

THE HIGHVIEW CONDOMINIUM II

Financial Statements  
for the year ended  
December 31, 2022



**Cesarano & Khan, PC**  
Certified Public Accountants

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Managers and Unit Owners of  
The Highview Condominium II:

***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Highview Condominium II (the Condominium), which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2022, and the related statement of operations, members' equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Condominium as of December 31, 2022, and the result of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Condominium and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Condominium's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Condominium's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Condominium's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

***Omission of Required Supplementary Information about Future Major Repairs and Replacements***

Management has omitted the information about the estimates of future costs of major repairs and replacements that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, which considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

*Cesarano & Khan, CPAs, PC*

Floral Park, New York  
July 20, 2023

THE HIGHVIEW CONDOMINIUM II

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2022

ASSETS

Cash:

Operating - Empire State Bank - checking	\$ 87,581
Operating - Empire State Bank - checking	296
Reserve - Empire State Bank - savings	9,999
Reserve - Empire State Bank - checking	101,493
Reserve - Citibank, N.A. - checking	5,438
Reserve - Citibank, N.A. - savings	17,967
Common charges and fees receivable	95,114
Prepaid expenses	6,135
Total assets	<u>\$ 324,023</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 180,414
Deferred revenue	14,167
Security deposit payable	2,500
NYC Water Board payable	77,864
Income tax payable	1,500
Total liabilities	<u>276,445</u>
Members' equity	47,578
Total liabilities and members' equity	<u>\$ 324,023</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

for the year ended December 31, 2022

REVENUES:

Common charges	\$ 313,694
Antenna income	47,872
Laundry	7,267
Late fees	2,925
Interest	19
Other	32,314
Total revenues	<u>404,091</u>

EXPENSES:

Wages and related costs	75,165
Utilities	96,753
Water and sewer	36,407
Interest expense	1,258
Repairs, maintenance and supplies	63,570
Insurance	33,146
Management fees	26,497
Professional fees	15,212
License, permit and other NYC charges	2,733
Telecommunications	3,879
Administrative	6,125
Income taxes	1,500
Total expenses before major repairs	<u>362,245</u>

Excess of revenues over expenses before major repairs	41,846
Capital assessments	271,666
Major repairs	<u>(294,195)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ 19,317</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF MEMBERS' EQUITY  
for the year ended December 31, 2022

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Balance at December 31, 2021	\$ 159,397
Prior period adjustments	(131,136)
Excess of revenues over expenses	19,317
Balance at December 31, 2022	<u><u>\$ 47,578</u></u>

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part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended December 31, 2022

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 19,317
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Common charges and fees receivable	(47,031)
Prepaid expenses	1,626
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	174,192
Deferred revenue	12,351
Security deposit payable	2,500
Income tax payable	1,500
Prior period adjustments	<u>(131,136)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>33,319</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

NYC Water Board payable	<u>77,864</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>77,864</u>

Net increase in cash 111,183

Cash, beginning of year	<u>111,591</u>
Cash, end of year	<u><u>\$ 222,774</u></u>

SUMMARY OF CASH:

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Reserve - Empire State Bank - savings	9,999
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Reserve - Citibank, N.A. - checking	5,438
Reserve - Citibank, N.A. - savings	<u>17,967</u>
Total cash	<u><u>\$ 222,774</u></u>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Income taxes paid	\$ -0-
Interest paid	\$ 1,258

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THE HIGHVIEW CONDOMINIUM II

NOTES to FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2022

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1. Organization:

The Highview Condominium II (the Condominium), was organized on October 30, 1981, pursuant to Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York, for the purposes of maintaining and preserving the common property of the Condominium. The Highview Condominium II consists of 67 residential units, 1 superintendent's unit, 20 indoor parking units and 14 outdoor parking units, located at 850 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York.

A Board of Managers, elected by the unit owners, governs the affairs of the Condominium. Managers, as such, receive no compensation for their services. The Board of Managers retains a management agent to operate the day-to-day activities of the property including certain administrative and bookkeeping services.

2. Date of Management Review:

In preparing the financial statements, the Condominium has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through July 20, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Basis of Presentation:

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Pervasiveness of Estimates:

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

Cash:

The Condominium considers all highly liquid investments with little to no exposure to credit, market and liquidity risks, with original maturities of three months or less to be classified as cash.

Concentration of Credit Risk:

The Condominium maintains its cash with major financial institutions. Balances, at times, may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limits currently \$250,000 per financial institution. The Condominium performs periodic evaluations of the relative credit standing of these financial institutions and also evaluates its balance with each institution in order to limit the amount of credit exposure. The Condominium has not experienced any losses in such accounts as of the date of the auditors' report.

Common Charges and Fees Receivable:

The Condominium's policy is to retain legal counsel and place liens on the properties of unit owners whose assessments are 90 days in arrears. It is the opinion of the Board of Managers that the Condominium will ultimately prevail against the unit owners whose assessments are delinquent, and accordingly, no allowance for uncollectible accounts was deemed necessary. As of December 31, 2022, the Condominium had unit owner receivables of \$95,114.

Equipment:

Equipment is stated at cost. Capitalized amounts include expenditures, which materially extend the useful life of the existing asset. Costs associated with the repair and maintenance of equipment is expensed as incurred. Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset.

Recognition of Assets:

The Condominium capitalizes all personal property assets to which it holds title or has other evidence of ownership. Real property, common areas and related improvements to such property are not capitalized in the financial statements. Those properties are owned by the individual unit owners in common.

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Revenue Recognition:

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued new guidance that created Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, in the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC). Topic 606 supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in FASB ASC 972-605, Real Estate-Common Interest Realty Associations, (CIRA), Revenue Recognition, and requires the recognition of revenue when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which a CIRA expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

The Condominium adopted the new revenue standard as of January 1, 2022, using the modified retrospective method of transition. The Condominium applied the new standard only to contracts that were not completed prior to January 1, 2022. The adoption of the new revenue standard had no effect to the opening balance of Members' Equity. The comparative prior period information continues to be reported under the accounting standards in effect during those periods. We expect the impact of the adoption to be immaterial to our financial position, results of operations, and cash flows on an ongoing basis.

Common charges are based on an annual budget determined by the Board of Managers. Unit owners are billed monthly in accordance with the common interest appurtenant to the unit. The purpose of common charges are to provide funds for operating expenses. Monthly common charges represent multiple performance obligations, which, on a standalone basis are not considered separate and distinct and therefore have been deemed to be a single performance obligation. Revenue is recognized as the performance obligation is satisfied at transaction amounts expected to be collected. The performance obligation for common charges are satisfied over time on a daily pro-rata basis using the input method

Deferred Revenue:

Revenue is recognized as the performance obligation is satisfied at transaction amounts expected to be collected. Deferred revenue consists of prepaid monthly common charges and other unit holder fees and has been recorded as the Condominium has the right to receive payment in advance for the satisfaction of performance obligations.

4. Prepaid Expenses:

Prepaid expenses were comprised of the following:

Prepaid insurance	<u>\$6,135</u>
	<u>\$6,135</u>

5. Account Payable and Accrued Expenses:

Account payable and accrued expenses were comprised of the following:

Major repairs	\$150,137
Utilities	10,985
Professional fees	10,536
Water and sewer	4,436
Wages and related costs	2,570
Repairs and maintenance	<u>1,750</u>
	<u>\$180,414</u>

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6. New York City Water Board Payment Agreement:

On May 17, 2022, the Condominium entered into a payment agreement with New York City Water Board (the Water Board) to pay \$86,516 past due water and wastewater charges. The Condominium agreed to pay the due on 60 monthly installments of \$1,442 with interest amount based on interest rate of 3% per year, compounded monthly. The Water Board charges interest on any outstanding balances at the rate set by the New York City Council each Fiscal Year. The actual amount of interest may change based upon changes to the interest rate. There is no penalty for making overpayments or paying off the entire balance in full at any time. There was \$77,864 balance outstanding on December 31, 2022.

7. Other Income:

Other income was comprised of the following:

Violation charges	\$18,138
Other unit owner charges	10,068
Sublease fees	4,008
Key	100
	<u>\$32,314</u>

8. Repairs and Maintenance:

Repairs and maintenance were comprised of the following:

General repairs	\$13,422
Landscaping	12,494
Exterminating	11,873
Elevator	8,900
Supplies	6,078
Boiler	5,893
Plumbing	4,910
	<u>\$63,570</u>

9. Professional Fees:

Professional fees were comprised of the following:

Accounting	\$7,000
Other professional fees	4,676
Legal	3,536
	<u>\$15,212</u>

10. Major Repairs:

Major repairs were comprised of the following:

Local Law 11 – façade project	\$273,245
Garage repair	20,950
	<u>\$294,195</u>

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### NOTES to FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Continued

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#### 11. Management Agreement:

The Condominium had retained The Andrews Organization to serve as managing agent for the Condominium. The agreement was terminated on January 31, 2022. The management fee for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$1,975.

On January 1, 2022, the Condominium retained CRM Management Services, LLC, to act as the managing agent of the property with \$2,043.50 monthly fees. The agreement will expire on December 31, 2023. The agreement may be terminated by either party without cause by providing at least 30 days prior written notice to the other party. The management fee for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$24,522.

#### 12. Income Taxes:

For Federal tax purposes the Condominium may annually elect to be taxed as homeowners' association under Section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code, or as a regular corporation. Under Section 528, the Condominium is taxed on its non-exempt function income, such as interest earnings, at a flat rate of 30% and the use of net operating loss deduction is not permitted. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Condominium elected to be taxed as homeowners' association. New York State (NYS) and New York City (NYC) generally treat condominiums as a regular corporation subject to NYS and NYC corporation tax.

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires evaluation of the tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Condominium's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are more likely than not sustainable upon examination by the applicable taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the tax position, and then recognizing the tax benefit that is more likely than not realizable. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more likely than not threshold would be recorded as a tax expense in the current reporting period. Management believes any such position would be immaterial to the overall financial statements.

With few exceptions, the Condominium is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state, and local income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2019.

#### 13. Capital Assessments:

The Condominium implemented two capital assessments during the year 2022: 1) A capital assessment of approximately \$200,000 was levied in October 2022 to fund the Local Law 11 - facade project. For the year ended December 31, 2022, \$200,000 was recognized from this assessment. 2) Starting March 2022, a capital assessment was established to restore previously utilized reserve funds. This assessment will remain in place until the emergency savings account reaches a targeted balance of \$250,000, estimated to be achieved over 30 months. For the year ending December 31, 2022, \$71,666 was recognized from this assessment.

#### 14. Rooftop Antenna Lease Agreement:

The Condominium entered into a lease agreement with Omnipoint Communications, Inc. (Omnipoint) on May 8, 2000 to lease approximately 100 square feet of space on the rooftop to house radio equipment and space on the roof of the building for associated antennas. The initial term of the agreement was for a period of 10 years. After the initial term, the agreement was renewed for 3 successive 5-year periods. The rent for the initial term was \$1,500 per month with 3% increase in each year. In 2001, Omnipoint agreed to pay an additional rent of \$455 per month upon the installation of the modified equipment. The rooftop antenna income for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$47,872.

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15. Prior-Period Adjustments:

The balance of member's equity as of December 31, 2021 has been restated from amounts previously reported. The prior financial statements had discrepancies that have been adjusted. As a result, members' equity has been reduced by \$131,136.

Prior-period adjustments were comprised of the following:

Unrecorded water and sewer payable	\$(75,798)
Unrecorded major repairs payable	(30,450)
Unrecorded utilities payable	(19,088)
Unrecorded accounting fees payable	<u>(5,800)</u>
	<u><u>\$(131,136)</u></u>

16. Future Major Repairs and Replacements:

The Condominium omitted a study to determine the remaining useful lives of the components of property and estimates of the costs of major repairs and replacements that may be required in the future. The Board has also not developed a plan to fund those needs. When replacement funds are required for major repairs and replacements, the Condominium has the right to increase regular maintenance, pass special assessments, or delay major repairs and replacements until funds are available. The effect on future assessments has not been determined at this time.

17. Pending Litigation:

The Condominium has one pending litigation for Unit 6C, Metry, for unpaid common charges in the amount of \$49,239 as of December 31, 2022. As of December 31, 2022, the case remains open and the final outcome is unknown.

18. Risk and Uncertainties:

Due to the rapidly changing business environment, unprecedented market volatility, and other circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Condominium is currently unable to fully determine the extent of COVID-19's impact on its operations in future periods. The Condominium's performance in future periods will be heavily influenced by the timing, length, and intensity of the economic recovery. The Condominium continues to monitor evolving economic and general business conditions and the actual and potential impacts on its financial position, results of operations and cash flows.