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For the Year Ended December 31, 2018**

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Village of Wren, Van Wert County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Village of Wren is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

September 12, 2019

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Village of Wren  
PO Box 275  
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To the Village Council:

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type of the Village of Wren, Van Wert County (the Village), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Village of Wren, Van Wert County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 26, 2019, on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Village's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



**Perry & Associates, CPAs A.C.**  
June 26, 2019



**VILLAGE OF WREN  
VAN WERT COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 11,040	\$ 2,430	\$ -	\$13,470
Intergovernmental	18,943	117,112	250,000	386,055
Special Assessments	-	5,028	-	5,028
Charges for Services	19	52,486	-	52,505
Fines, Permits, and Fees	1,075	-	-	1,075
Interest	47	-	-	47
Miscellaneous	6,075	13,599	936	20,610
	<u>37,199</u>	<u>190,655</u>	<u>250,936</u>	<u>478,790</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>				
Current:				
General Government	36,840	5,335	-	42,175
Security of Persons and Property	-	40,800	-	40,800
Public Health Services	500	-	-	500
Transportation	-	15,294	-	15,294
Capital Outlay	-	100,000	250,000	350,000
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal	-	7,816	163,282	171,098
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	-	5,261	-	5,261
	<u>37,340</u>	<u>174,506</u>	<u>413,282</u>	<u>625,128</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(141)	16,149	(162,346)	(146,338)
<b>Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):</b>				
Loan Proceeds	-	-	162,257	162,257
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(141)	16,149	(89)	15,919
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>11,298</u>	<u>180,630</u>	<u>1,025</u>	<u>192,953</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Restricted	-	196,779	-	196,779
Committed	-	-	936	936
Assigned	6,734	-	-	6,734
Unassigned	4,423	-	-	4,423
<i>Total Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><b>\$11,157</b></u>	<u><b>\$196,779</b></u>	<u><b>\$936</b></u>	<u><b>\$208,872</b></u>

*The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.*

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

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**1. REPORTING ENTITY**

The Village of Wren (the Village), Van Wert County, is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. A publicly elected six-member Council directs the Village. The Village provides street light services, park operations, street maintenance, and fire/EMS services with volunteer departments.

**Public Entity Risk Pools**

The Village participates in a public entity risk pool and is associated with Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity. The Village's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Village is financially accountable.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The Village's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The Village uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Village are presented below:

**1. General Fund**

The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Village for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

**2. Special Revenue Funds**

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

***Fire and Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund*** - The Fire and Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund receives grant monies and contract services monies to be used for fire and medical emergency services.

**3. Capital Project Funds**

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Village had the following significant capital project funds:

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*Fire Trust Fund* - This fund receives fire department contributions and is used for payment of a fire truck.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Village recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

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

**D. Budgetary Process**

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

**1. Appropriations**

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

**2. Estimated Resources**

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

**3. Encumbrances**

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

A summary of 2018 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**E. Deposits and Investments**

The Village values deposit accounts at cost.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**F. Capital Assets**

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

**G. Fund Balance**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

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

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$38,855	\$37,199	(\$1,656)
Special Revenue	108,504	190,655	82,151
Capital Projects	407,257	413,193	5,936
Total	\$554,616	\$641,047	\$86,431

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$44,610	\$37,340	\$7,270
Special Revenue	136,642	174,506	(37,864)
Capital Projects	407,257	413,282	(6,025)
Total	\$588,509	\$625,128	(\$36,619)

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B), the Village did not appropriate for the Ohio Public Works Commission Cooperative Agreement Grant for Road Paving in the SCMR Fund in 2018.

**4. DEPOSITS**

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

Demand deposits	2018 \$208,872
Total deposits	\$208,872

*Deposits*

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

**5. PROPERTY TAXES**

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

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**5. PROPERTY TAXES – (continued)**

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

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

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**A. Commercial Insurance**

The Village has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

**B. Risk Pool Membership**

The Village belongs to the Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. (OPRM) (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.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages to its members sold through fourteen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio.

OPRM coverage programs are developed specific to each member's risk management needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria addressing the member's exposure to loss. Effective November 1, 2016, the OPRM retained 50% of the premium and losses on the first \$250,000 casualty treaty and 30% of the first \$1,000,000 property treaty. Effective November 1, 2017, the OPRM retained 47% of the premium and losses on the first \$250,000 casualty treaty and 30% of the first \$1,000,000 property treaty. Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member. OPRM had 764 members as of December 31, 2017 (the latest information available).

*Plan members are responsible to notify the Plan of their intent to renew coverage by their renewal date. If a member chooses not to renew with the Plan, they have no other financial obligation to the Plan, but still need to promptly notify the Plan of any potential claims occurring during their membership period. The former member's covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of the Plan.*

Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and equity at December 31, 2017 (the latest information available).

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**6. RISK MANAGEMENT – (continued)**

	2017
Assets	\$14,853,620
Liabilities	(9,561,108)
Members' Equity	<u>\$5,292,512</u>

You can read the complete audited financial statements for OPRM at the Plan's website, [www.ohioplan.org](http://www.ohioplan.org).

**7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

**A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

The Village of Wren has three regular part-time employees that belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

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

**B. Social Security**

Seven of the Village's employees contributed to social security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participant.

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

**8. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

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

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**9. DEBT**

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2018 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
2017 OPWC Loan - Jackson Street	\$15,907	0.00%
2016 Fire Truck Loan	44,894	4.250%
2016 Fire Station Expansion Loan	73,329	4.250%
Van Wert County Foundation Loan	0	0.00%
Total	\$134,130	

The Ohio Public Works Commission loan is related to the costs of the Jackson Street Project. The principal sum of \$35,350 is to be paid off in bi-annual installments of \$884 over a term of 20 years. The full faith, credit, and revenue of the Village are pledged for the repayment of this debt.

The Fire Truck Loan was issued as a refinance for two existing loans in 2016. The Village plans to repay the loan through revenues generated from fire protection contracts. The principal sum of \$52,100 is to be paid off in bi-annual installment payments of \$2,341.94, including interest, over 15 years. The full faith, credit, and revenue of the Village are pledged for the repayment of this debt.

The Fire Station Expansion Loan was issued in 2016 for the purpose of adding on to the existing fire station in order to house a new fire truck. The Village plans to repay the loan through revenues generated from fire protection contracts. The principal sum of \$85,100 is to be paid off in bi-annual installment payments of \$3,825.32, including interest, over 15 years. The full faith, credit, and revenue of the Village are pledged for the repayment of this debt.

The Van Wert County Foundation loan issued in 2018, interest free, for \$185,000 was used to bridge the funding gap between payment of contractor invoices and the reimbursement of the paid invoices by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) reimbursable grant. The Village withdrew and repaid \$162,257 during 2018.

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

Year Ended December 31,	OPWC Loan	Fire Truck Loan		Fire Station Expansion		Total
	Principal	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
2019	\$ 1,768	\$ 2,757	\$ 1,927	\$ 4,503	\$ 3,148	\$ 14,103
2020	1,768	2,873	1,811	4,692	2,958	14,102
2021	1,768	3,004	1,679	4,907	2,743	14,101
2022	1,768	3,137	1,547	5,124	2,257	13,833
2023	1,768	3,275	1,409	5,349	2,301	14,102
2024-2028	7,067	18,662	4,758	30,482	7,771	68,740
2029-2031	-	11,186	755	18,272	1,233	31,446
Total	\$ 15,907	\$ 44,894	\$ 13,886	\$ 73,329	\$ 22,411	\$ 170,427



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**10. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

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

**11. JOINT VENTURE**

The Village entered into a cooperative agreement with the Villages of Convoy and Scott for the purpose of creating a joint village paving project, and improving various streets throughout the Village. Through the agreement, the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) awarded a \$300,000 grant to be split equally amongst the three Villages. For 2018, the Village recorded \$100,000 in intergovernmental receipts and capital outlay in the street, construction, maintenance and repair fund to record this transaction.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Village of Wren  
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To the Village Council:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type of Village of Wren, Van Wert County (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2019, wherein we noted the Village followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. 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 deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



**PERRY & ASSOCIATES, CPAs A.C.**

June 26, 2019

# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**VILLAGE OF WREN**

**VAN WERT 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 26, 2019**