

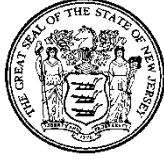
REPORT ON EXAMINATION
AS TO CONDITION OF THE
SOUTH BERGEN MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND
PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY 07054
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2013

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Commissioner:

In accordance with the authority vested in you by the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, an examination has been made of the assets, liabilities, method of conducting business and other affairs of the:

**SOUTH BERGEN MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND
PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY 07054.**

Hereinafter referred to in this report as the "Fund."

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

This financial condition examination was called by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance of the State of New Jersey pursuant to the authority granted by N.J.S.A. 40A: 10-47.

The examination was made as at December 31, 2013. The Fund was last examined at December 31, 1999. The examination was conducted at the office of the Fund's Executive Director, PERMA Risk Management Services, 9 Campus Drive, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054.

The conduct of the examination was governed by the procedures outlined in the N.A.I.C. Financial Condition Handbook and followed accepted procedures of regulatory authorities and generally accepted insurance company examination standards. In determining the emphasis to be placed on specific accounts, consideration was given to the Company's system of internal control, the nature and size of each account, its relative importance to solvency and the results of the previous financial condition examination.

In the verification of matters as shown in this report, limited test checks were made, some complete and others partial. Consideration was allowed for limiting the verification on certain accounts at a point where they were determined to be substantially correct or the account under review was considered insignificant and not crucial to the Company's solvency.

COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

Fidelity Bond and Other Insurance Coverage

It is recommended that the Fund ensure the Fund's third party administrator as required by statute provides for surety coverage.

The Fund has complied with this recommendation.

HISTORY AND KIND OF BUSINESS

The Fund was established January 1, 1986 in accordance with Public Law 1983, C. 372 entitled " An act concerning joint insurance funds for local units of government and supporting Chapter 10 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes. The Fund is both a self-insured and self administered group of municipalities established for the purpose of insuring against property damage, general liability, motors vehicles and equipment liability and workers compensation.

At December 31, 2013 the Fund was comprised of twenty-three members as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>
* Carlstadt	01/01/86
* Edgewater	01/01/86
* Lyndhurst	01/01/86
* Maywood	01/01/86
* Moonachie	01/01/86
* North Arlington	01/01/86
* Palisades Park	01/01/86
* Rutherford	01/01/86
* South Hackensack	01/01/86
* Wallington	01/01/86

* Wood-Ridge	01/01/86
Bogota	01/01/86
Englewood Cliffs	09/01/87
East Rutherford	01/01/92
Lodi	01/01/92
Rochelle Park	04/22/92
Ridgefield Park	01/01/93
Elmwood Park	01/01/93
Fort Lee	01/01/93
Fairview	07/01/93
Little Ferry	01/01/04
Saddle Brook	01/01/07
Hackensack	01/01/12

* Denotes Charter Member

The registered agent upon whom process may be served is PERMA, 9 Campus Drive, Parsippany, New Jersey.

TERRITORY AND PLAN OF OPERATION

The Fund was formed to provide local governing bodies with an economical means of obtaining insurance coverages. The coverage provided includes property, boiler and machinery, automobile liability and physical damage, general liability, public official liability, contractors equipment, public employees blanket bond, law enforcement liability, educators legal liability, environmental liability and excess liability.

Any municipality seeking membership into the Fund shall submit an application for membership along with the necessary resolution and copies of current policies, five-year historical claim information, latest budget, latest auditor's report and an application fee of \$1,000.

Membership should meet the following criteria:

1. Be within Bergen County, but not necessarily contiguous.
2. Be homogeneous in size and operations
3. Show a favorable loss history and generally have shown a proven dedication to loss prevention.
4. Show a willingness to participate in Fund activities.
5. Agree to comply with the state regulations, which govern the Fund, the Fund By-laws and all regulations promulgated by the Fund.

6. An orderly, controlled growth so that an additional membership will not place an undue burden on the Fund but impact it in a positive manner.
7. That the mayor and some members of the governing body attend a meeting of the Fund prior to their community's joining the Fund.

The Executive Director/Administrator reviews applications for completeness, accuracy and compliance with established underwriting guidelines. The Executive Director/Administrator then forwards the necessary underwriting information to the Fund's actuary who will develop annualized loss projections by line of coverage based on the applicant's loss experience and exposures. In addition, the Executive Director/Administrator simultaneously requests the Fund's safety director to undertake a comprehensive physical inspection on the applicant's locations.

Once the process is completed the Executive Director/Administrator presents the new applicants to the Fund Commissioners for approval consideration. The Commissioners will review such items as:

- New member data summary
- Compatibility studies
- Loss information
- Safety Inspection Reports
- Proposed Annual Assessments

The application requires a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

If the application is approved by the Fund, it shall be concurrently filed with the Department of Insurance and the Department of Community Affairs and shall be accompanied by such amendments to the Fund's By-laws, budget and plan of risk management as may be appropriate.

The following is a listing of Fund Professionals serving at December 31, 2013:

Administrator: PERMA Risk Management Services ---The Administrator shall act as the executive director of the Fund to carry out the policies established by the commissioners or executive committee. He shall be experienced in risk management matters and shall not be a commissioner of the Fund.

The Administrator shall perform the following:

1. The Administrator shall carry out the day to day operation of the Fund.
2. Shall advise on risk management matters and prepare draft modifications to the Fund's Risk Management Plan.

3. Shall maintain underwriting data.
4. Shall draft bid specifications for services as necessary.
5. Shall monitor the performance of service companies.
6. Shall write a draft budget for review by the Commissioners.
7. Shall perform such other duties as provided for by the Fund Commissioners, the by-laws and New Jersey Statutes.

Fund Actuary: Charles Gruber of SG Risk, LLC – The Actuary shall certify the actuarial soundness of the Fund and shall provide such actuarial reports and reviews as required by the Fund and the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

Fund Auditor: Gary Vinci of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins – The Auditor shall be an independent certified public accountant or a registered municipal accountant and not a commissioner. The Auditor shall conduct the annual audit of the Fund and shall perform such other duties as provided for by the Fund commissioners or executive committee, the By-laws and the laws and regulations of the State of New Jersey.

Fund Attorney: Paul S. Barbire – The Fund Attorney shall be admitted to the Bar of the State of New Jersey and have the following responsibilities:

1. Advise the Fund on legal matters, attend the Fund’s regular monthly meetings to advise the Fund on legal matters and consult with counsel representing the Fund in defense of claims.
2. Advise the Fund on selection of counsel to represent the Fund in the defense of claims.
3. Perform such other duties as provided for by the Fund Commissioners, the Fund By-laws and the laws and regulations of the State of New Jersey.

Treasurer: Joseph Iannaconi, Jr.- The Treasurer shall be a certified municipal finance officer, not be a commissioner and shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Be the custodian of Fund assets and maintenance of various trust funds.
2. Approve receipts, disbursements and financial records.
3. Prepare cash management plan and invest funds
4. Perform other related duties as designated by the Fund Commissioners in accordance with the By-laws of the Fund and laws and regulations of the State of New Jersey.

Managed Care Provider: Jason Cosimano of Bergen Risk Managers – The Managed Care Provider will establish and maintain an adequate network of hospitals, physicians, laboratories and other appropriate facilities and provide notification, within one business day, to the Fund’s TPA of all new losses. Other services provided include provider and facility credentialing, pre-authorization of all medical treatment, establishment of treatment schedules and concurrent reviews and discharge coordination for inpatient hospitalization.

Safety Director/Right to Know Provider: David McHale of J.A. Montgomery Risk Control - As Safety Director this professional will provide safety and loss prevention services on behalf of the Fund. As Right to Know Provider this professional will provide a technically qualified instructor to provide right to know training the Fund’s members.

Underwriter: Joseph Hrubash of Connor Strong & Buckelew – Services provided by the Underwriter Include the following:

1. Assist in ongoing coordination, updating and preparation of coverage documents detailing all lines and limits of coverage provided by the Fund to the member municipalities as well as coordinating the drafts of these documents.
2. Respond to questions related to coverage from members, insurance producers or the Executive Director.
3. Calculate excess insurance/reinsurance premiums based on rates negotiated with insurer/reinsurer for each member based upon renewal exposure data provided by the Executive Director.
4. Market, negotiate and place excess property insurance and reinsurance coverage in conjunction with the Executive Director and as authorized by the Fund’s Executive Committee.

Internal Auditor: Stacy Russo of Murphy, Russo & McFadden – The Internal Auditor will perform all the duties of the Internal Auditor for the Fund as set forth in the By-laws, Risk Management Plan, applicable statutes and regulations and policies adopted by the Fund Executive Committee. In addition they will perform the services set forth their proposal letter which includes Workers’ Compensation, Vehicle, and Vehicle-Inland Marine Audits,

Asset Manager: Wells Fargo. – The Asset Manager provides custodial services and assures the safekeeping of all security holdings of the Fund acting as a discretionary trustee over the assigned assets of the Fund in a manner which is consistent with the Fund’s Cash and Investment Management Plan.

In settling claims the Fund utilizes the services of a third party administrator Bergen Risk Managers.

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

Each participating municipality shall appoint one commissioner to the Fund. Each participating municipality shall select either a member of its governing body or one of its municipal employees. In addition each participating municipality shall have the right to appoint one (1) alternate to attend either regular or special meetings on behalf of the municipality in the absence of the Fund Commissioner. The alternate Commissioner must be either an elected official or an employee of the appointing municipality.

In the event that the number of participating municipalities is an even number, one additional commissioner shall be appointed annually by a participating municipality on a rotating basis determined alphabetically.

All terms of office shall expire on January 1st or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified. A Commissioner, other than the special commissioner, who is a member of the appointing municipality's governing body shall hold office for two years or for the remainder of his/her term of officer as a member of the governing body whichever shall be less. Commissioners who are employees of the appointing municipality shall hold office at the pleasure of the municipality and can be removed by the municipality at any time without cause. The special commissioner, if any, shall serve until January 1st or the year following appointment provided, however, that if the special commissioner is an employee of the appointing municipality, he can be removed by the appointing municipality at any time without cause.

The unexpired term of a commissioner other than the special commissioner, shall be filled by the appointing municipality in the manner generally prescribed by law. In the event of a vacancy of the special commissioner caused by reason other than the expiration of the term of office, the municipality, which appointed the commissioner, shall appoint the replacement for the unexpired term. Any commissioner can be removed from office for cause by two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Fund commissioners. Upon such a vote it shall be incumbent upon the member municipality to replace the commissioner.

The commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to operate the Fund in accordance with these By-laws and appropriate state laws and regulations.

Each commissioner shall have one vote, provided however, that the special commissioner shall only vote in the event of a tie.

The following is listing of commissioners serving at December 31, 2013:

Commissioner

Municipality

Leonard Nicolosi
CFO

Bogota Borough
375 Larch Avenue Fax
Bogota, NJ 07603

Joseph Crifasi
Dir. Of Public Works

Carlstadt Borough
P O Box 466
Carlstadt, NJ 07072

John Hansen
Councilman

East Rutherford Borough
One Everett Place
East Rutherford, NJ 07073

Greg Franz
Administrator

Edgewater Borough
916 River Road
Edgewater, NJ 07020

Robert Colletti
Councilman

Elmwood Park Borough
182 Market Street
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

Lisette Duffy
Clerk

Englewood Cliffs Borough
10 Kahn Terrace
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632

John Rossi
Councilman

Fairview Borough
59 Anderson Avenue
Fairview, NJ 07022

Peggy Thomas
Administrator

Fort Lee Borough
309 Main Street Fax
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

Stephen Lo Iacono
City Manager

Hackensack (201) 646-3900
65 Central Avenue Fax (201) 646-8059
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Michael Capabianco
Administrator

Little Ferry Borough 201-641-9234
215-217 Liberty Street Fax (201) 641-1957
Little Ferry, NJ 07643

Anthony Luna
Borough Manager

Lodi Borough (973) 365-4005
One Memorial Drive Fax (973) 365-1723
Lodi, NJ 07644

Francis Bianchi
Project Manager

Lyndhurst Township (201) 438-5120
367 Valley Brook Road Fax (201)939-2305
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

Charles Cuccia
Chief Financial Officer

Maywood Borough (201) 845-8800
459 Maywood Avenue Fax (201) 909-0673
Maywood, NJ 07607

Anthony Ciannanmea
Administrator

Moonachie Borough (201) 641-1813
70 Moonachie Road Fax (201) 641-9542
Moonachie, NJ 07074

Terrence Wall
Administrator

North Arlington Borough (201) 991-6060
214 Ridge Road Fax (201) 392-8551
North Arlington, NJ 07032

David Lorenzo
Administrator

Palisades Park Borough (201) 585-4100
275 Broad Avenue Fax (201) 944-6333
Palisades Park, NJ 07650

Hugo Poli
Commissioner

Ridgefield Park Borough (201) 641-4950
234 Main Street Fax (201) 641-1248
Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660

Virginia DeMaria
Clerk

Rochelle Park Township (201) 587-7729
151 West Passaic Street Fax (201)587-7755
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

Peter Van Winkle
Commissioner

Rutherford Borough (201) 939-0020
176 Park Avenue Fax (201) 460-3003
Rutherford, NJ 07070

Karen Chamberlain
Mayor

Saddle Brook Borough (201)587-2968
93 Market Street Fax (201)36-2401
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Linda LoPiccolo
Clerk/Administrator

South Hackensack Township (201) 440-1815
227 Phillips Avenue Fax (201) 440-0719
Hackensack NJ 07606

Victor Baginski
Clerk

Wallington Borough (973) 777-0318
24 Union Boulevard Fax (973) 779-4879
Wallington, NJ 07057

Dominick Azzolini
Councilman

Wood-Ridge Borough (201) 939-0202
85 Humboldt Street Fax (201) 939-1215
Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075

If the total number of commissioners exceeds seven (7), as soon as possible after the beginning of the year they shall meet and elect five (5) commissioners to serve with the Chairperson and the Secretary as the executive committee of the Fund. During their terms of office, members of the executive committee shall exercise the full power and authority of the commissioners except as otherwise provided.

The executive committee shall serve until January 1st of the following year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

In the event the Commissioners shall elect an Executive Committee as provided for above, they shall also elect two (2) Commissioners to serve as alternate members of the Executive Committee to attend either regular or special meetings to serve in the absence of a member, or members, of the Executive Committee. An alternate or alternates serving in the absence of a member, or members, of the Executive Committee shall exercise the full power and authority of that absent member or members

The members of the executive committee and alternates elected and serving at December 31, 2013 were as follows:

Chairman

Francis Bianchi Borough of Lyndhurst

Secretary

John Hansen Borough of E. Rutherford

Executive Committee

Peggy Thomas Borough of Fort Lee
Charles Cuccia Borough of Maywood
Peter Van Winkle Borough of Rutherford
Anthony Luna Borough of Lodi
Dominick Azzolini Borough of Wood Ridge

ALTERNATES

Gregory Franz #1 Borough of Edgewater
Joseph Crifasi #2 Borough of Carlstadt
Victor Baginski #3 Borough of Wallington

As soon as possible after the beginning of each year the commissioners shall meet to elect officers of the Fund from their own membership including a chairperson and a secretary who shall be elected annually.

Officers will serve until January 1st of the following year or until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the commissioners and shall perform such other duties provided for in the By-laws and the laws and regulations of the State of New Jersey.

The Secretary shall preside over meeting of the commissioners in the absence of the Chairperson, maintains minutes of meetings, retain all books, records, files and other documents of the Fund, and shall perform such other duties as provided for in the By-laws.

In the event of vacancy in any of the officer positions caused by other than the expiration of the term of office, the commissioners shall by majority vote, fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Any officer can be removed without cause by two-thirds vote of the full membership of Fund commissioners. In this event the full membership of Fund commissioners shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

At December 31, 2013 the Chairperson was Francis Bianchi and the Secretary was John Hansen.

The following is a listing of fund Committees elected and serving at December 31, 2013:

Safety Committee:

John Hansen, East Rutherford, ***Chairperson***
Art Koster, Hackensack
Charles Cuccia, Maywood
Olga Bobylak, RMC
Phillip Bogle, RMC
Matt McArrow, RMC
Frank Covelli, RMC
Steve Sacco, PERMA
Jason Thorpe, PERMA
David McHale/Ken Schulz, J.A. Montgomery

Claims:

Peggy Thomas- Fort Lee, ***Chairperson***
John Hansen, East Rutherford
Peter Van Winkle, Rutherford
Robert Colletti, Elmwood Park
Frank Covelli, RMC
Philip Bogle, RMC
Ezio Altamura, RMC

Operations and Membership: Charles Cuccia- *Chairperson*
 Tony Luna, Lodi
 Peggy Thomas, Fort Lee
 Peter Van Winkle, Rutherford
 Frank Covelli, RMC
 Ezio Altamura, RMC

Nominating Committee: Charles Cuccia- *Chairperson*
 Peggy Thomas, Fort Lee
 Peter Van Winkle, Rutherford

A review of the minutes indicates the transactions and events of the Fund are adequately reviewed.

INSURANCE COVERAGE AND EXCESS INSURANCE

The following is a summary of insurance coverages the Fund provides to its members:

PROPERTY

Property coverage is provided by Zurich American Insurance for a \$125,000,000 limit with a \$250,000 per occurrence deductible. The \$125,000,000 per occurrence limit is shared by all member entities of the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL) member JIFS. The \$250,000 deductible is covered by the Fund for \$50,000 per occurrence, less a \$2,500 per occurrence member deductible with the MEL providing coverage for \$200,000 per occurrence in excess of \$50,000 per occurrence.

The policy with Zurich provides a sublimit for flood of \$50,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate. There is also a limitation of \$2,500,000 per location for loss or damage arising from flood for locations wholly or partially within Special Flood Hazard Areas, areas of 100 year flooding as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. In addition the policy contains a per occurrence deductible for municipalities of \$500,000 per building and \$500,000 per building contents for locations within the Special Flood Hazard Area.

Other Sub-limits contained in the Zurich Policy are as follows:

Peril	Limit
Earthquake	\$50,000,000 annual aggregate
Builders Risk	\$25,000,000 per occurrence
Demolition and Increased cost of Construction	\$25,000,000 per occurrence
Newly Acquired Real and Personal Property (90 days)	\$25,000,000 per occurrence
Leasehold Interest	\$15,000,000 per occurrence

Loss of Rents	\$15,000,000 per occurrence
Debris Removal	\$15,000,000 per occurrence or 25% of the cost whichever is less
Valuable Papers and Records	\$10,000,000 per occurrence
Extra Expense	\$10,000,000 per occurrence
Accounts Receivable	\$10,000,000 per occurrence
Expediting Expense	\$10,000,000 per occurrence
Miscellaneous Unnamed Locations	\$5,000,000 per occurrence
Civil Authority	\$5,000,000 per occurrence time element coverages only for revenue producing properties
Business Interruption	\$5,000,000 per occurrence time element coverages only for revenue producing properties
Service Interruption	\$10,000,000 per occurrence property damage and time element combined
Ingress/Egress	\$5,000,000 per occurrence or (30) days whichever is less
Soft Costs	\$5,000,000 per occurrence
Fine Arts	\$2,500,000 for Fine Arts owned and non-owned
Cyber Secure	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Transit	\$1,000,000 per conveyance/occurrence
Tenant Relocation	\$750,000 per occurrence
Pollution and Contamination Clean up	\$250,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate
Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$250,000 per occurrence and \$500,000 annual aggregate
Asbestos Clean up	\$50,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate

The JIF and MEL do not retain any risk for flood damage to ~~insure~~ building and building contents for locations within the Special Flood Hazard Area, areas of 100 year flooding as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

PROPERTY PROGRAM EXCEPTIONS

There is a program exception for named storms which is defined as a storm system that has been declared a hurricane, typhoon, tropical cyclone or tropical storm by the National Hurricane Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service. This exception applies to the peril of windstorm and flood resulting from a Named Storm for any covered property in Atlantic, Ocean, Monmouth and

Burlington Counties East of the Garden State Parkway and for all covered property in Cape May County.

The MEL does not provide coverage for the perils of flood and windstorm for named storm at the above locations. Zurich American provides named storm coverage up to the policy per occurrence limit of \$125,000,000 subject to a deductible. This deductible requires all member entities of each MEL member located in the locations noted above to retain 1% of the total insurable values of all covered locations (excluding automobiles) reporting loss of damage, subject to a \$250,000 minimum per occurrence deductible and a \$1,000,000 maximum per occurrence deductible.

Based on this exception each JIF may determine the extent of coverage for the Named Storm within its funding level . The Atlantic, Burlington, Central, Mid New Jersey, Monmouth, New Jersey Public Housing Authority and Ocean JIFs participate in a program to share the first \$50,000 of loss less an entity member deductible of \$5,000. These JIFs also agree to share in any ~~share in any~~ loss excess of \$250,000 up to a maximum deductible of \$1,000,000.

Neither the member JIF nor the MEL provide boiler and machinery coverage. Coverage for boiler and machinery is provided by Zurich American at a sub-limit of \$125,000,000 excess of the \$5,000 member entity deductible. The sub-limit is on a per accident basis and is reinstated after every accident.

WORKERS COMPENSATION

Workers compensation coverage is provided as follows:

South Bergen Municipal JIF	Limit
Workers Compensation	\$300,000
Employers Liability	\$300,000
Municipal Excess Liability JIF	
Workers Compensation	\$1,700,000 excess \$300,000
Employers Liability	\$1,700,000 excess \$300,000
Safety National (Rated A+ AMBest)	
Workers Compensation	Statutory Limits excess \$2,000,000
Employers Liability	\$5,000,000 excess \$2,000,000

GENERAL LIABILITY

General liability includes general liability, auto liability, law enforcement professional liability and employee benefits liability.

The JIF provides coverage for General Liability which includes Commercial General Liability and Law Enforcement Professional Liability for \$300,000 CSL. The MEL Provides excess insurance coverage for general liability as follows:

\$1,450,000 excess \$300,000 CSL per occurrence
\$3,250,000 excess of \$1,750,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate

In addition member towns may purchase coverage in excess of \$5,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate (business auto is unaggregated). Member entities in the South Bergen JIF all purchased optional coverage of \$15,000,000 with the exception of one member who chose no optional coverage.

It is noted that for coverage in excess of \$1,750,000 the MEL has purchased reinsurance from A+ rated carriers.

The JIF provides underinsured/uninsured motorist liability for \$15,000/\$30,000/\$5,000 and Personal Injury Protection Coverage of \$250,000.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS/EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY

Coverage for Public Official and Employment Practices Liability is provided by Indian Harbor Insurance Company. Indian Harbor Insurance Company is an eligible surplus lines writer in New Jersey and is a member of the XL Group which is A rated by AM Best.

The coverage provided is for \$2,000,000 in the aggregate on a claims made basis per member municipality for each fund year.

For the Public Officials Liability Coverage there is a \$20,000 deductible per occurrence except that a \$75,000 deductible per occurrence applies for local units with unfavorable loss experience. The same deductible applies for Employment Practices Liability Coverage for member entities which have an approved EPL Loss Control/Risk Management Program. There is also a 20% co-insurance of the first \$250,000 of loss.

For member entities without an approved EPL Loss Control/Risk Management Programs for Employment Practices Liability Coverage there is a \$100,000 deductible per occurrence and a \$150,000 deductible per occurrence of member entities with unfavorable loss experience.

Individual member entities can purchase additional coverage in excess of the \$2,000,000 limit from the MEL. Members entities in the South Bergen JIF purchased additional coverage ranging from \$0 to \$8,000,000. The MEL has reinsured this coverage with A+ rated reinsurers.

OPTIONAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS LIABILITY

The JIF provides to its members the option to purchase Directors and Officers Liability Coverage for Fire Companies and Emergency Service Units. The coverage is for a \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 annual aggregate and the policy is issued by Indian Harbor Insurance Company. There are optional deductibles of \$1,000, \$2,000 or \$5,000.

BLANKET CRIME

The JIF provides blanket crime coverage to \$50,000 less a member entity deductible of \$2,500. The MEL provides \$1,000,000 in coverage less the member JIF's retention coverage of \$50,000. The coverages insured by this policy are forgery or alteration, theft, disappearance, destruction, robbery and safe burglary, computer fraud and public employee dishonesty

EXCESS PUBLIC OFFICIALS BOND

The MEL provides coverage for excess employee dishonesty and faithful performance coverage for those employed positions which are required by law to be individually bonded at limit of \$1,000,000 less a local member units' deductible. The deductible is the higher of the amount said persons are required by law to be individually bonded whether or not such bond is in place or the amount of the individual bond in place.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPAIRMENT LIABILITY

Environmental Impairment Liability Coverage is by the New Jersey Municipal Impairment Risk Management Fund (EJIF).

The EJIF provides the following coverage to the JIF;

- Third party limit of liability for \$1,000,000 per loss per local unit and \$1,000,000 aggregate per local unit. This coverage is subject to the JIF annual aggregate limit as stated below
- First party limit of liability for \$50,000 per loss per local unit and a \$100,000 annual aggregate per local unit.
- Foreclosed property with a limit of liability for \$1,000,000 per loss per local unit and \$1,000,000 annual aggregate per local unit.
- Public Officials Liability with a \$1,000,000 per loss per local unit and a \$1,000,000 annual aggregate per local unit limit of liability subject to the JIF annual aggregate limit as stated below.

- De Minimus Abandoned Property with a limit of \$50,000 per local unit and subject to the JIF annual aggregate as stated below.
- Legal Services with a \$500,000 per loss per local unit and \$500,000 annual aggregate per local unit subject to the JIF annual aggregate limit as stated below.

There is a deductible of \$5,000 per loss and the JIF annual aggregate limit of liability is \$3,191,920.

UNDERGROUD STORAGE TANK

Coverage related to underground storage tanks is provided by EJIF to the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Incident
 \$1,000,000 Each Corrective Action
 \$1,000,000 Aggregate Limit
 \$100,000 Aggregate Defense Limit
 Deductible \$5,000 Each Incident

CYBER LIABILITY

Coverage for Cyber Liability is provided by XL Insurance. The policy provides for third party coverage including Communication, Network Security Liability and Privacy Liability. First Party protection includes Extortion Threat, Crisis Management Expenses and Privacy Notification Costs.

The limits of liability are \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 aggregate with a \$10,000 deductible. The limits are JIF wide and shared among the local member units. The policy also contains a \$500,000 sub-limit each for the following:

- Privacy Notification Costs
- Regulatory Fines/Claims Expenses for Privacy Liability
- Extortion Damages for Extortion Threat
- Crisis Management Expenses

FIDELITY BOND AND OTHER INSURANCE COVERAGES

The Fund is required by N.J.S.A. 11:15-2.6 to maintain the following minimum insurance coverage:

1. A fidelity bond for all persons handling Fund assets.
2. A surety bond for the claims administrator.

3. Errors and omissions coverage for any servicing organization who negotiates excess insurance or reinsurance on behalf of the Fund.

Review of coverage in effect revealed the Fund at December 31, 2013 maintained the required coverage as required by N.J.S.A. 11: 15-2.6.:

ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

The record keeping of the Fund is comprised of three areas as follows:

1. PERMA handles all of the processing of the general ledger and the accounts payable functions. The system used to control these functions is the MAS 90 Accounting Software which is a product of State of the Art, Inc. This system produces a cumulative general ledger, whereby all of the activity in an account is recorded together with its current balance. The accounts payable function under this system produces a history of payments made to individual vendors with amounts outstanding.
2. The Treasurer of the Fund is responsible for the tracking of cash and investments. PERMA developed a tracking system for both of these areas and supplied it to the Treasurer to use. This system uses Microsoft Excel and allows for the tracking of both cash and investment activity.
3. The third party administrators are responsible for the tracking of all claim activity.

The accounting procedures are based on fund accounting, whereby; all financial activity is allocated to the fund year to which it relates.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 18B-1, N.J.A.C. 11:15-5.1 and the Fund's By-laws, an annual audit was performed by an independent certified public accounting firm Gary Vinci of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins and an audited report was filed with the Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2013 and 2012

Comparative Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Equity as of December 31, 2013 and 2012

EXHIBIT I

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET FOR YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 7,865,013	\$ 4,857,093
Investments	5,575,958	6,586,771
Assessments Receivable	3,844,906	3,529,631
Accrued Interest Receivable	12,181	19,790
Dividend Receivable	696,152	422,496
Excess Insurance Receivable	-	61,820
Other Receivables	332,276	327,671
Total Assets	<u>18,326,486</u>	<u>15,805,272</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Case Reserves	6,424,191	6,837,120
IBNR Reserves	3,518,109	4,038,104
Total Reserves	<u>9,942,300</u>	<u>10,875,224</u>
Accounts Payable	39,948	64,707
Unearned Revenue	315,610	325,045
Total Non-Claim Liabilities	<u>355,558</u>	<u>389,752</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>10,297,858</u>	<u>11,264,976</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>		
Net Statutory Surplus - Unrestricted	8,028,628	4,540,296
Total Liabilities and Surplus	<u>\$ 18,326,486</u>	<u>\$ 15,805,272</u>

EXHIBIT II

COMPARATIVE STATUTORY INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<u>OPERATING REVENUE</u>		
Regular Contributions	\$ 14,470,327	\$ 14,152,608
Restropective Contributions	\$ 77,067	\$ -
Additional Contributions	30,549	28,713
Total Operating Revenue	<u>14,577,943</u>	<u>14,181,321</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Benefits Paid to/For Participants	4,979,578	4,457,641
Excess Insurance Receivable	(273,656)	(70,758)
Insurance Premiums	4,139,784	4,391,386
General & Administrative	2,592,941	2,568,116
Case Reserves	(412,929)	162,049
IBNR Reserves	(519,995)	1,472,446
Total Expenses	<u>10,505,723</u>	<u>12,980,880</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>4,072,220</u>	<u>1,200,441</u>
<u>NON-OPERATING REVENUE</u>		
Dividend Income	44,511	61,820
Investment Income	16,112	93,248
Total Nonoperating Revenues	<u>60,623</u>	<u>155,068</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>4,132,843</u>	<u>1,355,509</u>
Net Position - Beginning of Year	4,540,296	3,846,608
Less: Distribution to Participating Members	(644,511)	(661,821)
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 8,028,628</u>	<u>\$ 4,540,296</u>

NOTE 1 LOSS RESERVES

The loss reserves reported by the Fund at December 31, 2013 were \$6,424,191 for case reserves and \$3,518,109 for IBNR reserves. A review by an actuary from the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance Indicated the reserves established by the Fund were reasonable.

Data supporting the Fund's actuarial calculation was reconciled to supporting records without exception. Samples of paid and outstanding losses were traced to claim files without exception.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The examination was completed at the office of the Fund's Executive Director, Public Entity Risk Management Association (PERMA), 9 Campus Drive, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054. The courteous cooperation extended to the examiners by Fund Management is acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Lee Chice".

Nancy Lee Chice, CFE
Insurance Examiner

SOUTH BERGEN MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

I, Nancy Lee Chice, do solemnly swear that the foregoing report of examination is hereby represented to be a full and true statement of the condition and affairs of the subject insurer as of December 31, 2013 to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

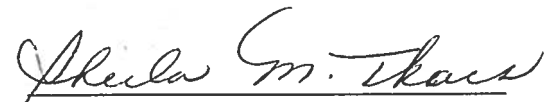
Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Lee Chice CFE
Examiner-In-Charge
New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance

State of New Jersey
County of Mercer

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
On this *4th* day of *November* 2015


Notary Public of New Jersey

My commission expires: *July 2020*