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**CITY OF WICKLIFFE
LAKE COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

City of Wickliffe
Lake County
28730 Ridge Road
Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

To the City Council:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Wickliffe, Lake County, Ohio (the City), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are 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 City'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 City's internal control. Accordingly, we express no 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.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Wickliffe, Lake County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, during the year ended December 31, 2015, the City adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and also GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *Management's discussion and analysis*, and schedules of net pension liabilities and pension contributions listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 1, 2017, on our consideration of the City'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 City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

August 1, 2017

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Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

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The discussion and analysis of the City of Wickliffe's financial performance provides an overall review of the City's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the City's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for 2015 are as follows:

- ❑ In total, net position decreased \$2,262,973. Net position of governmental activities decreased \$2,083,784 from 2014. Net position of business-type activities decreased \$179,189 from 2014.
- ❑ General revenues accounted for \$13.2 million in revenue or 72% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for 28% of total revenues of \$18.6 million.
- ❑ The City had \$18.7 million in expenses related to governmental activities; only about \$3.4 million of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues (primarily taxes) of \$13.2 million were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- ❑ Among major funds, the general fund had \$12.2 million in revenues and \$12.8 million in expenditures. The general fund's fund balance decreased \$704,398 to \$4,456,510.
- ❑ Net position for enterprise funds decreased by \$179,189.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of two parts – *management's discussion and analysis* and the *basic financial statements*. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the City:

These statements are as follows:

1. *The Government-Wide Financial Statements* – These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the City's overall financial status.
2. *The Fund Financial Statements* – These statements focus on individual parts of the City, reporting the City's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data.

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Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the City as a whole using accepted methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Position includes all of the City's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the City's net position and how they have changed. Net-position (the difference between the City's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources) are one way to measure the City's financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the City's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the City you need to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as property tax base, current property tax laws, conditions of the City's streets and continued growth within the City.

The government-wide financial statements of the City are divided into two categories:

- *Governmental Activities* – Most of the City's program's and services are reported here including security of persons and property, public health and welfare services, leisure time activities, community environment, transportation and general government.
- *Business-Type Activities* – These services are provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all of the expenses of the goods or services provided. The City's sewer services are reported as business-type activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the City's most significant funds, not the City as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the City uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

Governmental Funds – Most of the City's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the City's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

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Proprietary Funds – Proprietary funds use the same basis of accounting as business-type activities; therefore, these statements will essentially match.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY AS A WHOLE

The following table provides a comparison of net position between 2015 and 2014:

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	Restated				Restated	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Current and other assets	\$9,971,682	\$10,665,778	\$1,248,990	\$1,420,943	\$11,220,672	\$12,086,721
Capital assets, Net	84,155,441	85,555,207	3,007,117	3,177,646	87,162,558	88,732,853
Total assets	<u>94,127,123</u>	<u>96,220,985</u>	<u>4,256,107</u>	<u>4,598,589</u>	<u>98,383,230</u>	<u>100,819,574</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>1,889,933</u>	<u>1,259,215</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,889,933</u>	<u>1,259,215</u>
Net pension liability	13,879,957	13,169,712	0	0	13,879,957	13,169,712
Other long-term liabilities	3,492,731	3,442,950	0	0	3,492,731	3,442,950
Other liabilities	664,231	861,585	3,204	166,497	667,435	1,028,082
Total liabilities	<u>18,036,919</u>	<u>17,474,247</u>	<u>3,204</u>	<u>166,497</u>	<u>18,040,123</u>	<u>17,640,744</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,927,108</u>	<u>1,869,140</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,927,108</u>	<u>1,869,140</u>
Net position (deficit):						
Net investment in capital assets	82,420,708	83,806,943	3,007,387	3,177,646	85,428,095	86,984,589
Restricted	723,352	741,174	0	0	723,352	741,174
Unrestricted	<u>(7,091,031)</u>	<u>(6,411,304)</u>	<u>1,245,516</u>	<u>1,254,446</u>	<u>(5,845,515)</u>	<u>(5,156,858)</u>
Total net deficit	<u>\$76,053,029</u>	<u>\$78,136,813</u>	<u>\$4,252,903</u>	<u>\$4,432,092</u>	<u>\$80,305,932</u>	<u>\$82,568,905</u>

During 2015, the City adopted GASB Statement 68, “Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions— an Amendment of GASB Statement 27,” which significantly revises accounting for pension costs and liabilities. For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the City’s actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and the net pension liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension.

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Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. When accounting for pension costs, GASB 27 focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's net pension liability. GASB 68 takes an earnings approach to pension accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension systems and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

Under the new standards required by GASB 68, the net pension liability equals the City's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service
2. Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits

GASB notes that pension obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this pension promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the City is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of this liability. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the pension system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension system as against the public employer. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The pension system is responsible for the administration of the plan.

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Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability. As explained above, changes in pension benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of the net pension liability, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required pension payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability is satisfied, this liability is separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

In accordance with GASB 68, the City's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense for their proportionate share of each plan's change in net pension liability not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

As a result of implementing GASB 68, the City is reporting a net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pension on the accrual basis of accounting. This implementation also had the effect of restating net position at December 31, 2014, from \$90,047,310 to a net position of \$78,136,813 in governmental activities.

At fiscal year-end for governmental activities, capital assets represented 89% of total assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, and vehicles. Net investment in capital assets, at December 31, 2015 was \$82,420,708. These capital assets are used to provide services to the public and are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A portion of the City's net position, \$723,352, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. Excluding the effect of implementing GASB 68, the City has approximately \$6 million in unrestricted net position which may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to the public and creditors.

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Changes in Net position – The following table shows the changes in net position for the fiscal year 2015 and 2014:

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Revenues						
Program revenues:						
Charges for Services and Sales	\$1,958,434	\$1,976,067	\$1,920,021	\$1,888,390	\$3,878,455	\$3,864,457
Operating Grants and Contributions	827,986	826,849	0	0	827,986	826,849
Capital Grants and Contributions	666,523	62,792	0	0	666,523	62,792
General revenues:						
Property Taxes	2,047,001	2,206,496	0	0	2,047,001	2,206,496
Municipal Income Taxes	9,821,346	9,689,466	0	0	9,821,346	9,689,466
Other Local Taxes	226,387	220,607	0	0	226,387	220,607
Grants and Entitlements	1,112,629	1,037,437	0	0	1,112,629	1,037,437
Investment Earnings	8,710	8,908	0	0	8,710	8,908
Miscellaneous	0	13,992	0	0	0	13,992
Total revenues	<u>16,669,016</u>	<u>16,042,614</u>	<u>1,920,021</u>	<u>1,888,390</u>	<u>18,589,037</u>	<u>17,931,004</u>
Program Expenses:						
Security of Persons and Property	7,598,134	7,150,137	0	0	7,598,134	7,150,137
Public Health and Welfare Services	40,715	46,965	0	0	40,715	46,965
Leisure Time Activities	1,125,198	1,264,364	0	0	1,125,198	1,264,364
Community Environment	218,880	211,403	0	0	218,880	211,403
Basic Utility Services	520,082	1,225,765	0	0	520,082	1,225,765
Transportation	3,987,819	3,758,324	0	0	3,987,819	3,758,324
General Government	5,186,465	4,985,370	0	0	5,186,465	4,985,370
Interest and Fiscal Charges	75,507	79,716	0	0	75,507	79,716
Sewer	0	0	2,099,210	2,208,883	2,099,210	2,208,883
Total expenses	<u>18,752,800</u>	<u>18,722,044</u>	<u>2,099,210</u>	<u>2,208,883</u>	<u>20,852,010</u>	<u>20,930,927</u>
Total Change in Net Position	(2,083,784)	(2,679,430)	(179,189)	(320,493)	(2,262,973)	(2,999,923)
Beginning Net Position, Restated	<u>78,136,813</u>	<u>92,726,740</u>	<u>4,432,092</u>	<u>4,752,585</u>	<u>82,568,905</u>	<u>97,479,325</u>
Ending Net Position	<u>\$76,053,029</u>	<u>\$90,047,310</u>	<u>\$4,252,903</u>	<u>\$4,432,092</u>	<u>\$80,305,932</u>	<u>\$94,479,402</u>

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The information necessary to restate the 2014 beginning balances and the 2014 pension expense amounts for the effects of the initial implementation of GASB 68 is not available. Therefore, 2014 functional expenses still include pension expense of \$1,259,215 for Governmental Activities computed under GASB 27. GASB 27 required recognizing pension expense equal to the contractually required contributions to the plan. Under GASB 68, pension expense represents additional amounts earned, adjusted by deferred inflows/outflows. The contractually required contribution is no longer a component of pension expense. Under GASB 68, the 2015 statements report pension expense of \$1,394,901 for Governmental Activities.

Consequently, in order to compare 2015 total program expenses to 2014, the following adjustments are needed:

	Governmental Activities
Total 2015 program expenses under GASB 68	\$18,752,800
Pension expense under GASB 68	(1,394,901)
2015 contractually required contribution	1,258,525
Adjusted 2015 program expenses	18,616,424
Total 2014 program expenses under GASB 27	18,722,044
Change in program expenses not related to pension	(\$105,620)

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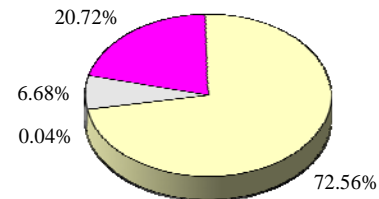
Governmental Activities

Net position of the City's governmental activities decreased by \$2,083,784. For the past three years expenses have exceeded revenues. We have experienced significant revenue cuts in areas such as the local government fund, estate tax and personal property tax. At the same time we have experienced a 2% contract wage increase which also had an adverse effect on the overall financial position.

The City also receives an income tax, which is based on 2% of all salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation earned from residents living within the City and from nonresidents for work done or services performed or rendered in the City.

Property taxes and income taxes made up 12% and 59% respectively of revenues for governmental activities for the City in fiscal year 2015. The City's reliance upon tax revenues is demonstrated by the following graph indicating 72.56% of total revenues from general tax revenues:

Revenue Sources	2015	Percent of Total
General Shared Revenues	\$1,112,629	6.68%
Program Revenues	3,452,943	20.72%
General Tax Revenues	12,094,734	72.56%
General Other	8,710	0.04%
Total Revenue	\$16,669,016	100.00%



Business-Type Activities

Net position of the business-type activities decreased by \$179,189. The only business-type activity the City operates is the Sewer Fund. Net position is heavily influenced by wet weather which causes sanitary system infiltration resulting in higher operating costs.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY'S FUNDS

The City's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$6,564,950, which is a decrease from last year's balance of \$7,035,619. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance by major fund and other governmental funds as of December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	Fund Balance December 31, 2015	Fund Balance December 31, 2014	Increase (Decrease)
General	\$4,456,510	\$5,160,908	(\$704,398)
Debt Service	118,876	111,096	7,780
Capital Projects	1,055,105	941,805	113,300
Other Governmental	934,459	821,810	112,649
Total	\$6,564,950	\$7,035,619	(\$470,669)

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General Fund – The City's General Fund balance decrease is due to many factors. The tables that follow assist in illustrating the financial activities and balance of the General Fund:

	2015	2014	Increase
	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
Taxes	\$9,847,187	\$9,165,252	\$681,935
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,180,885	1,125,860	55,025
Charges for Services	283,061	342,749	(59,688)
Licenses and Permits	668,802	639,152	29,650
Fines and Forfeitures	155,651	142,441	13,210
Investment Earnings	8,710	8,908	(198)
All Other Revenue	101,606	109,493	(7,887)
Total	<u>\$12,245,902</u>	<u>\$11,533,855</u>	<u>\$712,047</u>

General Fund revenues in 2015 increased by 6.2% compared to revenues in fiscal year 2014. The reason for the most significant increase was an increase in tax revenue and intergovernmental revenue for the year.

	2015	2014	Increase
	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
Security of Persons and Property	\$6,301,547	\$6,374,679	(\$73,132)
Public Health and Welfare Services	12,292	11,275	1,017
Leisure Time Activities	237,675	283,420	(45,745)
Community Environment	200,442	231,018	(30,576)
Basic Utility Services	130,327	836,364	(706,037)
Transportation	1,257,533	1,241,979	15,554
General Government	4,647,268	4,616,367	30,901
Total	<u>\$12,787,084</u>	<u>\$13,595,102</u>	<u>(\$808,018)</u>

General Fund expenditures in 2015 decreased by 5.9% compared to the prior year, thus expenses were rather consistent between 2014 and 2015.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET INFORMATION

The City's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

During the course of fiscal year 2015, the City amended its General Fund budget several times, none significant.

For the General Fund, final budgeted revenue of \$11.7 million did not change over the original budget estimates of \$11.7 million. The General Fund had an adequate fund balance to cover expenditures.

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CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2015, the City had \$87,162,558 net of accumulated depreciation invested in land, improvements, infrastructure, buildings and machinery and equipment. Of this total, \$84,155,441 was related to governmental activities and \$3,007,117 to the business-type activities. The following table shows fiscal year 2015 and 2014 balances:

	Governmental Activities		Increase (Decrease)
	2015	2014	
Land	\$19,162,320	\$19,162,320	\$0
Buildings	11,720,183	11,720,183	0
Improvements Other Than Buildings	4,188,045	4,182,815	5,230
Machinery and Equipment	10,557,375	10,362,468	194,907
Infrastructure	77,216,770	76,472,089	744,681
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(38,689,252)	(36,344,668)	(2,344,584)
Totals	\$84,155,441	\$85,555,207	(\$1,399,766)

	Business-Type Activities		Increase (Decrease)
	2015	2014	
Utility Structures in Service	\$11,570,120	\$11,570,120	\$0
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(8,563,003)	(8,392,474)	(170,529)
Totals	\$3,007,117	\$3,177,646	(\$170,529)

The primary increase occurred in infrastructure. Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in Note 9.

Debt

The City had \$1.5 million in general obligation bonds outstanding at December 31, 2015, \$120,000 due within one year. The following table summarizes the City's liabilities outstanding as of December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	2015	2014
Governmental Activities:		
General Obligation Bonds	\$1,480,000	\$1,595,000
OPWC Loans Payable	254,733	153,264
Compensated Absences	1,757,998	1,694,686
Net Pension Liability	13,879,957	11,910,497
Total Governmental Activities	\$17,372,688	\$15,353,447

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Unaudited

State statutes limit the amount of unvoted general obligation debt the City may issue. The aggregate amount of the City's unvoted debt is also subject to overlapping debt restrictions with other political subdivisions. The actual aggregate amount of the City's unvoted debt, when added to that of other political subdivisions within the respective counties in which Wickliffe lies, is limited to ten mills. At December 31, 2015, the City's outstanding debt was below the legal limit. Additional information on the City's long-term debt can be found in Note 13.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

At the conclusion of 2015, the City still maintained a healthy unencumbered General Fund balance of \$2.7 million. However, moving forward the economic downturn is a factor still affecting City operations.

Though expenses tend to increase from year to year, the bigger issue recently is the loss of revenue resulting from the State's reduction of local government fund allocations as well as the elimination of the estate and personal property tax. In an effort to maintain quality services city leaders are working together to identify new revenue sources and new ways to operate more efficiently. As always, the City will continue to make business decisions in a manner that will best serve our residents both now and in the foreseeable future.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact the Finance Department by calling 440-943-7117 or writing to City of Wickliffe Finance Department, 28730 Ridge Road, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092.

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CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2015

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,727,115	\$ 544,244	\$ 6,271,359
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agent	966	0	966
Receivables:			
Taxes	3,116,458	0	3,116,458
Accounts	37,538	704,746	742,284
Intergovernmental	930,000	0	930,000
Interest	11	0	11
Special Assessments	23,794	0	23,794
Inventory of Supplies at Cost	109,445	0	109,445
Prepaid Items	26,355	0	26,355
Capital Assets:			
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	19,162,320	0	19,162,320
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	64,993,121	3,007,117	68,000,238
Total Assets	94,127,123	4,256,107	98,383,230
Deferred Outflows of Resources:			
Pension	1,889,933	0	1,889,933
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	294,312	3,204	297,516
Accrued Wages and Benefits	363,262	0	363,262
Matured Bonds & Interest Payable	966	0	966
Accrued Interest Payable	5,691	0	5,691
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	334,356	0	334,356
Net Pension Liability	13,879,957	0	13,879,957
Due in More Than One Year	3,158,375	0	3,158,375
Total Liabilities	18,036,919	3,204	18,040,123
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Property Tax Levy for Next Fiscal Year	1,870,259	0	1,870,259
Pension	56,849	0	56,849
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,927,108	0	1,927,108
Net Position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	82,420,708	3,007,387	85,428,095
Restricted For:			
Debt Service	136,440	0	136,440
Other Purposes	586,912	0	586,912
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(7,091,031)	1,245,516	(5,845,515)
Total Net Position	\$ 76,053,029	\$ 4,252,903	\$ 80,305,932

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Expenses	Program Revenues		
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
Governmental Activities:				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property	\$ 7,598,134	\$ 466,504	\$ 0	\$ 0
Public Health and Welfare Services	40,715	6,030	46,067	0
Leisure Time Activities	1,125,198	309,897	98,494	0
Community Environment	218,880	338,375	0	0
Basic Utility Services	520,082	347,676	0	0
Transportation	3,987,819	0	683,425	666,523
General Government	5,186,465	489,952	0	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	75,507	0	0	0
Total Governmental Activities	18,752,800	1,958,434	827,986	666,523
Business-Type Activities:				
Sewer	2,099,210	1,920,021	0	0
Total Business-Type Activities	2,099,210	1,920,021	0	0
Totals	\$ 20,852,010	\$ 3,878,455	\$ 827,986	\$ 666,523

General Revenues

Property Taxes
Municipal Income Taxes
Other Local Taxes
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs
Investment Earnings
Total General Revenues

Change in Net Position

Net Position Beginning of Year
Net Position End of Year

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Net (Expense) Revenue
and Changes in Net Position

Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
\$ (7,131,630)	\$ 0	\$ (7,131,630)
11,382	0	11,382
(716,807)	0	(716,807)
119,495	0	119,495
(172,406)	0	(172,406)
(2,637,871)	0	(2,637,871)
(4,696,513)	0	(4,696,513)
(75,507)	0	(75,507)
<u>(15,299,857)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(15,299,857)</u>
0	(179,189)	(179,189)
<u>0</u>	<u>(179,189)</u>	<u>(179,189)</u>
<u>(15,299,857)</u>	<u>(179,189)</u>	<u>(15,479,046)</u>
2,047,001	0	2,047,001
9,821,346	0	9,821,346
226,387	0	226,387
1,112,629	0	1,112,629
8,710	0	8,710
<u>13,216,073</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,216,073</u>
(2,083,784)	(179,189)	(2,262,973)
78,136,813	4,432,092	82,568,905
<u>\$ 76,053,029</u>	<u>\$ 4,252,903</u>	<u>\$ 80,305,932</u>

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2015

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects
Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,439,236	\$ 118,876	\$ 1,236,702
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agent	0	966	0
Receivables:			
Taxes	2,304,680	174,126	490,500
Accounts	37,538	0	0
Intergovernmental	544,542	12,862	47,295
Interest	11	0	0
Special Assessments	0	0	0
Interfund Loans Receivables	100,000	0	0
Inventory of Supplies, at Cost	109,445	0	0
Prepaid Items	26,355	0	0
Total Assets	\$ 6,561,807	\$ 306,830	\$ 1,774,497
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	98,560	0	192,662
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	361,529	0	0
Matured Bonds and Interest Payable	0	966	0
Interfund Loans Payable	0	0	0
Compensated Absences Payable	26,133	0	0
Total Liabilities	486,222	966	192,662
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Unavailable Amounts	512,140	23,255	65,507
Property Tax for Next Fiscal Year	1,106,935	163,733	461,223
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,619,075	186,988	526,730
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable	135,800	0	0
Restricted	0	118,876	0
Committed	3,658	0	1,055,105
Assigned	136,209	0	0
Unassigned	4,180,843	0	0
Total Fund Balances	4,456,510	118,876	1,055,105
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources			
and Fund Balances	\$ 6,561,807	\$ 306,830	\$ 1,774,497

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 932,301	\$ 5,727,115
0	966
147,152	3,116,458
0	37,538
325,301	930,000
0	11
23,794	23,794
0	100,000
0	109,445
0	26,355
\$ 1,428,548	\$ 10,071,682
3,090	294,312
1,733	363,262
0	966
100,000	100,000
0	26,133
104,823	784,673
250,898	851,800
138,368	1,870,259
389,266	2,722,059
0	135,800
347,522	466,398
593,941	1,652,704
0	136,209
(7,004)	4,173,839
934,459	6,564,950
\$ 1,428,548	\$ 10,071,682

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Reconciliation Of Total Governmental Fund Balances To Net Position Of Governmental Activities December 31, 2015

Total Governmental Fund Balances \$ 6,564,950

*Amounts reported for governmental activities in the
statement of net position are different because*

Capital Assets used in governmental activities are not
resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. 84,155,441

Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-
period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.

Municipal Income Taxes	63,289	
Property Taxes	118,719	
Special Assessments	23,794	
Intergovernmental	<u>645,998</u>	851,800

The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period;
therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not
reported in governmental funds:

Deferred Outflows - Pension	1,889,933	
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(56,849)	
Net Pension Liability	<u>(13,879,957)</u>	(12,046,873)

Accrued interest on outstanding debt is not due and payable in
the current period and, therefore, is not reported in the funds:
it is reported when due. (5,691)

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due
and payable in the current period and therefore are not
reported in the funds.

General Obligation Bonds Payable	(1,480,000)	
Ohio Public Works Commission Loan Payable	(254,733)	
Compensated Absences Payable	<u>(1,731,865)</u>	<u>(3,466,598)</u>

Net Position of Governmental Activities **\$ 76,053,029**

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CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$ 1,167,347	\$ 172,665	\$ 497,483
Municipal Income Tax	8,453,453	0	1,354,288
Other Local Taxes	226,387	0	0
State Levied Shared Taxes	1,002,589	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	178,296	26,006	315,820
Charges for Services	283,061	0	0
Licenses and Permits	668,802	0	0
Investment Earnings	8,710	0	0
Special Assessments	0	0	1,496
Fines and Forfeitures	155,651	0	0
All Other Revenue	101,606	0	433,528
Total Revenue	<u>12,245,902</u>	<u>198,671</u>	<u>2,602,615</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property	6,301,547	0	0
Public Health and Welfare Services	12,292	0	0
Leisure Time Activities	237,675	0	0
Community Environment	200,442	0	0
Basic Utility Services	130,327	0	0
Transportation	1,257,533	0	0
General Government	4,647,268	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	2,616,847
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	0	115,000	44,059
Interest & Fiscal Charges	0	75,891	0
Total Expenditures	<u>12,787,084</u>	<u>190,891</u>	<u>2,660,906</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(541,182)	7,780	(58,291)

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 149,238	\$ 1,986,733
0	9,807,741
0	226,387
643,589	1,646,178
159,035	679,157
217,252	500,313
0	668,802
0	8,710
393,653	395,149
0	155,651
89,305	624,439
<hr/> 1,652,072	<hr/> 16,699,260

172,568	6,474,115
28,423	40,715
452,922	690,597
0	200,442
349,014	479,341
673,311	1,930,844
60,393	4,707,661
0	2,616,847
0	159,059
0	75,891
<hr/> 1,736,631	<hr/> 17,375,512

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CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Sale of Capital Assets	0	0	23,465
OPWC Loans Issued	0	0	145,528
Transfers In	0	0	2,598
Transfers Out	(199,806)	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(199,806)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>171,591</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(740,988)	7,780	113,300
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	5,160,908	111,096	941,805
Increase in Inventory Reserve	36,590	0	0
Fund Balances End of Year	<u>\$ 4,456,510</u>	<u>\$ 118,876</u>	<u>\$ 1,055,105</u>

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CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

0	23,465
0	145,528
197,208	199,806
0	(199,806)
<u>197,208</u>	<u>168,993</u>
112,649	(507,259)
821,810	7,035,619
0	36,590
<u>\$ 934,459</u>	<u>\$ 6,564,950</u>

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Reconciliation Of The Statement Of Revenues, Expenditures And Changes In Fund Balances Of Governmental Funds To The Statement Of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ (507,259)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current period.

Capital Outlay	1,153,754	
Depreciation	(2,544,224)	(1,390,470)

Governmental funds only report the disposal of assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. This is the amount of the loss on the disposal of capital assets net of proceeds received. (9,296)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.

Municipal Income Taxes	13,605	
Property Taxes	(60,970)	
Special Assessments	(9,372)	
Intergovernmental	3,028	(53,709)

Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows. 1,258,525

Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension liability are reported as pension expense in the statement of activities. (1,394,901)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, but has no effect on net position. In addition, repayment of bond, note and capital lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

General Obligation Bonds Principal	115,000	
OPWC Loan Principal	44,059	
OPWC Loans Issued	(145,528)	13,531

Interest is reported as an expenditure when due in the governmental funds but is accrued on outstanding debt on the statement of net position. Premiums are reported as revenues when the debt is first issued; however, these amounts are deferred and amortized on the statement of net position.

Accrued Interest Payable		384
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Some expenses reported on the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Increase in Supplies Inventory	36,590	
Decrease in Compensated Absences Payable	(37,179)	(589)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ (2,083,784)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance – Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 1,111,750	\$ 1,111,750	\$ 1,167,347	\$ 55,597
Municipal Income Tax	8,142,950	8,142,950	8,407,447	264,497
Other Local Taxes	217,100	217,100	229,411	12,311
State Levied Shared Taxes	952,626	952,626	998,124	45,498
Intergovernmental Revenue	178,130	178,130	175,816	(2,314)
Charges for Services	340,000	340,000	298,018	(41,982)
Licenses and Permits	522,100	522,100	663,802	141,702
Investment Earnings	5,600	5,600	8,707	3,107
Fines and Forfeitures	139,700	139,700	158,089	18,389
All Other Revenues	115,350	115,350	104,497	(10,853)
Total Revenues	<u>11,725,306</u>	<u>11,725,306</u>	<u>12,211,258</u>	<u>485,952</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property	6,580,516	6,580,516	6,478,196	102,320
Public Health and Welfare Services	15,500	15,500	12,571	2,929
Leisure Time Activities	277,452	276,952	245,768	31,184
Community Environment	203,069	194,569	181,186	13,383
Basic Utility Services	121,604	123,104	179,706	(56,602)
Transportation	1,319,264	1,383,264	1,310,561	72,703
General Government	4,826,388	4,826,388	4,722,448	103,940
Total Expenditures	<u>13,343,793</u>	<u>13,400,293</u>	<u>13,130,436</u>	<u>269,857</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,618,487)	(1,674,987)	(919,178)	755,809
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers Out	(228,155)	(228,155)	(224,806)	3,349
Advances In	400,000	400,000	400,000	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses):	<u>171,845</u>	<u>171,845</u>	<u>175,194</u>	<u>3,349</u>
Net Change In Fund Balance	(1,446,642)	(1,503,142)	(743,984)	759,158
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	3,223,714	3,223,714	3,223,714	0
Prior Year Encumbrances	205,780	205,780	205,780	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$ 1,982,852</u>	<u>\$ 1,926,352</u>	<u>\$ 2,685,510</u>	<u>\$ 759,158</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Statement of Fund Net Position
Proprietary Funds
December 31, 2015

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund <u>Sewer</u>
Assets:	
<i>Current Assets:</i>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 544,244
Receivables:	
Accounts	<u>704,746</u>
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	1,248,990
<i>Non Current Assets:</i>	
Capital Assets, Net	<u>3,007,117</u>
Total Assets	<u>4,256,107</u>
Liabilities:	
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>	
Accounts Payable	<u>3,204</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>3,204</u>
Net Position:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,007,117
Unrestricted	<u>1,245,786</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 4,252,903</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund <u>Sewer</u>
Operating Revenues:	
Charges for Services	\$ 1,920,021
Total Operating Revenues	<u>1,920,021</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Contractual Services	1,928,681
Depreciation	<u>170,529</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>2,099,210</u>
Operating Loss	(179,189)
Net Position Beginning of Year	<u>4,432,092</u>
Net Position End of Year	<u>\$ 4,252,903</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds <u>Sewer</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</u>	
Cash Received from Customers	\$1,942,295
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	<u>(2,091,974)</u>
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	<u>(149,679)</u>
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(149,679)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	<u>693,923</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u><u>\$544,244</u></u>
<u>Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash</u>	
<u>Used by Operating Activities:</u>	
Operating Loss	(179,189)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation Expense	170,529
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	22,274
Increase in Accounts Payable	2,304
Decrease in Intergovernmental Payables	<u>(165,597)</u>
Total Adjustments	<u>29,510</u>
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	<u><u>(\$149,679)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City of Wickliffe, Ohio (the City) is a home-rule municipal corporation created under the laws of the State of Ohio. The current Charter, which provides for a Council-Mayor form of government was adopted on July 17, 1951, and has subsequently been amended.

The accompanying basic financial statements of the City are presented as of December 31, 2015 and for the year then ended and have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) applicable to local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (the "GASB") is the standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles, which are primarily set forth in the GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards (GASB Codification).

A. Reporting Entity

The accompanying basic financial statements comply with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 14, "*The Financial Reporting Entity*," as amended by GASB Statement No. 61 "*The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus; an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*," in that the financial statements include all organizations, activities, functions and component units for which the City (the primary government) is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the appointment of a voting majority of a legally separate organization's governing body and either (1) the City's ability to impose its will over the organization, or (2) the potential that the organization will provide a financial benefit to, or impose a financial burden on, the City.

Based on the foregoing, the City's financial reporting entity has no component units but includes all funds, agencies, boards and commissions that are part of the primary government, which includes the following services: police and fire protection, emergency medical, parks, recreation, planning, zoning, street maintenance and other governmental services. In addition, the City owns and maintains the wastewater collection system which is reported as an enterprise fund. Wastewater treatment services are provided to the City of Wickliffe by the City of Euclid, Ohio, which owns and operates the wastewater treatment facilities.

The City is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC). NOPEC is a regional council of governments formed under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. NOPEC was formed to serve as a vehicle for communities wishing to proceed jointly with an aggregation program for the purchase of electricity and natural gas. NOPEC is currently comprised of over 100 communities who have been authorized by ballot to purchase electricity and natural gas on behalf of their citizens. The intent of NOPEC is to provide electricity and natural gas at the lowest possible rates while at the same time insuring stability in prices by entering into long-term contracts with suppliers to provide electricity and natural gas to the citizens of its member communities.

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Reporting Entity (Continued)

NOPEC is governed by a General Assembly made up of one representative from each member community. The representatives from each county then elect one person to serve on the eight-member NOPEC Board of Directors. The Board oversees and manages the operation of the aggregation program. The degree of control exercised by any participating government is limited to its representation in the General Assembly and on the Board. The City of Wickliffe did not contribute to NOPEC during 2015. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Ronald McVoy, Board Chairman, 31360 Solon Road, Suite 33, Solon, Ohio 44139.

The accounting policies and financial reporting practices of the City conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of its significant accounting policies:

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The accounting system is organized and operated on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues and expenditures (expenses). The following fund types are used by the City:

Governmental Funds

The governmental funds are those funds through which most governmental functions are typically financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the City's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of "financial flow" (sources, uses and balances of financial resources). The following are the City's major governmental funds:

General Fund - This fund is used to account for all financial resources except those accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the City for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio and the limitations of the City Charter.

Debt Service Fund - This fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the principal and interest payments on the City's debt.

Capital Projects Fund - This fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

The other governmental funds of the City account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting (Continued)

Proprietary Funds

All proprietary funds are accounted for on an "economic resources" measurement focus. This measurement focus provides that all assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position.

Enterprise Funds - These funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. The City's major enterprise fund is:

Sewer Fund - This fund is used to account for the operation of the City's sanitary sewer service.

C. Basis of Presentation - Financial Statements

Government-wide Financial Statements - The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the City as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the City that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. This is the same approach used in the preparation of the proprietary fund financial statements but differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each segment of the business-type activities of the City and for each function or program of the City's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the City, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the City.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Presentation – Financial Statements (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements – Fund financial statements report detailed information about the City. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The financial statements for governmental funds are a balance sheet, which generally includes only current assets and deferred outflows of resources and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances, which reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

All proprietary fund types are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net position. The statement of changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the City finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting represents the methodology utilized in the recognition of revenues and expenditures or expenses reported in the financial statements. The accounting and reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the governmental funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. The term "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period, which the City considers to be 60 days after year end. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the City receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include income taxes, property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from income taxes is recognized in the period in which the income is earned and is available. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied and the revenue is available. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the City must provide local

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***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

resources to be used for a specific purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the City on a reimbursement basis. Revenues considered susceptible to accrual at year end include income taxes, interest on investments, and state levied locally shared taxes, including motor vehicle license fees and local government assistance. Other revenues, including licenses, permits, certain charges for services, and miscellaneous revenues are recorded when received in cash, because generally these revenues are not measurable until received.

Special assessment installments, which are measurable, but not available at December 31, are recorded as deferred inflow of resources – unavailable amount. Property taxes measurable as of December 31, 2015, but which are not intended to finance 2015 operations and delinquent property taxes, whose availability is indeterminate, are recorded as deferred inflow of resources.

The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes by the proprietary funds and fiduciary funds. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses/expenditures) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. On the government-wide statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet, property taxes that are intended to finance future fiscal periods are reported as deferred inflows. In addition, the governmental funds balance sheet reports deferred inflows which arise only under a modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, the item, *unavailable amounts*, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable amounts for delinquent property taxes, income taxes, special assessments, and state levied shared taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

F. Budgetary Process

The annual budgetary process is prescribed by Charter and by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation ordinance, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation ordinance are subject to amendment throughout the year.

All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated; however, only certain major governmental funds are required to be reported. The primary level of budgetary control for all funds involving operations is at the object level within each department. Certain funds are appropriated at the minimum level of budgetary control (personal services) as required by Ohio Revised Code section 5705.38 (c) due to the restricted nature of the use of these funds. Budgetary modifications may only be made by ordinance of the City Council.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Budgetary Process (Continued)

1. Tax Budget

By July 15, the Mayor submits an annual tax budget for the following fiscal year to City Council for consideration and passage. The adopted budget is submitted to the County Auditor, as secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20th of each year, for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year.

2. Estimated Resources

The County Budget Commission determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy all or part of previously authorized taxes and reviews estimated revenue. The Budget Commission then certifies its actions to the City by September 1st of each year. As part of the certification process the City receives an official certificate of estimated resources which states the projected receipts by fund. Prior to December 31, the City must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount available as stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriations measure. On or about January 1, the certificate of estimated resources is amended to include any unencumbered fund balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if a new source of revenue is identified or actual receipts exceed current estimates. The amounts reported on the budgetary statement reflect the amounts in the first and final amended official certificate of estimated resources issued during 2015.

3. Appropriations

A temporary appropriation ordinance to control expenditures may be passed on or about January 1st of each year for the period January 1 through March 31. An annual appropriation ordinance must be passed by April 1st of each year for the period January 1 through December 31. The appropriation ordinance establishes spending controls at the object level within each department for all funds involving operations. The appropriation ordinance may be amended during the year as additional information becomes available, provided that total fund appropriations do not exceed the current estimated resources as certified. The allocation of appropriations among funds at the object level within each department may be modified during the year by an ordinance of City Council. The budgetary figures which appear in the "Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances—Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis—General Fund)" is provided on the budgetary basis to provide a comparison of actual results with the final budget, including all amendments and modifications.

4. Lapsing of Appropriations

At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year and need not be reappropriated.

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Budgetary Process (Continued)

5. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The City's budgetary process accounts for certain transactions on a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The major differences between the budgetary basis and the GAAP basis lie in the manner in which revenues and expenditures are recorded. Under the budgetary basis, revenues are recorded when received in cash and expenditures are recorded when paid or encumbered. Under the GAAP basis, revenues and expenditures are recorded on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statement to the budgetary basis statement for the general fund:

Net Change In Fund Balance	General Fund
GAAP Basis (as reported)	(\$740,988)
Increase (Decrease):	
Accrued Revenues at December 31, 2015 received during 2016	(2,080,137)
Accrued Revenues at December 31, 2014 received during 2015	2,445,493
Accrued Expenditures at December 31, 2015 paid during 2016	486,222
Accrued Expenditures at December 31, 2014 paid during 2015	(813,484)
2014 Prepays for 2015	23,593
2015 Prepays for 2016	(26,355)
Encumbrances Outstanding	(37,626)
Perspective Difference:	
Activity of Funds Reclassified for GAAP Reporting Purposes	(702)
Budget Basis	(\$743,984)

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits, The State Treasury Asset Reserve (STAR Ohio) and short-term certificates of deposit with an original maturity of three months or less. Certificates of deposit meeting the previously noted maturity limit and STAR Ohio are considered cash equivalents because they are highly liquid investments.

The City pools its cash for investment and resource management purposes. Each fund's equity in pooled cash and investments represents the balance on hand as if each had maintained its own cash and investment account. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the proprietary fund considers its share of equity in pooled certificates of deposit with original maturities of three months or less and STAR Ohio to be cash equivalents. See Note 5, "Pooled Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments."

H. Investments

Investment procedures and interest allocations are restricted by provisions of the Ohio Constitution and the Ohio Revised Code. Certificates of deposit with original maturities of more than three months are reported as investments in the basic financial statements. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*," the City records all its investments at fair value except for nonparticipating investment contracts (certificates of deposit) which are reported at cost. See Note 5 "Pooled Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments." The City allocates all interest on pooled investments to the General Fund.

The City has invested funds in the STAR Ohio during 2015. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price, which is the price the investment could be sold for on December 31, 2015.

During the year, the City invested in repurchase agreements, but at year end the City was not invested in any repurchase agreements.

I. Inventory

Inventory is stated at cost (first-in, first-out) in the governmental funds, and at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market in the proprietary fund. The costs of inventory items are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds when purchased and expenses in the proprietary fund when used.

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

J. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2015, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

K. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$2,000. The accounting and reporting treatment applied to capital assets is determined by their ultimate use:

1. Property, Plant and Equipment - Governmental Activities

Governmental activities capital assets are those not directly related to the business type funds. These generally are acquired or constructed for governmental activities and are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds and are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost for assets not purchased in recent years). These assets are reported in the Governmental Activities column of the Government-wide Statement of Net Position, but they are not reported in the Fund Financial Statements. All infrastructure acquired prior to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 34, "*Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*", has been reported.

2. Property, Plant and Equipment – Business Type Activities

Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair market value at the date received. Capital assets include land, buildings, building improvements, machinery, equipment and infrastructure. Infrastructure is defined as long-lived capital assets that normally are stationary in nature and normally can be preserved for a significant number of years. Examples of infrastructure include roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems and lighting systems. Estimated historical costs for governmental activities capital asset values were initially determined by identifying historical costs when such information was available. In cases where information supporting original cost was not obtainable, estimated historical costs were developed. For certain capital assets, the estimates were arrived at by indexing estimated current costs back to the estimated year of acquisition.

Property, plant and equipment acquired by the proprietary funds are stated at cost (or estimated historical cost), including interest capitalized during construction and architectural and engineering fees where applicable. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair market value at the date received. These assets are reported in both the Business-Type Activities column of the Government-wide Statement of Net Position and in the respective funds.

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

K. Capital Assets and Depreciation (Continued)

3. Depreciation

All capital assets are depreciated, excluding land. Depreciation has been provided using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental and Business-Type Activities Estimated Lives (in years)</u>
Buildings	15 - 40
Improvements other than Buildings	65
Infrastructure	10 - 50
Machinery, Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures	5 - 10

L. Long-Term Obligations

Long-Term obligations are being repaid from the following funds:

<u>Obligation</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Compensated Absences	General Fund
General Obligation Bonds	Debt Service Fund

M. Compensated Absences

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences," vacation, sick time and compensatory time are accrued as liabilities when an employee's right to receive compensation is attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the employee will be compensated through paid time off or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement. Leave time that has been earned, but is unavailable for use as paid time off or as some other form of compensation because an employee has not met the minimum service time requirement, is accrued to the extent that it is considered to be probable that the conditions for compensation will be met in the future.

For governmental funds, that portion of unpaid compensated absences that has matured and is expected to be paid using expendable, available resources is reported as an expenditure in the fund from which the individual earning the leave is paid, and a corresponding liability is reflected in the account "Compensated Absences Payable." In the government wide statement of net position, "Compensated Absences Payable" is recorded within the "Due within one year" account and the long-term portion of the liability is recorded within the "Due in more than one year" account.

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

N. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflow of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the City or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

The City applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

O. Fund Balances

In the fund financial statements, fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the City is bound to honor constraints on the specific purpose for which amounts in the funds can be spent. Fund balance is reported in five components – nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

Nonspendable – Nonspendable fund balance includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – Restricted fund balance consists of amounts that have constraints placed on them either externally by third parties (creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments) or by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Enabling legislation authorizes the City to assess, levy, charge or otherwise mandate payment of resources (from external resource providers) and includes a legally enforceable requirement (compelled by external parties) that those resources be used only for the specific purposes stipulated in the legislation.

Committed – Committed fund balance consists of amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the City's highest level of decision making authority. For the City, these constraints consist of ordinances passed by City Council. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance) it employed previously to commit those amounts.

Assigned – Assigned fund balance consists of amounts that are constrained by the City's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The City has no formal policy authorizing a body or official to assign amounts for specific purposes.

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

O. Fund Balances (Continued)

Unassigned – Unassigned fund balance consists of amounts that have not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund as well as negative fund balances in all other governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted (committed, assigned and unassigned) resources as they are needed.

P. Pensions

The provision for pension costs is recorded when the related payroll is accrued and the obligation is incurred.

Q. Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after nonoperating revenues/expenses in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues. In addition, interfund transfers between governmental funds are eliminated for reporting on the government-wide financial statements. Only transfers between governmental activities and business-type activities are reported on the statement of activities.

R. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

S. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the City, these revenues are charges for services for wastewater collection and treatment. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the fund. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

T. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the City Council and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal year 2015.

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***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 2 – CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE AND RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION

In 2015 the City implemented the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, “Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions” and GASB Statement No. 71, “Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68.” GASB 68 established standards for measuring and recognizing pension liabilities, deferred outflows of resources deferred inflows of resources and expense/expenditure.

The implementation of GASB 68 had the following effect on net position as reported December 31, 2014:

	Governmental Activities
Net Position December 31, 2014	\$90,047,310
Adjustments:	
Net Pension Liability	(13,169,712)
Deferred Outflows -	
Payments Subsequent to Measurement Date	1,259,215
Restated Net Position December 31, 2015	<u>\$78,136,813</u>

Other than employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date, the City made no restatement for deferred inflows/outflows of resources as the information needed to generate these restatements was not available.

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 3 – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between fund balance – total governmental funds and net position of governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. The following is a detailed listing of those reconciling items that are net adjustments or a combination of several transactions:

Other long-term assets not available to pay for current-period expenditures:

Delinquent Income Tax Revenue	\$63,289
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	118,719
Shared Revenues	645,998
Special Assessments	23,794
	<u>\$851,800</u>

Long-Term liabilities not reported in the funds:

Compensated Absences Payable	(\$1,731,865)
General Obligation Bonds Payable	(1,480,000)
OPWC Loans Payable	(254,733)
Accrued Interest on Long-Term Debt	(5,691)
	<u>(\$3,472,289)</u>

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*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015*

NOTE 3 – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

B. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and the government-wide statement of activities

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes a reconciliation between net changes in fund balances – total governmental funds and changes in net position of governmental activities as reported in the government – wide statement of activities. The following is a detailed listing of those reconciling items that are net adjustments or a combination of several transactions:

Amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current period:

Capital Outlay	\$1,153,754
Depreciation Expense	<u>(2,544,224)</u>
	(\$1,390,470)

Governmental revenues not reported in the funds:

Increase in Delinquent Income Tax Revenue	\$13,605
Decrease in Delinquent Property Tax	(60,970)
Increase in Shared Revenue	3,028
Decrease in Special Assessments	<u>(9,372)</u>
	(\$53,709)

Expenses not requiring the use of current financial resources:

Increase in Compensated Absences Payable	(\$37,179)
Increase in supplies inventory	<u>36,590</u>
	(\$589)

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 4 – FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the City is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

Fund Balances	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable:					
Supplies Inventory	\$109,445	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$109,445
Prepaid Items	26,355	0	0	0	26,355
Total Nonspendable	<u>135,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>135,800</u>
Restricted:					
Debt Service Payments	0	118,876	0	0	118,876
State Highway Improvements	0	0	0	9,961	9,961
City Highway Improvements	0	0	0	145,529	145,529
Weed Control	0	0	0	152,700	152,700
Police Pension	0	0	0	6,437	6,437
Fire Pension	0	0	0	6,437	6,437
Law Enforcement Trust	0	0	0	26,458	26,458
Total Restricted	<u>0</u>	<u>118,876</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>347,522</u>	<u>466,398</u>
Committed:					
Litter Control	3,658	0	0	0	3,658
Laketran	0	0	0	9,203	9,203
Senior Center	0	0	0	140,234	140,234
Insurance	0	0	0	369	369
Swimming Pool	0	0	0	47,368	47,368
Golf Course	0	0	0	231,833	231,833
Capital Projects	0	0	1,055,105	0	1,055,105
Police, Fire and Disaster	0	0	0	5,291	5,291
Deposits	0	0	0	159,643	159,643
Total Committed	<u>3,658</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,055,105</u>	<u>593,941</u>	<u>1,652,704</u>
Assigned	136,209	0	0	0	136,209
Unassigned	4,180,843	0	0	(7,004)	4,173,839
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$4,456,510</u>	<u>\$118,876</u>	<u>\$1,055,105</u>	<u>\$934,459</u>	<u>\$6,564,950</u>

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 5 - POOLED CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash resources of a majority of individual funds are combined to form a pool of cash and cash equivalents. Each fund's portion of this pool is displayed on the balance sheet as "Cash and Cash Equivalents."

Ohio law requires the classification of funds held by the City into three categories. Category 1 consists of "active" funds - those funds required to be kept in a "cash" or "cash equivalent" status for immediate use by the City. Such funds must be maintained either as cash in the City treasury or in depository accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts.

Category 2 consists of "inactive" funds - those funds not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive funds may be deposited or invested only as certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories.

Category 3 consists of "interim" funds - those funds which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim funds may be invested or deposited in the following securities:

- United States treasury notes, bills, bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
- Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the federal national mortgage association, federal home loan bank, federal farm credit bank, federal home loan mortgage corporation, government national mortgage association, and student loan marketing association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- Interim deposits in eligible institutions applying for interim funds;
- Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
- No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in the first two bullets of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions; and
- The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio).

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NOTE 5 - POOLED CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Investment earnings of \$4,923 earned by other funds was credited to the General Fund as required by state statute.

A. Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the City's deposits may not be returned. The City's policy is to place deposits with major local banks. All deposits, except for deposits held by fiscal and escrow agents or trustees, are collateralized with eligible securities. The securities pledged as collateral are pledged to a pool for each individual financial institution in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of all public deposits held by each institution. Collateral permitted by Chapter 135 of the ORC is limited to obligations of the United States and its agencies, bonds of any state, and bonds and other obligations of any country, municipal corporation or other legally constituted authority of the State of Ohio, or any instrumentality of such county, municipal corporation or other authority. Such collateral, as permitted by Chapter 135 of the ORC is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at a Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the City.

At year end the carrying amount of the City's deposits was \$2,035,371 and the bank balance was \$2,710,153. Federal depository insurance covered \$250,000 of the bank balance and \$2,460,153 was uninsured. Of the remaining uninsured bank balance, the City was exposed to custodial risk as follows:

	<u>Balance</u>
Uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department not in the City's name	<u>\$2,460,153</u>
Total Balance	<u><u>\$2,460,153</u></u>

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 5 - POOLED CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

B. Investments

The City's investments at December 31, 2015 are summarized below:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u> (in Years)	
			<u>less than 1</u>	<u>1-3</u>
STAR Ohio	\$4,236,954	AAA ^m ¹	\$4,236,954	0

¹ Standard & Poor's

Interest Rate Risk – The Ohio Revised Code generally limits security purchases to those that mature within five years of settlement date.

Credit Risk – The City's investment policy addresses credit risk by limiting investments to the safest types of securities, pre-qualifying financial institutions, brokers, intermediaries and financial advisors and by diversifying the investment portfolio so that potential losses on individual securities do not exceed income generated from the remaining portfolio.

Custodial Credit Risk – For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City has no investment policy dealing with custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute which prohibit payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The City places no limit on the amount the City may invest in one issuer.

C. Reconciliation of Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

A reconciliation between classifications of cash and investments on the combined financial statements is as follows:

	<u>Cash and Cash</u> <u>Equivalents *</u>	<u>Investments</u>
Per Financial Statements	\$6,272,325	\$0
Investments:		
STAR Ohio	(4,236,954)	4,236,954
Per Footnote	<u>\$2,035,371</u>	<u>\$4,236,954</u>

* Includes Cash with Fiscal Agent.

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NOTE 6 - TAXES

A. Property Taxes

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real estate and public utility property, and tangible personal property which is used in business, located in the City. Real property taxes (other than public utility) collected during 2015 were levied after October 1, 2014 on assessed values as of January 1, 2014, the lien date. Assessed values are established by the county auditor at 35 percent of appraised market value. All property must be reappraised every six years and equalization adjustments made in the third year following reappraisal. The last revaluation was completed in 2012. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. The first payment is due January 20, with the remainder payable by June 20.

Public utility real property taxes collected in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values determined as of December 31 of the second year preceding the tax collection year, the lien date. Certain public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at 25 percent of its true value and public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of appraised market value. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property described previously.

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County including the City of Wickliffe. The County Auditor periodically remits to the City its portion of the taxes collected.

The full tax rate for all City operations for the year ended December 31, 2015, was \$8.11 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed value upon which the 2015 property tax receipts were based was \$278,284,140. This amount constitutes \$267,094,100 in real property assessed value and \$11,190,040 in public utility assessed value.

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 6 – TAXES (Continued)

A. Property Taxes (Continued)

Ohio law prohibits taxation of property from all taxing authorities in excess of 1% of assessed value without a vote of the people. Under current procedures, the City's share is .811% (8.11 mills) of assessed value.

B. Income Tax

The City levies a tax of 2% on all salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation and on net profits earned within the City as well as on the income of residents earned outside the City. In the latter case, the City allows a credit of 100% of the tax paid to another municipality to a maximum of the total amount assessed.

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

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at December 31, 2015, consisted of taxes, interest, accounts receivable, interfund and intergovernmental receivables arising from shared revenues.

NOTE 8 - TRANSFERS

The following is a summary of transfers for all funds for 2015:

	<u>Transfers Out:</u>	
<u>Transfers In:</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Capital Projects Fund	\$2,598	\$2,598
Other Governmental Funds	197,208	197,208
	<u>\$199,806</u>	<u>\$199,806</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorization.

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A. Governmental Activities Capital Assets

Summary by category of changes in governmental activities capital assets at December 31, 2015:

Historical Cost:

Class	December 31, 2014	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2015
<i>Capital assets not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$19,162,320	\$0	\$0	\$19,162,320
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings	11,720,183	0	0	11,720,183
Improvements Other Than Buildings	4,182,815	5,230	0	4,188,045
Machinery and Equipment	10,362,468	377,464	(182,557)	10,557,375
Infrastructure	76,472,089	771,060	(26,379)	77,216,770
Total Cost	<u>\$121,899,875</u>	<u>\$1,153,754</u>	<u>(\$208,936)</u>	<u>\$122,844,693</u>

Accumulated Depreciation:

Class	December 31, 2014	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2015
Buildings	(\$3,373,687)	(\$284,531)	\$0	(\$3,658,218)
Improvements Other Than Buildings	(1,606,453)	(208,192)	0	(1,814,645)
Machinery and Equipment	(7,585,927)	(582,924)	179,668	(7,989,183)
Infrastructure	(23,778,601)	(1,468,577)	19,972	(25,227,206)
Total Depreciation	<u>(\$36,344,668)</u>	<u>(\$2,544,224) *</u>	<u>\$199,640</u>	<u>(\$38,689,252)</u>
<i>Net Value:</i>	<u>\$85,555,207</u>			<u>\$84,155,441</u>

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

A. Governmental Activities Capital Assets (Continued)

* Depreciation expenses were charged to governmental functions as follows:

Security of Persons and Property	\$334,475
Leisure Time Activities	342,093
Transportation	1,748,737
General Government	118,919
Total Depreciation Expense	\$2,544,224

B. Business-Type Activities Capital Assets

Summary by Category at December 31, 2015:

Historical Cost:

Class	December 31, 2014	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2015
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Utility Structures in Service	\$11,570,120	\$0	\$0	\$11,570,120
Total Cost	\$11,570,120	\$0	\$0	\$11,570,120

Accumulated Depreciation:

Class	December 31, 2014	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2015
Utility Structures in Service	(\$8,392,474)	(\$170,529)	\$0	(\$8,563,003)
Total Depreciation	(\$8,392,474)	(\$170,529)	\$0	(\$8,563,003)

<i>Net Value:</i>	\$3,177,646	\$3,007,117
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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension liability represents the City’s proportionate share of each pension plan’s collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan’s fiduciary net position. The net pension liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the City’s obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The City cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the City does receive the benefit of employees’ services in exchange for compensation including pension.

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan’s board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

The proportionate share of each plan’s unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *intergovernmental payable* on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - City employees, other than full-time police and firefighters, participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with defined contribution features. While members (e.g. City employees) may elect the member-directed plan and the combined plan, substantially all employee members are in OPERS’ traditional plan; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the traditional pension plan.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional plan. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional plan as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS CAFR referenced above for additional information):

Group A	Group B	Group C
Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local	State and Local	State and Local
Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35
Public Safety	Public Safety	Public Safety
Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 52 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit
Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement
Age and Service Requirements: Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit
Public Safety and Law Enforcement	Public Safety and Law Enforcement	Public Safety and Law Enforcement
Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25	Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25	Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25

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NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Final average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member’s career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member’s career.

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount.

When a benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) is provided. This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. For those retiring prior to January 7, 2013, the COLA will continue to be a 3 percent simple annual COLA. For those retiring subsequent to January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the COLA will be based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	<u>State and Local</u>
2015 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates	
Employer	14.0 %
Employee	10.0 %
2015 Actual Contribution Rates	
Employer:	
Pension	12.0 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	<u>2.0</u>
Total Employer	<u>14.0 %</u>
Employee	<u>10.0 %</u>

* This rate is determined by OPERS' Board and has no maximum rate established by ORC.

** This rate is also determined by OPERS' Board, but is limited by ORC to not more than 2 percent greater than the Public Safety rate.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City’s contractually required contribution was \$410,243 for 2015.

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Plan Description – Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund (OPF)

Plan Description - City full-time police and firefighters participate in Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OPF), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by OPF. OPF provides retirement and disability pension benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by the Ohio State Legislature and are codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPF issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information and detailed information about OPF fiduciary net position. The report that may be obtained by visiting the OPF website at www.op-f.org or by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

Upon attaining a qualifying age with sufficient years of service, a member of OPF may retire and receive a lifetime monthly pension. OPF offers four types of service retirement: normal, service commuted, age/service commuted and actuarially reduced. Each type has different eligibility guidelines and is calculated using the member's average annual salary. The following discussion of the pension formula relates to normal service retirement.

For members hired after July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 52 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit. For members hired on or before after July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 48 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit.

The annual pension benefit for normal service retirement is equal to a percentage of the allowable average annual salary. The percentage equals 2.5 percent for each of the first 20 years of service credit, 2.0 percent for each of the next five years of service credit and 1.5 percent for each year of service credit in excess of 25 years. The maximum pension of 72 percent of the allowable average annual salary is paid after 33 years of service credit.

Under normal service retirement, retired members who are at least 55 years old and have been receiving OPF benefits for at least one year may be eligible for a cost-of-living allowance adjustment. The age 55 provision for receiving a COLA does not apply to those who are receiving a permanent and total disability benefit and statutory survivors.

Members retiring under normal service retirement, with less than 15 years of service credit on July 1, 2013, will receive a COLA equal to either three percent or the percent increase, if any, in the consumer price index (CPI) over the 12-month period ending on September 30 of the immediately preceding year, whichever is less. The COLA amount for members with at least 15 years of service credit as of July 1, 2013 is equal to three percent of their base pension or disability benefit.

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015**

NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	<u>Police</u>	<u>Firefighters</u>
2015 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates		
Employer	19.50 %	24.00 %
Employee:		
January 1, 2015 through July 1, 2015	11.50 %	11.50 %
July 2, 2015 through December 31, 2015	12.25 %	12.25 %
2015 Actual Contribution Rates		
Employer:		
Pension	19.00 %	23.50 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	0.50	0.50
Total Employer	<u>19.50 %</u>	<u>24.00 %</u>
Employee:		
January 1, 2015 through July 1, 2015	11.50 %	11.50 %
July 2, 2015 through December 31, 2015	12.25 %	12.25 %

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution to OPF was \$848,282 for 2015.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The net pension liability for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. OPF's total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2014, and was determined by rolling forward the total pension liability as of January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the City's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>OP&F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$3,235,998	\$10,643,959	\$13,879,957
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.026830%	0.2054653%	
Pension Expense	\$356,588	\$1,038,313	\$1,394,901

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

At December 31, 2015, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	OPERS	OP&F	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$172,663	\$458,745	\$631,408
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	410,243	848,282	1,258,525
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$582,906	\$1,307,027	\$1,889,933
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$56,849	\$0	\$56,849

\$1,258,525 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	OPERS	OP&F	Total
Year Ending December 31:			
2016	\$16,935	\$114,686	\$131,621
2017	16,935	114,686	131,621
2018	38,778	114,686	153,464
2019	43,166	114,687	157,853
Total	\$115,814	\$458,745	\$574,559

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2014, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Wage Inflation	3.75 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	4.25 to 10.05 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3 percent, simple
Investment Rate of Return	8 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

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NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table projected 20 years using Projection Scale AA. For males, 105 percent of the combined healthy male mortality rates were used. For females, 100 percent of the combined healthy female mortality rates were used. The mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were based on the RP-2000 mortality table with no projections. For males 120 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used set forward two years. For females, 100 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2010.

The long-term rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation.

OPERS manages investments in four investment portfolios: the Defined Benefits portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, the 115 Health Care Trust portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio includes the investment assets of the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan, the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan and the VEBA Trust. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The money weighted rate of return, net of investments expense, for the Defined Benefit portfolio is 6.95 percent for 2014.

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2014 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)</u>
Fixed Income	23.00 %	2.31 %
Domestic Equities	19.90	5.84
Real Estate	10.00	4.25
Private Equity	10.00	9.25
International Equities	19.10	7.40
Other investments	18.00	4.59
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	<u>5.28 %</u>

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the City’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 8 percent, as well as what the City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (7 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (9 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (7.00%)	Current Discount Rate (8.00%)	1% Increase (9.00%)
City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$5,953,309	\$3,235,998	\$947,367

Actuarial Assumptions – OPF

OPF’s total pension liability as of December 31, 2014 is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2014, and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The total pension liability is determined by OPF’s actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual valuation. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of reported amounts and assumptions about probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment mortality, salary increases, disabilities, retirements and employment terminations. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of January 1, 2014, are presented below:

Valuation Date	January 1, 2014
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	8.25 percent
Projected Salary Increases	4.25 percent to 11 percent
Payroll Increases	3.75 percent
Inflation Assumptions	3.25 percent
Cost of Living Adjustments	2.60 percent and 3.00 percent

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NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Rates of death are based on the RP2000 Combined Table, age-adjusted as follows. For active members, set back six years. For disability retirements, set forward five years for police and three years for firefighters. For service retirements, set back zero years for police and two years for firefighters. For beneficiaries, set back zero years. The rates are applied on a fully generational basis, with a base year of 2009, using mortality improvement Scale AA.

The most recent experience study was completed January 1, 2012.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in the Statement of Investment Policy. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted averaged of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes. Best estimates of the long-term expected geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in OPF's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2014 are summarized below:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.00 %	(0.25) %
Domestic Equity	16.00	4.47
Non-US Equity	16.00	4.47
Core Fixed Income *	20.00	1.62
Global Inflation Protected *	20.00	1.33
High Yield	15.00	3.39
Real Estate	12.00	3.93
Private Markets	8.00	6.98
Timber	5.00	4.92
Master Limited Partnerships	8.00	7.03
Total	<u>120.00 %</u>	

* levered 2x

OPF's Board of Trustees has incorporated the "risk parity" concept into OPF's asset liability valuation with the goal of reducing equity risk exposure, which reduces overall Total Portfolio risk without sacrificing return, and creating a more risk-balanced portfolio based on their relationship between asset classes and economic environments. From the notional portfolio perspective above, the Total Portfolio may be levered up to 1.2 times due to the application of leverage in certain fixed income asset classes.

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NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Discount Rate The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 8.25 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the longer-term assumed investment rate of return 8.25 percent. Based on those assumptions, the plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, a long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8.25 percent, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (7.25 percent), or one percentage point higher (9.25 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (7.25%)	Current Discount Rate (8.25%)	1% Increase (9.25%)
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$14,722,206	\$10,643,959	\$7,190,924

NOTE 11 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (“OPERS”)

Plan Description – OPERS administers three separate pension plans: the Traditional Pension Plan – a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the Member directed Plan – a defined contribution plan; and the Combined Plan – a cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care plan, which includes a medical plan, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, and Medicare Part B Premium reimbursement, to qualifying member of both the Traditional Pension and the Combined Plans. Members of the Member Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care coverage.

In order to qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have 20 or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS is considered an Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement No. 45. Please see the Plan Statement in the OPERS 2014 CAFR for details.

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NOTE 11 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (“OPERS”) (Continued)

The ORC permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide OPEB benefits to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the ORC.

OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml>, by making a written request to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 1-800-222-7377.

Funding Policy – The ORC provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund post retirement health care coverage through their contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer’s contribution to OPERS is set aside for the funding of post retirement health care benefits. Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active members. In 2015, local government employers contributed at a rate of 14.0% of covered payroll. The ORC currently limits the employer contribution to a rate not to exceed 14.0% of covered payroll for local government employers. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB plan.

OPERS maintains three health care trusts. The two cost-sharing, multiple-employer trusts, the 401(h) Health Care Trust and the 115 Health Care Trust, work together to provide health care funding to eligible retirees of the Traditional Pension and Combined plans. The third trust is a Voluntary Employee’s Beneficiary Association (VEBA) that provides funding for a Retiree Medical Account for Member-Directed Plan members. Each year, the OPERS Board of Trustees determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 2.0% during calendar year 2015. As recommended by OPERS’ actuary, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care beginning January 1, 2016 remained at 2.0% for both plans. The Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited to the VEBA for participants in the Member-Directed Plan for 2015 was 4.5%.

The City's contributions for health care to the OPERS for the years ending December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$68,377, \$75,512 and \$34,668, respectively, which were equal to the required contributions for each year.

B. Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (“OP&F”)

Plan Description – The City contributes to the OP&F sponsored health care program, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined post-employment health care plan administered by OP&F. OP&F provides health care benefits including coverage for medical, prescription drugs, dental, vision, Medicare Part B Premium and long term care to retirees, qualifying benefit recipients and their eligible dependents.

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 11 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

B. Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund ("OP&F") (Continued)

OP&F provides access to post-retirement health care coverage for any person who receives or is eligible to receive a monthly service, disability, or survivor benefit check or is a spouse or eligible dependent child of such person. The health care coverage provided by OP&F is considered an Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement No. 45.

The ORC permits, but does not mandate, OP&F to provide OPEB benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 742 of the ORC.

OP&F issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information for the plan. Interested parties may obtain a copy by making a written request to 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164. That report is also available on OP&F's website at www.op-f.org.

Funding Policy – The ORC provides for contribution requirements of the participating employers and of plan members to the OP&F. Participating employers are required to contribute to the pension plan at rates expressed as percentages of the payroll of active pension plan members, currently, 19.5% and 24.0% of covered payroll for police and fire employers, respectively. The ORC states that the employer contribution may not exceed 19.5% of covered payroll for police employer units and 24.0% of covered payroll for fire employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

OP&F maintains funds for health care in two separate accounts. One for health care benefits under an IRS code Section 115 trust and one for Medicare Part B reimbursements administrated as an Internal Revenue Code 401(h) account, both of which are within the defined benefit pension plan, under the authority granted by the Ohio Revised Code to the OP&F Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions made into the pension plan to the Section 115 trust and the Section 401(h) account as the employer contribution for retiree health care benefits. For 2015, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0.5% of covered payroll for both police officers and firefighters. The amount of employer contributions allocated to the health care plan each year is subject to the Trustees' primary responsibility to ensure that pension benefits are adequately funded and is limited by the provisions of Sections 115 and 401(h). The OP&F Board of Trustees also is authorized to establish requirements for contributions to the health care plan by retirees and their eligible dependents, or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

The City's contributions for health care to the OP&F for the years ending December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$11,942, \$12,123 and \$62,591 for police and \$8,393, \$8,470 and \$91,735 for firefighters, respectively, which were equal to the required contributions for each year.

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015***

NOTE 12 – COMPENSATED ABSENCES

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 16, “*Accounting for Compensated Absences*,” vacation and compensatory time are accrued as liabilities when an employee’s right to receive compensation is attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the employee will be compensated through paid time off or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement. Leave time that has been earned, but is unavailable for use as paid time off or as some other form of compensation because an employee has not met the minimum service time requirement, is accrued to the extent that it is considered to be probable that the conditions for compensation will be met in the future.

Sick leave is accrued using the vesting method, whereby the liability is recorded on the basis of leave accumulated by employees who are eligible to receive termination payments, as of the balance sheet date, and on leave balances accumulated by other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments.

At December 31, 2015, the City's accumulated, unpaid compensated absences amounted to \$1,757,998, which is recorded as a liability of the Governmental Activities.

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015**

NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-Term debt of the City at December 31, 2015 was as follows:

Year Issued	Final Maturity	Balance December 31, 2014	Additions	(Reductions)	Balance December 31, 2015	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:						
General Obligation Bonds:						
2006 Green Ridge Golf Course	2025	\$1,595,000	\$0	(\$115,000)	\$1,480,000	\$120,000
OPWC Loan:						
2012 Worden Road Waterline	2017	\$90,000	\$0	(\$30,000)	\$60,000	\$30,000
2013 Worden Road Waterline	2019	63,264	0	(14,059)	49,205	14,059
2015 Grand Boulevard Improvement	2020	0	145,528	0	145,528	0
Total OPWC Loans		153,264	145,528	(44,059)	254,733	44,059
Compensated Absences		1,694,686	1,757,998	(1,694,686)	1,757,998	170,297
Net Pension Liability		13,169,712	710,245	0	13,879,957	0
Total Governmental Long-Term Debt		<u>\$16,612,662</u>	<u>\$2,613,771</u>	<u>(\$1,853,745)</u>	<u>\$17,372,688</u>	<u>\$334,356</u>

A summary of the City's future long-term debt funding requirements, including principal and interest payments as of December 31, 2015, follows:

Years	General Obligation Bond Payable		OPWC Loan Payable		Total	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2016	\$120,000	\$68,294	\$44,059	\$0	\$164,059	\$68,294
2017	125,000	63,194	44,059	0	169,059	63,194
2018	130,000	57,882	14,058	0	144,058	57,882
2019	140,000	52,356	7,029	0	147,029	52,356
2020	145,000	46,406	0	0	145,000	46,406
2021-2025	820,000	125,812	0	0	820,000	125,812
Totals	<u>\$1,480,000</u>	<u>\$413,944</u>	<u>\$109,205</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,589,205</u>	<u>\$413,944</u>

The City has been approved for various Ohio Public Works Commission loans. Because not all of these projects are complete and the final value of all of the loans are indeterminate, only the amortization of closed loans are presented above.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. The City is a member of the Ohio Plan (the "Plan"), a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments ("Members"). The Plan is legally separate from its member governments.

The following is a summary of insurance coverages at year end:

<u>Type of Coverage</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
Comprehensive General Liability	\$6,000,000	\$0
Law Enforcement Professional Liability	6,000,000	10,000
Public Officials Errors and Omissions	6,000,000	10,000
Property	32,777,764	1,000
Bond/Crime	50,000	0
Boiler and Machinery	32,777,764	1,000
Automobile Liability	6,000,000	1,000

The City provides major medical health insurance coverage for its employees through United Health Care.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverages in any of the past three fiscal years. Coverage has not been materially decreased during the year.

Workers' Compensation claims are covered through the City's participation in the State of Ohio's program. The City pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based upon a rate per \$100 of payroll. The rate is determined based on accident history and administrative costs. Unemployment claims are paid to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services as incurred.

NOTE 15 - CONTINGENCIES

The City is a party to various legal proceedings which seek damages or injunctive relief generally incidental to its operations and pending projects. The City's management is of the opinion that the ultimate disposition of various claims and legal proceedings will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the City.

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2015***

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Schedule of City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Last Two Years

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Year	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
City's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.026830%	0.026830%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$3,162,907	\$3,235,998
City's covered-employee payroll	\$3,733,523	\$3,327,592
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	84.72%	97.25%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	86.36%	86.45%

Source: Finance Director's Office and the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Year	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
City's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.2054653%	0.2054653%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$10,006,805	\$10,643,959
City's covered-employee payroll	\$5,110,966	\$4,223,492
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	195.79%	252.02%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	73.00%	72.20%

Source: Finance Director's Office and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Notes: The City implemented GASB Statement 68 in 2015.

Information prior to 2013 is not available.

The schedule is reported as of the measurement date of the Net Pension Liability.

CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO

Schedule of City Contributions Last Three Years

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Year	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$485,358	\$399,311	\$410,243
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>485,358</u>	<u>399,311</u>	<u>410,243</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
City's covered-employee payroll	\$3,733,523	\$3,327,592	\$3,418,692
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	13.00%	12.00%	12.00%

Source: Finance Director's Office and the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Year	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$872,953	\$859,903	\$848,282
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>872,953</u>	<u>859,903</u>	<u>848,282</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
City's covered-employee payroll	\$5,110,966	\$4,223,492	\$4,222,409
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	17.08%	20.36%	20.09%

Source: Finance Director's Office and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Notes: The City implemented GASB Statement 68 in 2015.

Information prior to 2013 is not available.



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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

City of Wickliffe
Lake County
28730 Ridge Road
Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

To the City 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 governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Wickliffe, Lake County, Ohio, (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 1, 2017, wherein we noted the City adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and also GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the City'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 City'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 City'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. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the City'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 City's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

August 1, 2017



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CITY OF WICKLIFFE

LAKE 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 5, 2017**