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VILLAGE OF PROSPECT
MARION COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Village of Prospect, Marion County, prepared by BHM CPA Group, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

October 04, 2021

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Marion County, Ohio
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Village of Prospect
Marion County
200 North East Street
Prospect, Ohio 43342

To the Village Council:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental and proprietary fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 and for each governmental and proprietary fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and related notes of the Village of Prospect, Marion County, Ohio (the Village).

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the Village prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

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

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

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Village, as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the respective changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental and proprietary fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 and for each governmental and proprietary fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and related notes of the Village, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 1.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 13 to the 2020 financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing measure will impact subsequent periods of the Village. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 26, 2021, on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Village's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



BHM CPA Group, Inc.
Piketon, Ohio
June 26, 2021

**VILLAGE OF PROSPECT
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Property Taxes	\$ 143,311	\$ 22,272	\$ 165,583
Intergovernmental	24,662	967,658	992,320
Fines, Licenses, and Permits	2,181	-	2,181
Earnings on Investments	7,098	-	7,098
Miscellaneous	4,276	5,550	9,826
	<u>181,528</u>	<u>995,480</u>	<u>1,177,008</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property	36,701	74,787	111,488
Leisure Time Activities	18,662	-	18,662
Transportation	-	93,153	93,153
General Government	185,440	-	185,440
Capital Outlay	-	796,398	796,398
	<u>240,803</u>	<u>964,338</u>	<u>1,205,141</u>
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(59,275)	31,142	(28,133)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements):			
Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt:			
Other Financing Uses	(107)	-	(107)
Sale of Capital Assets	-	14,650	14,650
Transfers-Out	(3,413)	(3,413)	(6,826)
	<u>(3,520)</u>	<u>11,237</u>	<u>7,717</u>
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	(3,520)	11,237	7,717
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	(62,795)	42,379	(20,416)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	354,701	96,535	451,236
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 291,906</u>	<u>\$ 138,914</u>	<u>\$ 430,820</u>

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

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Proprietary Fund Types
	Enterprise
Operating Cash Receipts:	
Charges for Services	\$ 1,436,862
Total Operating Cash Receipts	1,436,862
Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Personal Services	210,840
Employee Fringe Benefits	142,733
Contractual Services	762,455
Supplies and Materials	52,385
Other	1,757
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	1,170,170
Operating Income (Loss)	266,692
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	
Property and Other Local Taxes	28,365
Sale of Fixed Assets	15,000
Miscellaneous Receipts	106,641
Debt Proceeds	157,415
Capital Outlay	(206,882)
Principal Retirement	(168,101)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(9,501)
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts (Disbursements)	(77,063)
Income (Loss) before Transfers	189,629
Transfers Out	(6,826)
Transfers In	13,652
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	196,455
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	957,299
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 1,153,754

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Village of Prospect, Marion County, Ohio, (the Village) is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Village is directed by a publicly-elected six-member Council. The Village provides sewer, solid waste, and electric utilities, park operations (leisure time activities), and pool services. The Village contracts with the Marion County Sheriff's department to provide security of persons and property.

The Village participates in the Public Entity Pool of Ohio public entity risk pool and two joint ventures. Notes 9 and 10 to the financial statements provide additional information for these entities. These organizations are:

Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 1 (OMEGA JV1) – The Village is a participant with twenty other subdivisions within the State of Ohio in a joint venture for the purpose of providing electric power and energy to its participants on a cooperative basis.

Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 5 (OMEGA JV5) - The Village is a financing participant with an ownership percentage of 0.27%, and shares participation with forty-one other subdivisions within the State of Ohio. Financing participants own undivided interests, as tenants in common, without right of partition in the project.

Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) - The Village belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local Villages. PEP provides property and casualty coverage for its members.

The Village's management believes these financial statements represent all activities for which the Village is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Presentation

The Village's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types, and a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all proprietary fund types and a combined statement of additions, deductions and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) all fiduciary fund types which are all organized on a fund type basis.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Deposits and Investments

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

Money market mutual funds (including STAR Ohio) are recorded at share values the mutual funds report.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund:

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds:

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

Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund – This fund receives gasoline tax and motor vehicle tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Village streets.

3. Debt Service Funds:

These funds account for resources the Village accumulates to pay bond and note debt. The Village had the following significant debt service fund:

WWTJ Improvement Fund – This fund accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditures for principal and interest.

4. Enterprise Funds:

These funds account for operations that are similar to private business enterprises, where management intends to recover the significant costs of providing certain goods or services through user charges. The Village had the following significant Enterprise Funds:

Electric Operating Fund – This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover the cost of providing electric services.

Solid Waste Operating Fund – This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover the cost of providing this service.

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DECEMBER 31, 2020**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Fund Accounting (continued)

Sewer Fund – This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover the cost of providing sewer services.

E. Basis of Accounting

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

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

F. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) be budgeted annually.

1. Appropriations

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

2. Estimated Resources

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

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Village to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2020 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

G. Fund Balance

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

1. Nonspendable

The Village classifies assets as nonspendable when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Village and the nonexpendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

2. Restricted

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

3. Committed

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

4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

5. Unassigned

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

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

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 11.

H. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2020
<i>Cash Management Pool:</i>	
Demand deposits	\$ 981,534
Total deposits	981,534
STAR Ohio	603,040
Total investments	603,040
Total carrying amount of deposits and investments held in the Pool	\$ 1,584,574

Deposits: The Village's deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Village.

Investments: Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2020, was as follows:

2020 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$160,841	\$181,528	\$20,687
Special Revenue	851,584	1,010,130	158,546
Enterprise	1,463,847	1,757,935	294,088
Total	\$2,476,272	\$2,949,593	\$473,321

2020 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$523,998	\$244,323	\$279,675
Special Revenue	1,019,449	967,751	51,698
Enterprise	2,258,732	1,561,480	697,252
Total	\$3,802,179	\$2,773,554	\$1,028,625

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4. PROPERTY TAX

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

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

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2020 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
OPWC Loan	\$104,860	0.00%
OWDA Loan	785,624	0.00%
Bucket Truck Loan	134,985	6.07%
Garbage Truck	<u>132,483</u>	4.17%
Total	<u><u>\$1,157,952</u></u>	

The Village entered into an agreement in 2004 with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) to loan \$322,646 for water system improvements. The loan will be repaid in semi-annual installments of \$8,066, over 20 years. The loan is scheduled to be paid off on July 1, 2026.

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loan relates to a sewer plant project the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency mandated. The OWDA approved \$2,244,642 in loans to the Village for this project. The Village will repay the loan in semiannual installments of \$56,116, over 20 years. Sewer receipts collateralize the loan. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements.

The Village entered into a loan agreement in 2019 for the acquisition of a bucket truck. The principal balance of this loan is \$160,508 with an interest rate of 6.07%. The loan is scheduled to be paid off in May 2025.

The Village entered into a loan agreement in 2020 for the acquisition of a garbage truck. The principal balance of this loan is \$157,415 with an interest rate of 4.17%. The loan is scheduled to be paid off in 2026.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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5. DEBT (CONTINUED)

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

Year Ending December 31:	OPWC Loan	OWDA Loan	Bucket Truck Loan	Garbage Truck Loan
2021	\$16,132	\$112,232	\$31,823	\$25,479
2022	16,132	112,232	31,835	25,479
2023	16,132	112,232	31,824	25,479
2024	16,132	112,232	31,724	25,479
2025	16,132	112,232	29,172	25,479
2026-2030	24,198	224,464	0	25,479
Total	<u>\$104,858</u>	<u>\$785,624</u>	<u>\$156,378</u>	<u>\$152,874</u>

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Village’s full-time employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan’s benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. PERS members contributed 10% of gross wages. The Village contributed an amount equal to 14% of participants’ gross wages. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2020.

7. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2020. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the Member Directed Plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2020.

Beginning January 1, 2019, OP&F changed its retiree health care model to a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OP&F was placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees use to be reimbursed for health care expenses.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Village is a member of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (The Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Village’s policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official’s liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

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8. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31:

	<u>2020</u>
Cash and investments	\$ 40,318,971
Actuarial liabilities	\$14,111,510

9. JOINT VENTURES

The Village of Prospect is a Financing Participant with an ownership percentage of .27 %, and shares participation with forty-one other subdivisions within the State of Ohio in the Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 5 (OMEGA JV5). Financing Participants own undivided interests, as tenants in common, without right of partition in the OMEGA JV5 Project.

Pursuant to the OMEGA Joint Venture JV5 Agreement (Agreement), the participants jointly undertook as Financing Participants, the acquisition, construction, and equipping of OMEGA JV5, including such portions of OMEGA JV5 as have been acquired, constructed or equipped by AMP.

OMEGA JV5 was created to construct a 42 Megawatt (MW) run-of-the-river hydroelectric plant (including 40MW of backup generation) and associated transmission facilities (on the Ohio River near the Bellville, West Virginia Locks and Dam) and sells electricity from its operations to OMEGA JV5 Participants.

Also pursuant to the Agreement, each participant has an obligation to pay its share of debt service on the Beneficial Interest Certificates (Certificates) from the revenues of its electric system, subject only to the prior payment of Operating & Maintenance Expenses (O&M) of each participant's System, and shall be on a parity with any outstanding and future senior electric system revenue bonds, notes or other indebtedness payable from any revenues of the System. On dissolution of OMEGA JV5, the net assets will be shared by the financing participants on a percentage of ownership basis. Under the terms of the Agreement each participant is to fix, charge and collect rates, fees and charges at least sufficient in order to maintain a debt coverage ratio equal to 110% of the sum of OMEGA JV5 debt service and any other outstanding senior lien electric system revenue obligations. As of December 31, 2020, Prospect has met its debt coverage obligation.

The Agreement provides that the failure of any JV5 participant to make any payment due by the due date thereof constitutes a default. In the event of a default, OMEGA JV5 may take certain actions including the termination of a defaulting JV5 Participant's entitlement to Project Power. Each Participant may purchase a pro rata share of the defaulting JV5 Participant's entitlement to Project Power, which together with the share of the other non-defaulting JV5 Participants, is equal to the defaulting JV5 Participant's ownership share of the Project, in kilowatts ("Step Up Power") provided that the sum of any such increases shall not exceed, without consent of the non-defaulting JV5 Participant, an accumulated maximum kilowatts equal to 25% of such non-defaulting JV5 Participant's ownership share of the project prior to any such increases.

OMEGA JV5 is managed by AMP, which acts as the joint venture's agent. During 1993 and 2001 AMP issued \$153,415,000 and \$13,899,981 respectively of 30 year fixed rate Beneficial Interest Certificates (Certificates) on behalf of the Financing Participants of OMEGA JV5. The 2001 Certificates accrete to a value of \$56,125,000 on February 15, 2030. The net proceeds of the bond issues were used to construct the OMEGA JV5 Project. On February 17, 2004 the 1993 Certificates were refunded by issuing 2004 Beneficial Interest Refunding Certificates in the amount of \$116,910,000, which resulted in a savings to the membership of \$34,951,833 from the periods 2005 through 2024. On February 15, 2014, all of the 2004 BIRCs were redeemed from funds held under the trust agreement securing the 2004 BIRCs and the

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9. JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

proceeds of a promissory note issued to AMP by OMEGA JV5. This was accomplished with a draw on AMP's revolving credit facility. The resulting balance was \$65,891,509 at February 28, 2014. On January 29, 2016, OMEGA JV5 issued the 2016 Beneficial Interest Certificates ("2016 Certificates") in the amount of \$49,745,000 for the purpose of refunding the promissory note to AMP in full. The outstanding amount on the promissory note had been reduced to \$49,243,377 at the time of refunding as compared to its value at December 31, 2015 of \$49,803,187. The promissory note represented the February 2014 redemption of the 2004 Certificates from funds held under the trust agreement securing the 2004 BIRCS.

The Village's net investment to date in OMEGA JV5 was \$11,340 at December 31, 2020. Complete financial statements for OMEGA JV5 may be obtained from AMP or from the State Auditor's website at www.auditor.state.oh.us.

10. AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER GENERATING STATION PROJECT

To provide electric service to the citizens, the Village is a member of Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency (OMEGA) Joint Ventures as described in Note 8. The Village is liable for debt related to the financing of the OMEGA joint ventures. The activity is accounted for in the Village's Electric Fund, which is reported as part of the combined Enterprise Fund Type in the financial statements. Summary financial information for the Electric Fund is presented below:

	2020
Condensed Operating Information:	
Operating Receipts	
Charges for Services	1,019,748
Total Operating Receipts	1,019,748
 Operating Expenses	 890,077
 Operating Income (Loss)	 129,671
 Nonoperating Receipts (Disbursements)	
Capital Outlay	(38,812)
Principal Payments	(22,872)
Interest Payments	(8,952)
Other Nonoperating Receipts (Disbursements)	30,486
Transfers	13,652
Change in Fund Cash Balance	103,173
Beginning Fund Cash Balance	376,463
Ending Fund Cash Balance	\$479,636

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11. FUND BALANCES

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. These restricted or committed amounts in the special revenue funds would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

12. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

For 2020, the Village has made changes to their cash basis reporting model. These changes include removing the fund balance classifications from the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) – All Governmental Fund Types.

The effect of this change had no effect on the Village's beginning cash balances.

13. COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Village. The Village's investment portfolio fluctuates with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of gains or losses that will be realized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. In addition, the impact on the Village's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Property Taxes	\$ 148,449	\$ 31,671	\$ 180,120
Intergovernmental	22,115	55,552	77,667
Fines, Licenses, and Permits	1,609	-	1,609
Earnings on Investments	23,286	-	23,286
Miscellaneous	7,166	4,066	11,232
Total Cash Receipts	<u>202,625</u>	<u>91,289</u>	<u>293,914</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property	26,368	-	26,368
Leisure Time Activities	22,218	-	22,218
Transportation	-	57,173	57,173
General Government	141,657	-	141,657
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>190,243</u>	<u>57,173</u>	<u>247,416</u>
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	12,382	34,116	46,498
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements):			
Transfers-Out	<u>(13,413)</u>	<u>(3,413)</u>	<u>(16,826)</u>
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	<u>(13,413)</u>	<u>(3,413)</u>	<u>(16,826)</u>
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	(1,031)	30,703	29,672
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>355,732</u>	<u>65,832</u>	<u>421,564</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted	-	96,535	96,535
Unassigned	<u>354,701</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>354,701</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 354,701</u>	<u>\$ 96,535</u>	<u>\$ 451,236</u>

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

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	Proprietary Fund Types
	Enterprise
Operating Cash Receipts:	
Charges for Services	\$ 1,562,408
Total Operating Cash Receipts	1,562,408
Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Personal Services	227,057
Employee Fringe Benefits	135,962
Contractual Services	895,632
Supplies and Materials	73,479
Other	2,100
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	1,334,230
Operating Income (Loss)	228,178
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	
Property and Other Local Taxes	28,925
Miscellaneous Receipts	29,858
Capital Outlay	(300,326)
Debt Proceeds	160,508
Principal Retirement	(131,016)
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts (Disbursements)	(212,051)
Income (Loss) before Transfers	16,127
Transfers Out	(6,826)
Transfers In	23,652
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	32,953
Fund Cash Balances, January 1 <i>(Restated - See Note 11)</i>	924,346
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 957,299

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2019**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Village of Prospect, Marion County, Ohio, (the Village) is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Village is directed by a publicly-elected six-member Council. The Village provides sewer, solid waste, and electric utilities, park operations (leisure time activities), and pool services. The Village contracts with the Marion County Sheriff's department to provide security of persons and property.

The Village participates in the Public Entity Pool of Ohio public entity risk pool and two joint ventures. Notes 9 and 10 to the financial statements provide additional information for these entities. These organizations are:

Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 1 (OMEGA JV1) – The Village is a participant with twenty other subdivisions within the State of Ohio in a joint venture for the purpose of providing electric power and energy to its participants on a cooperative basis.

Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 5 (OMEGA JV5) - The Village is a financing participant with an ownership percentage of 0.27%, and shares participation with forty-one other subdivisions within the State of Ohio. Financing participants own undivided interests, as tenants in common, without right of partition in the project.

Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) - The Village belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local Villages. PEP provides property and casualty coverage for its members.

The Village's management believes these financial statements represent all activities for which the Village is financially accountable.

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Village recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2019**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Deposits and Investments

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

Money market mutual funds (including STAR Ohio) are recorded at share values the mutual funds report.

D. Fund Accounting

The Village uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is restricted as to use. The Village classifies its funds into the following types:

1. General Fund:

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds:

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

Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund – This fund receives gasoline tax and motor vehicle tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Village streets.

3. Debt Service Funds:

These funds account for resources the Village accumulates to pay bond and note debt. The Village had the following significant debt service fund:

WWTJ Improvement Fund – This fund accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditures for principal and interest.

4. Enterprise Funds:

These funds account for operations that are similar to private business enterprises, where management intends to recover the significant costs of providing certain goods or services through user charges. The Village had the following significant Enterprise Funds:

Electric Operating Fund – This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover the cost of providing electric services.

Solid Waste Operating Fund – This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover the cost of providing this service.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2019**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Fund Accounting (continued)

Sewer Fund – This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover the cost of providing sewer services.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) be budgeted annually.

1. Appropriations

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

2. Estimated Resources

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

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Village to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2019 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Fund Balance

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

1. Nonspendable

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

2. Restricted

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

F. Fund Balance (continued)

3. Committed

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

4. Assigned

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

5. Unassigned

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

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

G. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

H. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. EQUITY IN POOLED DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2019
<i>Cash Management Pool:</i>	
Demand deposits	\$ 809,752
Total deposits	809,752
STAR Ohio	598,783
Total investments	598,783
Total carrying amount of deposits and investments held in the Pool	\$ 1,408,535

Deposits: The Village’s deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Village.

Investments: Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2019, was as follows:

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$157,314	\$202,625	\$45,311
Special Revenue	82,786	91,289	8,503
Enterprise	1,541,268	1,805,351	264,083
Total	\$1,781,368	\$2,099,265	\$317,897

2020 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$521,501	\$203,656	\$317,845
Special Revenue	145,161	60,586	84,575
Enterprise	2,367,697	1,772,398	595,299
Total	\$3,034,359	\$2,036,640	\$997,719

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4. PROPERTY TAX

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

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

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2019 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
OPWC Loan	\$112,926	0.00%
OWDA Loan	897,856	0.00%
Truck Loan	157,856	6.07%
Total	<u>\$1,168,638</u>	

The Village entered into an agreement in 2004 with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) to loan \$322,646 for water system improvements. The loan will be repaid in semi-annual installments of \$8,066, over 20 years. The loan is scheduled to be paid off on July 1, 2026.

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loan relates to a sewer plant project the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency mandated. The OWDA approved \$2,244,642 in loans to the Village for this project. The Village will repay the loan in semiannual installments of \$56,116, over 20 years. Sewer receipts collateralize the loan. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements.

The Village entered into a loan agreement in 2019 for the acquisition of a bucket truck. The principal balance of this loan is \$160,508 with an interest rate of 6.07%. The loan is scheduled to be paid off in May 2025.

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5. DEBT (CONTINUED)

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

Year Ending December 31:	OPWC Loan	OWDA Loan	Truck Loan
2020	\$16,132	\$112,232	\$31,824
2021	16,132	112,232	31,823
2022	16,132	112,232	31,835
2023	16,132	112,232	31,824
2024	16,132	112,232	31,724
2025-2029	32,266	336,696	29,172
Total	<u>\$112,926</u>	<u>\$897,856</u>	<u>\$188,202</u>

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

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

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. PERS members contributed 10% of gross wages. The Village contributed an amount equal to 14% of participants' gross wages. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2019.

7. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2019. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the Member Directed Plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2019.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Village is a member of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (The Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Village's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

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8. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31:

	2019
Cash and investments	\$ 38,432,610
Actuarial liabilities	\$14,705,917

9. JOINT VENTURES

The Village of Prospect is a Financing Participant with an ownership percentage of .27 %, and shares participation with forty-one other subdivisions within the State of Ohio in the Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 5 (OMEGA JV5). Financing Participants own undivided interests, as tenants in common, without right of partition in the OMEGA JV5 Project.

Pursuant to the OMEGA Joint Venture JV5 Agreement (Agreement), the participants jointly undertook as Financing Participants, the acquisition, construction, and equipping of OMEGA JV5, including such portions of OMEGA JV5 as have been acquired, constructed or equipped by AMP.

OMEGA JV5 was created to construct a 42 Megawatt (MW) run-of-the-river hydroelectric plant (including 40MW of backup generation) and associated transmission facilities (on the Ohio River near the Bellville, West Virginia Locks and Dam) and sells electricity from its operations to OMEGA JV5 Participants.

Also pursuant to the Agreement, each participant has an obligation to pay its share of debt service on the Beneficial Interest Certificates (Certificates) from the revenues of its electric system, subject only to the prior payment of Operating & Maintenance Expenses (O&M) of each participant's System, and shall be on a parity with any outstanding and future senior electric system revenue bonds, notes or other indebtedness payable from any revenues of the System. On dissolution of OMEGA JV5, the net assets will be shared by the financing participants on a percentage of ownership basis. Under the terms of the Agreement each participant is to fix, charge and collect rates, fees and charges at least sufficient in order to maintain a debt coverage ratio equal to 110% of the sum of OMEGA JV5 debt service and any other outstanding senior lien electric system revenue obligations. As of December 31, 2019, Prospect has met its debt coverage obligation.

The Agreement provides that the failure of any JV5 participant to make any payment due by the due date thereof constitutes a default. In the event of a default, OMEGA JV5 may take certain actions including the termination of a defaulting JV5 Participant's entitlement to Project Power. Each Participant may purchase a pro rata share of the defaulting JV5 Participant's entitlement to Project Power, which together with the share of the other non-defaulting JV5 Participants, is equal to the defaulting JV5 Participant's ownership share of the Project, in kilowatts ("Step Up Power") provided that the sum of any such increases shall not exceed, without consent of the non-defaulting JV5 Participant, an accumulated maximum kilowatts equal to 25% of such non-defaulting JV5 Participant's ownership share of the project prior to any such increases.

OMEGA JV5 is managed by AMP, which acts as the joint venture's agent. During 1993 and 2001 AMP issued \$153,415,000 and \$13,899,981 respectively of 30 year fixed rate Beneficial Interest Certificates (Certificates) on behalf of the Financing Participants of OMEGA JV5. The 2001 Certificates accrete to a value of \$56,125,000 on February 15, 2030. The net proceeds of the bond issues were used to construct the OMEGA JV5 Project. On February 17, 2004 the 1993 Certificates were refunded by issuing 2004 Beneficial Interest Refunding Certificates in the amount of \$116,910,000, which resulted in a savings to the membership of \$34,951,833 from the periods 2005 through 2024. On February 15, 2014, all of the 2004

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BIRCs were redeemed from funds held under the trust agreement securing the 2004 BIRCs and the proceeds of a promissory note issued to AMP by OMEGA JV5. This was accomplished with a draw on AMP’s revolving credit facility. The resulting balance was \$65,891,509 at February 28, 2014. On January 29, 2016, OMEGA JV5 issued the 2016 Beneficial Interest Certificates (“2016 Certificates”) in the amount of \$49,745,000 for the purpose of refunding the promissory note to AMP in full. The outstanding amount on the promissory note had been reduced to \$49,243,377 at the time of refunding as compared to its value at December 31, 2015 of \$49,803,187. The promissory note represented the February 2014 redemption of the 2004 Certificates from funds held under the trust agreement securing the 2004 BIRCs.

The Village’s net investment to date in OMEGA JV5 was \$11,340 at December 31, 2019. Complete financial statements for OMEGA JV5 may be obtained from AMP or from the State Auditor’s website at www.auditor.state.oh.us.

10. AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER GENERATING STATION PROJECT

To provide electric service to the citizens, the Village is a member of Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency (OMEGA) Joint Ventures as described in Note 9. The Village is liable for debt related to the financing of the OMEGA joint ventures. The activity is accounted for in the Village’s Electric Fund, which is reported as part of the combined Enterprise Fund Type in the financial statements. Summary financial information for the Electric Fund is presented below:

	2019
Condensed Operating Information:	
Operating Receipts	
Charges for Services	1,114,677
Total Operating Receipts	1,114,677
 Operating Expenses	 1,026,426
 Operating Income (Loss)	 88,251
 Nonoperating Receipts (Disbursements)	
Capital Outlay	(71,103)
Principal Payments	(2,652)
Other Nonoperating Receipts (Disbursements)	24,601
Transfers	13,652
Change in Fund Cash Balance	52,749
Beginning Fund Cash Balance	323,714
Ending Fund Cash Balance	\$376,463

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11. BEGINNING BALANCE RESTATEMENT

Enterprise Fund Balance, January 1, 2019- As previously stated	<u>\$ 924,133</u>
Void checks from prior period	<u>213</u>
Enterprise Fund Balance, January 1, 2019- Restated	<u><u>\$ 924,346</u></u>



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

Village of Prospect
Marion County
200 North East Street
Prospect, Ohio 43342

To the Village Council:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental and proprietary fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 and for each governmental and proprietary fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and related notes of the Village of Prospect, Marion County, (the Village) and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2021, wherein we noted the Village followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Village.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings that we consider a material weakness. We consider finding 2020-001 to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Village's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the financial statement. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2020-002.

Purpose of this Report

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

BHM CPA Group

BHM CPA Group, Inc.
Piketon, Ohio
June 26, 2021

**Village of Prospect
Marion County
Schedule of Findings
December 31, 2020 and 2019**

**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

Finding 2020-001

Material Weakness

Sound financial reporting is the responsibility of the fiscal officer and Village Council and is essential to ensure information provided to the readers of the financial statements is complete and accurate.

Material and immaterial misstatements were identified during the course of the audit which have not been prevented or detected by the Village's internal controls over financial reporting. Misstatements were identified in the following areas:

- Principal Payments expense;
- Interest and Fiscal Charges expense;
- Capital Outlay;
- Contractual Services;
- Other Financing Uses;
- Debt Proceeds;
- Intergovernmental Revenues

All of the above noted adjustments have been posted to the financial statements and to the Village's UAN accounting system.

To ensure the Village's financial statements and notes to the financial statements are complete and accurate, we recommend the Fiscal Officer review the Ohio Village Officer's Handbook for guidance on the correct line item to post various receipts and expenditures of the Village.

Client Response: We did not receive a response from the client concerning the above finding.

Finding 2020-002

Material Non-compliance

GASB Cod. 1800.102 classifies "interfund loans" as exchange transactions, because they require repayment in an equal amount. Any advance must be clearly labeled as such, and must be distinguished from a transfer. In order to advance the cash from one fund to another;

- There must be statutory authority to use the money in the fund advancing the cash for the same purpose for which the fund receiving the cash was established.
- The debtor fund may repay advances from the creditor fund. That is, the AOS would not deem repaying advances to violate restrictions on use of the debtor's fund resources.
- When a fund ends the year with negative cash, it is not appropriate to present an advance on the budgetary statement to eliminate the negative cash fund balance.
- An allowable advance should not violate restrictions on resource use.

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Marion County
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December 31, 2020 and 2019**

**Finding 2020-002
(Continued)**

Material Non-compliance

During 2015 and 2016 the Village constructed a new multipurpose building that would be used for housing various Village equipment. Instead of obtaining a bank loan for this project they elected to use the Electric Operating Fund's cash balance to finance the project. Ohio Revised Code (ORC) sections 731.56, 731.57 and 731.58 provide guidelines for the rules for issuance of manuscript or treasury debt investments. The Village did not comply with the requirements of these sections of the Ohio Revised Code in their financing of the construction of their new multipurpose building. The Village was using a ten-year period to repay the loan when if the debt was legal it would have only been issued for a five-year period. The Village also failed to obtain a legal opinion determining if this type of financing was legal under the Ohio Revised Code. Further, the Village failed to properly record these transactions within the UAN system nor were they able to provide us with any documentation that the Council authorized the Village to enter into such an agreement. The Village was not paying interest to the Electric Operating Fund contrary to the ORC.

The Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer should contact legal counsel to obtain an opinion concerning the legality of the financing agreement. Furthermore, Village should have a promissory note drafted and each fund receiving the advance should be charged the interest that these funds could have received while being invested on the open market. The Village also needs to take appropriate steps to produce documentation regarding each fund's use of the multipurpose building and ensure that repayments are made using the proper amounts.

Client Response: We did not receive a response from the client concerning the above finding.

**Village of Prospect
Marion County
Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
December 31, 2020 and 2019**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected; Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2018-001	Material Weakness – Financial Reporting	No	Reissued as 2020-001
2018-002	Material Noncompliance	No	Reissued as 2020-002

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AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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