

VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD

Hamilton County, Ohio



Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2018

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Village of St. Bernard, Hamilton County, prepared by Plattenburg & Associates, Inc., 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. In conjunction with the work performed by the Independent Public Accountant, the Auditor of State is issuing the following:

Ohio Rev. Code 102.03(D) states: "No public official or employee shall use or authorize the use of the authority or influence of office or employment to secure anything of value or the promise or offer of anything of value that is of such a character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon the public official or employee with respect to that person's duties."

In December 2016, Mayor John Estep utilized a Village truck to move his daughter from college. Interviews with various individuals indicated that the Mayor frequently used village-owned vehicles and equipment for personal use. Mr. Estep used his position as Mayor in order to use the vehicles and equipment instead of renting such items for his personal use.

The above matter will be referred to the Ohio Ethics Commission.

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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 St. Bernard is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

May 8, 2020

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Village of St. Bernard
110 Washington Ave.
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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of St. Bernard (the Village), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; 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.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village, as of December 31, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of a Matter

As discussed in Note 18 to the financial statements, during the year ended December 31, 2018, the Village adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension. 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 that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison schedule, schedules of pension information and other postemployment information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 11, 2019, on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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.

Plattensburg & Associates, Inc.

Plattensburg & Associates, Inc.
Cincinnati, Ohio
June 11, 2019

Village of St Bernard, Ohio
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For The Year Ended December 31, 2018
(Unaudited)

The discussion and analysis of the Village of St. Bernard's financial performance provides an overall review of the Village's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Village'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 Village's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for 2018 are as follows:

- Net Position increased \$66,966, which represents an increase of less than 1% from 2017.
- General revenues accounted for \$12,410,876 in revenue or 92% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$1,083,207 or 8% of total revenues of \$13,494,083.
- The Village had \$13,427,117 in expenses related to governmental activities. General revenues (primarily taxes) of \$12,410,876 plus program revenues of \$1,083,207 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$13,186,792 in revenues and other financing sources and \$11,462,532 in expenditures and other financing uses. The General Fund's fund balance increased \$1,724,260 to \$3,699,297.

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 Village:

These statements are as follows:

1. *The Government-Wide Financial Statements* – These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Village's overall financial status.
2. *The Fund Financial Statements* – These statements focus on individual parts of the Village, reporting the Village'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.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the Village as a whole using accepted methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the government's assets and deferred outflows of resources and 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.

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

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Village's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the Village you need to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as the Village's tax base and the condition of the Village's capital assets.

The government-wide financial statements of the Village reflect the following category of its activities:

- Governmental Activities – All of the Village's programs and services are reported here, including security of persons and property, public health and welfare services, leisure time activities, community environment, basic utility services, transportation, general government and other expenditures.

Fund Financial Statements

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

Governmental Funds – Most of the Village'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 Village'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 educational 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.

Fiduciary Funds – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the Village's own programs. All of the Village's fiduciary activities are reported in separate Statements of Fiduciary Net Position and Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE VILLAGE AS A WHOLE

The following table provides a comparison of the Village's Net Position as of December 31, 2018 and 2017:

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	Governmental Activities	
	2018	2017-Restated
Assets		
Current and Other Assets	\$13,242,400	\$11,980,612
Capital Assets	21,545,660	22,575,006
Total Assets	34,788,060	34,555,618
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Pension	1,789,444	3,081,833
OPEB	980,853	39,835
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	2,770,297	3,121,668
Liabilities		
Other Liabilities	534,905	538,936
Long-Term Liabilities		
Net Pension Liability	11,829,694	13,604,580
Net OPEB Liability	10,301,101	9,012,797
Other Amounts	19,696,911	20,827,383
Total Liabilities	42,362,611	43,983,696
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Property Taxes	801,671	776,320
Grants and Other Taxes	40,008	45,000
OPEB	409,838	0
Pension	1,407,363	402,370
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,658,880	1,223,690
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,720,519	2,954,827
Net Investment in Assets Held for Resale	5,218,332	5,230,706
Restricted	2,287,437	2,352,337
Unrestricted	(17,689,422)	(18,067,970)
Total Net Position	(\$7,463,134)	(\$7,530,100)

The net pension liability (NPL) is the reported by the Village at December 31, 2018 and is reported pursuant to GASB Statement 68, “Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27.” For fiscal year 2018, the Village adopted GASB Statement 75, “Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions,” which significantly revises accounting for costs and liabilities related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB). For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the Village’s actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB.

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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. Prior accounting for pensions (GASB 27) and postemployment benefits (GASB 45) focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's *net pension liability* or *net OPEB liability*. GASB 68 and GASB 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension/OPEB plans and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

GASB 68 and GASB 75 require the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability to equal the Village's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

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

GASB notes that pension and OPEB 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 and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this 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 Village is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. 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 Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

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 retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan *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 retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

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 or the net OPEB liability. As explained above, changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities, 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 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 and the net OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

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In accordance with GASB 68 and GASB 75, the Village’s statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense and an annual OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan’s *change* in net pension liability and net OPEB liability, respectively, not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

As a result of implementing GASB 75, the Village is reporting a net OPEB liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to OPEB on the accrual basis of accounting. This implementation also had the effect of restating net position at December 31, 2017, from \$1,442,862 to (\$7,530,100).

Changes in Net Position – The following table shows the changes in Net Position for the fiscal year 2018 and 2017:

	Governmental Activities	
	2018	2017
Revenues:		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services and Sales	\$833,623	\$622,146
Operating Grants and Contributions	249,584	249,933
Capital Grants and Contributions	0	72,330
General Revenues:		
Municipal Income Taxes	10,905,984	8,420,826
Property Taxes	853,968	768,138
Grants and Entitlements, Not Restricted	203,991	179,213
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	40,008	82,122
Investment Earnings	57,010	30,052
Miscellaneous	349,915	378,179
Total Revenues	<u>13,494,083</u>	<u>10,802,939</u>
Program Expenses:		
General Government	5,787,461	5,930,945
Public Safety	5,234,040	5,571,233
Community Development	225,888	1,213,680
Leisure Time Activities	393,338	432,739
Transportation and Street Repair	720,516	735,161
Basic Utility Service	357,083	393,200
Public Health and Welfare Services	5,145	17,565
Other Expenditures	24,597	94,053
Interest and Fiscal Charges	679,049	685,806
Total Expenses	<u>13,427,117</u>	<u>15,074,382</u>
Change in Net Position	66,966	(4,271,443)
Net Position Beginning of Year, Restated	<u>(7,530,100)</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Net Position End of Year	<u><u>(\$7,463,134)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$7,530,100)</u></u>

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The information necessary to restate the 2017 beginning balances and the 2017 OPEB expense amounts for the effects of the initial implementation of GASB 75 is not available. Therefore, 2017 functional expenses still include OPEB expense of \$39,835 computed under GASB 45. GASB 45 required recognizing pension expense equal to the contractually required contributions to the plan. Under GASB 75, OPEB expense represents additional amounts earned, adjusted by deferred inflows/outflows. The contractually required contribution is no longer a component of OPEB expense. Under GASB 75, the 2018 statements report OPEB expense of \$772,796. Consequently, in order to compare 2018 total program expenses to 2017, the following adjustments are needed:

	Governmental Activities
Total 2018 operating expenses under GASB 75	<u>\$13,427,117</u>
OPEB expense under GASB 75	(772,796)
2018 contractually required contribution	15,672
Adjusted 2018 operating expenses	<u>12,669,993</u>
Total 2017 operating expenses under GASB 45	<u>15,074,382</u>
Change in operating expenses not related to OPEB	<u><u>(\$2,404,389)</u></u>

Governmental Activities

The governmental activities net position of the Village stayed relatively stable from 2017 to 2018 with a slight increase of \$66,966.

The unique nature of property taxes in Ohio creates the need to routinely seek voter approval for operating funds. In general, the overall revenue generated by the levy will not increase solely as a result of inflation. As an example, a homeowner with a home valued at \$100,000 and taxed at 1.0 mill would pay \$35.00 annually in taxes. If three years later the home were reappraised and increased to \$200,000 (and this inflationary increase in value is comparable to other property owners) the effective tax rate would become .5 mills and the owner would still pay \$35.00.

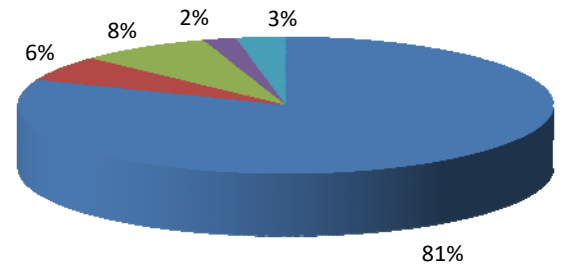
The Village also receives an income tax. The income tax is based on 2.1% of all salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation and on net profits earned within the Village as well as on income of residents earned outside the Village.

During 2017, a large company had a net operating loss and did not owe the Village taxes that they normally would have. In 2018, a large company made larger payments than normal which caused the increase in income tax revenue that the Village received during the year.

Municipal income taxes and property taxes made up 81% and 6% respectively of revenues for governmental activities for the Village in fiscal year 2018. The Village’s reliance upon tax revenues is demonstrated by the following graph:

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Revenue Sources	2018	Percent of Total
Municipal Income Taxes	\$10,905,984	81%
Property Taxes	853,968	6%
Program Revenues	1,083,207	8%
Grants and Entitlements	203,991	2%
General Other	446,933	3%
Total Revenues	\$13,494,083	100%



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE VILLAGE'S FUNDS

The Village's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$11,288,592, which is an increase from last year's balance of \$9,683,678. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	Fund Balance December 31, 2018	Fund Balance December 31, 2017	Increase (Decrease)
General	\$3,699,297	\$1,975,037	\$1,724,260
Community Improvement Corporation	5,451,698	5,301,878	149,820
General Bond Retirement	187,001	346,057	(159,056)
Other Governmental	1,950,596	2,060,706	(110,110)
Total	\$11,288,592	\$9,683,678	\$1,604,914

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

	2018 Revenues	2017 Revenues	Increase (Decrease)
All Taxes	\$12,087,227	\$9,900,372	\$2,186,855
Charges for Services	420,880	234,598	186,282
Intergovernmental Revenues	200,411	255,980	(55,569)
Fines, Licenses and Permits	192,732	152,595	40,137
All Other Revenue	266,443	459,162	(192,719)
Total	\$13,167,693	\$11,002,707	\$2,164,986

General Fund revenues in 2018 increased 19.7% compared to revenues in fiscal year 2017. This can mostly be attributed to an increase in income taxes received.

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	2018 Expenditures	2017 Expenditures	Increase (Decrease)
General Government	\$5,003,354	\$5,018,393	(\$15,039)
Public Safety	4,284,471	4,487,893	(203,422)
Leisure Time Activities	113,171	130,214	(17,043)
Transportation and Street Repair	85,935	130,862	(44,927)
Public Health and Welfare	5,145	17,565	(12,420)
Other Expenditures	421,740	610,986	(189,246)
Debt Services:			
Principal Retirement	24,564	23,552	1,012
Interest	26,076	0	26,076
Total	\$9,964,456	\$10,419,465	(\$455,009)

General Fund expenditures decreased \$455,009 over the prior year due mainly to decreased costs associated with the public safety expenditures.

The Village's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund. During the course of fiscal year 2018 the Village amended its General Fund budget several times.

For the General Fund, actual budget basis revenues were higher than final estimates due primarily to higher than anticipated Property and income tax revenues. Final budgeted expenditures increased by \$2,743,441 versus original budget to account for transfers out. The General Fund had an adequate fund balance to cover expenditures.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2018 the Village had \$21,545,660 net of accumulated depreciation invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, infrastructure, and machinery and equipment. The following table shows fiscal year 2018 and 2017 balances:

	Governmental Activities		
	2018	2017	Increase (Decrease)
Land	\$1,768,505	\$1,768,505	\$0
Land Improvements	3,969,554	3,969,554	0
Buildings and Improvements	13,082,390	13,082,390	0
Infrastructure	18,289,049	18,182,288	106,761
Machinery and Equipment	4,711,547	4,775,039	(63,492)
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(20,275,385)	(19,202,770)	(1,072,615)
Capital Assets, Net	\$21,545,660	\$22,575,006	(\$1,029,346)

The overall net change in capital assets is a result of depreciation expense being greater than additions to land, improvements, infrastructure and machinery and equipment. Additional information on the Village's capital assets can be found in Note 7.

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Debt

At December 31, 2018, the Village had \$17,799,644 in bonds outstanding, \$675,000 due within one year. The following table summarizes the Village’s debt outstanding as of December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	Government Activities	
	2018	2017
OPWC Loans	\$352,524	\$368,006
Total General Obligation Bonds	17,799,644	18,477,925
Total Net Pension Liability	11,829,694	13,604,580
Net OPEB Liability	10,301,101	9,012,797
Accrued Pension Liability	595,093	619,657
Capital Leases	77,880	154,591
Compensated Absences	871,770	1,207,204
Total	<u>\$41,827,706</u>	<u>\$43,444,760</u>

Additional information on the Village’s long-term debt can be found in Note 12.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

The preceding financial information reflects that with the lower property tax values and the decline in local government funds the Village still remains heavily dependent on its local earnings tax and property taxes. The Village is continuing to work with the Ohio EPA to address all issues related to the Bank Ave. litigation and remains positive everything will be addressed.

The Village’s goal is to continue to offer outstanding services to its residents and businesses while upgrading housing stock and moving forward with major projects. With careful planning and monitoring of the Village’s finances, management is confident that current and future funding challenges can be overcome and quality services will continue to be provided to the people and businesses of St. Bernard.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Village’s finances and to show the Village’s accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Peggy Brickweg, Village Auditor of the Village of St. Bernard.

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2018

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$5,384,553
Restricted Cash	1,662
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agent	279,260
Receivables (Net):	
Taxes	1,941,142
Accounts	66,933
Intergovernmental	232,959
Forgiveable Loan Receivable	18,000
Assets Held for Resale	5,218,332
Inventory	45,598
Prepaid Items	53,961
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	1,768,505
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>19,777,155</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>34,788,060</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources:	
Pension	1,789,444
OPEB	<u>980,853</u>
 Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	 <u>2,770,297</u>
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	65,466
Accrued Wages and Benefits	320,002
Accrued Interest Payable	62,062
Claims Payable	87,375
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	861,947
Due In More Than One Year	
Net Pension Liability	11,829,694
Net OPEB Liability	10,301,101
Other Amounts	<u>18,834,964</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>42,362,611</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Property Taxes	801,671
Grants and Other Taxes	40,008
OPEB	409,838
Pension	<u>1,407,363</u>
 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	 <u>2,658,880</u>
Net Position:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,720,519
Net Investment in Assets Held for Resale	5,218,332
Restricted for:	
Debt Service	131,458
Capital Projects	545,459
Street Improvements	614,398
Public Safety	387,734
Community Development	546,699
Other Purposes	61,689
Unrestricted	<u>(17,689,422)</u>
 Total Net Position	 <u><u>(\$7,463,134)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2018

	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:				
General Government	\$5,787,461	\$65,212	\$25,107	(\$5,697,142)
Public Safety	5,234,040	232,951	1,712	(4,999,377)
Community Development	225,888	220,561	0	(5,327)
Leisure Time Activities	393,338	86,141	2,825	(304,372)
Transportation and Street Repair	720,516	0	219,940	(500,576)
Basic Utility Service	357,083	228,758	0	(128,325)
Public Health and Welfare	5,145	0	0	(5,145)
Other	24,597	0	0	(24,597)
Interest and Other Charges	679,049	0	0	(679,049)
Totals	<u>\$13,427,117</u>	<u>\$833,623</u>	<u>\$249,584</u>	<u>(12,343,910)</u>

General Revenues:	
Income Taxes	10,905,984
Property Taxes Levied for:	
General Purposes	807,398
Police Operations	23,285
Fire Operations	23,285
Grants and Entitlements, Not Restricted	203,991
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	40,008
Investment Earnings	57,010
Capital Contributions	156,737
Other Revenues	193,178
Total General Revenues	<u>12,410,876</u>
Change in Net Position	66,966
Net Position - Beginning of Year, Restated	<u>(7,530,100)</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u><u>(\$7,463,134)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2018

	General	Community Improvement Corporation	General Bond Retirement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$3,314,537	\$233,366	\$86,048	\$1,750,602	\$5,384,553
Restricted Cash	1,662	0	0	0	1,662
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agent	0	0	100,953	178,307	279,260
Receivables (Net):					
Taxes	1,893,062	0	0	48,080	1,941,142
Accounts	66,933	0	0	0	66,933
Intergovernmental	87,191	0	0	145,768	232,959
Advances to Other Funds	0	0	0	18,000	18,000
Forgiveable Loan Receivable	0	18,000	0	0	18,000
Assets Held for Resale	0	5,218,332	0	0	5,218,332
Inventory	45,598	0	0	0	45,598
Prepaid Items	53,961	0	0	0	53,961
Total Assets	5,462,944	5,469,698	187,001	2,140,757	13,260,400
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	36,742	0	0	28,724	65,466
Accrued Wages and Benefits	317,045	0	0	2,957	320,002
Claims Payable	87,375	0	0	0	87,375
Advances from Other Funds	0	18,000	0	0	18,000
Total Liabilities	441,162	18,000	0	31,681	490,843
Deferred Inflows of Resources:					
Property Taxes	833,921	0	0	48,080	882,001
Grants and Other Taxes	488,564	0	0	110,400	598,964
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,322,485	0	0	158,480	1,480,965
Fund Balances:					
Nonspendable	99,559	0	0	0	99,559
Restricted	0	5,451,698	187,001	1,847,867	7,486,566
Committed	0	0	0	102,729	102,729
Assigned	174,801	0	0	0	174,801
Unassigned	3,424,937	0	0	0	3,424,937
Total Fund Balances	3,699,297	5,451,698	187,001	1,950,596	11,288,592
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balances	\$5,462,944	\$5,469,698	\$187,001	\$2,140,757	\$13,260,400

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
 Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balance to
 Net Position of Governmental Activities
 December 31, 2018

Total Governmental Fund Balance		\$11,288,592
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Capital assets used in the operation of Governmental Funds		21,545,660
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.		
Income Taxes	420,612	
Delinquent Property Taxes	80,330	
Intergovernmental	138,344	
		<u>639,286</u>
In the statement of net position interest payable is accrued when incurred; whereas, in the governmental funds interest is reported as a liability only when it will require the use of current financial resources.		
		(62,062)
Some liabilities reported in the statement of net position do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in governmental funds.		
Compensated Absences		(871,770)
Deferred outflows and inflows or resources related to pensions and OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	1,789,444	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(1,407,363)	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	980,853	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	(409,838)	
		<u>953,096</u>
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Net Pension Liability	(11,829,694)	
Net OPEB Liability	(10,301,101)	
Other Amounts	(18,825,141)	
		<u>(40,955,936)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities		<u><u>(\$7,463,134)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2018

	General	Community Improvement Corporation	General Bond Retirement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Property and Other Taxes	\$770,213	\$0	\$0	\$44,392	\$814,605
Income Taxes	11,317,014	0	0	0	11,317,014
Charges for Services	420,880	167,103	0	32,108	620,091
Investment Earnings	52,534	2,719	1,112	645	57,010
Intergovernmental	200,411	0	0	215,697	416,108
Fines, Licenses & Permits	192,732	0	0	8,752	201,484
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	40,008	40,008
Rent	27,932	0	0	0	27,932
Other Revenues	185,977	0	0	0	185,977
Total Revenues	13,167,693	169,822	1,112	341,602	13,680,229
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General Government	5,003,354	0	0	231,625	5,234,979
Public Safety	4,284,471	0	0	50,868	4,335,339
Community Development	0	176,739	0	49,149	225,888
Leisure Time Activities	113,171	0	0	113,773	226,944
Transportation and Street Repair	85,935	0	0	149,706	235,641
Basic Utility Service	357,083	0	0	0	357,083
Public Health and Welfare	5,145	0	0	0	5,145
Other	24,597	0	0	0	24,597
Capital Outlay	40,060	0	0	88,860	128,920
Debt Service:					
Principal	24,564	0	721,710	15,483	761,757
Interest and Other Charges	26,076	0	688,458	324	714,858
Total Expenditures	9,964,456	176,739	1,410,168	699,788	12,251,151
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	3,203,237	(6,917)	(1,409,056)	(358,186)	1,429,078
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	19,099	0	0	0	19,099
Capital Contributions	0	156,737	0	0	156,737
Transfers In	0	0	1,250,000	248,076	1,498,076
Transfers (Out)	(1,498,076)	0	0	0	(1,498,076)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,478,977)	156,737	1,250,000	248,076	175,836
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,724,260	149,820	(159,056)	(110,110)	1,604,914
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year, Restated	1,975,037	5,301,878	346,057	2,060,706	9,683,678
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$3,699,297	\$5,451,698	\$187,001	\$1,950,596	\$11,288,592

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
 in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
 For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2018

Net Change in Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds \$1,604,914

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

Governmental funds report capital asset additions 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 of the difference between capital asset additions and depreciation in the current period.

Capital assets used in governmental activities	106,761	
Depreciation Expense	<u>(1,136,107)</u>	(1,029,346)

Governmental funds report pension/OPEB contributions as expenditures. However in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension/OPEB benefits earned net of employee contributions are reported as pension/OPEB expense.

Pension Contributions	941,427	
Pension Expense	(1,463,923)	
OPEB Contributions	15,672	
OPEB Expense	<u>(772,796)</u>	(1,279,620)

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

Income Taxes	(411,030)	
Delinquent Property Taxes	39,513	
Intergovernmental	<u>9,535</u>	(361,982)

Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

761,757

In the statement of activities interest expense is accrued when incurred; whereas, in governmental funds an interest expenditure is reported when due.

2,528

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

Compensated Absences	335,434	
Amortization of Bond Premium	<u>33,281</u>	368,715

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$66,966</u>
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
December 31, 2018

	C-9 Trust	Agency
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Assets:		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$29,037</u>
Total Assets	<u>50,000</u>	<u>29,037</u>
Liabilities:		
Undistributed Monies	<u>0</u>	<u>29,037</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>\$29,037</u>
Net Position:		
Held in Trust	<u>50,000</u>	
Total Net Position	<u>\$50,000</u>	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2018

	C-9 Trust
Additions:	
Other	\$0
Total Additions	0
Deductions:	
Other	0
Total Deductions	0
Change in Net Position	0
Net Position - Beginning of Year	50,000
Net Position - End of Year	\$50,000

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

The Village of St. Bernard, Ohio (the "Village") was incorporated as a village in 1878 and became a Village in 1912. The Village is a charter municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio and operates under a Council-Mayor form of government.

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Village present the financial position of the various fund types, and the results of operations of the various fund types. The financial statements are presented as of December 31, 2018 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 (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).

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 Village (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 Village'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 Village.

The Community Improvement Corporation of St. Bernard (CIC), a non-profit organization, is an eleven-member board comprised of one Village official, three elected officials, five community representatives and two non-resident business advisors. Although it is legally separate from the Village, the CIC is reported as if it were part of the primary government because the Village can impose its will on the CIC. The CIC is responsible for research and development of the Village, including the assurance that mortgage payments will be made to foster such development, the acquisition, construction, equipment and improvement of buildings, structures and other properties, the acquisition of sites for such development, the lease, sale and subdivision of such sites and incurring of debt in order to carry out such development, and to make loans to any individual or business entity in order to carry out such development purpose for the Village. Funding to finance the CIC comes from the sale of properties owned by the CIC and contributions from the Village and private sources.

The Village of St. Bernard Mayor's Court is included in the reporting entity because it is not legally separate.

Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The Village uses funds to report its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain Village functions or activities.

A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and

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changes therein, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations. The following fund types are used by the Village:

Governmental Funds

The governmental funds are those funds through which most governmental functions are typically financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the Village's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of "Flow of Current Financial Resources." With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. The following are the Village'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 Village for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Community Improvement Corporation Fund – This fund is used to account for the financial activities of the CIC of Saint Bernard.

General Bond Retirement Fund - This fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the retirement of the Village's long-term obligations.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on Net Position and changes in Net Position. The fiduciary category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets the Village holds in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and other funds. The Village's fiduciary funds are a Private-Purpose Trust Fund and agency funds. The Village's Private Purpose Trust Fund accounts for monies held in trust for retired employees of the Village. The Village's agency funds account for monies held for hall rentals, building permit fees, and the Mayor's Court. The agency funds are purely custodial (assets equal liabilities) and thus do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Basis of Presentation – Financial Statements

The village's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Village 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 Village that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

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The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities of the Village at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Village's governmental activities and for the business-type activities of the Village. 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, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Village, 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 Village.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the Village segregates transactions related to certain Village functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Village at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting represents the methodology utilized in the recognition of revenues and expenditures in the accounts and reported in the financial statements, and relates to the timing of the measurements made. 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 "measurable" means that the amount of the transaction can be determined. The term "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period, which for the Village is considered 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.

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

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Village 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 Village must provide local resources to be used for a

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specific purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Village on a reimbursement basis.

Revenue considered susceptible to accrual at year-end includes income taxes withheld by employers, property taxes, interest on investments and state levied locally shared taxes (including motor vehicle license fees and local government assistance). Other revenue, including licenses, permits, certain charges for services, income taxes other than those withheld by employers and miscellaneous revenues, is recorded as revenue when received in cash because generally this revenue is not measurable until received.

Property taxes measurable as of December 31, 2018, but not received within the available period are recorded as deferred inflows of resources as these resources are not intended to pay liabilities of the current period. Delinquent property taxes, whose availability is indeterminate, are recorded as deferred inflows of resources.

The Village reports deferred inflows of resources in its balance sheet. Deferred inflows of resources arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the measurable and available criteria for recognition in the current period. In the subsequent period, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, the liability for deferred inflows of resources is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

The budgetary process is prescribed 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 with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources as certified.

All funds other than agency funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated; however, only governmental funds are required to be reported. Since the Community Improvement Corporation is a legally separate entity it is not part of the Village's budget, therefore no budgetary statement is presented. The legal level of budgetary control for each fund is at the object level within each department. Budgetary modifications may only be made by ordinance of the Village Council.

Tax Budget

By July 15, the Village Finance Committee and Auditor submit an annual tax budget for the following fiscal year to Village Council for consideration and passage. The adopted budget is submitted to the County Auditor, as Secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20 of each year for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year.

Budgetary Process

Estimated Resources

The County Budget Commission reviews estimated revenue and determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy all or part of previously authorized taxes. By October 1 of each year, the Village accepts by resolution the tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission. As part of the certification

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process, the Village receives an official certificate of estimated resources stating the projected receipts by fund. Prior to December 31, the Village must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing fiscal year do 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 final amended official certificate of estimated resources issued during 2018.

Appropriations

A temporary appropriation ordinance to control expenditures may be passed on or about January 1 of each year for the period January 1 through March 31. An annual appropriation ordinance must be passed by April 1 of each year for the period January 1 through December 31. The appropriation ordinance establishes spending controls at the fund, department and object level, and may be modified during the year by an ordinance of the Village Council. Total fund appropriations may not exceed the current estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the object level. Administrative control is maintained through the establishment of more detailed line-item budgets. The budgetary figures which appear in the "Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances-Budget and Actual" are provided on the budgetary basis to provide a comparison of actual results to the final budget, including all amendments and modifications.

Encumbrances

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for expenditures are encumbered and recorded as the equivalent of expenditures (budget basis) in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. However, on the GAAP basis of accounting, encumbrances do not constitute expenditures or liabilities.

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.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits and the State Treasurer's Asset Reserve (STAR Ohio). STAR Ohio is considered a cash equivalent because it is a highly liquid investment with an original maturity date of three months or less.

The Village pools its cash for investment and resource management purposes. Each fund's equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents represents the balance on hand as if each fund maintained its own cash and cash equivalent account.

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Investments

Investment procedures and interest allocations are restricted by provisions of the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Revised Code, and the Village's Investment Policies. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools", the Village records all its investments at fair value except for nonparticipating investment contracts (certificates of deposit) which are reported at cost. All investment income, including changes in the fair value of investments, are recognized as revenue in the operating statements. Fair value is determined by quoted market prices. See Note 3, "Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments."

The Village's investment in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (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 and is recognized as an external investment pool by the Village. The Village measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides a NAV per share that approximates fair value. For fiscal year 2018, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, notice must be given 24 hours in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$25 million. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$50 million, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$50 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2018, 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 is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

Inventory

Inventory is stated at cost (first-in, first-out) in the governmental funds. The costs of inventory items are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds when purchased.

Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets are defined by the Village as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$500.

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. The capital asset values were initially determined by assigning original acquisition costs when such information was available. In cases where information supporting original costs was not available, 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. Donated capital assets are capitalized at acquisition value, rather than fair value on the date donated. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the

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asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized. 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.

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>Estimated Lives</u>
Land Improvements	20-40 years
Buildings and Improvements	10-45 years
Infrastructure	20-50 years
Machinery and Equipment	5-20 years

Long-Term Obligations

Long-term liabilities are being repaid from the following funds:

<u>Obligation</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Compensated Absences	General Fund Street Maintenance Fund Master Plan Capital Improvement Fund
General Obligation Bonds	General Bond Retirement Fund
Accrued Pension Liability	General Fund
OPEB Liability	General Fund
Capital Leases	General Bond Retirement Fund
Ohio Public Works	Storm Sewer Improvement Fund
Commission Loans	General Bond Retirement Fund

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 95% of the leave balances accumulated by employees who have ten years or more of service time with the Village. These employees are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments.

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For governmental funds, that portion of unpaid compensated absences that is expected to be paid using expendable available financial 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.

Net Position

Net Position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net Position – 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 are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Village or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

The Village applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted Net Position are available.

Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

Intergovernmental Revenues

In governmental funds, intergovernmental revenues, such as grants awarded on a non-reimbursement basis, and shared revenues are recorded as intergovernmental receivables and revenues when measurable and available. Reimbursable grants are recorded as intergovernmental receivables and revenues when the related expenditures are made.

Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures 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. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

Interfund Assets/Liabilities

Receivables and payables arising between funds for goods provided or services rendered are classified as "Due From/To Other Funds" on the balance sheet. Short-term interfund loans are classified as "Interfund Receivables/Payables," while long-term interfund loans are classified as "Interfund Loan Receivable/ Payable."

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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.

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 Village 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 Village 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 Village's highest level of decision making authority. For the Village, these constraints consist of ordinances and resolutions passed by Village Council. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Village removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance, resolution) it employed previously to commit those amounts.

Assigned – Assigned fund balance consists of amounts that are constrained by the Village's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.

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.

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.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of

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resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the Village, deferred outflows of resources are reported for pension and OPEB amounts (See Notes 8 and 9). The amounts are reported in the government-wide statement of net position.

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 items, property taxes and grants and other taxes are reported on the governmental funds balance sheet and government-wide statements. The governmental funds report unavailable amounts for delinquent property taxes, income taxes and state levied shared taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. See Notes 8 and 9 for more information.

Fair Market Value

The Village categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

Note 2 – Fund Balance Classification

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the Village 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:

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Fund Balances	General	Community Improvement Corporation	General Bond Retirement	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<u>Nonspendable:</u>					
Supplies Inventory	\$45,598	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,598
Prepaid Items	53,961	0	0	0	53,961
Total Nonspendable	<u>99,559</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>99,559</u>
<u>Restricted for:</u>					
Community Environment	0	5,451,698	0	0	5,451,698
Security of Persons	0	0	0	663,123	663,123
Court Improvements	0	0	0	33,590	33,590
Street Improvements	0	0	0	605,695	605,695
Debt Service	0	0	187,001	0	187,001
Capital Improvements	0	0	0	545,459	545,459
Total Restricted	<u>0</u>	<u>5,451,698</u>	<u>187,001</u>	<u>1,847,867</u>	<u>7,486,566</u>
<u>Committed to:</u>					
Swimming Pool	0	0	0	102,724	102,724
Capital Improvements	0	0	0	5	5
Total Committed	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>102,729</u>	<u>102,729</u>
<u>Assigned to:</u>					
Goods and Services	174,801	0	0	0	174,801
Total Assigned	<u>174,801</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>174,801</u>
<u>Unassigned</u>	<u>3,424,937</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,424,937</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$3,699,297</u>	<u>\$5,451,698</u>	<u>\$187,001</u>	<u>\$1,950,596</u>	<u>\$11,288,592</u>

Note 3 – Cash, Cash Equivalents And Investments

Cash resources of several individual funds are combined to form a pool of cash, cash equivalents and investments.

Statutes require the classification of funds held by the Village into three categories. Category 1 consists of “active” funds - those funds required to be kept in a “cash” or “near cash” status for immediate use by the Village. Such funds must be maintained either as cash in the Village 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:

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- (1) 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 or interest by the United States;
- (2) 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;
- (3) 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;
- (4) Interim deposits in eligible institutions applying for interim funds;
- (5) Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
- (6) 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
- (7) The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio).

Deposits

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Village will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. As of December 31, 2018, \$2,157,060 of the Village's bank balance of \$2,407,060 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and collateralized.

The Village has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or protected by:

Eligible securities pledged to the Village and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105% of the deposits being secured; or

Participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102% of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

Investments

The Village's investments at December 31, 2018 were as follows:

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Investment Type	Fair Value	Fair Value Hierarchy	Weighted Average Maturity (Years)
Money Market Funds	\$100,953	N/A	0.00
STAROhio	3,456,581	N/A	0.12
Total Fair Value	\$3,557,534		

The Village categorizes its fair value measurements with the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation used to measure the fair value of an asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs. Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The above table identifies the Village’s recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2018. STAROhio is reported at its share price (Net Asset value per share).

Interest Rate Risk – The Ohio Revised Code generally limits security purchases to those that mature within five years of settlement date, the Village has no policy beyond what Ohio Revised Code requires.

Credit Risk – It is the Village’s policy to limit its investments that are not obligations of the U.S. Government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government to investments which have the highest credit quality rating issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. Investments in STAROhio were rated AAAM by Standard & Poors. Investments in Money Market Funds were not rated.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The Village places no limit on the amount the Village may invest in one issuer. Of the Village’s total investments 3% are Money Market Funds and 97% are STAR Ohio.

Custodial Credit Risk – For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Village will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Village has no policy beyond what Ohio Revised Code requires for custodial credit risk.

Note 4 – Taxes

Property Taxes

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real estate and public utility property and located in the Village. Real property taxes (other than public utility) collected during 2018 were levied after October 1, 2017 on assessed values as of January 1, 2017, the lien date. Assessed values were established by the County Auditor at 35 percent of appraised market value. Taxes collected in 2018 are intended to finance 2019 operations. 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 and tangible personal 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 100 percent of its true value. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as the real property taxes described previously.

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

The assessed value on which the 2018 levy was based was \$81,412,080. This amount constitutes \$76,471,770 in real property assessed value and \$4,940,310 in public utility assessed value.

Income Tax

The Village levies a tax of 2.1% on all salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation and on net profits earned within the Village as well as on incomes of residents earned outside the Village. In the latter case, the Village allows a credit of up to 2.1% of the tax paid to another municipality.

Employers within the Village are required to withhold income tax on employee compensation and remit the tax to the Village 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 5 – Receivables

Receivables at December 31, 2018, consisted of taxes, accounts receivable, forgivable loans and intergovernmental receivables arising from shared revenues. All receivables are considered collectible in full. Those receivables that relate to amounts not intended to finance the current fiscal year are offset by deferred inflows of resources.

Note 6 – Transfers and Advances

Following is a summary of transfers in and out and advances to and from for all funds for 2018:

Fund	Other Funds	Other Funds
General	\$0	\$1,498,076
General Bond Retirement	1,250,000	0
Other Governmental	248,076	0
Total	\$1,498,076	\$1,498,076

Fund	Other Funds	Other Funds
Community Improvement Corporation	\$0	\$18,000
Other Governmental	18,000	0
Total	\$18,000	\$18,000

Transfers are used to move revenues from the funds that statute or budget requires to collect them to the funds that statute or budget requires to expend them; to segregate money for anticipated capital projects; to provide additional resources for current operations or debt service; to return money to the fund from which it was originally provided once a project is completed; and to transfer capital assets.

During 2015 the Master Plan Improvement Fund advanced the Community Improvement Corporation \$90,000 to help subsidize the CIC's operations. \$72,000 has been repaid, leaving \$18,000.

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Note 7 - Capital Assets

Summary by category of changes in governmental activities capital assets at December 31, 2018:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$1,768,505	\$0	\$0	\$1,768,505
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Land Improvements	3,969,554	0	0	3,969,554
Buildings and Improvements	13,082,390	0	0	13,082,390
Infrastructure	18,182,288	106,761	0	18,289,049
Machinery and Equipment	4,775,039	0	63,492	4,711,547
Totals at Historical Cost	<u>41,777,776</u>	<u>106,761</u>	<u>63,492</u>	<u>41,821,045</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Land Improvements	2,939,973	162,881	0	3,102,854
Building and Improvements	2,308,875	252,438	0	2,561,313
Infrastructure	10,260,104	478,413	63,492	10,675,025
Machinery and Equipment	3,693,818	242,375	0	3,936,193
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>19,202,770</u>	<u>1,136,107</u>	<u>63,492</u>	<u>20,275,385</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$22,575,006</u>	<u>(\$1,029,346)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$21,545,660</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental programs as follows:

Security of Persons and Property	\$185,718
Leisure Time Activities	166,394
Transportation	462,716
General Government	321,279
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$1,136,107</u>

Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Net Pension Liability/Net Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Liability

Pensions and OPEB 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 net pension liability and the net OPEB liability represent the Village’s proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan’s collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life

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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 Village's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The Village cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions/OPEB are financed; however, the Village does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension and OPEB.

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The remainder of this note includes the pension disclosures. See Note 9 for the OPEB disclosures.

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - The Village's employees 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. Village 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.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. 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 in the tradition and combined plans 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 and combined plans as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS CAFR referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

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<u>Group A</u> Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	<u>Group B</u> 20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	<u>Group C</u> Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
<u>State and Local</u>	<u>State and Local</u>	<u>State and Local</u>
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
Traditional Plan 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	Traditional Plan 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	Traditional Plan 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

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 traditional plan 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. Members retiring under the combined plan receive a cost-of-living adjustment of the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. 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>
2018 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates	
Employer	14.0 %
Employee	10.0 %
2018 Actual Contribution Rates	
Employer:	
Pension	14.0 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	<u>0.0</u>
Total Employer	<u>14.0 %</u>
Employee	<u>10.0 %</u>

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. For 2018, The Village's contractually required contribution was \$256,952 for the traditional plan. Of this amount \$19,494 is reported as accrued wages and benefits.

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

Plan Description – Village 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 (see OPF CAFR referenced above for additional information, including requirements for Deferred Retirement Option Plan provisions and reduced and unreduced benefits):

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, surviving beneficiaries, and statutory survivors. Members participating in the DROP program have separate eligibility requirements related to COLA.

Members retiring under normal service retirement, with less than 15 years of service credit on July 1, 2013, and members whose pension benefit became effective on or after July 1, 2013, will receive a COLA equal to a percentage of the member's base pension benefit where the percentage is the lesser of three percent or the percentage increase in the consumer price index, if any, over the 12 month period that ends on the thirtieth day of September of the immediately preceding year, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percent.

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

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	Safety Officers	Firefighters
2018 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates		
Employer	19.50 %	24.00 %
Employee	12.25 %	12.25 %
2018 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	12.25 %	12.25 %

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Village's contractually required contribution to OPF was \$684,475 for 2018. Of this amount \$55,224 is reported as accrued wages and benefits.

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, 2017, 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, 2017, and was determined by rolling forward the total pension liability as of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The Village's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Village's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share of the Village's defined benefit pension plans:

	OPERS	OPF	Total
Proportionate Share of the:			
Net Pension Liability	\$2,476,832	\$9,352,862	\$11,829,694
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.01578800%	0.15239000%	0.16817800%
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.01649000%</u>	<u>0.15567000%</u>	<u>0.17216000%</u>
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.00070200%</u>	<u>-0.00328000%</u>	<u>-0.00398200%</u>
Pension Expense	\$458,668	\$1,005,255	\$1,463,923

At December 31, 2018, the Village reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>OPF</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources:			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$2,529	\$141,936	\$144,465
Changes in assumptions	295,998	407,554	703,552
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	256,952	684,475	941,427
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$555,479</u>	<u>\$1,233,965</u>	<u>\$1,789,444</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$48,810	\$16,920	\$65,730
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	531,743	323,537	855,280
Changes in employer proportionate share of net pension liability	87,771	398,582	486,353
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$668,324</u>	<u>\$739,039</u>	<u>\$1,407,363</u>

\$941,427 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from Village contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31:	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>OPF</u>	<u>Total</u>
2019	\$170,776	\$137,554	\$308,330
2020	(87,920)	52,493	(35,427)
2021	(234,152)	(282,614)	(516,766)
2022	(218,501)	(186,460)	(404,961)
2023	0	71,641	71,641
Thereafter	<u>0</u>	<u>17,837</u>	<u>17,837</u>
Total	<u>(\$369,797)</u>	<u>(\$189,549)</u>	<u>(\$559,346)</u>

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 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2017, using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67.

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Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, prepared as of December 31, 2017, are presented below.

OPERS Traditional Plan

Wage Inflation	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:	
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3 percent, simple
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3 percent, simple through 2018 then 2.15 percent, simple
Investment Rate of Return	7.5 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Employees mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to all of the above described tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2015.

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.

During 2017, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets for the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. 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 annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was 16.82 percent for 2017.

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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 2017 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)
Fixed Income	23.00%	2.20%
Domestic Equities	19.00%	6.37%
Real Estate	10.00%	5.26%
Private Equity	10.00%	8.97%
International Equities	20.00%	7.88%
Other investments	18.00%	5.26%
Total	100.00%	5.66%

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.5 percent for the traditional plan and the combined plan. 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 contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. 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 Village's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the Village's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.5 percent, as well as what the Village's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.5 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.5 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
Village's proportionate share of the net pension liability:			
OPERS	\$3,924,581	\$2,476,832	\$874,971

Changes between Measurement Date and Report Date There have been no pension plan amendments adopted or changes in assumptions that have impacted the actuarial valuation studies for the pension plan for the measurement date.

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Actuarial Assumptions – OPF

OPF’s total pension liability as of December 31, 2017, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2017, 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. Assumptions considered were: withdrawal rates, disability retirement, service retirement, DROP elections, mortality, percent married and forms of the payment, DROP interest rate, CPI-based COLA, investment returns, salary increases and payroll growth.

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, prepared as of January 1, 2017, compared with January 1, 2016, are presented below.

	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2016
Valuation Date	January 1, 2017, with actuarial liabilities rolled forward to December 31, 2017	January 1, 2016, with actuarial liabilities rolled forward to December 31, 2016
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	8.0 percent	8.25 percent
Projected Salary Increases	3.75 percent to 10.5 percent	4.25 percent to 11 percent
Payroll Growth	Inflation rate of 2.75 percent plus productivity increase rate of 0.5 percent	Inflation rate of 3.25 percent plus productivity increase rate of 0.5 percent
Cost of Living Adjustments	3.00 percent simple; 2.2 percent simple for increased based on the lesser of the increase in CPI and 3 percent	3.00 percent simple; 2.6 percent simple for increased based on the lesser of the increase in CPI and 3 percent

For the January 1, 2017, valuation, mortality for non-disabled participants is based on the RP-2014 Total Employee and Healthy Annuitant Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006, adjusted according to the rates in the following table, and projected with the Conduent Modified 2016 Improvement Scale. Rates for surviving beneficiaries are adjusted by 120 percent.

Age	Police	Fire
67 or less	77%	68%
68-77	105%	87%
78 and up	115%	120%

For the January 1, 2017, valuation, mortality for disabled retirees is based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006, adjusted according to the rates in the following table, and projected with the Conduent Modified 2016 Improvement Scale.

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Age	Police	Fire
59 or less	35%	35%
60-69	60%	45%
70-79	75%	70%
80 and up	100%	90%

For the January 1, 2016 valuation, rates of death were 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 for the five year period ended December 31, 2016, the prior experience study was completed December 31, 2011.

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 expected. 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, 2017, are summarized below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash and Cash Equivalent	0.00%	0.00%
Domestic Equity	16.00%	5.21%
Non-US Equity	16.00%	5.40%
Core Fixed Income*	20.00%	2.37%
Global Inflation Protected Securities*	20.00%	2.33%
High Yield	15.00%	4.48%
Real Estate	12.00%	5.65%
Private Markets	8.00%	7.99%
Timber	5.00%	6.87%
Master Limited Partnerships	8.00%	7.36%
Total	120.00%	

Note: Assumptions are geometric

* 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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Discount Rate The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 8.00 percent. The discount rate used for 2016 was 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 8.00 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 Village'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 8.00 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 (7.00 percent), or one percentage point higher (9.00 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (7.00%)	Current Discount Rate (8.00%)	1% Increase (9.00%)
Village's proportionate share of the net pension liability:			
OPF	\$12,965,520	\$9,352,862	\$6,406,410

Changes between Measurement Date and Report Date There have been no pension plan amendments adopted or changes in assumptions that have impacted the actuarial valuation studies for the pension plan for the measurement date.

Note 9 - Defined Benefit Other Postemployment Benefits Plans

Net Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Liability

For 2018, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, “Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions” was effective. OPEB is a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. OPEB 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 net OPEB liability represents the Village’s proportionate share of each OPEB plan’s collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position. The net OPEB 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 these estimates annually.

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

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GASB 75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because they benefit from employee services. OPEB contributions come from these employers and health care plan enrollees which pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. Any change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net OPEB liability. Resulting adjustments to the net OPEB liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust, which funds multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement to qualifying benefit recipients of both the traditional pension and the combined plans. This trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or refund, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

In order to qualify for postemployment health care coverage, age and service retirees under the traditional pension and combined plans must have twenty 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 meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 75. See OPERS' CAFR referenced below for additional information.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS' Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, health care is not being funded.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2018, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.1 percent. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board 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

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members in the Traditional Pension Plan was 1.0 percent during calendar year 2017. As recommended by OPERS' actuary, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care beginning January 1, 2018 decreased to 0 percent for both plans. The OPERS 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.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Village's contractually required contribution was \$0 for 2018.

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

Plan Description – The Village contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OPF) sponsored healthcare program, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined post-employment healthcare plan administered by a third-party provider. This program is not guaranteed and is subject to change at any time upon action of the Board of Trustees. OPF provides health care benefits including coverage for medical, prescription drug, dental, vision, and Medicare Part B Premium to retirees, qualifying benefit recipients and their eligible dependents.

OPF provides access to postretirement health care coverage for any person who receives or is eligible to receive a monthly service, disability, or statutory survivor benefit, or is a spouse or eligible dependent child of such person. The health care coverage provided by OPF meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75.

The Ohio Revised Code allows, but does not mandate, OPF to provide OPEB benefits. Authority for the OPF Board of Trustees to provide health care coverage to eligible participants and to establish and amend benefits is codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code.

OPF issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information for the plan. The report 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.

Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code provides for contribution requirements of the participating employers and of plan members to the OPF defined benefit pension plan. 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 percent and 24 percent of covered payroll for police and fire employer units, respectively. The Ohio Revised Code states that the employer contribution may not exceed 19.5 percent of covered payroll for police employer units and 24 percent of covered payroll for fire employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

OPF maintains funds for health care in two separate accounts. There is one account for health care benefits and one account for Medicare Part B reimbursements. A separate health care trust accrual account is maintained for health care benefits under IRS Code Section 115 trust. An Internal Revenue Code 401(h) account is maintained for Medicare Part B reimbursements.

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 2018, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care

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was 0.5 percent of covered payroll. 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 OPF Board of Trustees is also 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.

Beginning January 1, 2019, OPF is changing its retiree health care model and the current self-insured health care plan will no longer be offered. In its place is a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OPF will be placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees will use to be reimbursed for health care expenses.

The Village's contractually required contribution to OPF was \$15,672 for 2018.

Net OPEB Liability

The net OPEB liability and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2016, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2017, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. OPF's total OPEB liability was measured as of December 31, 2017, and was determined by rolling forward the total OPEB liability as of January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2017. The Village's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability was based on the Village's share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>OPF</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of the:			
Net OPEB Liability	\$1,666,897	\$8,634,204	\$10,301,101
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.01535000%	0.15239000%	0.16774000%
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.01607364%</u>	<u>0.15567000%</u>	<u>0.17174364%</u>
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.00072364%</u>	<u>-0.00328000%</u>	<u>-0.00400364%</u>
OPEB Expense	\$118,316	\$654,480	\$772,796

At December 31, 2018, the Village reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>OPF</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources:			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$1,299	\$0	\$1,299
Changes in assumptions	121,367	842,515	963,882
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	0	15,672	15,672
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$122,666</u>	<u>\$858,187</u>	<u>\$980,853</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$43,547	\$43,547
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	124,173	56,834	181,007
Changes in employer proportionate share of net OPEB liability	49,449	135,835	185,284
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$173,622</u>	<u>\$236,216</u>	<u>\$409,838</u>

\$15,672 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from Village contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending December 31, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31:	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>OPF</u>	<u>Total</u>
2019	\$3,962	\$82,741	\$86,703
2020	3,962	82,741	86,703
2021	(27,837)	82,741	54,904
2022	(31,043)	82,741	51,698
2023	0	96,949	96,949
Thereafter	0	178,386	178,386
Total	<u>(\$50,956)</u>	<u>\$606,299</u>	<u>\$555,343</u>

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 and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2016, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2017. The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

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Wage Inflation	3.25 percent
Projected Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
Single Discount Rate:	
Current measurement date	3.85 percent
Prior Measurement date	4.23 percent
Investment Rate of Return	6.50 percent
Municipal Bond Rate	3.31 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	7.5 percent, initial 3.25 percent, ultimate in 2028
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Employees mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to all of the above described tables. The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2015.

The long-term expected rate of return on health care 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.

During 2017, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, contributions into the plans are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made, and health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio is 15.2 percent for 2017.

The allocation of investment assets with the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. OPERS' primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for the benefits provided through

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the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2017 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)
Fixed Income	34.00%	1.88%
Domestic Equities	21.00%	6.37%
Real Estate Investment Trust	6.00%	5.91%
International Equities	22.00%	7.88%
Other investments	17.00%	5.39%
Total	100.00%	4.98%

Discount Rate A single discount rate of 3.85 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2017. A single discount rate of 4.23 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2016. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.50 percent and a municipal bond rate of 3.31 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through 2034. As a result, the long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2034, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

Sensitivity of the Village's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the Village's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the single discount rate of 3.85 percent, as well as what the Village's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (2.85 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (4.85 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.85%)	Current Discount Rate (3.85%)	1% Increase (4.85%)
Village's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability:			
OPERS	\$2,214,545	\$1,666,897	\$1,223,856

Sensitivity of the Village's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB liability. The following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the assumed trend

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rates, and the expected net OPEB liability if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent higher than the current rate.

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2018 is 7.50 percent. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is that in the not-too-distant future, the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.25 percent in the most recent valuation.

	Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate		
	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Assumption</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Village's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability OPERS	\$1,594,865	\$1,666,897	\$1,741,304

Changes between Measurement Date and Report Date There have been no OPEB plan amendments adopted or changes in assumptions that have impacted the actuarial valuation studies for health care for the measurement date.

Actuarial Assumptions – OPF

OPF's total OPEB liability as of December 31, 2017, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2017, and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The total OPEB liability is determined by OPF's actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, 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.

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 and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases, actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

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Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, are presented below.

Valuation Date	January 1, 2017, with actuarial liabilities rolled forward to December 31, 2017
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	8.0 percent
Projected Salary Increases	3.75 percent to 10.5 percent
Payroll Growth	Inflation rate of 2.75 percent plus productivity increase rate of 0.5
Single discount rate:	
Current measurement date	3.24 percent
Prior measurement date	3.79 percent
Cost of Living Adjustments	3.00 percent simple; 2.2 percent simple for increased based on the lesser of the increase in CPI and 3 percent

Mortality for non-disabled participants is based on the RP-2014 Total Employee and Healthy Annuitant Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006, adjusted according to the rates in the following table, and projected with the Conduent Modified 2016 Improvement Scale. Rates for surviving beneficiaries are adjusted by 120 percent.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Fire</u>
67 or less	77%	68%
68-77	105%	87%
78 and up	115%	120%

Mortality for disabled retirees is based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006, adjusted according to the rates in the following table, and projected with the Conduent Modified 2016 Improvement Scale.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Fire</u>
59 or less	35%	35%
60-69	60%	45%
70-79	75%	70%
80 and up	100%	90%

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2016, the prior experience study was completed December 31, 2011.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB 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 expected. 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

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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, 2017, are summarized below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash and Cash Equivalent	0.00%	0.00%
Domestic Equity	16.00%	5.21%
Non-US Equity	16.00%	5.40%
Core Fixed Income*	20.00%	2.37%
Global Inflation Protected Securities*	20.00%	2.33%
High Yield	15.00%	4.48%
Real Estate	12.00%	5.65%
Private Markets	8.00%	7.99%
Timber	5.00%	6.87%
Master Limited Partnerships	8.00%	7.36%
Total	120.00%	

Note: Assumptions are geometric

* 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.

Discount Rate The total OPEB liability was calculated using the discount rate of 3.24 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contribution from employers and from members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by state statute. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the longer-term assumed investment rate of return 8 percent. Based on those assumptions, OPF's fiduciary net position was projected to not be able to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, a municipal bond rate of 3.16 percent at December 31, 2017 and 3.71 percent at December 31, 2016, was blended with the long-term rate of 8 percent, which resulted in a blended discount rate of 3.24 percent. The municipal bond rate was determined using the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index. The OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected OPEB payments until 2025. The long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through 2025, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

Sensitivity of the Village's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate Net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.24 percent, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (2.24 percent), or one percentage point higher (4.24 percent) than the current rate.

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	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	(2.24%)	(3.24%)	(4.24%)
Village's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability			
OPF	\$10,792,859	\$8,634,204	\$6,973,214

Sensitivity of the Village's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate Net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the health care cost trend rate. The trend rate is the annual rate at which the cost of covered medical services is assumed to increase from the current year to the next year. Beginning in 2017, the per-capita costs are assumed to change by the following percentages each year:

Year	Non-Medicare	Non-AARP	AARP	Rx Drug	Medicare Part B
2017	-0.47%	-2.50%	4.50%	-0.47%	5.20%
2018	7.00%	7.00%	4.50%	7.00%	5.10%
2019	6.50%	6.50%	4.50%	6.50%	5.00%
2020	6.00%	6.00%	4.50%	6.00%	5.00%
2021	5.50%	5.50%	4.50%	5.50%	5.00%
2022	5.00%	5.00%	4.50%	5.00%	5.00%
2023 and Later	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	5.00%

To illustrate the potential impact, the following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the current healthcare cost trend current rates as outlined in the table above, a one percent decrease in the trend rates and a one percent increase in the trend rates.

	1% Decrease	Current Rates	1% Increase
Village's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability			
OPF	\$6,707,205	\$8,634,204	\$11,231,147

Changes between Measurement Date and Report Date In March 2018, the OPF Board of Trustees approved the implementation date and framework for a new health care model. Beginning January 1, 2019, the current self-insured health care plan will no longer be offered. In its place is a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OPF will be placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees will use to be reimbursed for health care expenses. The impact to the City's Net OPEB Liability is not known.

Note 10- Compensated Absences

All full-time Village employees other than fire department employees earn vacation at varying rates based upon length of service. An employee's vacation must be used during the period in which it is earned unless the Department Supervisor allows the balance to be carried over to the following year. Upon separation from the Village, the employee (or their estate) is paid for his accumulated unused vacation leave balance.

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All full-time Village employees other than fire department employees earn sick leave at the rate of 1.25 days per calendar month of active service. Upon retirement from the Village's service, an employee hired prior to December 21, 1985 receives one hour of monetary compensation for each one hour of unused sick leave up to a maximum of 1,800 hours. An employee hired after December 21, 1985 receives one hour of monetary compensation for each hour of unused sick leave up to a maximum of 1,000 hours. The monetary compensation is calculated at the hourly rate of compensation of the employee at the time of retirement.

Fire department employees earn sick leave at the rate of 16 hours per calendar month of active service. Upon retirement from Village service, fire department employees receive one hour of compensation for each one hour of unused sick leave up to a maximum of 105 hours. The monetary compensation is calculated at the hourly rate of compensation of the employee at the time of retirement.

As of December 31, 2018 the long-term portion of the compensated absences liability for the Village has decreased \$335,434 from a balance of \$1,207,204 to \$871,770. This amount is considered long-term since no payments are anticipated requiring the use of current available financial resources.

Note 11 - Capital Leases

The Village is party to four separate leases, three for police vehicles and one for a street sweeper for the Street Construction Fund. The cost of the equipment obtained under the lease agreements (\$378,772) is included in the Governmental Activities capital assets as machinery and equipment. The liability for these leases are recorded on the Statement of Net Position as due within one year and due in more than one year. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under the capital leases together with the present value of the net minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2018:

Fiscal Year	Long-Term Debt
Ending December 31,	
2019	\$52,236
2020	28,322
Total Lease Payments	80,558
Interest	(2,678)
Present Value Payments	<u>\$77,880</u>

Note 12 - Long-Term Obligations

Detail of the changes in the loans, bonds, pension liability and compensated absences of the Village for the year ended December 31, 2018, follows:

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	Restated Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Ohio Public Works Commission Loan (OPWC):					
3.00% Andalus Avenue Improvements	\$11,510	\$0	\$2,750	\$8,760	\$2,750
0.00% Ross Avenue Improvements	356,496	0	12,732	343,764	12,732
Total OPWC Loans	<u>368,006</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,482</u>	<u>352,524</u>	<u>15,482</u>
General Obligation Bonds:					
3.00% Swimming Pool Refunding Bonds	835,000	0	105,000	730,000	110,000
2.00% Service Center Project	3,240,000	0	80,000	3,160,000	90,000
2.00% Streetscape Project	3,105,000		155,000	2,950,000	160,000
2.00% Public Safety Center	8,370,000	0	195,000	8,175,000	200,000
2.00% Bank Street Settlement	2,175,000	0	110,000	2,065,000	115,000
Premium on Bonds	752,925	0	33,281	719,644	0
Total General Obligation Bonds	<u>18,477,925</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>678,281</u>	<u>17,799,644</u>	<u>675,000</u>
Net Pension Liability:					
OPERS	3,744,598	0	1,267,766	2,476,832	0
OPF	9,859,982	0	507,120	9,352,862	0
Total Net Pension Liability	<u>13,604,580</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,774,886</u>	<u>11,829,694</u>	<u>0</u>
Net OPEB Liability:					
OPERS	1,623,492	43,405	0	1,666,897	0
OPF	7,389,305	1,244,899	0	8,634,204	0
Total Net OPEB Liability	<u>9,012,797</u>	<u>1,288,304</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,301,101</u>	<u>0</u>
Accrued Pension Liability	619,657	0	24,564	595,093	24,564
Capital Leases	154,591	0	76,711	77,880	50,380
Compensated Absences	1,207,204	99,572	435,006	871,770	96,521
Total Long-Term Obligations	<u>\$43,444,760</u>	<u>\$1,387,876</u>	<u>\$3,004,930</u>	<u>\$41,827,706</u>	<u>\$861,947</u>

The Village's liability for past service costs relating to the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund at December 31, 2018 was \$1,053,358 in principal and interest payments through the year 2035. Only the principal amount due of \$595,093 is included in the Government-wide Statement of Net Position. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability and net OPEB liability; however, employer pension and OPEB contributions are made from the fund benefitting from their services.

Principal and Interest Requirements

The Village's future long-term obligation funding requirements for the loan, bonds, promissory notes and accrued pension liability, including principal and interest payments as of December 31, 2018 follows:

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December 31,	OPWC Loan		General Obligation Bonds		Police/Fire Accrued Pension Liability	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2019	\$15,482	\$241	\$675,000	\$631,200	\$24,564	\$30,067
2020	15,651	156	700,000	608,600	25,619	28,851
2021	15,823	68	730,000	585,200	26,719	27,582
2022	12,732	0	755,000	560,800	27,867	26,258
2023	12,732	0	790,000	535,400	158,347	109,366
2024-2028	63,660	0	3,810,000	2,303,356	195,403	66,640
2029-2033	63,660	0	3,830,000	1,677,376	136,574	15,960
2034-2038	63,660	0	2,585,000	1,127,233	0	0
2039-2043	63,660	0	3,205,000	496,250	0	0
2044-2045	25,464	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$352,524	\$465	\$17,080,000	\$8,525,415	\$595,093	\$304,724

Note 13 - Insurance and Risk Management

The Village 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.

Insurance for property holds a \$5,000 deductible, general liability does not have a deductible. The Village carries a \$2,500 deductible for both police and professional liability insurance.

There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverages from coverages in the prior year. In addition, settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverages in any of the past three fiscal years.

The Village pays unemployment claims to the State of Ohio as incurred.

The Village pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs. The Village contracts with the Industrial Advisors Bureau to review all accidents claimed through Workers' Compensation.

Note 14 - Employee Medical Benefits

The Village has a group health self-insurance program for employees and their eligible dependents. Premiums are paid into the General Fund by all funds having compensated employees based on an analysis of historical claims experience, the desired fund balances and the number of active participating employees. The monies paid into the General Fund are available to pay claims and administrative costs. The Village currently maintains a health care account with a December 31, 2018 balance of \$1,662. The plan is administered by a third party administrator, Healthsmart, which monitors all claim payments. Excess loss coverage, carried through Montgomery Management, becomes effective after \$50,000 per year per specific claim.

The claims liability of \$87,375 reported in the General Fund at December 31, 2018 is based on the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10, which requires that a liability for claims be reported if

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information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Changes in the fund's claims liability amount in 2018 and 2017 were:

Fiscal Year	Beginning of Fiscal Year Liability	Current Year Claims Changes in Estimates	Claims Payments	Balance at Fiscal Year End
2018	\$132,670	\$1,702,938	(\$1,748,233)	\$87,375
2017	189,134	1,885,245	(1,941,709)	132,670

Note 15 - Contingencies

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

Note 16 – Leases

The Village Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) is the lessor in four (4) separate operating leases all within the St. Bernard Square Shopping Center. Lease information is presented below:

Property	Property Carrying Value	Square Footage	Remaining Lease Term
St. Bernard Square Shopping Center	\$2,400,000		
4921 Vine Street Subway		1,846	2 Years
4971 Vine Street Twins Group-PH LLC (Pizza Hut)		1,224	2 Years
4981 Vine Street Ace Cash Express, Inc.		1,530	Month to Month*
5005 Vine Street Family Dollar (Dollar General)		12,296	2 Years

*-Six month notification of termination by either party

Future payments under the non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Lease Payments
2019	\$118,421
2020	118,421
	<u>\$236,842</u>

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Note 17 – Tax Abatement Disclosures

As of December 31, 2018, the Village of St. Bernard provides tax incentives under a Residential Community Reinvestment Area (RCRA) program.

Real Estate Tax Abatements

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3735.66, the Village established a Residential Community Reinvestment Area in 2008. Various portions of the community are covered by this RCRA. The Village authorizes incentives based upon each residence’s attributes and through a contractual application process with each property owner, including proof that the improvements have been made. The abatement equals an agreed upon percentage of the additional property tax resulting from the increase in assessed value as a result of the improvements. The amount of the abatement is deducted from the recipient’s property tax bill. The establishment of the RCRA gave the Village the ability to maintain and improve residences located in the Village by abating or reducing assessed valuation of properties, resulting in abated taxes, from new or improved real estate.

Below are the real property taxes abated in 2018:

<u>Residential Community Reinvestment Area (RCRA)</u>	<u>Total Amount of Taxes Abated (Incentives Abated) for the Year 2018 (In Actual Dollars)</u>
Residential	\$61,248

Note 18 – Implementation of New Accounting Principles and Restatement of Net Position

For fiscal year 2018, the Village implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*, GASB Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*, and GASB Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishments*.

GASB Statement No. 75 improves the accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for postemployment benefits other than pension (OPEB). It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for OPEB that is provided by other entities. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 75 affected the Village’s postemployment benefit plan disclosures, as presented in the notes to the basic financial statements, and added required supplementary information which can be found following these notes to the basic financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 85 addresses practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This Statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and OPEB. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 85 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Village.

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GASB Statement No. 86 improves consistency in accounting and financial reporting for in-substance defeasance of debt by providing guidance for transactions in which cash and other monetary assets acquired with only existing resources – resources other than the proceeds of refunding debt - are placed in an irrevocable trust for the sole purpose of extinguishing debt. This Statement also improves accounting and financial reporting for prepaid insurance on debt that is extinguished and notes to financial statements for debt that is defeased in substance. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 86 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Village.

A net position restatement is required in order to implement GASB Statement No. 75. The governmental activities at January 1, 2018 have been restated as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Net position as previously reported	\$1,442,862
Adjustments:	
Net OPEB Liability	(9,012,797)
Deferred Outflow	
Payments Subsequent to Measurement Date	<u>39,835</u>
Restated Net Position January 1, 2018	<u><u>(\$7,530,100)</u></u>

A fund balance restatement is required to properly recorded a transaction from a prior year. This restatement had the following impact on fund balances reported at December 31, 2017:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental</u>
Fund balance as of December 31, 2017	\$1,855,037	\$2,180,706
Funds restated	<u>120,000</u>	<u>(120,000)</u>
Restated fund balance at December 31, 2017	<u><u>\$1,975,037</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,060,706</u></u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
 Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of the Village's Proportionate Share
 of the Net Pension Liability
 Ohio Public Employees Retirement System - Traditional Plan
 Last Five Fiscal Years (1)

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Village's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.01578800%	0.01649000%	0.01671600%	0.01741100%	0.01741100%
Village's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$2,476,832	\$3,744,598	\$2,895,412	\$2,099,961	\$2,052,530
Village's Covered Payroll	\$2,086,400	\$2,130,225	\$2,080,458	\$2,134,967	\$2,440,946
Village's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	118.71%	175.78%	139.17%	98.36%	84.09%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	84.66%	77.25%	81.08%	86.45%	86.36%

(1) The schedule is intended to show information for the past 10 years and the additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available. Information prior to 2014 is not available.

Note:

Amounts presented as of the Village's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.
 See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
 Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of the Village's Proportionate Share
 of the Net Pension Liability
 Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund
 Last Five Fiscal Years (1)

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Village's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.15239000%	0.15567000%	0.15875700%	0.16366500%	0.16366500%
Village's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$9,352,862	\$9,859,982	\$10,212,940	\$8,478,524	\$7,970,994
Village's Covered Payroll	\$3,643,684	\$3,726,795	\$3,367,098	\$3,396,817	\$4,259,473
Village's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	256.69%	264.57%	303.32%	249.60%	187.14%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	70.91%	68.36%	66.77%	72.20%	73.00%

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Note:

Amounts presented as of the Village's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.
 See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
 Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of Village's Contributions
 for Net Pension Liability
 Ohio Public Employees Retirement System- Traditional Plan
 Last Five Fiscal Years (1)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$256,952	\$271,232	\$255,627	\$249,655	\$256,196
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(256,952)</u>	<u>(271,232)</u>	<u>(255,627)</u>	<u>(249,655)</u>	<u>(256,196)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Village's Covered Payroll	\$1,835,371	\$2,086,400	\$2,130,225	\$2,080,458	\$2,134,967
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	13.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%

(1) The schedule is intended to show information for the past 10 years and the additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available. Information prior to 2014 is not available.

Note:

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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 Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of Village's Contributions
 for Net Pension Liability
 Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund
 Last Five Fiscal Years (1)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$684,475	\$692,300	\$708,091	\$676,450	\$691,592
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(684,475)</u>	<u>(692,300)</u>	<u>(708,091)</u>	<u>(676,450)</u>	<u>(691,592)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Village's Covered Payroll	\$3,602,500	\$3,643,684	\$3,726,795	\$3,367,098	\$3,396,817
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	19.00%	19.00%	19.00%	20.09%	20.36%

(1) The schedule is intended to show information for the past 10 years and the additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available. Information prior to 2014 is not available.

Note:

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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 Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of the Village's Proportionate Share
 of the Net Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension (OPEB) Liability
 Ohio Public Employees Retirement System - Traditional Plan
 Last Two Fiscal Years (1)

	2018	2017
Village's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.01535000%	0.01607360%
Village's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$1,666,897	\$1,623,493
Village's Covered Payroll	\$2,086,400	\$2,130,225
Village's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	79.89%	76.21%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	54.14%	54.04%

(1) The schedule is intended to show information for the past 10 years and the additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available. Information prior to 2017 is not available.

Note:

Amounts presented as of the Village's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
 Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of the Village's Proportionate Share
 of the Net Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension (OPEB) Liability
 Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund
 Last Two Fiscal Years (1)

	2018	2017
Village's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.15239000%	0.15567000%
Village's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$8,634,204	\$7,389,305
Village's Covered Payroll	\$3,643,684	\$3,726,795
Village's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	236.96%	198.28%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	14.13%	15.96%

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Note:

Amounts presented as of the Village's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

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Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
 Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of Village's Contributions to
 Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension (OPEB)
 Ohio Public Employees Retirement System - Traditional Plan
 Last Three Fiscal Years (1)

	2018	2017	2016
Contractually Required Contribution to OPEB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contributions to OPEB in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Village's Covered Payroll	\$1,835,371	\$2,086,400	\$2,130,225
Contributions to OPEB as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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Note:

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
 Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of Village's Contributions to
 Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension (OPEB)
 Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund
 Last Three Fiscal Years (1)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Contractually Required Contribution to OPEB	\$0	\$15,879	\$15,944
Contributions to OPEB in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>0</u>	<u>(15,879)</u>	<u>(15,944)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Village's Covered Payroll	\$3,602,500	\$3,643,684	\$3,726,795
Contributions to OPEB as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.44%	0.43%

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Note:

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2018

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$8,292,988	\$11,747,262	\$12,132,824	\$385,562
Fines, Licenses & Permits	131,736	186,607	192,732	6,125
Intergovernmental	123,733	175,271	181,024	5,753
Charges for Services	280,488	397,319	410,360	13,041
Investment Earnings	511	724	748	24
Other Revenues	180,947	256,317	264,730	8,413
Total Revenues	9,010,403	12,763,500	13,182,418	418,918
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	2,691,463	3,803,556	3,553,858	249,698
Public Safety	3,329,906	4,705,798	4,396,870	308,928
Leisure Time Activities	86,401	122,102	114,086	8,016
Basic Utility Service	271,294	383,391	358,222	25,169
Transportation & Street Repair	65,989	93,255	87,133	6,122
Public Health and Welfare	3,896	5,506	5,145	361
Other	18,628	26,325	24,597	1,728
Capital Outlay	172,039	243,124	227,163	15,961
Total Expenditures	6,639,616	9,383,057	8,767,074	615,983
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2,370,787	3,380,443	4,415,344	1,034,901
Other Financing Sources (uses):				
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	13,054	18,492	19,099	607
Transfers (Out)	(2,406,870)	(3,401,371)	(3,178,076)	223,295
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(2,393,816)	(3,382,879)	(3,158,977)	223,902
Net Change in Fund Balance	(23,029)	(2,436)	1,256,367	1,258,803
Fund Balance Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	903,433	903,433	903,433	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$880,404	\$900,997	\$2,159,800	\$1,258,803

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For The Year Ended December 31, 2018

Note 1 - Budgetary Process

All funds, except agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount Council may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is Council's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by Council. The legal level of control has been established by Council at the personal services and other expenditures level within each office, department and division with a fund.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the Village. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the final amended certificate of estimated resources issued during the year.

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation resolution for that fund that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by Council during the year.

While the Village is reporting financial position, results of operations and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual presented for the General Fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are as follows:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget) rather than as an assignment of fund balance (GAAP).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements to the budgetary basis statements for the General Fund.

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For The Year Ended December 31, 2018

Net Change in Fund Balance

	General Fund
GAAP Basis Adjustments	\$1,724,260
Revenue Accruals	14,725
Expenditures Accruals	1,385,848
Transfers Out	(1,680,000)
Encumbrances	(188,466)
Budget Basis	<u>\$1,256,367</u>

Note 2 – Net Pension Liability

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (Traditional Plan)

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms for the period 2014-2018.

Changes in assumptions:

2014-2016: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions.

2017: The following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected total pension liability since the prior measurement date

- Reduction in actuarial assumed rate of return from 8.00% to 7.50%
- Decrease in wage inflation from 3.75% to 3.25%
- Change in future salary increases from a range of 4.25%-10.02% to 3.25%-10.75%

2018: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions.

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms for the period 2014-2018.

Changes in assumptions:

2014-2017: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions.

2018: The following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected total pension liability since the prior measurement date.

- Reduction in actuarial assumed rate of return from 8.25% to 8.00%
- Decrease salary increases from 3.75% to 3.25%
- Change in payroll growth from 3.75% to 3.25%
- Reduce DROP interest rate from 4.5% to 4.0%
- Reduce CPI-based COLA from 2.6% to 2.2%
- Inflation component reduced from 3.25% to 2.75%

Village of St. Bernard, Ohio
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For The Year Ended December 31, 2018

Note 3 – Net Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (Traditional Plan)

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms for 2018.

Changes in assumptions: The single discount rate changed from 4.23% to 3.85% for 2018.

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms for 2018.

Changes in assumptions: The single discount rate changed from 3.79% to 3.24% for 2018.

Changes between Measurement Date and Report Date: In March 2018, the OPF Board of Trustees approved the implementation date and framework for a new health care model. Beginning January 1, 2019, the current self-insured health care plan will no longer be offered. In its place is a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OPF will be placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees will use to be reimbursed for health care expenses. The impact to the City's Net OPEB Liability is not known.

VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD

Hamilton County, Ohio



Yellow Book Report

December 31, 2018

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 St. Bernard
110 Washington Ave.
St. Bernard, Ohio 45217

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 governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of St. Bernard (the Village) as of and for the year 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 11, 2019, wherein we noted the Village adopted GASB No. 75 as disclosed in Note 18.

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 were not identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be a material weakness. See 2018-001.

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*.

Responses to Findings

The Village's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Village's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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.

Plattensburg & Associates, Inc.

Plattensburg & Associates, Inc.
Cincinnati, Ohio
June 11, 2019

VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
December 31, 2018

2018-001 Finding Type —Material Weakness – Financial Statement Misstatement

The following error was identified as material and resulted in an audit adjustment which was reflected with the accompanying financial statements:

1. In 2017, the Village made a posting error of \$120,000 that went into the wrong fund. A prior period adjustment was made to the General Fund and Swimming Pool Fund to correct this error.

Recommendation:

Develop a systematic, detailed financial statement preparation and review process. Failure to do so could result in the users of the financial statements basing their conclusions on materially misstated financial data.

Management's Response:

Management has reviewed this error with the auditors and has identified ways to correct and prevent similar errors in the future.

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD

HAMILTON 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
MAY 21, 2020**