

TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA

SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF AUDIT REPORT FOR PUBLICATION

Attention is directed to the fact that a summary of the audit report, together with the recommendations, is the minimum required to be published pursuant to N.J.S. 40A : 5 - 7.

Summary or Synopsis of 2022. Audit Report of the TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA

County of Sussex, as required by N.J.S. 40A : 5 - 7.

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>December 31 Year 2022</u>	<u>December 31 Year 2021</u>
Cash, Investments and Prepaid Debt Service	29,150,649.71	30,480,755.53
Taxes, Assessments, Liens and Utility Charges Receivable	2,363,036.82	2,372,641.91
Property Acquired for Taxes - Assessed Value	2,907,000.00	2,907,000.00
Accounts Receivable (and Inventory)	2,015,831.12	905,519.54
General Fixed Assets	-	42,332,805.00
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	4,414,000.00	4,164,000.00
Fixed Capital - Utility	40,685,417.59	39,735,417.59
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - General Capital	4,246,400.36	4,750,616.35
Deferred Charges to Revenue of Succeeding Years	71,810.00	500.00
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>85,854,145.60</u>	 <u>127,649,255.92</u>

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCES

Bond and Notes Payable	14,149,427.92	16,201,127.92
Improvement Authorizations	3,296,491.86	3,663,251.27
Other Liabilities and Special Funds	15,143,792.61	13,125,926.91
Investment in General Fixed Assets	-	42,332,805.00
Amortization of Debt for Fixed Capital Acquired or Authorized	34,018,217.59	32,020,817.59
Reserve for Certain Assets Receivable	4,776,815.95	4,910,092.36
Fund Balance	14,469,399.67	15,395,234.87
 TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS	 <u>85,854,145.60</u>	 <u>127,649,255.92</u>

TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA, N. J.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND
CHANGE IN SURPLUS - CURRENT FUND

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Revenue and Other Income Realized</u>		
Fund Balance Utilized	4,515,376.00	3,960,000.00
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local		
Property Tax Levies	6,367,105.11	4,487,826.06
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax		
Title Liens	1,110,460.24	1,498,857.50
Collection of Current Tax Levy	103,518,694.48	101,291,943.59
Other Credits to Income	1,247,632.67	1,873,248.33
Total Income	<u>116,759,268.50</u>	<u>113,111,875.48</u>
 <u>Expenditures</u>		
Budget Expenditures:		
Municipal Purpose	27,373,256.39	25,142,174.01
Local Open Space Tax	341,185.69	336,988.89
Local School Taxes	66,420,658.00	64,600,967.00
County Taxes	18,568,196.85	18,220,790.14
Other Expenditures	200,465.13	-
Total Expenditures	<u>112,903,762.06</u>	<u>108,300,920.04</u>
Expenditures Included Above Which are by Statute Deferred		
Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year	<u>60,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Adjusted Expenditures	<u>112,843,762.06</u>	<u>108,300,920.04</u>
Excess in Revenue over Expenditures	3,915,506.44	4,810,955.44
Fund Balance January 1	<u>11,639,075.11</u>	<u>10,788,119.67</u>
	15,554,581.55	15,599,075.11
Less:		
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	<u>4,515,376.00</u>	<u>3,960,000.00</u>
Fund Balance December 31	<u><u>11,039,205.55</u></u>	<u><u>11,639,075.11</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA, N. J.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND
CHANGE IN SURPLUS - WATER UTILITY FUND

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Revenue and Other Income Realized</u>		
Fund Balance Utilized	500,000.00	500,000.00
Collection of Water Rents	3,191,195.56	3,040,475.48
Miscellaneous - From other than Water Rents	533,939.58	469,541.40
Other Credits to Income	241,878.59	332,815.22
Total Income	<u>4,467,013.73</u>	<u>4,342,832.10</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	1,917,374.00	1,885,789.00
Capital Improvements	510,000.00	510,000.00
Debt Service	1,427,387.00	1,420,762.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	116,527.00	113,475.00
Other Charges	-	23,743.70
Total Expenditures	<u>3,971,288.00</u>	<u>3,953,769.70</u>
Excess / (Deficit) in Revenue	495,725.73	389,062.40
Fund Balance January 1	<u>2,014,596.97</u>	<u>2,125,534.57</u>
	2,510,322.70	2,514,596.97
Less:		
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	<u>500,000.00</u>	<u>500,000.00</u>
Fund Balance December 31	<u><u>2,010,322.70</u></u>	<u><u>2,014,596.97</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA, N. J.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND
CHANGE IN SURPLUS - SEWER UTILITY FUND

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Revenue and Other Income Realized</u>		
Fund Balance Utilized	87,000.00	11,000.00
Collection of Sewer User Fees	825,247.73	835,523.73
Miscellaneous	14,895.80	5,937.34
Board of Education - Share of Debt Service	79,798.12	79,890.00
Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - ARP	-	600,000.00
Sewer Capital Fund Balance	20,000.00	-
Sewer Connection Fees	13,560.00	9,442.20
Deficit (General Budget)	-	157,549.00
Other Credits to Income	31,766.75	60,900.39
Total Income	<u>1,072,268.40</u>	<u>1,760,242.66</u>
 <u>Expenditures</u>		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	644,498.00	645,167.00
Capital Improvements	-	600,000.00
Debt Service	389,968.00	405,492.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	2,485.00	22,608.75
Total Expenditures	<u>1,036,951.00</u>	<u>1,673,267.75</u>
Excess / (Deficit) in Revenue	35,317.40	86,974.91
Fund Balance January 1	<u>87,301.68</u>	<u>11,326.77</u>
	122,619.08	98,301.68
Less:		
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	<u>87,000.00</u>	<u>11,000.00</u>
Fund Balance December 31	<u><u>35,619.08</u></u>	<u><u>87,301.68</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA, N. J.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND
CHANGE IN SURPLUS - SOLID WASTE UTILITY FUND

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Revenue and Other Income Realized</u>		
Fund Balance Utilized	355,000.00	351,500.00
Collection of Solid Waste User Fees	2,037,753.19	2,058,479.31
Miscellaneous	48,265.97	27,193.93
Other Credits to Income	25,069.26	25,361.93
Total Income	<u>2,466,088.42</u>	<u>2,462,535.17</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	2,396,835.00	2,384,028.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	12,015.00	12,015.00
Total Expenditures	<u>2,408,850.00</u>	<u>2,396,043.00</u>
Excess / (Deficit) in Revenue	57,238.42	66,492.17
Fund Balance January 1	1,476,852.11	1,761,859.94
	<u>1,534,090.53</u>	<u>1,828,352.11</u>
Less:		
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	<u>355,000.00</u>	<u>351,500.00</u>
Fund Balance December 31	<u><u>1,179,090.53</u></u>	<u><u>1,476,852.11</u></u>

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Township approve Lincoln Financial as an official depository in its cash management plan.
2. That the Township maintain accounting for fixed assets in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.6.
3. That court tickets assigned but not issued over 181 days be recalled or reissued.

A Corrective Action Plan outlining actions to be taken by the Township of Sparta to correct the above findings will be prepared in accordance with federal and state guidelines. A copy of the plan will be on file and available for public inspection with the Municipal Clerk in the Township of Sparta no later than 45 days from when the audit was received in compliance with directives from the Division of Local Government Services.

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The above Synopsis was prepared from the Report of Audit of the Township of Sparta, County of Sussex, for the calendar year 2022. This Report of Audit, submitted by Steven Wielkotz, C.P.A., R.M.A. of Wielkotz & Co LLC., is on file at the Municipal Clerk's Office and may be inspected by any interested person.

Roxanne Landy, RMC
Township Clerk