

**VILLAGE OF PAULDING**

**PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO**

**SINGLE AUDIT**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**







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We have reviewed the *Independence Auditor's Report* of the Village of Paulding, Paulding County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. 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 Paulding is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

KEITH FABER  
Ohio Auditor of State

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Chief Deputy Auditor

February 04, 2026

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Village of Paulding  
Paulding County  
116 South Main Street  
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To the Village Council:

***Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements***

***Unmodified and Adverse Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of the Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio (the Village), which comprise the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental and proprietary fund type and the fiduciary fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental and proprietary fund type and the fiduciary fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

***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* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements 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, 2024, or the changes in financial position or where applicable, cash flows, thereof for the year then ended.

***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Village, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by Village on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Management is also responsible for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Village's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

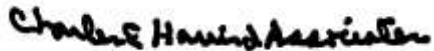
- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Village's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Village's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 21, 2025, 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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Village's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



***Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.***

October 21, 2025

**VILLAGE OF PAULDING  
PAULDING COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY CASH BASIS  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<b>Governmental Fund Types</b>				<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>Permanent</b>	
<b>Cash Receipts</b>					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 207,436	\$ 751,219	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 958,655
Municipal Income Tax	1,380,949	138,095	-	-	1,519,044
Intergovernmental	100,921	318,773	1,486,349	-	1,906,043
Charges for Services	2,805	271,483	-	-	274,288
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	25,628	745	-	-	26,373
Fines, Forfeitures, and Settlements	-	609	-	-	609
Earnings on Investments	578,903	40,485	-	-	619,388
Miscellaneous	18,236	17,999	5,215	-	41,450
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<i>2,314,878</i>	<i>1,539,408</i>	<i>1,491,564</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5,345,850</i>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>					
Current:					
Security of Persons and Property	-	804,651	-	-	804,651
Public Health Services	2,721	238,650	-	-	241,371
Leisure Time Activities	27,749	84,494	802	-	113,045
Community Environment	5,545	-	-	-	5,545
Transportation	-	230,593	-	-	230,593
General Government	365,295	-	-	-	365,295
Capital Outlay	2,657	71,868	1,509,125	-	1,583,650
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	-	13,222	-	-	13,222
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<i>403,967</i>	<i>1,443,478</i>	<i>1,509,927</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3,357,372</i>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<i>1,910,911</i>	<i>95,930</i>	<i>(18,363)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,988,478</i>
<b>Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>					
Loans Issued	-	-	51,243	-	51,243
Transfers Out	(500,000)	-	-	-	(500,000)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<i>(500,000)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>51,243</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(448,757)</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<i>1,410,911</i>	<i>95,930</i>	<i>32,880</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,539,721</i>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<i>3,183,546</i>	<i>2,543,256</i>	<i>138,184</i>	<i>1,600</i>	<i>5,866,586</i>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<i>\$ 4,594,457</i>	<i>\$ 2,639,186</i>	<i>\$ 171,064</i>	<i>\$ 1,600</i>	<i>\$ 7,406,307</i>

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

**VILLAGE OF PAULDING  
PAULDING COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY CASH BASIS  
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<u>Enterprise</u>
<b>Operating Cash Receipts</b>	
Charges for Services	\$ 3,189,509
Miscellaneous	<u>9,922</u>
<i>Total Operating Cash Receipts</i>	<i>3,199,431</i>
<b>Operating Cash Disbursements</b>	
Personal Services	543,269
Fringe Benefits	307,131
Contractual Services	490,112
Supplies and Materials	783,899
Other	<u>7,336</u>
<i>Total Operating Cash Disbursements</i>	<i><u>2,131,747</u></i>
<i>Operating Income (Loss)</i>	<i>1,067,684</i>
<b>Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)</b>	
Intergovernmental Receipts	9,700
Special Assessments	5,094
Miscellaneous Receipts	13
Capital Outlay	(143,129)
Principal Retirement	(736,452)
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	<u>(232,891)</u>
<i>Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<i><u>(1,097,665)</u></i>
<i>Income (Loss) before Transfers</i>	<i>(29,981)</i>
Transfers In	<u>500,000</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balance</i>	<i>470,019</i>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<i><u>5,249,423</u></i>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<i><u>\$ 5,719,442</u></i>

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**VILLAGE OF PAULDING**  
**PAULDING COUNTY**  
**STATEMENT OF ADDITIONS, DEDUCTIONS**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY CASH BASIS**  
**FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<b>Other Custodial</b>
<b>Additions</b>	
Charges For Services	\$ 99,289
Gifts and Donations	4,658
Intergovernmental	<u>2,693</u>
<i>Total Additions</i>	<u>106,640</u>
<b>Deductions</b>	
Distributions as Fiscal Agent	<u>94,329</u>
<i>Total Deductions</i>	<u>94,329</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balance</i>	12,311
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>116,318</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 128,629</u>

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

**Village of Paulding, Ohio**  
*Paulding County*  
*Notes to the Financial Statements*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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**Note 1 – Reporting Entity**

The Village of Paulding (the Village), Paulding County, Ohio, is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. A publicly-elected six-member Council directs the Village. The Village provides water and sewer utilities, park operations, police services, and emergency medical services (EMS). The Village contracts with the Paulding Community Fire Association to receive fire protection services.

***Joint Ventures and Public Entity Risk Pools***

The Village participates in a joint venture, the Paulding Community Fire Association, and a public entity risk pool, the Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. (OPRM). Notes 12 and 7 to the financial statements provide additional information for these entities. The Village's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Village is financially accountable.

**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***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, a statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for the proprietary fund type and a statement of additions, deductions and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for the fiduciary fund type which are all organized on a fund type basis.

***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:

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

**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 Fund:

**Police Fund** The police fund receives real estate property tax monies, from several levies passed by the Village's residents, in order to pay for police protective services.

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

**OPWC/CDBG Emerald Acres Fund** – The OPWC/CDBG Emerald Acres Fund receives funds from a grant and loan from OPWC. These funds are used for the approved street projects from the OPWC grant and loan application.

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*Paulding County*  
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**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Permanent Funds** These funds account for and report resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the reporting government's programs (for the benefit of the government or its citizenry). The Village had the following significant Permanent Fund:

**Cemetery Trust Fund** The cemetery trust fund receives interest earned on the nonexpendable corpus from a trust agreement. These earnings are used for the general maintenance and upkeep of two graves within the Village's cemetery.

**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:

**Water Operating Fund** The water fund accounts for the provision of water treatment and distribution to the residents and commercial users located within the Village. There is also some distribution to residential and commercial entities that reside outside of the Village limits.

**Sewer Operating Fund** The sewer fund accounts for the provision of sanitary and storm water sewer services to the residents and commercial users within the Village.

**Fiduciary Funds** Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds, investment trust funds, and custodial funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement meeting certain criteria. Custodial funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to report fiduciary activity that is not required to be reported in a trust fund. The Village's Custodial fund accounts for:

**Paulding Community Fire Association Fund** The Paulding Community Fire Association fund is used to account for the activities of the Paulding Community Fire Association for which the Village serves as the fiscal agent.

***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 (C). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. Council 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 (C) permit.

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**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

***Budgetary Process***

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

**Appropriations** Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the 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.

**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.

**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 2024 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

***Deposits and Investments***

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

Investment in STAR Ohio is measured 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 an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

***Capital Assets***

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

***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.

***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:

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**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**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.

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

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

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

**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 13.

**Note 3 – Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2024, follows:

2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
	Receipts	Receipts	
General	\$ 1,391,658	\$ 2,314,878	\$ 923,220
Special Revenue	1,456,071	1,539,408	83,337
Capital Projects	2,355,000	1,542,807	(812,193)
Enterprise	2,939,500	3,714,238	774,738

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**Note 3 – Budgetary Activity (Continued)**

2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements			
Fund Type	Appropriation	Budgetary	
	Authority	Disbursements	Variance
General	\$ 1,655,195	\$ 987,283	\$ 667,912
Special Revenue	2,598,105	1,492,382	1,105,723
Capital Projects	2,341,900	1,678,684	663,216
Enterprise	5,270,000	3,331,079	1,938,921

**Note 4 – Deposits and Investments**

To improve cash management, cash received by the Village is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. A summary of the Village's deposit and investment accounts are as follows:

	2024
Demand deposits	\$ 12,992,108
Savings Account	392
Petty Cash	500
Certificates of deposit	42,531
Total deposits	<u>\$ 13,035,531</u>
STAR OHIO	218,847
Total deposits and investments	<u>\$ 13,254,378</u>

The Village does not use a separate payroll clearing account. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statement reflect net payroll plus all remitted payroll withholdings. At December 31, 2024, the Village is holding \$0 in unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

***Deposits***

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; or collateralized through 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.

***Investments***

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

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**Note 5 – Taxes**

***Property Taxes***

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

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

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

***Income Taxes***

As of January 1, 2020, the Village levied a municipal income tax of 1.0 percent on substantially all earned income arising from employment, residency, or business activities within the Village as well as certain income of residents earned outside of the Village. A levy increasing the municipal income tax rate was passed in the Spring Election, and the municipal income tax rate was raised to 1.1 percent as of July 1, 2020.

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

**Note 6 – Interfund Balances**

In the fall of 2019, the General Fund advanced \$15,000 to the Curbing Fund. The Curbing Fund was only able to return \$7,500 of that advance in 2020. Therefore, the outstanding advances at December 31, 2020, consisted of \$7,500 advanced to the Curbing Fund to provide a positive balance for the fund for the year. There has been no activity with these funds in 2024.

**Note 7 – Risk Management**

***Workers' Compensation***

Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State of Ohio. 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.

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**Note 7 – Risk Management (Continued)**

***Risk Pool Membership***

The Village belongs to the Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. (OPRM) (the "Plan"), an unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management programs and other administrative services to Ohio governments ("Members"). The Plan is legally separate from its member governments.

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

Effective November 1, 2016, the OPRM elected to participate in a property loss corridor deductible. The property corridor includes losses paid between 70% and 75%. In 2018, the casualty loss corridor was eliminated, and the property corridor was adjusted to losses paid between 65% and 70%. Effective November 1, 2019, the property loss corridor was adjusted to losses between 60% and 67.5% and remained the same through October 31, 2022. Effective November 1, 2022, the property loss corridor was eliminated. OPRM had 847 members as of December 31, 2024.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, with the exception of a qualified opinion related to recording premiums and membership fees earned in full as of December 31, 2024. Those premiums and fees should be earned pro-rata over the individual coverage and membership periods of each policy. The financial statements reported the following assets, liabilities and equity at December 31, 2024.

	<b><u>2024</u></b>
Assets	\$24,456,615
Liabilities	(\$16,692,162)
Members' Equity	\$7,764,453

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

**Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System***

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Village contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2024.

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**Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)**

***Ohio Police and Fire Retirement System***

The Village has six full-time Police Officers who belong to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). OP&F is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement health care and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OP&F participants contributed 12.25 percent of their wages. The Village contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 19.5 percent of full-time police members' wages. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2024.

***Social Security***

The Other Village employees, who are only volunteer firefighters, contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

Employees contributed 6.2 percent of their gross salaries. The Village contributed an amount equal to 6.2 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2024.

**Note 9 – Postemployment Benefits**

Both OPERS and OP&F offer cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans. OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents. OP&F uses a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OP&F is placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees use to be reimbursed for health care expenses. For calendar year 2024, the portion of OPERS employer contributions allocated to health care was 0 percent for members in the traditional pension plan and 2 percent for members in the combined plan. For 2024, the portion of employer contributions OPERS allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent; however, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves. OP&F contributes 0.5 percent to fund these benefits.

**Note 10 – Debt**

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Ohio Water Development Authority Loans	\$11,123,994	Various
Mortgage Revenue Bonds	\$3,948,177	2.75%
Ohio Public Works Loans	1,041,229	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,113,400</b>	

Debt from 2023 was understated by \$137,167.

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**Note 10 – Debt (Continued)**

**Ohio Water Development Authority Loans:**

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loans were entered into as cooperative agreements for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the following water and sewer development projects.

The Village entered into a loan agreement dated January 26, 2012, with Ohio Water Development Authority Loan (Loan Number 6099) for the purpose of construction of a new Village Water Treatment Plant. The total amount of proceeds the Village may draw for this loan is \$2,798,194. This loan is to be repaid over a period of 30 years at 1.5% of interest starting on January 1, 2015. As of December 31, 2017, the Village received a total of \$2,764,341 in loan proceeds. In 2024 the Village made bi-annual loan payments on this loan and remitted a total of \$84,799 in principal payments and \$29,967 in interest payments. As of December 31, 2024, the balance of this loan was \$1,934,117.

The Village entered into a loan agreement dated January 31, 2013, with Ohio Water Development Authority Loan (Loan Number 6386) for the Village CSO Phase 1 Sewer Project. The total amount of proceeds the Village may draw for this loan is \$5,230,943. The loan is to be repaid over a period of 20 years starting on January 1, 2015 at 1.0% interest. As of December 31, 2017, the Village received a total of \$5,050,519 in loan proceeds. On January 1, 2015, the Village started making bi-annual loan payments on this loan to Ohio Water Development Authority. In 2024, the Village made bi-annual loan payments on this loan and remitted a total of \$252,109 in principal payments and \$27,140 in interest payments. As of December 31, 2024, the balance for this loan was \$2,524,735.

The Village entered into a loan agreement dated May 29, 2014, with Ohio Water Development Authority (Loan Number 6911) for the Village CSO Phase II Sewer Project. The total amount of proceeds the Village may draw for this loan is \$5,080,945. The loan is to be repaid over a period of 30 years with \$3,000,000 at 0.780% interest and the remaining \$2,080,945 to be repaid at 2.28% interest starting on July 1, 2017. In 2024, the Village made bi-annual loan payments on this loan and remitted a total of \$150,580 in principal payments and \$60,098 in interest payments. As of December 31, 2024, the balance for this loan was \$3,933,335.

The Village entered into a loan agreement dated January 31, 2019, with the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (Loan Number 8338) for the Village CSO Phase III Sewer Project. The total amount of proceeds the Village has drawn as of December 31, 2020 was \$3,146,181. The loan is to be repaid over a period of 20 years with at 0.0% interest starting on July 1, 2020. In 2024, the Village made bi-annual loan payments on this loan and remitted a total of \$104,873 in principal payments. As of December 31, 2024, the balance for this loan was \$2,621,818.

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**Note 10 – Debt (Continued)**

The Village entered into a loan agreement dated December 12, 2019, with the Ohio Water Development Authority (Loan number 8711) for the replacement of a water main as part of the Village CSO Phase III Sewer Project. The total amount of the proceeds the Village may draw for this loan is \$279,977. The total amount of proceeds the Village has drawn as of December 31, 2020, was \$193,029. The loan was closed at the end of 2020, and no more proceeds will be drawn from that account. The loan is to be repaid over a period of 10 years with a 1.85% interest rate starting July 1, 2020. In 2020, the Village paid the \$977 OWDA fee. In 2024, the village made bi-annual loan payments on this loan, and remitted a total of \$18,828 in principal payments, and \$2,296 in interest payments. As of December 31, 2024, the balance for this loan was \$109,989.

**Mortgage Revenue Bonds:**

The Water System Mortgage Revenue Bonds Series 2012, dated April 13, 2012, was obtained through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Rural Development. The Village issued \$4,997,000 in mortgage revenue bonds for the construction of a new water treatment plant, pumping stations, and for mains. The bonds are for a period of 40 years and are to be paid in monthly installments of \$17,690 including interest at 2.75%, with a final maturity in 2052. These bonds will be paid through utility system user charges collected in the Water Fund. In 2024, the Village made monthly loan payments on this loan and remitted a total of \$98,891 in principal payments and \$113,390 in interest payments. As of December 31, 2024, the loan balance of this loan was \$3,948,177.

**Ohio Public Works Commission Loans:**

The Village entered into a loan agreement dated October 20, 2015, with the Ohio Public Works Commission (Project Number CT73S) for the Water Meter Replacement Project. The total amount of the loan is \$300,000 with a 0% interest rate. The Village started making bi-annual payments of \$4,852 on July 1, 2018, for a period of thirty years. In 2024, the Village remitted a total of \$9,705 in principal payments. As of December 31, 2024, the balance of this loan was \$173,204.

The Village entered into a loan agreement dated July 1, 2018, with the Ohio Public Works Commission (Project Number CE44V) for the Sewer Separation Phase III Project. The total amount of the loan was \$500,000 with a 0% interest rate. The Village will start making bi-annual payments of \$8,333 on July 1, 2021, for a period of thirty years. In 2024, the village made bi-annual loan payments on this loan, and remitted a total of \$16,667 in principal payments, As of December 31, 2024, balance for this loan was \$433,333.

The Village entered into a loan agreement dated August 1, 2022, with the Ohio Public Works Commission (Project Number CE51Z) for the 2021 Street Reconstruction. The total amount of the loan was \$396,671 with a 0% interest rate. In 2024, the Village made bi-annual loan payments on this loan, and remitted a total of \$13,222 in principal payments, As of December 31, 2024, the balance for this loan was \$383,449.

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**Note 10 – Debt (Continued)**

The Village entered into a loan agreement dated September 15, 2023, with the Ohio Public Works Commission (Project Number CT12AA/CT13AA) for the Emerald Acres sanitary sewer replacement. The total amount of the loan was \$500,000 with a 0% interest rate. The Village has received \$51,243 of the loan proceeds during 2024. There is no amortization schedule available for this loan as of December 31, 2024.

***Amortization***

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

Year Ending December 31:	Mortgage		
	OWDA Loans	Revenue Bonds	OPWC Loans
2025	\$ 365,346	\$ 212,280	\$ 19,796
2026	730,691	212,280	39,594
2027	730,691	212,280	39,594
2028	730,691	212,280	39,594
2029	730,691	212,280	39,594
2030 - 2034	3,568,956	1,061,400	197,968
2035 - 2039	2,151,589	1,061,400	197,968
2040 - 2044	2,151,589	1,061,400	181,933
2045 - 2049	1,051,060	1,061,400	149,445
2050 - 2054	52,437	481,715	84,500
Total	<u>\$ 12,263,741</u>	<u>\$ 5,788,715</u>	<u>\$ 989,986</u>

**Note 11 – Construction and Contractual Commitments**

In 2024, the Village engaged the services of Access Engineering to engineer the Emerald Acres Sanitary Sewer Project. The project will be funded with OPWC & CDBG grant funding.

**Note 12 – Joint Ventures**

The Paulding County Fire Association (PCFA) is a jointly governed organization which provides firefighting services to three townships and three villages (member subdivisions) within Paulding County. The PCFA relies upon its member subdivisions for the funding of its operations. Each member subdivision has a vote on the operating budget of the PCFA. The member subdivision's share of the PCFA budget is based on a ratio which incorporates the number of fire runs taking place within its subdivision plus current subdivision valuation in relation to overall fire runs and valuation. The Village serves as fiscal agent for the PCFA. The Village's share of the budget was \$32,899 for 2024.

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**Note 13 – Fund Balances**

Included in fund balance are amounts the Village cannot spend, including the unexpendable corpus of the permanent funds. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end the balances of these amounts were as follows:

Fund Balances	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Permanent	Total
Nonspendable:					
Corpus	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600
Outstanding Encumbrances	<u>83,316</u>	<u>48,904</u>	<u>168,757</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300,977</u>
Total	<u>\$ 83,316</u>	<u>\$ 48,904</u>	<u>\$ 168,757</u>	<u>\$ 1,600</u>	<u>\$ 302,577</u>

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of capital projects funds is restricted committed or assigned. The fund balance of permanent funds that is not part of the nonspendable corpus is either restricted or committed. These restricted, committed and assigned amounts in the special revenue, capital projects and permanent funds include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

**Note 14 – Transfers**

During 2024 there was a transfer of \$500,000 from the General Fund of which \$400,000 went to the Sewer Separation Debt Service Fund and \$100,000 went to the Water Plant Debt Service Fund.

**VILLAGE OF PAULDING  
PAULDING COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

<b>FEDERAL GRANTOR</b> <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> <b>Program / Cluster Title</b>	<b>Federal AL Number</b>	<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY</b>		
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Development</i>		
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	<u>207,348</u>
Total U.S. Department of Treasury		<u>207,348</u>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<i>Passed Through Paulding County</i>		
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.228	<u>730,000</u>
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development		<u>730,000</u>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>		<b><u>\$ 937,348</u></b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.*

**Village of Paulding  
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**Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

**NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Village of Paulding, Paulding County, (the Village's) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2024. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Village, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the Village.

**NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

**NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE**

The Village has elected not to use the 15-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

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

Village of Paulding  
Paulding County  
116 South Main Street  
Paulding, OH 45879

To the Village Council:

We have audited, 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 the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental and proprietary fund type and the fiduciary fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements of the Village of Paulding, Paulding County, (the Village) and have issued our report thereon dated October 21, 2025, wherein we noted the Village followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(C) permit.

***Report on 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) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purposes of expressing our opinions 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 Village'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 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 2024-001 to be a material weakness.

Village of Paulding  
Paulding County  
Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over  
Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters  
Required by *Government Auditing Standards*  
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***Report on 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 financial statements. 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*.

We also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Village's management in a separate letter dated October 21, 2025.

***Village's Response to Finding***

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Village's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The Village's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

***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 Village'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 Village's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Charles E. Harris & Associates*

***Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.***

October 21, 2025

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS  
APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL  
OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Village of Paulding  
Paulding County  
116 South Main Street  
Paulding, OH 45879

To the Village Council:

**Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

We have audited the Village of Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio's (the Village) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Village's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2024. The Village's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

In our opinion, the Village complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2024.

***Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Village and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Village's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

The Village's management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Village's federal programs.

*Village of Paulding*

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements  
Applicable to the Major Federal Program and on Internal Control  
Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

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***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Village's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Village's compliance with the requirements of the major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Village's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the Village's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

***Report on Internal Control Over Compliance***

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

*Village of Paulding*

*Paulding County*

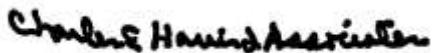
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Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



***Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.***

October 21, 2025

**Village of Paulding**  
**Paulding County**  
**Schedule of Findings**  
**2 CFR § 200.515**  
**December 31, 2024**

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

<b>(d)(1)(i)</b>	<b>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</b>	Adverse on GAAP, Unmodified on regulatory basis
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	Yes
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iii)</b>	<b>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(v)</b>	<b>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</b>	Unmodified
<b>(d)(1)(vi)</b>	<b>Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(vii)</b>	<b>Major Programs (list):</b>	CDBG/Entitlement Grants – AL #14.228
<b>(d)(1)(viii)</b>	<b>Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs</b>	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
<b>(d)(1)(ix)</b>	<b>Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR §200.520?</b>	No

**Village of Paulding  
Paulding County  
Schedule of Findings  
2 CFR § 200.515  
December 31, 2024**

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

**Finding Number 2024-001 - Material Weakness**

Audit Adjustments and Reclassifications:

The Village erroneously recorded numerous transactions during 2024. The more significant adjustments are as follows:

- The Enterprise Fund had utility receipts in Special Assessments of \$907,741 that were reclassified to Charges for Services.
- The Private Purpose Trust Fund was reclassified to a Permanent Fund.

The accompanying financial statements have been adjusted to properly reflect these transactions. Various other immaterial posting errors were also noted and brought to the attention of management.

Failure to report transactions correctly results in the financial statements not being accurately presented. We recommend that the Fiscal Officer refer to the Village Officers' Handbook, Uniform Accounting Network manual and other Auditor of State guidance to properly classify its transactions. In addition, we recommend the Fiscal Officer adopt policies and procedures on the reviewing all financial reports compiled by UAN to ensure their accuracy.

**Management Response:**

See Corrective Action Plan

**3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None.

**VILLAGE OF PAULDING  
PAULDING COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024  
Prepared by Management**

<b>Finding Number</b>	<b>Finding Summary</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
2023-001	Financial Reporting – Material Weakness	Not Corrected	

**VILLAGE OF PAULDING  
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**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024  
Prepared by Management**

<b>Finding Number</b>	<b>Planned Corrective Action</b>	<b>Anticipated Completion Date</b>	<b>Responsible Contact Person</b>
2024-001	Management is aware of the issue and will review disbursements and receipts better when received and paid to post correctly and has since been corrected going forward.	ASAP	Cheryl Halter, Finance Director

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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



VILLAGE OF PAULDING

PAULDING COUNTY

## 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.



Certified for Release 2/17/2026

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