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VILLAGE OF MOUNT CORY  
HANCOCK COUNTY

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Village of Mount Cory  
Hancock County  
P.O. Box 5  
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To the Village Council:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of the Village of Mount Cory, Hancock County, Ohio (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Village's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

***Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the Village prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Village does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

***Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Village as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the respective changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the years then ended.

***Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of the Village of Mount Cory, Hancock County, Ohio as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 2.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 12, 2019, on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Village's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

August 12, 2019

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	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$4,959		\$4,959
Municipal Income Tax	37,184		37,184
Intergovernmental	39,389	\$12,624	52,013
Special Assessments		14,379	14,379
Charges for Services	1,803		1,803
Earnings on Investments	5,305	6	5,311
Miscellaneous	2,065		2,065
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>90,705</u>	<u>27,009</u>	<u>117,714</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property	7,869		7,869
Public Health Services	400		400
Leisure Time Activities	22,538		22,538
Basic Utility Services	132	4,262	4,394
Transportation		2,847	2,847
General Government	9,337		9,337
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>40,276</u>	<u>7,109</u>	<u>47,385</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements</i>	<u>50,429</u>	<u>19,900</u>	<u>70,329</u>
<b>Other Financing Disbursements</b>			
Other Financing Uses	(14,272)		(14,272)
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	36,157	19,900	56,057
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>75,284</u>	<u>144,007</u>	<u>219,291</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Restricted		163,907	163,907
Assigned	109,228		109,228
Unassigned	2,213		2,213
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$111,441</u>	<u>\$163,907</u>	<u>\$275,348</u>

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	Enterprise
<b>Operating Cash Receipts</b>	
Charges for Services	\$55,333
<b>Operating Cash Disbursements</b>	
Personal Services	5,373
Employee Fringe Benefits	591
Contractual Services	1,983
Supplies and Materials	3,079
<i>Total Operating Cash Disbursements</i>	11,026
<i>Operating Income</i>	44,307
<b>Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)</b>	
Intergovernmental	746
Capital Outlay	(11,578)
Principal Retirement	(16,635)
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	(21,689)
<i>Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	(49,156)
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(4,849)
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	235,574
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	\$230,725
<i>See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements</i>	



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***Special Revenue Funds*** These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Village had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

***Street Construction Maintenance and Repair*** The street construction maintenance and repair fund accounts for and reports that portion of the State gasoline tax and motor vehicle license registration fees restricted for construction, maintenance, and repair of streets within the Village.

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These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (D) permit.

***Budgetary Process***

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

***Appropriations*** Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Village Council must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Appropriations lapse at year end.

***Estimated Resources*** Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must approve estimated resources.

***Encumbrances*** The Ohio Revised Code requires the Village to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are cancelled and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2018 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

***Deposits and Investments***

The Village's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

***Capital Assets***

The Village records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

***Fund Balance***

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Village must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

***Nonspendable*** The Village classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

***Restricted*** Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

***Committed*** Council can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Village must adhere to these commitments unless the Council amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

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**Assigned** Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by Village Council or a Village official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

**Unassigned** Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Village applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

**Note 3 - Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2018 follows:

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$65,630	\$90,705	\$25,075
Special Revenue	25,000	27,009	2,009
Enterprise	60,000	56,079	(3,921)
Total	\$150,630	\$173,793	\$23,163

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$127,750	\$54,548	\$73,202
Special Revenue	168,532	7,109	161,423
Enterprise	295,117	60,928	234,189
Total	\$591,399	\$122,585	\$468,814

**Note 4 – Deposits**

The Village maintains a deposit pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31 was as follows:

	2018
Demand deposits	\$506,073

**Deposits**

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Village.

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**Note 5 – Taxes**

***Property Taxes***

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Council adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Village.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Village.

***Income Taxes***

The Village levies a municipal income tax of one percent on substantially all earned income arising from employment, residency, or business activities within the Village as well as certain income of residents earned outside of the Village.

Employers within the Village withhold income tax on employee compensation and remit the tax to the Village either monthly or quarterly, as required. Corporations and other individual taxpayers pay estimated taxes quarterly and file a declaration annually.

**Note 6 - Risk Management**

***Commercial Insurance***

The Village has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.

**Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System***

Some employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the Village contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2018.

***Social Security***

Some Village employees participate in Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

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Employees contributed 6.2 percent of their gross salaries. The Village contributed an amount equal to 6.2 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2018.

**Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits**

OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2018. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the Member Directed Plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2018.

**Note 9 – Debt**

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2018 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Mortgage Revenue Bonds	\$454,500	4.25%
USDA/Rural Development Loan	93,724	4.50%
Ohio Public Works Commission Loan	12,759	
Total	\$560,983	

Mortgage Revenue Bonds were issued to finance the sewer system project the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency mandated. The mortgage revenue bond covenant requires the Village to establish and fund a debt service reserve fund, included as an enterprise fund. The balance in the fund at December 31, 2018 is \$28,700.

The United States Department of Agriculture/Rural Development loan represents the Village's 23% share of debt incurred by the Village of Rawson for the development of the wastewater treatment plant as per the intergovernmental agreement signed with the Villages of Rawson and Benton Ridge as described in Note 10.

The Ohio Public Works Commission Loan represents the Village's 23% share of debt incurred by the Village of Rawson for sewer lagoon installation as per the intergovernmental agreement signed with the Villages of Rawson and Benton Ridge as described in Note 10.

**Amortization**

Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

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Year Ending December 31:	Mortgage Revenue Bond	USDA/Rural Development Loan	OPWC Loan
2019	\$28,616	\$6,539	\$3,190
2020	28,621	6,539	3,190
2021	28,609	6,539	3,190
2022	28,580	6,539	3,189
2023	28,633	6,539	
2024-2028	143,050	32,695	
2029-2033	143,138	32,695	
2034-2038	143,161	32,695	
2039-2043	143,086	32,695	
2044-2045	57,255	6,390	
Total	<u>\$772,749</u>	<u>\$169,865</u>	<u>\$12,759</u>

**Note 10 – Intergovernmental Agreement**

The Village has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Villages of Rawson and Benton Ridge to pay back Mortgage Revenue Bonds for \$118,000 for the construction of a wastewater treatment facility. The facility has been built and is owned by the Village of Rawson. The facility will be leased to the Villages of Benton Ridge and Mount Cory for a minimum of 40 years. The facility was built based on the aggregated population of the three villages, and the cost is shared in proportion to their populations. The Village of Mount Cory's share of the debt is 23% of the bond with an interest rate of 4.5%. Each Village will have a representative on the management Board of the facility.

**Note 11 – Contingent Liabilities**

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Village are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

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	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$3,526		\$3,526
Municipal Income Tax	33,065		33,065
Intergovernmental	32,221	\$12,177	44,398
Special Assessments		14,343	14,343
Charges for Services	1,190		1,190
Earnings on Investments	2,097	557	2,654
Miscellaneous	1,180		1,180
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>73,279</u>	<u>27,077</u>	<u>100,356</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property	6,137		6,137
Public Health Services	307		307
Leisure Time Activities	16,173		16,173
Basic Utility Services	6,215	4,231	10,446
Transportation		2,244	2,244
General Government	7,218		7,218
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>36,050</u>	<u>6,475</u>	<u>42,525</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	37,229	20,602	57,831
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>38,055</u>	<u>123,405</u>	<u>161,460</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Restricted		144,007	144,007
Assigned	62,120		62,120
Unassigned	13,164		13,164
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	Enterprise
<b>Operating Cash Receipts</b>	
Charges for Services	\$53,781
<b>Operating Cash Disbursements</b>	
Personal Services	4,334
Employee Fringe Benefits	452
Contractual Services	11,171
<i>Total Operating Cash Disbursements</i>	15,957
<i>Operating Income</i>	37,824
<b>Non-Operating Disbursements</b>	
Capital Outlay	(580)
Principal Retirement	(19,609)
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	(20,661)
<i>Total Non-Operating Disbursements</i>	(40,850)
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(3,026)
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	238,600
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	\$235,574

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fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by Village Council or a Village official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

**Unassigned** Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Village applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

**Note 3 - Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2017 follows:

2017 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$44,232	\$73,279	\$29,047
Special Revenue	23,000	27,077	4,077
Enterprise	60,000	53,781	(6,219)
Total	\$127,232	\$154,137	\$26,905

2017 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$82,287	\$36,050	\$46,237
Special Revenue	146,405	6,475	139,930
Enterprise	298,600	56,807	241,793
Total	\$527,292	\$99,332	\$427,960

**Note 4 – Deposits**

The Village maintains a deposit pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31 was as follows:

	2017
Demand deposits	\$454,865

**Deposits**

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Village.

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**Note 5 – Taxes**

***Property Taxes***

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Council adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Village.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Village.

***Income Taxes***

The Village levies a municipal income tax of one percent on substantially all earned income arising from employment, residency, or business activities within the Village as well as certain income of residents earned outside of the Village.

Employers within the Village withhold income tax on employee compensation and remit the tax to the Village either monthly or quarterly, as required. Corporations and other individual taxpayers pay estimated taxes quarterly and file a declaration annually.

**Note 6 - Risk Management**

***Commercial Insurance***

The Village has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.

**Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System***

Some employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the Village contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2017.

***Social Security***

Some Village employees participate in Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

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Employees contributed 6.2 percent of their gross salaries. The Village contributed an amount equal to 6.2 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2017.

**Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits**

OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 1.0 percent during calendar year 2017.

**Note 9 – Debt**

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2017 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Mortgage Revenue Bonds	\$463,400	4.25%
USDA/Rural Development Loan	98,269	4.50%
Ohio Public Works Commission Loan	15,947	
Total	\$577,616	

Mortgage Revenue Bonds were issued to finance the sewer system project the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency mandated. The mortgage revenue bond covenant requires the Village to establish and fund a debt service reserve fund, included as an enterprise fund. The balance in the fund at December 31, 2017 is \$28,700.

The United States Department of Agriculture/Rural Development loan represents the Village's 23% share of debt incurred by the Village of Rawson for the development of the wastewater treatment plant as per the intergovernmental agreement signed with the Villages of Rawson and Benton Ridge as described in Note 10.

The Ohio Public Works Commission Loan represents the Village's 23% share of debt incurred by the Village of Rawson for sewer lagoon installation as per the intergovernmental agreement signed with the Villages of Rawson and Benton Ridge as described in Note 10.

**Amortization**

Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

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Year Ending December 31:	Mortgage Revenue Bond	USDA/Rural Development Loan	OPWC Loan
2018	\$28,595	\$6,539	\$3,190
2019	28,616	6,539	3,190
2020	28,621	6,539	3,189
2021	28,609	6,539	3,190
2022	28,580	6,539	3,188
2023-2027	143,092	32,659	
2028-2032	143,066	32,659	
2033-2037	143,220	32,659	
2038-2042	143,029	32,659	
2043-2045	85,918	12,929	
Total	<u>\$801,346</u>	<u>\$176,260</u>	<u>\$15,947</u>

**Note 10 – Intergovernmental Agreement**

The Village has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Villages of Rawson and Benton Ridge to pay back Mortgage Revenue Bonds for \$118,000 for the construction of a wastewater treatment facility. The facility has been built and is owned by the Village of Rawson. The facility will be leased to the Villages of Benton Ridge and Mount Cory for a minimum of 40 years. The facility was built based on the aggregated population of the three villages, and the cost is shared in proportion to their populations. The Village of Mount Cory's share of the debt is 23% of the bond with an interest rate of 4.5%. Each Village will have a representative on the management Board of the facility.

**Note 11 – Contingent Liabilities**

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Village are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Village of Mount Cory  
Hancock County  
P.O. Box 5  
Mount Cory, Ohio 45868-0005

To the Village Council:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type of the Village of Mount Cory, Hancock, Ohio (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 12, 2019 wherein we noted the Village followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Village's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings that we consider a material weakness. We consider finding 2018-001 to be a material weakness.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Village's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

***Purpose of this Report***

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Village's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

August 12, 2019



**VILLAGE OF MOUNT CORY  
HANCOCK COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017**

<b>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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**FINDING NUMBER 2018-001**

**Material Weakness – Financial Reporting**

In our audit engagement letter, as required by AU-C Section 210, *Terms of Engagement*, paragraph .06, management acknowledged its responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs .A14 & .A16. In addition, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54 (codified as GASB Cod 1800.165-.179) requires fund balance be divided into one of five classifications based on the extent to which constraints are imposed upon the resources. The following errors were noted in the accompanying financial statements:

- In 2018, property tax receipts of \$4,959 were incorrectly classified as Intergovernmental Revenue instead of Taxes in the General Fund.
- In 2017, local government receipts of \$2,025 were incorrectly posted as Miscellaneous Revenue instead of Intergovernmental in the General Fund.
- In 2018 and 2017, utility expenses of \$4,262 and \$4,231, respectively, were incorrectly posted as Transportation expenses instead of Basic Utilities in the Street Lighting Fund.
- In 2018 and 2017, principal and interest payments of \$6,539 and \$11,610, respectively, were incorrectly posted as Capital Outlay in the Enterprise Fund.
- In 2018 and 2017, General fund balances of \$109,288 and \$62,120, respectively, were incorrectly recorded as unassigned fund balances rather than assigned for subsequent year appropriations.

These errors were the result of inadequate policies and procedures in reviewing the financial statements. Failure to complete accurate financial statements could lead to Council making misinformed decisions. The accompanying financial statements, notes to the financial statements, and accounting records have been adjusted to correct these errors. Additional errors were noted in smaller relative amounts for additional reasons.

To help ensure the Village's financial statements and notes to the statements are complete and accurate, the Village should adopt policies and procedures, including a final review of the statements and notes by the Fiscal Officer and Council, to identify and correct errors and omissions. The Fiscal Officer should also review the Village Handbook, Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) Manual, and Audit Bulletin 2011-004 for information on GASB Statement No. 54.

**Officials' Response:**

We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding.

VILLAGE OF MOUNT CORY  
HANCOCK COUNTY

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017

<b>Finding Number</b>	<b>Finding Summary</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
2016-001	Finding first reported in 2008. Material weakness for inaccurate financial reporting.	No corrective action taken. Finding reissued as Finding 2018-001.	Additional errors occurred and were not detected. Fiscal Officer will recheck fund classification in the Uniform Accounting System.

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE  
**KEITH FABER**



**VILLAGE OF MOUNT CORY**

**HANCOCK COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**