# Debt Management Plan 

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## Debt Management Team

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- Steve Rogut, Esq. - Bond Counsel, Rogut McCarthy LLC.


## Purpose

- Present a long-term financial plan to manage Township’s debt
- Establish a financial framework to accomplish future capital projects, including developing a strategic plan
- Secure long-term, low-interest rates to assure debt service and tax rate stability


## Current Debt: \$41 Million

- $\$ 12$ Million - Total existing debt service
- \$29 Million - Interest-only, "unscheduled" debt payments


## What's Our Credit Limit?

- State Law N.J.S.A.40A:2-6 allows municipalities to borrow up to $3.5 \%$ of the average of 3 years' equalized assessed valuation
- Teaneck's 3.5\% maximum would be $\$ 207$ Million
- Teaneck's current debt of $\$ 41$ Million is $0.69 \%$ of the average of 3 years' equalized assessed valuation


## How Did We Get Here?

- Lack of attention to infrastructure
- Deficient personnel policies and procedures
- Lack of insurance


## Financial Impact

- Lack of attention to infrastructure
- Significant dollars spent in capital improvements over last 10 years because little was spent in 1980s, 1990s
- Deficient personnel policies and procedures
- Led to unsuccessful defense of employee lawsuits totaling \$8.5 Million in awards


## Financial Impact (cont'd.)

- Lack of insurance
- Since Township was self-insured, had to bond judgments
- Township acquired insurance in 2010


## What's the Plan?

- $\$ 12$ Million in existing, permanent bonds that cannot be re-financed and sets stage for plan
- Issue bond sales in years 2013 and 2014, which will address an additional $\$ 17.2$ million
- A proposed third bond sale in 2020 for the balance when $\$ 12$ Million in existing bonds are paid off


## Assumptions

- Increase of no more than $1 / 2$ of 1 point in tax rate, or $\$ 17 /$ year (average home assessed at $\$ 465,300$ ) for first three years, and levels off thereafter
- Interest rates used in bond sale projections were $3 \%$ for 2013, $3.5 \%$ for 2014 , and $4.5 \%$ in 2020


## Alternatives

- Adopt a responsible, comprehensive financial plan allowing for stabilization of debt service


## OR

- Continue financing through short-term, temporary methods (BANs) with balloon payments and fluctuating interest rates


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## Capital Financing Process

- Bond ordinances:
- Authorize improvements
- Appropriate funds
- Authorize debt (Bond Anticipation Notes, Bonds)


## Capital Financing Process (cont’d.)

- After bond ordinance is adopted and effective (after 20-day estoppel period), contracts can be entered into and money can be spent on the project (whether from cash on hand or from debt issued against ordinance)


## Capital Financing Process (cont'd.)

- Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs):
- Short-term debt instruments (maximum one-year maturity)
- Can be renewed annually (at market interest rate at time of each renewal) for up to 10 years
- Interest-only is required for first three years
- Minimum principal payments required annually on or after third anniversary of original issue
- At end of 10-year period, notes must either be paid in full or converted to bonds


## Capital Financing Process (cont’d.)

- Bonds:
- Long-term, fixed-rate debt instruments with annual principal payments and interest rates fixed at time of issue (serial bonds)
- Final maturity within average statutory life of projects being financed


## Debt Financing Plan

- Manage $\$ 41$ Million of both issued, authorized debt
- How?
- Take advantage of historic low interest rates
- Examine \$12 Million in existing bonds, notes for possible refinancing
- Sell bonds in 2013, 2014 to capture low interest rates
- Limit debt service tax increase to maximum 0.5 points per year for first three years


## Debt Financing Plan (cont'd.)

- In 2013, sell bonds for $\$ 10$ Million, first principal payment in 2014 with 19-year maturity schedule
- In 2014, sell bonds for \$7.2 Million, make first principal payment with 17-year maturity schedule
- In 2020, sell \$11.8 Million in bonds with 15 year maturity schedule


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PROPOSED PLAN TO
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AUTHORIZATIONS

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| Int. Rate | Bond Issue | Int. Rate | Bond Issue | Int. Rate |
| 3.0\% | \#2-17 yr | 3.50\% | \#3-15 yr | 4.50\% |


| $5 / 1 / 2012$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 5/1/2013 |  | \$300,000 |  |  |  |  |
| 11/1/2013 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2014 | \$500,000 | \$300,000 | \$300,000 | \$216,000 |  |  |
| 11/1/2014 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2015 | \$500,000 | \$285,000 | \$300,000 | \$207,000 |  |  |
| 11/1/2015 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2016 | \$500,000 | \$270,000 | \$400,000 | \$198,000 |  |  |
| 11/1/2016 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2017 | \$500,000 | \$255,000 | \$400,000 | \$186,000 |  |  |
| 11/1/2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2018 | \$500,000 | \$240,000 | \$400,000 | \$174,000 |  |  |
| 11/1/2018 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2019 | \$500,000 | \$225,000 | \$400,000 | \$162,000 |  |  |
| 11/1/2019 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2020 | \$500,000 | \$210,000 | \$400,000 | \$150,000 |  |  |
| 11/1/2020 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2021 | \$500,000 | \$195,000 | \$400,000 | \$138,000 | \$600,000 | \$531,000 |
| 11/1/2021 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2022 | \$500,000 | \$180,000 | \$400,000 | \$126,000 | \$600,000 | \$504,000 |
| 11/1/2022 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2023 | \$500,000 | \$165,000 | \$400,000 | \$114,000 | \$600,000 | \$477,000 |
| 11/1/2023 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2024 | \$500,000 | \$150,000 | \$400,000 | \$102,000 | \$600,000 | \$450,000 |
| 11/1/2024 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2025 | \$500,000 | \$135,000 | \$400,000 | \$90,000 | \$600,000 | \$423,000 |
| 11/1/2025 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2026 | \$500,000 | \$120,000 | \$500,000 | \$78,000 | \$600,000 | \$396,000 |
| 11/1/2026 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2027 | \$500,000 | \$105,000 | \$500,000 | \$63,000 | \$600,000 | \$369,000 |
| 11/1/2027 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2028 | \$600,000 | \$90,000 | \$500,000 | \$48,000 | \$700,000 | \$342,000 |
| 11/1/2028 \$ $\$ 600,000$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2029 | \$600,000 | \$72,000 | \$500,000 | \$33,000 | \$700,000 | \$310,500 |
| 11/1/2029 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2030 | \$600,000 | \$54,000 | \$600,000 | \$18,000 | \$700,000 | \$279,000 |
| 11/1/2030 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2031 | \$600,000 | \$36,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$900,000 | \$247,500 |
| 11/1/2031 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2032 | \$600,000 | \$18,000 |  |  | \$1,000,000 | \$207,000 |
| 11/1/2032 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2033 | \$0 | \$0 |  |  | \$1,200,000 | \$162,000 |
| 11/1/2033 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2034 |  |  |  |  | \$1,200,000 | \$108,000 |
| 11/1/2034 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/1/2035 |  |  |  |  | \$1,200,000 | \$54,000 |
|  | \$10,000,000 | \$3,405,000 | \$7,200,000 | \$2,103,000 | \$11,800,000 | \$4,860,000 |


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|  | DEBT SERVICE -V- BUDGET APPROPRIATION |  |  |  |  |  |

## TEANECK DEBT RESTRUCTURING PLAN

|  | Description | Principal |
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| Schedule 1 | Existing Debt Service (Payments to Continue as Set) | \$11,653,315.00 |
| Schedule 2 | BAN Princiipal (Targeted for 2013 \& 2014 Bond Issues) | \$17,397,274.00 |
| Schedule 3 | Debt Authorized But Not Issued (Targeted for 2020 Issue) | \$11,173,312.19 |
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|  | Total | \$40,223,901.19 |

Schedules based on information available November 2012. Certified by Christine L Brown, CPA, RMA.

SCHEDULE 1
Detail of Current Debt Service

| Description | Interest Rate | Principal | Interest | Total Existing Debt Service |
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| BAN for Judgements | 2\% | \$5,950,000 | \$659,500 | \$6,609,500 |
| GO Bonds | 4.1-4.5\% | \$1,344,000 | \$94,912 | \$1,438,912 |
| Downtown Business Loan | 0\% | \$400,000 | \$0 | \$400,000 |
| Lease | 1\% | \$544,634 | \$22,530 | \$567,164 |
| EDA Loan | 2\% | \$135,000 | \$3,544 | \$138,544 |
| BAN Principal (Not to be included in future bond issues) | Varies | \$2,329,911 | \$169,284 | \$2,499,195 |
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| Total |  | \$10,703,545.00 | \$949,770.00 | \$11,653,315.00 |

SCHEDULE 2
2012 DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR NOTES


## SCHEDULE 3

## DEBT AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED



Disclaimer: A portion of the unissued debt is expected to be canceled pending council action during 2012


[^0]:    Disclaimer: Schedule does not include debt service for projects not currently authorized.

