



**VILLAGE OF CAROL STREAM, ILLINOIS**

AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION TO THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

For the Year Ended April 30, 2019



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September 27, 2019

The Honorable Mayor  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
Village of Carol Stream  
500 North Gary Avenue  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

As part of our audit process we are required to have certain communications with those charged with governance at the beginning of our audit process and at the conclusion of the audit. Those communications include information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit, as well as other information required by auditing standards. Our communication at the beginning of our audit process along with our questionnaire regarding consideration of fraud in a financial statement audit was sent to you in June 2019.

In addition, auditing standards require the communication of internal control related matters to those charged with governance. Our communication to management, as well as a listing of future pronouncements that may affect the Village, are enclosed within this document.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Mayor, Board of Trustees and management of the Village of Carol Stream and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

*Sikich LLP*

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September 27, 2019

The Honorable Mayor  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
Village of Carol Stream, Illinois

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the fiduciary fund of the Village of Carol Stream, Illinois (the Village) for the year ended April 30, 2019. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated March 11, 2019. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### **Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices**

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Village are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended April 30, 2019, except for GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*. We noted no transactions entered into by the Village during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. We noted no particularly sensitive estimates made by management during our audit of the financial statements except for the actuarial assumptions used to calculate the net pension liability and total other postemployment benefit liability. Management's estimate of the Village's net pension liabilities and total other postemployment benefit liability are based on various actuarially determined amounts, including estimated investment returns, dates of

employee retirement, discount rates, healthcare trend rates, and mortality rates. We evaluated key factors and assumptions used to develop the management's estimates of the Village's net pension liabilities and total other postemployment benefit liability in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. We noted no particularly sensitive disclosures during the audit of your financial statements. The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

### **Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

### **Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements**

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. The attached schedule summarizes uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements. Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

### **Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### **Management Representations**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated September 27, 2019.

### **Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Village's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

## **Other Audit Findings or Issues**

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Village's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

## **Other Matters**

We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information as listed the table of contents, which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the schedules and the other supplementary information, which accompany the basic financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the basic financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the introductory and statistical sections. We did not audit or perform other procedures on this other information and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

The information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees and management of the Village of Carol Stream and is not intended to be and should it be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

*Sikich LLP*

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By: Brian D. LeFevre, CPA, MBA

Partner

**VILLAGE OF CAROL STREAM**

**Year End: April 30, 2019**

**Adjusting Journal Entries**

**Date: 5/1/2018 To 4/30/2019**

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<b>Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Account No</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
AJE#01	4/30/2019	ACCUM DEPR-BUILDINGS	04-17101 WSO-04		-87,130.88
AJE#01	4/30/2019	UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	04-31901 WSO-04		-87,130.88
AJE#01	4/30/2019	INVSTD IN CAP AST NET OF DBT	04-31905 WSO-04	87,130.88	
AJE#01	4/30/2019	DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	04100100-57498 WSO-04	87,130.88	

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To correct water and sewer depreciation

**VILLAGE OF CAROL STREAM**

(CLIENT)

General Fund

(OPINION UNIT)

For the Year Ended

4/30/2019

All entries posted as Debit (Credit)

Description	Workpaper Reference	Assets	(Liabilities)	(Retained Earnings/Fund Balance)	(Profit) Loss
Current Effect of Prior Period Passed AJE's that have carried forward to Current Period		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
To record grant revenue in the prior year	<b>3304</b>	-	-	(8,308)	8,308
Totals		\$ -	\$ -	\$ (8,308)	\$ 8,308



**VILLAGE OF CAROL STREAM**

Water and Sewer - 4 & Business-Type

(CLIENT)

(OPINION UNIT)

For the Year Ended 4/30/2019

All entries posted as Debit (Credit)

Description	Workpaper Reference	Assets	(Liabilities)	(Retained Earnings/Fund Balance)	(Profit) Loss
Current Effect of Prior Period Passed AJE's that have carried forward to Current Period		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
To correct accumulated depreciation on an under depreciated water asset.	<b>3515</b>	-	-	76,240	(76,240)
Totals		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,240	\$ (76,240)

**VILLAGE OF CAROL STREAM, ILLINOIS**

**COMMUNICATION OF DEFICIENCIES  
IN INTERNAL CONTROL AND  
OTHER COMMENTS TO MANAGEMENT**

April 30, 2019

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The Honorable Mayor  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
Village of Carol Stream, Illinois

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Carol Stream, Illinois (the Village) as of and for the year ended April 30, 2019, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing auditing procedures appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing opinions on the basic financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We also reviewed the status of the recommendations for the period ended April 30, 2018. The status of these recommendations is included in Appendix A. This letter does not affect our report dated September 27, 2019, on the basic financial statements of the Village.

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 a 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Mayor, Board of Trustees and management of the Village and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Sikich LLP*

Naperville, Illinois  
September 27, 2019

## **OTHER COMMENTS**

### **Future Accounting Pronouncements**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued a number of pronouncements that may impact the Village in the future.

GASB Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*, addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations (AROs). An ARO is a legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. A government that has legal obligations to perform future asset retirement activities related to its tangible capital assets should recognize a liability based on the guidance in this Statement. The requirements of this standard are effective for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2020.

GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. The statement describes four fiduciary funds that should be reported, if applicable: (1) pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, (2) investment trust funds, (3) private-purpose trust funds, and (4) custodial funds. Custodial funds generally should report fiduciary activities that are not held in a trust or equivalent arrangement that meets specific criteria. The requirements of this standard are effective for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2020.

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset and aims to enhance comparability of financial statements among governments. This statement also requires additional notes to the financial statements related to the timing, significance, and purpose of a government's leasing arrangements. The requirements of this statement are effective for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021.

GASB Statement No 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements*, was issued in March 2018 and provides guidance on improving disclosures in the notes to the financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements of debt. This Statement defines debt for purposes of disclosure in notes to financial statements as a liability that arises from a contractual obligation to pay cash (or other assets that may be used in lieu of cash) in one or more payments to settle an amount that is fixed at the date the contractual obligation is established. This Statement requires that additional essential information related to debt be disclosed in notes to financial statements, including unused lines of credit; assets pledged as collateral for the debt; and terms specified in debt agreements related to significant events of default with finance-related consequences, significant termination events with finance-related consequences, and significant subjective acceleration clauses. This statement is effective for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2020.

## **OTHER COMMENTS (Continued)**

### **Future Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)**

GASB Statement No 89, *Accounting for Interest Costs Incurred Before the End of a Construction Period*, establishes accounting requirements for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. Such interest cost includes all interest that previously was accounted for in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*, which are superseded by this Statement. This Statement requires that interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period be recognized as an expense in the period in which the cost is incurred for financial statements prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. As a result, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period will not be included in the historical cost of a capital asset reported in a business-type activity or enterprise fund. This Statement also reiterates that in financial statements prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period should be recognized as an expenditure on a basis consistent with governmental fund accounting principles. The requirements of this statement are effective for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021.

GASB Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*, intends to improve the consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. The Statement defines a majority equity interest and specifies that a majority equity interest in a legally separate organization should be reported as an investment if a government's holding of the equity interest meets the definition of an investment. This Statement also establishes that ownership of a majority equity interest in a legally separate organization results in the government being financially accountable for the legally separate organization and, therefore, the government should report that organization as a component unit. This Statement also requires that a component unit in which a government has a 100 percent equity interest account for its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources at acquisition value at the date the government acquired a 100 percent equity interest in the component unit. Transactions presented in flows statements of the component unit in that circumstance should include only transactions that occurred subsequent to the acquisition. The requirements of this Statement are effective for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2020.

GASB Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, was issued in May 2019. The primary objectives of this Statement are to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. This Statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improved required note disclosures. This statement is effective for fiscal year ending April 30, 2021.

**APPENDIX A  
STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**DEFICIENCY**

**Escrow Deposits**

The Village holds many engineering escrow deposits from contractors that are typically returned once their respective project is completed. During our review of these deposits, we noted many balances that were of significant age. We recommend that the Village's Finance Department collaborate with other departments to determine the status of these projects, what the deposit was collected for and who it is owed to, and return closed project balances to the contractor or to the State of Illinois (as appropriate).

**Status** - Comment has been substantially implemented as of April 30, 2019.