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AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION TO THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGEMENT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2018



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June 6, 2019

The Honorable President
Members of the Board of Trustees
Management
Village of Wheeling
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

As part of our audit process we are required to have certain communications with those charged with governance at the beginning of our audit process and at the conclusion of the audit. Those communications include information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit, as well as other information required by audit standards. Our communication at the beginning of our audit process along with our questionnaire regarding consideration of fraud in a financial statement audit was sent to you on January 4, 2019.

In addition, auditing standards require the communication of internal control related matters to management. Our communication to management, as well as a listing of future pronouncements that may affect the Village of Wheeling, are enclosed within this document.

This information is intended solely for the use of the President, Members of the Board of Trustees, and management of the Village of Wheeling and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

Sikich LLP

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June 6, 2019

The Honorable President
Members of the Village Board
Village of Wheeling, Illinois

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and each individual fund of the Village of Wheeling, Illinois (the Village) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018 and have issued our report thereon dated June 6, 2019. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted accounting standards and the standards applicable to financial audits in *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated November 26, 2018. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Village are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, except for the implementation of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. We noted no transactions entered into by the Village during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. We noted no particularly sensitive estimates made by management during our audit of the basic financial statements, with the exception of the estimates in connection with the actuarial valuations performed for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, Police and Firefighters' Pension plans, the Other postemployment benefit plan, and the interest rate swaps associated with the 2008 and 2009 General Obligation Bond Series.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. We noted no particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures during our audit of the financial statements.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, there were no misstatements noted as a result of our audit procedures.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 6, 2019.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Village's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Village's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on individual fund schedules and supplemental financial information, which accompanies the financial statements but is not RSI. With respect to the schedules and supplemental financial information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the schedules and supplemental financial information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the introductory and statistical sections, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. We did not audit or perform other procedures on this other information and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Village Board and management of the Village and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

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By: Brian LeFevre, CPA, MBA
Partner

VILLAGE OF WHEELING, ILLINOIS
COMMUNICATION OF DEFICIENCIES
IN INTERNAL CONTROL AND
OTHER COMMENTS TO MANAGEMENT

December 31, 2018

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COMMUNICATION OF DEFICIENCIES IN INTERNAL CONTROL AND OTHER COMMENTS TO MANAGEMENT

Mr. Jon Sfondilis, Village Manager
Mr. Michael Mondschain, Director of Finance
and Administrative Services
Village of Wheeling, Illinois

As part of the annual audit, we are required to communicate internal control matters that we classify as significant deficiencies and material weaknesses to those charged with governance. 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 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. 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.

However, during our audit we became aware of matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The memorandum that accompanies this letter summarizes our comments and suggestions regarding those matters.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with Director of Finance and Administrative Services Mondschain, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

SiKich LLP

Naperville, Illinois
June 6, 2019

OTHER COMMENTS

Future Accounting Pronouncements

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued a number of pronouncements that may impact the Village in the future.

GASB Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*, addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations (AROs). An ARO is a legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. A government that has legal obligations to perform future asset retirement activities related to its tangible capital assets should recognize a liability based on the guidance in this Statement. The requirements of this standard are effective for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. The statement describes four fiduciary funds that should be reported, if applicable: (1) pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, (2) investment trust funds, (3) private-purpose trust funds, and (4) custodial funds. Custodial funds generally should report fiduciary activities that are not held in a trust or equivalent arrangement that meets specific criteria. The requirements of this standard are effective for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. The requirements of this Statement are effective for the fiscal year December 31, 2020.

GASB Statement No 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements*, was issued in March 2018 and provides guidance on improving disclosures in the notes to the financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements of debt. This Statement defines debt for purposes of disclosure in notes to financial statements as a liability that arises from a contractual obligation to pay cash (or other assets that may be used in lieu of cash) in one or more payments to settle an amount that is fixed at the date the contractual obligation is established. This Statement requires that additional essential information related to debt be disclosed in notes to financial statements, including unused lines of credit; assets pledged as collateral for the debt; and terms specified in debt agreements related to significant events of default with finance-related consequences, significant termination events with finance-related consequences, and significant subjective acceleration clauses. This statement is effective for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

OTHER COMMENTS (Continued)

Future Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)

GASB Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*, establishes accounting requirements for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. This Statement requires that interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period be recognized as an expense in the period in which the cost is incurred for financial statements prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. This Statement also reiterates that in financial statements prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period should be recognized as an expenditure on a basis consistent with governmental fund accounting principles. This statement is effective for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

GASB Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests, an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*, was issued in August 2018. The primary objectives of this Statement are to improve the consistency in the measurement and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. This Statement establishes that ownership of a majority equity interest in a legal separate organization results in the government being financially accountable for the legally separate organization and, therefore, the government should report that organization as a component unit. This Statement also requires that a component unit in which a government has a 100 percent equity interest account for its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources at acquisition value at the date the government acquired a 100 percent equity interest in the component unit. This statement is effective for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

FIRM PROFILE



ORGANIZATION

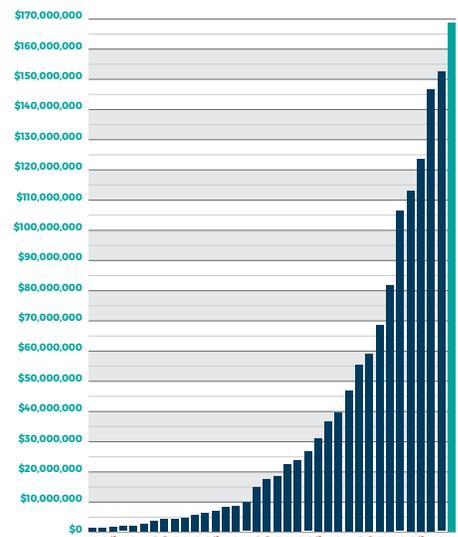
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SIKICH TOTAL REVENUE



STATISTICS

2018 Revenue\$169M
 Total Partners ~100
 Total Personnel 750+
Personnel count as of January 1, 2019

2018 AWARDS

- Oracle® NetSuite **5 Star Award**
- *Accounting Today* Top 100 Firms - ranked #28 nationally
- Best Places to Work in Illinois
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- Milwaukee's Best and Brightest Companies to Work For®
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- Microsoft Dynamics Inner Circle
- Boston's Best and Brightest Companies to Work For®
- Bob Scott's Top 100 Value Added Reseller Stars (VARs) -ranked #8

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2017 AWARDS

- Bob Scott's Top 100 (VARs) - ranked #7
- *Accounting Today* Top 100 VARs - ranked #6
- Vault Accounting Top Ranked
- When Work Works Award
- WorldatWork Work-Life Seal of Distinction
- Microsoft Dynamics Inner Circle and President's Club
- Best Places to Work in Illinois
- Milwaukee's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For®
- Best Places to Work in Indiana
- Chicago's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For®
- *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* Top Workplaces in Milwaukee
- *Chicago Tribune's* Top Workplaces
- *Crain's List* Chicago's Largest Privately Held Companies - ranked #234
- Boston's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For®
- National Best and Brightest in Wellness
- National Best and Brightest Companies to Work For

2016 AWARDS

- *Accounting Today* Top Regional Leaders and Firms: Great Lakes - ranked #4
- *Milwaukee Business Journal* Largest Management Consulting Firms - ranked #10
- *Milwaukee Business Journal* Largest Milwaukee-Area Accounting Firms - ranked #8
- *Inc. 5000* - ranked #4613
- *INSIDE Public Accounting* Top 50 Largest Accounting Firms - ranked #31 nationally
- Milwaukee's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For®
- WICPA Excellence Award - Public Service Award
- *Accounting Today* Top 100 VARs - ranked #7
- Bob Scott's Top 100 VARs - ranked #7
- Boston's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For®
- US Small and Mid-Sized Business (SMB) Champions Club Heartland Partner of the Year, Microsoft's US SMB Champions Club
- *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* Top Workplaces in Milwaukee

CERTIFICATIONS

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2018/2019
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for Microsoft Dynamics

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- **MCP** (Microsoft Certified Professional)
- **MCSE** (Microsoft Certified System Engineer)
- **CCNA** (Cisco Certified Network Associate)
- **CCDA** (Certified Cisco Design Associate)
- **CCEA** (Citrix Certified Enterprise Administrator)
- **MRMS** (Microsoft Retail Management Systems)
- **CISA** (Certified Information Systems Auditor)
- **CNE** (Certified Novell Engineer)
- **MS CSM** (Microsoft Customer Service Manager)
- **MS CAE** (Microsoft Certified Account Executive)
- **MCDBA** (Microsoft Certified Database Admin)
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