- Restricted net position, that is restricted mainly for capital projects *decreased* \$746,408.52 or 10.76%.
- The net investment in capital assets category *decreased* \$1,521,187.23.

Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	<u>Business-type</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Activities</u>		<u>Primary Government</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Program Revenues:				
Charges for Services-Water	\$ 2,238,983.15	\$ 2,014,239.03	\$ 2,238,983.15	\$ 2,014,239.03
Charges for Services-Sewer	2,422,571.06	2,404,973.08	2,422,571.06	2,404,973.08
General Revenues:				
Interest and Investment Earnings	107,235.25	99,925.06	107,235.25	99,925.06
Other General Revenues	<u>190,929.44</u>	<u>86,858.24</u>	<u>190,929.44</u>	<u>86,858.24</u>
Total Revenues:	<u>4,959,718.90</u>	<u>4,605,995.41</u>	<u>4,959,718.90</u>	<u>4,605,995.41</u>
<u>Program expenses including indirect expenses</u>				
Business-type Activities:				
Water	2,839,438.59	2,377,781.49	2,839,438.59	2,377,781.49
Sewer	<u>2,509,143.97</u>	<u>2,851,672.44</u>	<u>2,509,143.97</u>	<u>2,851,672.44</u>
Total Expenses	<u>5,348,582.56</u>	<u>5,229,453.93</u>	<u>5,348,582.56</u>	<u>5,229,453.93</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Position	<u>\$ (388,863.66)</u>	<u>\$ (623,458.52)</u>	<u>\$ (388,863.66)</u>	<u>\$ (623,458.52)</u>

Business-type Activities

The Authority has two major Enterprise Funds consisting of the Water and Sewer operations.

Table 3

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
Total Assets	\$ 28,545,672.45	\$ 28,311,706.14
Net Position	25,864,342.05	25,260,394.27
Change in Net Position	(460,962.52)	72,098.86
Return on Ending Total Assets	-1.615%	0.255%
Return on Ending Net Position	-1.782%	0.285%

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

Table 4

Capital Assets at Year-end (Net of Depreciation)

	<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Land	\$ 747,800.00	\$ 1,156,800.00	\$ 747,800.00	\$ 1,156,800.00
Infrastructure	43,899,751.04	42,082,222.13	43,899,751.04	42,082,222.13
Buildings and Improvements	19,616,033.59	19,615,900.12	19,616,033.59	19,615,900.12
Vehicles	863,869.89	877,612.45	863,869.89	877,612.45
Machinery and Equipment	6,671,240.82	5,977,420.82	6,671,240.82	5,977,420.82
Construction-in-Progress	-	3,017,249.09	-	3,017,249.09
Subtotal	<u>71,798,695.34</u>	<u>72,727,204.61</u>	<u>71,798,695.34</u>	<u>72,727,204.61</u>
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(26,943,595.03)</u>	<u>(26,319,607.15)</u>	<u>(26,943,595.03)</u>	<u>(26,319,607.15)</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 44,855,100.31</u>	<u>\$ 46,407,597.46</u>	<u>\$ 44,855,100.31</u>	<u>\$ 46,407,597.46</u>

This year's significant changes in the Business-type Activities were for various building improvements, the sale of a reservoir and the allocating of the prior Construction in Progress for various water improvements.

The Authority's 2015-2016 capital budgets anticipate a spending level of \$950,000.00 for Water System capital projects and \$770,000.00 for Sewer System capital projects. More detailed information about the Authority's capital assets is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements

DEBT

At year – end the Authority had total debt of \$6,184,026.86 outstanding versus \$5,709,834.12 last year – an increase of 8.30 percent – as shown in Table 5.

Outstanding Debt, at year –end Table 5

	Business-Type Activities	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Loans	\$ 2,087,474.59	\$ 2,118,784.51
Net Pension Liability	3,711,263.00	3,219,054.00
Compensated Absences	<u>385,289.27</u>	<u>371,995.61</u>
	<u>\$ 6,184,026.86</u>	<u>\$ 5,709,834.12</u>

An analysis of Authority Debt is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

BUDGETS

There were no significant variances between the originally adopted budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015 and the final budget.

CONTACTING THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to show the Authority's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Kathleen Corcoran, Executive Director, 424 Hurley Drive, Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ENTITY WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BUSINESS-TYPE FUNDS

THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN)
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Totals</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,494,210.66	\$ 7,193,112.28	\$ 11,687,322.94
Cash Restricted-Escrow Deposits	71,005.75	71,005.74	142,011.49
Change Fund	50.00	50.00	100.00
Accounts Receivable	76,997.77	87,877.04	164,874.81
Prepaid Expenses	3,984.52	3,984.52	7,969.04
Total Current Assets	<u>4,646,248.70</u>	<u>7,356,029.58</u>	<u>12,002,278.28</u>
Noncurrent Assets:			
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:			
Land	350,000.00	397,800.00	747,800.00
Construction in Progress	-	-	-
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>350,000.00</u>	<u>397,800.00</u>	<u>747,800.00</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:			
Capital Assets	34,403,812.16	36,647,083.18	71,050,895.34
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(10,854,388.41)	(16,089,206.62)	(26,943,595.03)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>23,549,423.75</u>	<u>20,557,876.56</u>	<u>44,107,300.31</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>23,899,423.75</u>	<u>20,955,676.56</u>	<u>44,855,100.31</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>23,899,423.75</u>	<u>20,955,676.56</u>	<u>44,855,100.31</u>
Total Assets	<u>28,545,672.45</u>	<u>28,311,706.14</u>	<u>56,857,378.59</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Pension Deferred Outflows	338,478.00	338,478.00	676,956.00
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	6,101.06	39,651.18	45,752.24
Accrued Interest on Debt	6,392.89	8,828.28	15,221.17
Loan Payable	13,731.78	18,962.93	32,694.71
Total Current Liabilities	<u>26,225.73</u>	<u>67,442.39</u>	<u>93,668.12</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Compensated Absences Payable	192,644.63	192,644.64	385,289.27
Net Pension Liability	1,855,631.50	1,855,631.50	3,711,263.00
Loans Payable	863,007.54	1,191,772.34	2,054,779.88
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>2,911,283.67</u>	<u>3,240,048.48</u>	<u>6,151,332.15</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,937,509.40</u>	<u>3,307,490.87</u>	<u>6,245,000.27</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Pension Deferred Inflows	82,299.00	82,299.00	164,598.00
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	23,022,684.43	19,744,941.29	42,767,625.72
Restricted/Assigned for:			
Escrow Deposits	71,005.75	71,005.74	142,011.49
Post Employment Benefits Fund	358,790.50	358,790.51	717,581.01
Reserve for Compensated Absences	50,000.00	50,000.00	100,000.00
Future Capital Projects	606,560.55	2,092,313.73	2,698,874.28
Bond Reserve-USDA Loan	42,840.00	59,160.00	102,000.00
Renewal and Replacement	878,914.04	782,980.14	1,661,894.18
Rate Stabilization	375,000.00	375,000.00	750,000.00
Operating	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
Unrestricted/Unassigned	448,546.78	1,716,202.86	2,164,749.64
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 25,864,342.05</u>	<u>\$ 25,260,394.27</u>	<u>\$ 51,124,736.32</u>

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN)
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015**

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Operating Revenues:			
Service Charges	\$ 2,238,983.15	\$ 2,422,571.06	\$ 4,661,554.21
Connection Fees	49,897.33	64,971.32	114,868.65
Total Operating Revenues	<u>2,288,880.48</u>	<u>2,487,542.38</u>	<u>4,776,422.86</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Salaries and Wages	598,183.59	625,774.61	1,223,958.20
Fringe Benefits	334,508.83	334,508.54	669,017.37
Other Expenses	510,944.41	654,761.36	1,165,705.77
Depreciation	450,254.52	652,290.92	1,102,545.44
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,893,891.35</u>	<u>2,267,335.43</u>	<u>4,161,226.78</u>
Operating Income	<u>394,989.13</u>	<u>220,206.95</u>	<u>615,196.08</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):			
Non-Capitalized Expenditures	(432,791.79)	(123,375.79)	(556,167.58)
Adjustment to Capital Assets	(409,100.00)		(409,100.00)
Accrued Interest on Debt	95.89	132.41	228.30
Debt Service Interest	(38,790.39)	(53,567.69)	(92,358.08)
Net Adjustment for Pension Liability	(44,723.50)	(44,723.50)	(89,447.00)
Prior Year Accounts Payable Cancelled		4,068.34	4,068.34
Compensated Absences	(6,646.83)	(6,646.83)	(13,293.66)
Escrow Deposits	35,882.07	35,882.08	71,764.15
Escrow Refunds and Disbursements	(13,494.73)	(13,494.73)	(26,989.46)
Interest on Investments	53,617.63	53,617.62	107,235.25
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>(855,951.65)</u>	<u>(148,108.09)</u>	<u>(1,004,059.74)</u>
Change in Net Position	(460,962.52)	72,098.86	(388,863.66)
Total Net Position—Beginning (Restated)	<u>26,325,304.57</u>	<u>25,188,295.41</u>	<u>51,513,599.98</u>
Total Net Position—Ending	<u>\$ 25,864,342.05</u>	<u>\$ 25,260,394.27</u>	<u>\$ 51,124,736.32</u>

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
 (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN)
 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 ENTERPRISE FUNDS
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Totals</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from Customers	\$ 2,267,478.57	\$ 2,458,530.27	\$ 4,726,008.84
Payments to Employees	(598,183.59)	(625,774.61)	(1,223,958.20)
Payments for Employee Benefits	(334,508.83)	(334,508.54)	(669,017.37)
Payments to Suppliers	<u>(528,788.16)</u>	<u>(653,034.59)</u>	<u>(1,181,822.75)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>805,997.99</u>	<u>845,212.53</u>	<u>1,651,210.52</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Escrow Deposits	35,882.07	35,882.08	71,764.15
Escrow Refunds and Disbursements	<u>(13,494.73)</u>	<u>(13,494.73)</u>	<u>(26,989.46)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Non-Capital Financing Activities	<u>22,387.34</u>	<u>22,387.35</u>	<u>44,774.69</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Non-Capitalized Expenditures	(432,791.79)	(123,375.79)	(556,167.58)
Purchase of Capital Assets	(43,834.07)	(130,057.79)	(173,891.86)
Principal Paid on Capital Debt	(13,150.17)	(18,159.75)	(31,309.92)
Interest Paid on Capital Debt	(38,790.39)	(53,567.69)	(92,358.08)
Contracts and Retainage Payable	<u>(549,412.34)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(549,412.34)</u>
Net Cash (Used for) Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(1,077,978.76)</u>	<u>(325,161.02)</u>	<u>(1,403,139.78)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest and Dividends	<u>53,617.63</u>	<u>53,617.62</u>	<u>107,235.25</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>53,617.63</u>	<u>53,617.62</u>	<u>107,235.25</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(195,975.80)	596,056.48	400,080.68
Balances—Beginning of Year	<u>4,761,242.21</u>	<u>6,668,111.54</u>	<u>11,429,353.75</u>
Balances—End of Year	<u>\$ 4,565,266.41</u>	<u>\$ 7,264,168.02</u>	<u>\$ 11,829,434.43</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operating Activities:			
Operating Income	\$ 394,989.13	\$ 220,206.95	\$ 615,196.08
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:			
Depreciation	450,254.52	652,290.92	1,102,545.44
(Increase)/Decrease in Accounts Receivable, Net	(21,401.91)	(29,012.11)	(50,414.02)
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	(300.43)	(300.43)	(600.86)
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	<u>(17,543.32)</u>	<u>2,027.20</u>	<u>(15,516.12)</u>
Total Adjustments	<u>411,008.86</u>	<u>625,005.58</u>	<u>1,036,014.44</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 805,997.99</u>	<u>\$ 845,212.53</u>	<u>\$ 1,651,210.52</u>

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN)

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015

Note I: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of The Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Town of Hackettstown) (Authority) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Authority is required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. Although the Authority has the option to apply FASB pronouncements issued after that date to its business-type activities and enterprise funds, the Authority has chosen not to do so. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Authority are discussed below.

In March 2009, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) adopted Statement No.54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This statement became effective for fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2010. The effective date for the Authority is the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2010. The objective of the statement is to enhance the usefulness of fund balance information by providing clearer fund balance classifications and clarifying the existing fund balance type definitions.

B. Reporting Entity

These financial statements present the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Town of Hackettstown). As defined by GASB No. 14, component units are legally separate entities that are included in the Town's reporting entity because of the significance of their operating or financial relationships with the Town.

The Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey has not mandated that municipalities in the State of New Jersey implement GASB 34 therefore the Town's financial statements are not presented.

Pursuant to the Municipal Utilities Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1957, of the State of New Jersey, approved August 22, 1957, as amended and supplemented, the Authority was created by virtue of an ordinance duly and finally adopted on February 15, 1965, by the Town Council of the Town of Hackettstown as the governing body thereof, and is a public body politic and corporate of the State of New Jersey organized and existing under said Law, constituting a political subdivision and established as an instrumentality exercising public and essential governmental functions to provide for the public health and welfare, with all necessary or proper powers to acquire, construct, maintain, operate or improve works for the accumulation, supply or distribution of water and works for the collection, treatment, purification or disposal of sewage or other wastes and to provide for utility services designed to provide or distribute an adequate supply of water for public and private uses and to relieve pollution of the water in, bordering or entering the Town from pollution or threatened pollution and for improvement of conditions affecting the public health and with all the powers, privileges and authority conferred by said law.

The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the primary government is not accountable but for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015
(CONTINUED)

Note I: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. Reporting Entity (Continued)

A component unit is a legally separate organization for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and either the primary government is able to impose its will on the organization's governing body and either the primary government is able to impose its will on the organization; or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government.

The Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority is a component unit of the primary government of the Town of Hackettstown. The Commissioners of the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority are appointed by the Town Council of the Town of Hackettstown for staggered terms of five years.

The Authority acquired and placed into operation a water supply and distribution system for provision and distribution of water within a portion of the Town and a sanitary sewerage system for collection, treatment and disposal of certain sanitary sewage and other wastes arising in a portion of the Town, the Authority proceeded with plans and designs for a water supply and distribution system and a sanitary sewerage system and acquired and constructed said systems to provide for the distribution of water for the collection, treatment and disposal of sanitary sewerage and other wastes in the remaining portions of the Town.

The Town and the Authority have each determined that it was economical and otherwise advantageous to each of them and to the residents and property owners of the Town for the Town and the Authority to enter into a single contract providing for and relating to the sale and supplying of water in the Town by means of said water system and the treatment and disposal of sewage and other wastes originating in the Town by means of said sewerage system and the cost and expense of such sale and supplying of water and of such treatment and disposal, which contract, among other things, obligated the Authority to proceed promptly with the design, acquisition and construction and placing in operation of said water system and said sewerage system and obligated the Town to pay to the Authority such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to provide for deficits (if any) resulting from failure or disability of the Authority to derive adequate revenues from the operation of said water system and said sewerage system, the Town and Authority have each duly authorized its proper officials to enter into and execute an agreement between the Town and the Authority, each binding itself and its successors.

The Authority services portions of the Townships of Washington and Mount Olive in Morris County, the Township of Mansfield and Independence in Warren County, and all of the Town of Hackettstown in Warren County.

The Authority bills and collects its revenue from users of the system and its rates are not regulated by the Board of Public Utilities.

As a public body under existing statute, the Authority is exempt from both Federal and State Taxes.

The primary criterion for including activities within the Authority's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, is the degree of oversight responsibility maintained by the Authority. Oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The combined financial statements include all funds of the Authority over which the Board exercises operating control.

THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015
(CONTINUED)

Note I: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. Reporting Entity (Continued)

There were no additional entities required to be included in the reporting entity under the criteria as described above, in the current fiscal year. Furthermore, the Authority is not includable in any other reporting entity on the basis of such criteria.

C. Basic Financial Statements- Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the Authority are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

Proprietary Fund Type

The focus of Proprietary Fund measurement is upon determination of net income, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows. The accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector. The following is a description of the Proprietary Funds of the Authority:

Enterprise Funds – The Enterprise Funds are utilized to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the Authority is that the costs (i.e. expenses including depreciation and indirect costs) of providing goods or services to the users on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or, where the Authority has decided that the periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

Depreciation of all exhaustive fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on proprietary fund balance sheets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings	20-50 Years
Improvements	10-20 Years
Machinery and Equipment	5-10 Years
Light Trucks and Vehicle	5 Years
Heavy Trucks and Vehicle	6 Years
Infrastructure	10-50 Years

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(CONTINUED)

Note I: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Basic Financial Statements- Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Proprietary Fund Type (Continued)

Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary Funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and therefore are not available to support Authority programs. The reporting focus is on net position and changes in net position and are reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds.

The Authority's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements by type (Developer's Escrow Funds). Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local governments, private parties, pension participants, etc.) and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The proprietary and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Authority gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include state and federal aid, grants entitlements and donations.

E. Budgets/Budgetary Control

The annual budget is required to be balanced and authorities are permitted to utilize unreserved retained earnings to balance their budget; however, the maximum amount which can be utilized is the lesser of (a) the estimated year-end balance of unreserved retained earnings or (b) working capital reduced by unrestricted assets not ordinarily convertible into cash (non-liquid, such as prepaid insurance and inventory).

For the purpose of using projected Unreserved Retained Earnings or funding operating deficits, Authorities are permitted to amend or modify the annual operating budget, since actual results may differ from the amount estimated in the budget process.

Amendments to the operating and/or capital budgets may be permitted for a variety of conditions, as more fully described in the rules and regulations promulgated by the Local Finance Board. There were no significant budget amendments during the fiscal year.

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015
(CONTINUED)

Note I: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

F. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

Deposits are cash and cash equivalents including petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and are stated at cost plus accrued interest. Other than Certificates of Deposit, deposits with maturities of greater than three months are considered to be Investments. U.S. Treasury and agency obligations and certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchased are stated at cost. All other investments are stated at fair value.

New Jersey Authorities are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. New Jersey statute 40A:5-15.1 et. seq. provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey Authorities.

2. Short – term Interfund Receivables/Payables

Short – term interfund receivables/payables represents amounts that are owed, other than charges for goods or services rendered to/from a particular fund in the Authority and that are due within one year.

3. Inventories

The cost of consumable materials and supplies on hand are immaterial to the financial statements and the Authority has therefore chosen to report these items as expenditures/expenses at the time of purchase.

4. Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Business-type activities report user fees and interest earnings as their major receivables.

5. Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on the following assets is provided on the straight – line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	20-50 years
Machinery and Equipment	5-10 years
Land Improvements	10-20 years
Other Infrastructure	10-50 years

Land and Construction in Progress are not depreciated.

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015
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Note I: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

F. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity (Continued)

6. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets include cash and investments of the proprietary fund that are legally restricted as to their use. The primary restricted assets are related to debt related trustee accounts, future and designated capital projects, renewal and replacement, rate stabilization, developer's deposits, and operating requirements.

7. Long-term Debt

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

All long-term debt to be repaid from business-type resources are reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term debt consists primarily of bonds, notes and loans payable.

The accounting for proprietary fund debt is the same in the fund statements as it is in the government-wide statements.

8. Compensated Absences

The Authority's policies regarding compensated absences permit employees to accumulate earned but unused sick leave and vacation time. The proprietary fund reports the liability as it is incurred.

9. Equity Classifications

Fund Statements

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

- a. Investment in capital assets— Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position – Consists of net positions with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015
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Note I: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

F. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity (Continued)

9. Equity Classifications (Continued)

Fund Statements (Continued)

- c. Unrestricted net position – All other elements of net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “investment in capital assets.”

10. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reports, amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

G. Revenues, Expenditures and Expenses

1. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. It also includes all revenue and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

2. Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for business-type activities.

In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified as follows:

Proprietary Fund – By Operating and Nonoperating

In the fund financial statements, proprietary funds report expenses relating to use of economic resources.

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YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015
(CONTINUED)

Note I: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

H. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2015, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 72, "Fair Value Measurement and Application." The requirements of this statement are effective for financial statements beginning after June 15, 2015. This Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements. The definition of fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. This Statement provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for financial reporting purposes and for applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements. The Authority is in the process of reviewing its obligations under GASB 72, and its potential impact on the financial statements.

GASB 73, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets that Are Not Within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68", will be effective beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. The objective of this Statement is to improve the usefulness of information about pensions included in the general purpose external financial reports of state and local governments for making decisions and assessing accountability.

GASB 74, "Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other than Pension Plans", will be effective beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. The objective of this Statement is to improve the usefulness of information about postemployment benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB) included in the general purpose external financial reports of state and local governmental OPEB plans for making decisions and assessing accountability.

GASB 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions", will be effective beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. The primary objective of this Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for postemployment benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB). It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for OPEB that is provided by other entities.

GASB 76, "The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments", will be effective beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The objective of this Statement is to identify- in the context of the current governmental financial reporting environment - the hierarchy of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The "GAAP hierarchy" consists of the sources of accounting principles used to prepare financial statements of state and local governmental entities in conformity with GAAP and the framework for selecting those principles. This Statement reduces the GAAP hierarchy to two categories of authoritative GAAP and addresses the use of authoritative and non authoritative literature in the event that the accounting treatment for a transaction or other event is not specified within a source of authoritative GAAP.

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015
(CONTINUED)

Note II: Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

By its nature as a local government unit, the Authority is subject to various federal, state, and local laws and contractual regulations. An analysis of the Authority's compliance with significant laws and regulations and demonstration of its stewardship over Authority resources follows.

A. Revenue Restrictions and Debt Covenants

In accordance with the 1967 bond resolution, the Authority has established the following cash and investment accounts for the deposit, in the priority of the order listed, of all revenues received by the Authority:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Use for which restricted</u>
Revenue	All revenue received by the Authority.	Authorized operating expenses and, as of the last day of each quarter, transfers to the various accounts described below.
Construction and construction grants-in-Aid.	Proceeds of debt issued and connection fees.	Construction costs of the Water and Sewer System.
Bond Service (Current Debt Service)	Amount needed to pay matured principal and interest.	Principal and interest on the debt.
Bond Reserve (Future Debt Service)	Amount needed to equal the reserve requirement.	Transfers to meet minimum levels required in the bond service account.
Improvement and Retirement	Amount needed to increase the balance to equal the requirements as defined by the resolution (Section 510)	Transfers to meet deficiencies in any fund or account, after which funds may be expended for any lawful corporate purpose of the Authority including payment of loans or redemption of bonds
Renewal and Replacement	Amount needed in the Renewal and Replacement Fund to equal the System Reserve Requirement. Means an amount equal to \$50,000.00	Major repairs, renewals, replacements or maintenance items of a type not recurring annually.
General	To any extent.	Amount to increase the amount in the Bond Reserve Account to equal Bond Reserve Requirement.
Rate Stabilization	Until the aggregate amount thus deposited equals \$750,000	Supplement revenues should there be a deficiency in revenues in any year

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Note III: Detailed Disclosure Regarding Assets and Revenues

A. Deposits and Investments

Deposits

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

N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et. Seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). Public depositories include Savings and Loan institutions, banks (both state and national banks) and savings banks the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of Governmental Units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the Governmental Units.

At November 30, 2015 the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority's cash and cash equivalents amounted to \$2,569,351.56. Of this amount, \$250,000.00 was covered by federal depository insurance (F.D.I.C.) and \$559,218.71 was covered by a collateral pool maintained by the banks as required by GUDPA. Although the individual developers' accounts are subject to F.D.I.C. coverage, it cannot be accurately determined whether the total amount of \$142,011.49 included in Developers' Escrow deposits is covered.

At November 30, 2015 the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority's participation in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund amounted to \$1,618,121.36.

GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*, requires the disclosure of bank deposits that are subject to custodial credit risk. The custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Authority will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that may be in the possession of an outside party.

As of November 30, 2015, \$1,760,132.85 of the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority's cash and cash equivalents of \$2,569,351.56 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$ 142,011.49
Uninsured and collateral held by public depository or by its' trust department not in the Authority's name	<u>1,618,121.36</u>
	<u>\$1,760,132.85</u>

THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015
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Note III: Detailed Disclosure Regarding Assets and Revenues (Continued)

A. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Investments

New Jersey statutes (N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1) permit the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority to purchase the following types of securities:

a. When authorized by resolution adopted by a majority vote of all its members the board of commissioners of any Authority may use moneys which may be in hand for the purchase of the following types of securities which, if suitable for registry, may be registered in the name of the Authority;

(1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;

(2) Government money market mutual funds;

(3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;

(4) Bonds or other obligations of the Authority or bonds or other obligations of local unit or units within which the Authority is located;

(5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Authority;

(6) Local government investment pools;

(7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4) or

(8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities, if:

(a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a;

(b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;

(c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;

(d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41) and for which a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

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Note III: Detailed Disclosure Regarding Assets and Revenues (Continued)

A. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Investments (Continued)

The Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority had the following investments valued at cost, which approximates fair value, at November 30, 2015:

	<u>Fair Value</u>
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 7,080,957.87
FHLMC	188,691.92
FNMA	217,000.00
Government Bonds	713,531.20
Money Market Funds	<u>1,120,051.00</u>
 Total Investments	 <u>\$9,320,231.99</u>

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The credit risk of a debt instrument is measured by nationally recognized statistical rating agencies such as Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Moody's) or Standard & Poor's Corporation (S&P). U.S. government debt is considered to have no credit risk.

The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that may be in the possession of an outside party. Since certificates of deposits are covered by F.D.I.C. and GUDPA and U. S. government debt is guaranteed, there is no custodial credit risk.

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of an investment in a single issuer. There are no restrictions in the amount that can be invested in a single issuer.

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Note III: Detailed Disclosure Regarding Assets and Revenues (Continued)

B. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended November 30, 2015 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Adjustments & Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Business - Type Activities:				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,156,800.00	\$ -	\$ (409,000.00)	\$ 747,800.00
Construction in Progress	<u>3,017,249.09</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,017,249.09)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>4,174,049.09</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,426,249.09)</u>	<u>747,800.00</u>
Infrastructure	42,082,222.13	12,323.39	1,805,205.52	43,899,751.04
Buildings and Improvements	19,615,900.12	95,328.47	(95,195.00)	19,616,033.59
Vehicles	877,612.45	34,620.00	(48,362.56)	863,869.89
Machinery and Equipment	<u>5,977,420.82</u>	<u>31,620.00</u>	<u>662,200.00</u>	<u>6,671,240.82</u>
Totals at historical cost	<u>68,553,155.52</u>	<u>173,891.86</u>	<u>2,323,847.96</u>	<u>71,050,895.34</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	(11,061,729.14)	(477,853.68)		(11,539,582.82)
Buildings and Improvements	(11,421,075.41)	(437,031.52)	95,195.00	(11,762,911.93)
Vehicles	(515,532.12)	(63,763.60)	48,362.56	(530,933.16)
Machinery and Equipment	<u>(3,321,270.48)</u>	<u>(123,896.64)</u>	<u>335,000.00</u>	<u>(3,110,167.12)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(26,319,607.15)</u>	<u>(1,102,545.44) (1)</u>	<u>478,557.56</u>	<u>(26,943,595.03)</u>
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>42,233,548.37</u>	<u>(928,653.58)</u>	<u>2,802,405.52</u>	<u>44,107,300.31</u>
Business - Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 46,407,597.46</u>	<u>\$ (928,653.58)</u>	<u>\$ (623,843.57)</u>	<u>\$ 44,855,100.31</u>

(1) Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Water	\$ 450,254.52
Sewer	<u>652,290.92</u>
	<u>\$ 1,102,545.44</u>

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Note IV: Detailed Disclosures Regarding Liabilities and Expenses/Expenditures

A. Operating Leases

The Authority has no commitments under operating leases.

B. Long - Term Liabilities

Long - Term liability activity for the year ended November 30, 2015 was as follows:

	<u>Restated</u> <u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Amounts</u> <u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Business-type Activities:					
Long - Term Debt:					
Loans	\$ 2,118,784.51	\$ -	\$ (31,309.92)	\$ 2,087,474.59	\$ 32,694.71
Total Debt Payable	<u>2,118,784.51</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(31,309.92)</u>	<u>2,087,474.59</u>	<u>32,694.71</u>
Other Liabilities:					
Net Pension Liability	3,219,054.00	492,209.00		3,711,263.00	
Compensated Absences	<u>371,995.61</u>	<u>19,445.66</u>	<u>(6,152.00)</u>	<u>385,289.27</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Liabilities	<u>3,591,049.61</u>	<u>511,654.66</u>	<u>(6,152.00)</u>	<u>4,096,552.27</u>	<u>-</u>
Business-type Activities					
Long - Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 5,709,834.12</u>	<u>\$511,654.66</u>	<u>\$ (37,461.92)</u>	<u>\$ 6,184,026.86</u>	<u>\$ 32,694.71</u>

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Note IV: Detailed Disclosure Regarding Liabilities and Expenses/Expenditures (Continued)

B. Long – Term Liabilities (Continued)

2. Loans Payable

The Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority has also entered into a loan agreement in the amount of \$2,315,000.00 with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, the loan proceeds were used to fund the Diamond Hill Project.

An analysis of loans payable at November 30, 2015 can be found on Schedule 6.

3. Bonds Authorized But Not Issued

As of November 30, 2015 the Authority had no authorized but not issued bonds.

Note V: Detailed Disclosure Regarding Fund Equity

A. Restricted Net Position

Enterprise Fund:

Restricted for:

Future Capital Projects	\$2,698,874.28
Post Employment Benefits Fund	717,581.01
Reserve for Compensated Absences	100,000.00
Escrow Deposits	142,011.49
Bond Reserve – USDA	102,000.00
Renewal and Replacement	1,661,894.18
Rate Stabilization	750,000.00
Operations	20,000.00

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Note VI: Pension Plans

Description of Systems

Substantially all of the Authority's employees participate in the following contributory defined benefit public employee retirement system which has been established by State statute: the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). This system is sponsored and administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. The PERS is considered a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan.

The Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) was established as of January 1, 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. The PERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the State of New Jersey or any county, municipality, school district, or public agency, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another state-administered retirement system or other state or local jurisdiction.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies-

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the PERS and additions to/deductions from PERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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

At November 30, 2015, the Authority reported a liability of \$3,711,263 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015, and the total pension liability to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2014, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2015. The total pension liability for the June 30, 2014 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2014. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability is based on the ratio of the contributions as an individual employer to total contributions to the PERS during the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. At June 30, 2015, the Authority's proportion was 0.016533%, which was a decrease of 0.000660% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

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Note VI: Pension Plans (Continued)

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

For the year ended November 30, 2015, the Authority recognized pension expense of \$243,459. At November 30, 2015, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$88,538.00	
Changes of Assumptions	\$398,560.00	
Net difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		\$59,670.00
Changes in proportion and differences between Authority Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	\$47,721.00	\$104,928.00
Authority Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>\$142,137.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	<u>\$676,956.00</u>	<u>\$164,598.00</u>

\$142,137 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date (i.e. for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2015, the plan measurement date is June 30, 2015) has been recognized as a reduction of the net position liability measured as of June 30, 2015. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$77,813.42
2017	77,813.42
2018	77,813.42
2019	123,930.34
2020	<u>70,057.40</u>
Total	<u>\$427,428.00</u>

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Note VI: Pension Plans (Continued)

	<u>6/30/14</u>	<u>6/30/15</u>
Collective Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$952,194,675.00	\$ 3,578,755,666.00
Collective Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,479,224,662.00	993,410,455.00
Collective Net Pension Liability (Non-State-Local Group)	\$18,,722,735,003.00	22,447,996,119.00
Authority's Portion of Net Pension Liability	3,219,054.00	3,711,263.00
Authority's Proportion %	0.017193%	0.016533%

Actuarial Assumptions

The collective total pension liability for the June 30, 2015 measurement date was 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:

Inflation	3.04%
Salary Increases:	
2012-2021	2.15%-4.40% based on age
Thereafter	3.15%-5.40% based on age
Investment Rate of Return	7.90%

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Male and Female Mortality Tables (setback 1 year for males and females) for service retirement and beneficiaries of former members with adjustments for mortality improvements from the base year of 2012 based on Projection Scale AA. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Tables (setback 3 years for males and setback 1 year for females) are used to value disabled retirees.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2014 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011. It is unlikely that future experience will not exactly conform to these assumptions. To the extent that actual experience deviates from these assumptions. To the extent that actual experience deviates from these assumptions, the emerging liabilities may be higher or lower than anticipated. The more the experience deviates, the larger the impact on future financial statements.

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Note VI: Pension Plans (Continued)

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.90% at June 30, 2015) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rate of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing 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 PER's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2015 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	5.00%	1.04%
U.S. Treasuries	1.75%	1.64%
Investment Grade Credit	10.00%	1.79%
Mortgages	2.10%	1.62%
High Yield Bonds	2.00%	4.03%
Inflation-Indexed Bonds	1.50%	3.25%
Broad US Equities	27.25%	8.52%
Developed Foreign Equities	12.00%	6.88%
Emerging Market Equities	6.40%	10.00%
Private Equity	9.25%	12.41%
Hedge Funds/Absolute Return	12.00%	4.72%
Real Estate (Property)	2.00%	6.83%
Commodities	1.00%	5.32%
Global Debt ex US	3.50%	-0.40%
REIT	4.25%	5.12%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 4.90% as of June 30, 2015. This single blended discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.90%, and a municipal bond rate of 3.80% as of June 30, 2015, based on 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. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made based on the average of the last five years of contributions made in relation to the last five years of actuarially determined contributions. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members through 2033. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2033, and the municipal bond rate was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

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Note VI: Pension Plans (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2015, calculated using the discount rate of 4.90%, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (3.90%) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.90%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>(3.90%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(4.90%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(5.90%)</u>
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$4,612,726	\$3,711,263	\$2,955,601

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits financial report at <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-rpts-home.shtml>.

During the year ended June 30, 2015, for PERS, which is a cost sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan, the annual pension cost differs from the annual required contribution due to the enactment of Chapter 114, P.L. 1997.

Contribution Actual

The Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority's total payroll for the year ended November 30, 2015 was \$1,223,958.20 and covered payroll was \$1,183,516.33 for PERS. Contributions to PERS for the last three fiscal years made by the employees and the Authority were as follows:

		<u>PERS</u>	Percent of Covered <u>Payroll</u>
Employees	11/30/13	79,536.44	6.70%
	11/30/14	77,835.33	6.88%
	11/30/15	83,087.73	7.02%
Authority	11/30/13	114,456.00	9.63%
	11/30/14	126,819.00	11.21%
	11/30/15	141,739.00	11.98%

Note VII: Post Retirement Medical Benefits

PERS employees do not receive post – retirement medical benefits from the State of New Jersey, however the Authority has recently been budgeting monies to pay post retirement medical benefits for 2 previously retired employees and is also reserving monies to pay for future post retirement medical benefits. The amount reserved as of November 30, 2015 was \$717,581.01.

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Note VIII: Risk Management

The Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The Authority is a member of the New Jersey Utility Authority Joint Insurance Fund (the "Fund"). The Fund is both an insured and self-administered group of municipalities established for the purpose of providing certain low-cost property, liability, public officials' liability and workers' compensation insurance coverage for member authorities. The Authority pays an annual assessment to the Fund and should it be determined that payments received by the Fund are deficient, additional assessments may be levied.

The Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority continues to carry commercial insurance coverage for all other risks of loss, including health and accident insurance. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note IX: Accrued Sick and Vacation Benefits

The Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority permits employees to accrue a limited amount of unused vacation and sick pay, which may be paid upon retirement or death at an agreed-upon rate. It is estimated that the current cost of such unpaid compensation would approximate \$385,289.27. It is expected that the cost of such unpaid compensation would be included in the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority's budget operating expenditures in the year in which it is used.

Note X: Related Parties

The Town of Hackettstown does not pay any water or sewer charges to the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority. The benefit to the Town in 2015 is approximately \$55,457.32. Likewise, the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority does not pay property taxes on any of the four properties owned in the Town. The benefit to the Authority, which includes the Library share of taxes (\$825.86) is \$69,922.64.

In addition the Town of Hackettstown Public Library does not pay any water or sewer charges to the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority. The benefit to the Library is approximately \$516.23.

Note XI: Letters of Credit

The following irrevocable Letters of Credit are on file with the Authority as of November 30, 2015:

Heath Village - Water	\$ 385,830.00
Heath Village - Sewer	824,580.00
Woodfield - Section IIIA	<u>302,602.50</u>
	<u>\$1,513,012.50</u>

Note XII: Contingent Liabilities

The Authority is a defendant in a few lawsuits, none of which is unusual for an authority of its size. Additional liabilities, if not covered by insurance, should not be material in amount.

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Note XIII: Retroactive Restatement of Net Position

The Authority adopted GASB No. 68 - Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - An amendment of GASB No. 27 during the 2015 fiscal year as required by the pronouncement. The pronouncement requires the Authority to record its proportional share of the State of New Jersey's net pension liability on the face of its financial statements as of November 30, 2015 and to record related pension expense in accordance with the pronouncement. In order to correctly reflect pension expense in accordance with GASB No. 68, the beginning Net Position of the Authority was adjusted to reflect the beginning balance of the net pension liability. Since the measurement date of the net pension liability is June 30, 2015 (as described in Note VI), the restatement adjustments to Net Position relate to the beginning net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2014. Also, in accordance with GASB No. 71 - Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date, The Authority restated its Net Position for pension contributions made after the beginning net pension liability measurement date of June 30, 2014 (deferred outflows).

Governmental Activities Net Position

Net Position (per Statement 2), November 30, 2014	\$ 54,623,057.98
Restatement of Net Pension Liability	(3,219,054.00)
Restatement of Deferred Outflows – Pension	301,434.00
Restatement of Deferred Inflows – Pension	<u>(191,838.00)</u>
Net Position (per Statement 2), November 30, 2014, as Restated	<u>\$51,513,599.98</u>

Note XIV Subsequent Events

The Authority's management has informed us that there are no significant events that need to be disclosed after the balance sheet date through the date of audit.

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ROSTER OF OFFICIALS

Authority Members

Position

William Harper

Chairperson

Gerald Di Maio, Jr.

Vice Chairperson

William Kuster, Jr.

Board Member

Edward Kelly

Board Member

John Di Maio

Board Member

Other Officials

Bruce Smith

Executive Director
Secretary and Treasurer

Deborah Palma

Qualified Purchasing Agent

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART II

**THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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**SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUES AND COSTS FUNDED BY OPERATING REVENUES
COMPARED TO THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2014**

	<u>Modified Budget</u>	<u>2014-2015 Actual</u>	<u>2013-2014 Actual</u>
Operating Revenues:			
Water User Charges and Fees	\$ 1,783,461.00	\$ 2,238,983.15	\$ 2,014,239.03
Sewer User Charges and Fees	2,222,946.00	2,422,571.06	2,404,973.08
Connection Fees	-	<u>114,868.65</u>	<u>48,839.89</u>
Total Operating Fees	<u>4,006,407.00</u>	4,776,422.86	4,468,052.00
Non-Operating Revenues:			
Interest on Investments and Deposits	90,000.00	63,815.33	68,733.35
Retained Earnings Appropriated	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>809,134.00</u>
 Total Revenues	 <u>\$ 4,096,407.00</u>	 <u>\$ 4,840,238.19</u>	 <u>\$ 5,345,919.35</u>

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COMPARED TO THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2014
(CONTINUED)

	Modified <u>Budget</u>	<u>2014-2015 Actual</u>		<u>Balance</u>	2013-2014 <u>Actual</u>
		Paid or <u>Charged</u>	Accounts <u>Payable</u>		
Expenses:					
Operating Appropriations:					
Water:					
Salaries and Wages:					
Operations	\$ 450,010.00	\$ 436,061.56	\$ -	\$ 13,948.44	\$ 466,412.81
Administrative Personnel	212,596.00	162,122.03		50,473.97	171,270.33
Employee Benefits:				-	
Public Employees' Retirement System	72,000.00	70,869.50		1,130.50	63,409.50
Social Security Tax	48,200.00	43,410.91		4,789.09	44,144.30
Health Benefits	230,000.00	206,633.66		23,366.34	201,171.89
Dental Plan	17,000.00	13,302.11		3,697.89	14,608.09
Unemployment and Disability Insurance	400.00	292.65		107.35	294.04
Administration Expenses:					
Customer Refunds	894.00	130.21		763.79	-
Postage	11,000.00	9,298.41		1,701.59	11,930.02
Telephone and Lease Lines	6,500.00	6,299.68	176.79	23.53	5,560.12
Property and Liability Insurance	48,500.00	47,763.81		736.19	44,221.35
Administrative Supplies and Services	36,000.00	26,972.10	98.38	8,929.52	21,024.95
Professional Services	61,000.00	43,879.16		17,120.84	49,928.87
General Expenses	10,000.00	8,303.51	2,876.06	(1,179.57)	4,539.83
Property Taxes	20,000.00	17,900.39		2,099.61	17,875.86
Education and Training	10,200.00	4,441.57		5,758.43	6,820.31
Regulatory Fees	32,500.00	22,835.88		9,664.12	22,529.54
Operations and Maintenance Expenses:					
Reservoirs, Wells and Plant -					
Maintenance and Supplies	23,000.00	15,944.56		7,055.44	23,418.64
Filtration Plant - Chemicals	27,000.00	10,441.90		16,558.10	27,537.62
Filtration Plant - Electricity	241,000.00	217,257.14		23,742.86	196,763.72
Filtration Plant - Laboratory	20,000.00	10,021.87	1,681.20	8,296.93	13,162.62
Filtration Plant - Fuel Oil	9,500.00	-		9,500.00	7,626.80
Distribution System - Maint. and Supplies	50,000.00	49,914.82	422.56	(337.38)	46,760.91
Distribution System - Gasoline	18,200.00	8,624.77	612.92	8,962.31	14,804.53
Distribution System - Vehicles and Equipment Maintenance	10,000.00	4,813.57	233.15	4,953.28	6,635.52
Total Water Expenses	<u>1,665,500.00</u>	<u>1,437,535.77</u>	<u>6,101.06</u>	<u>221,863.17</u>	<u>1,482,452.17</u>

**THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN)**

**SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUES AND COSTS FUNDED BY OPERATING REVENUES
COMPARED TO THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2014
(CONCLUDED)**

	<u>Modified Budget</u>	<u>2014-2015 Actual</u>		<u>Balance</u>	<u>2013-2014 Actual</u>
		<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Accounts Payable</u>		
Expenses: (Continued)					
Operating Appropriations: (Continued)					
Sewer:					
Salaries and Wages:					
Operations	\$ 481,939.00	\$ 463,652.84	\$ -	\$ 18,286.16	\$ 415,786.27
Administrative Personnel	212,596.00	162,121.77		50,474.23	171,270.33
Employee Benefits:					
Public Employees' Retirement System	72,000.00	70,869.50		1,130.50	63,409.50
Social Security Tax	48,200.00	43,410.80		4,789.20	44,126.82
Health Benefits	230,000.00	206,633.62		23,366.38	201,171.84
Dental Plan	17,000.00	13,301.99		3,698.01	14,607.98
Unemployment and Disability Insurance	400.00	292.63		107.37	294.02
Administration Expenses:					
Customer Refunds	565.00	143.43		421.57	2,265.77
Postage	9,000.00	6,677.78		2,322.22	7,590.77
Telephone and Lease Lines	6,500.00	6,299.55	176.78	23.67	5,560.02
Property and Liability Insurance	48,500.00	47,763.80		736.20	44,221.34
Administrative Supplies and Services	33,000.00	26,475.96	98.38	6,425.66	17,805.80
Professional Services	50,000.00	36,633.56	2,047.50	11,318.94	33,534.06
General Expenses	10,000.00	4,763.36		5,236.64	3,978.24
Property Taxes	9,800.00	7,824.70		1,975.30	7,755.49
Education and Training	11,600.00	8,703.92		2,896.08	9,579.62
Regulatory Fees	23,000.00	19,257.44		3,742.56	18,773.57
Operations and Maintenance Expenses:					
Pollution Control Plant - Maintenance and Supplies	51,000.00	35,846.07	2,420.75	12,733.18	47,247.94
Pollution Control Plant - Chemicals	125,000.00	110,019.96	7,587.96	7,392.08	112,778.33
Pollution Control Plant - Electricity	174,000.00	118,844.77		55,155.23	141,467.51
Pollution Control Plant - Laboratory	23,500.00	12,240.46	2,869.80	8,389.74	17,447.12
Pollution Control Plant - Fuel Oil	16,200.00	3,870.40		12,329.60	15,073.64
Pollution Control Plant - Sludge Disposal	169,000.00	149,152.87	23,386.50	(3,539.37)	136,930.05
Collection System - Maintenance and Supplies	18,000.00	6,450.68	217.46	11,331.86	10,135.52
Collection System - Gasoline	18,200.00	8,663.71	612.91	8,923.38	14,812.34
Collection System - Vehicles and Equipment Maint.	10,000.00	5,477.76	233.14	4,289.10	6,073.54
Total Sewer Expenses	<u>1,869,000.00</u>	<u>1,575,393.33</u>	<u>39,651.18</u>	<u>253,955.49</u>	<u>1,563,697.43</u>
Total Operating Appropriations	<u>3,534,500.00</u>	<u>3,012,929.10</u>	<u>45,752.24</u>	<u>475,818.66</u>	<u>3,046,149.60</u>
Accumulated Deficit	<u>195,872.00</u>	<u>195,872.00</u>			
Debt Service:					
Loan Principal	31,310.00	31,310.00		-	29,984.00
Loan Interest	92,358.00	92,358.00		-	93,684.00
Total Debt Service	<u>123,668.00</u>	<u>123,668.00</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>123,668.00</u>
Reserves:					
Renewal and Replacement	150,000.00	150,000.00		-	1,400,000.00
Reserve for Future Health Benefits	50,000.00	50,000.00		-	50,000.00
Reserve for Accrued Sick and Vacation	30,000.00	30,000.00		-	70,000.00
Debt Service Coverage	12,367.00	12,367.00	-	-	12,367.00
Total Reserves	<u>242,367.00</u>	<u>242,367.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,532,367.00</u>
Total Budget	<u>\$ 4,096,407.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,574,836.10</u>	<u>\$ 45,752.24</u>	<u>\$ 475,818.66</u>	<u>\$ 4,702,184.60</u>

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN)

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN
NET POSITION - RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED

	Unrestricted/ Unassigned	Developer's Escrow	Post Employment Benefits Fund	Reserve for Compensated Absences	Restricted/Assigned				Renewal and Replacement	Rate Stabilization	General	Operating	Totals (Memorandum Only)
					Construction	Bond Service	Bond Reserve- USDA						
Operating Revenues:													
Water Charges and Fees	\$ 2,238,983.15												\$ 2,238,983.15
Sewer Charges and Fees	2,422,571.06												2,422,571.06
Connection Fees	-				114,868.65								114,868.65
	4,661,554.21				114,868.65								4,776,422.86
Operating Expenses:													
Water	1,443,636.83												1,443,636.83
Sewer	1,615,044.51												1,615,044.51
Depreciation	1,102,545.44												1,102,545.44
	4,161,226.78												4,161,226.78
Operating Income	500,327.43				114,868.65								615,196.08
Non Operating Revenues and (Expenses):													
Interest Income	304.01	38.48	7,089.16			118.98	3,027.88		41.96	52,721.29			107,235.25
Interest Expense - USDA	(92,358.08)												(92,358.08)
Accrued Interest on Debt	228.30												228.30
Adjustment to Capital Assets	(409,100.00)												(409,100.00)
Compensated Absences	(13,293.66)												(13,293.66)
Non-Capitalized Expenditures									(543,090.38)				(543,090.38)
Prior Year Payables Cancelled	4,068.34												4,068.34
Escrow Deposits		71,764.15											71,764.15
Escrow Refunds and Disbursements		(26,989.46)											(26,989.46)
Net Adjustment for Pension Liability	(89,447.00)												(89,447.00)
	(599,598.09)	44,813.17	7,089.16			118.98	3,027.88			52,721.29			(1,004,059.74)
	(99,270.66)	44,813.17	7,089.16			118.98	3,027.88			52,721.29			(388,863.66)
Net Income (Deficit) Before Transfers			150,000.00	30,000.00	(443,852.30)	(118.98)	(2,587.23)		(129,451.90)	(52,721.29)			(0.00)
Transfers:													
Other	395,891.43												
Interest Income	60,924.09												(0.00)
Increase in Net Position	357,544.86	44,813.17	157,089.16	30,000.00	(305,810.53)				(672,500.32)				(388,863.66)
Net Position December 1 (Restated)	44,574,830.50	97,198.32	560,491.85	70,000.00	3,004,684.81		102,000.00		2,334,394.50		20,000.00		51,513,599.98
Net Position November 30	\$44,932,375.36	\$142,011.49	\$717,581.01	\$100,000.00	\$2,698,874.28	\$-	\$102,000.00	\$1,661,894.18	\$750,000.00	\$-	\$20,000.00	\$-	\$51,124,736.32

**THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - USER CHARGES AND FEES

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
Balance December 1, 2014	\$ 114,460.79	\$ 55,595.86	\$ 58,864.93
Increased by:			
User Charges Billed in 2014-2015	<u>4,661,554.21</u>	<u>2,238,983.15</u>	<u>2,422,571.06</u>
	<u>4,776,015.00</u>	<u>2,294,579.01</u>	<u>2,481,435.99</u>
Decreased by:			
Collections	<u>4,611,140.19</u>	<u>2,217,581.24</u>	<u>2,393,558.95</u>
Balance November 30, 2015	<u>\$ 164,874.81</u>	<u>\$ 76,997.77</u>	<u>\$ 87,877.04</u>

THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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SCHEDULE OF CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

Balance December 1, 2014		\$ 3,017,249.09
Decreased by:		
Cancelled in 2014-2015	\$ 214,843.57	
Transferred to Property, Plant & Equipment	<u>2,802,405.52</u>	
		<u>3,017,249.09</u>
Balance November 30, 2015		<u>\$ -</u>

THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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SCHEDULE OF CONTRACTS PAYABLE

Balance December 1, 2014		\$ 752,463.41
Decreased by:		
Paid in 2014-2015	\$ 537,719.84	
Net Change Orders	1,562.70	
Canceled in 2014-2015	<u>213,180.87</u>	
		<u>752,463.41</u>
Balance November 30, 2015		<u>\$ -</u>

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SCHEDULE OF RETAINAGE DUE TO CONTRACTORS

Balance December 1, 2014	\$ 11,692.50
Decreased by:	
Paid in 2014-2015	<u>11,692.50</u>
Balance November 30, 2015	<u>\$ -</u>

**THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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Schedule 6

**SCHEDULE OF UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
LOAN PAYABLE**

Balance December 1, 2014	\$ 2,118,784.51
Decreased by:	
Paid in 2014-2015	31,309.92
 Balance November 30, 2015	 \$ 2,087,474.59

Analysis of Loan Payable November 30, 2015

<u>Year</u>	<u>April 1,</u>	<u>October 1,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	\$ 16,170.49	\$ 16,524.22	\$ 32,694.71
2017	16,885.69	17,255.06	34,140.75
2018	17,632.52	18,018.23	35,650.75
2019	18,412.38	18,815.15	37,227.53
2020	19,226.73	19,647.31	38,874.04
2021	20,077.10	20,516.29	40,593.39
2022	20,965.08	21,423.69	42,388.77
2023	21,892.23	22,371.23	44,263.46
2024	22,860.60	23,360.67	46,221.27
2025	23,871.69	24,393.88	48,265.57
2026	24,927.50	25,472.79	50,400.29
2027	26,030.01	26,599.41	52,629.42
2028	27,181.27	27,775.86	54,957.13
2029	28,383.46	29,004.35	57,387.81
2030	29,638.82	30,287.17	59,925.99
2031	30,949.70	31,626.72	62,576.42
2032	32,318.56	33,025.53	65,344.09
2033	33,747.96	34,486.20	68,234.16
2034	35,240.58	36,011.47	71,252.05
2035	36,799.22	37,604.21	74,403.43
2036	38,426.80	39,267.38	77,694.18
2037	40,126.36	41,004.12	81,130.48
2038	41,901.09	42,817.67	84,718.76
2039	43,754.31	44,711.44	88,465.75
2040	45,689.50	46,688.96	92,378.46
2041	47,710.28	48,753.94	96,464.22
2042	49,820.43	50,910.25	100,730.68
2043	52,023.92	53,161.94	105,185.86
2044	54,324.86	55,513.21	109,838.07
2045	56,727.56	57,968.48	114,696.04
2046	59,236.54	59,504.52	118,741.06
	<u>\$ 1,032,953.24</u>	<u>\$ 1,054,521.35</u>	<u>\$ 2,087,474.59</u>

REPORTS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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

Honorable Chairman and Members
Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority
Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Town of Hackettstown) as of and for the year ended November 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated May 16, 2016. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and in compliance with audit requirements prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority's (A Component Unit of the Town of Hackettstown) internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority's (A Component Unit of the Town of Hackettstown) internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority's (A Component Unit of the Town of Hackettstown) internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or 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.

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Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

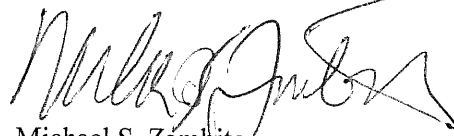
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority's (A Component Unit of the Town of Hackettstown) basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have direct and material effect on the determination of basic 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 Governmental Auditing Standards and audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, 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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Authority's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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May 16, 2016

**THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN)**

**GENERAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2015**

GENERAL COMMENTS

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE ADVERTISED PER N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4

The following is presented for the information of the Members and Officials:

N.J.S.A. 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 the act, shall be made or awarded only after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in the 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 the amount set forth in, or the amount calculated by the Governor pursuant to, Section 3 of c. 198, P.L. (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3) except by contract or agreement."

The governing body of the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority (A Component Unit of the Town of Hackettstown) has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory limit within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, professional opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Effective April 17, 2000 N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. (Local Public Contracts Law) was revised by P.L. 1999, c.440 (originally known as Assembly bill No. 3519). The Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, after consultation with the Commissioner of Education, shall prescribe rules and procedures to implement the requirements of the law.

Effective July 1, 2015 and thereafter the bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 (as amended) is \$36,000.00.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11--3(a)., The Authority has increased the bid threshold from \$36,000.00 to \$40,000.00

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments by categories for the performance of any work or the furnishings 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. None were disclosed.

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

EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS

Claims paid during the period under review were examined for clerical accuracy, supporting documentation and proper approvals.

The review and inquiry indicate good scrutiny on the part of the Authority and Authority Officials regarding expenditures.

RECOMMENDATIONS

NONE

Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations:


NOT APPLICABLE

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Should any questions arise as to our comments, or should the Authority desire any assistance, please do not hesitate to call us.

APPRECIATION

We wish to express our appreciation of the assistance and courtesies rendered by the Authority Officials during the course of the audit.



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