

VILLAGE OF ONTONAGON, MICHIGAN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Village President and Members of the Village Council Village of Ontonagon, Michigan

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

# **Opinions**

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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Ontonagon (the "Village"), as of and for the year ended March 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village, as of March 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Ontonagon Village Housing Commission, which represents 95.2% of the assets, 94.7% of the net position, and 99.7% of the revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Ontonagon Village Housing Commission is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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.

# Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *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 generally accepted auditing standards 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.

# Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, pension plan schedules, and budgetary comparison information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the

responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

## Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 27, 2024, on our consideration of Village's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Village's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Gabridge & Company, PLC Grand Rapids, Michigan

Gabridge & Company

September 27, 2024

**Management's Discussion and Analysis** 

# Village of Ontonagon Management's Discussion and Analysis March 31, 2024

As management of the Village of Ontonagon, Michigan (The "Village" or "government") we offer readers of the Village's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Village for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the financial statements.

# **Financial Highlights**

- The assets and deferred outflows of the Village exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$8,015,054 (net position). Of this amount, a deficit of \$(3,418,568) represents unrestricted net position.
- The Village's total revenues were \$3,888,348 and total expenses were \$1,610,208 leading to an overall increase in net position of \$2,278,140 during the year.
- At the close of the current fiscal year, the Village's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$1,464,725, an increase of \$753,760 in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$663,962.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

The discussion and analysis provided here is intended to serve as an introduction to the Village's basic financial statements. The Village's basic financial statements consist of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) the notes to financial statements. This report also includes supplementary information intended to furnish additional detail to support the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-wide Financial Statements**. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Village's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents financial information on all of the Village's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Village is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Village's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., accrued but unpaid pension benefits and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Village that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the Village include general government, fire protection, streets, community and economic development, and recreation and culture (marina). The business-type activities of the Village include water and sewer services.

The government-wide financial statements include not only the Village itself (known as the primary government), but also a legally separate Downtown Development Authority for which the Village is financially accountable as well as a legally separate Ontonagon Village Housing Commission.

**Fund Financial Statements.** A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Village, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Village can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in assessing a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Village maintains several individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, the major street fund, the local street fund, which are considered major funds. Data from the road fund, the marina fund, and the fire fund is presented as a separate column as they are considered nonmajor funds.

The Village adopts an annual appropriated budget for the general fund and each special revenue fund. A budgetary comparison schedule for the general fund and each major special revenue fund has been provided to demonstrate compliance with these budgets.

**Proprietary Funds**. The Village maintains two types of proprietary funds. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide

financial statements. The Village uses enterprises funds to account for its water and sewer operations. *Internal service funds* are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the Village's various functions.

The Village uses internal service funds to account for equipment and allocating the cost to the funds that are using the resources. Because these services predominantly benefit governmental rather than business-type functions, they have been included within the governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the water and sewer operations, both of which are considered to be major funds of the Village. The internal service fund data is presented in the proprietary fund financial statements.

*Fiduciary funds*. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Village's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**. The notes provide additional information that is necessary to acquire a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

**Other Information**. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents *required supplementary information* concerning the Village's budgetary comparison schedules and the Villages pension benefit plan schedules.

# **Government-wide Overall Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net position over time, may serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Village, assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$8,015,054 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

Village o	f Ontonagon'	s Net Position
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, mage of ontollinger of the following	Governmental Activities			ess-type vities	Total Primary Government			
ASSETS	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023		
Current Assets						-		
Cash and investments	\$ 2,602,747	\$ 2,467,182	\$ 1,337,139	\$ 1,509,599	\$ 3,939,886	\$ 3,976,781		
Receivables, net	248,527	212,106	180,157	294,730	428,684	506,836		
Total Current Assets	2,851,274	2,679,288	1,517,296	1,804,329	4,368,570	4,483,617		
Noncurrent Assets								
Capital assets not being depreciated	397,686	393,966	229,778	33,500	627,464	427,466		
Capital assets being depreciated, net	1,985,350	1,747,709	11,293,582	11,868,075	13,278,932	13,615,784		
Restricted cash	-	-	465,308	470,351	465,308	470,351		
Long-term portion of lease receivable	106,349	109,595	-	-	106,349	109,595		
Total Assets	5,340,659	4,930,558	13,505,964	14,176,255	18,846,623	19,106,813		
DEFFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				,				
Pension related deferred outflows	371,230	685,909	58,261	20,575	429,491	706,484		
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	371,230	685,909	58,261	20,575	429,491	706,484		
LIABILITIES								
Current Liabilities								
Accounts payable	1,645	25,799	106,424	18,325	108,069	44,124		
Accrued and other liabilities	125,430	1,602,375	18,454	17,745	143,884	1,620,120		
Current portion of long-term debt	-	-	342,000	337,000	342,000	337,000		
Internal balances	(53,463)	-	53,463	-	-	-		
Total Current Liabilities	73,612	1,628,174	520,341	373,070	593,953	2,001,244		
Noncurrent Liabilities								
Compensated absences	11,421	13,474	9,117	7,669	20,538	21,143		
Long-term debt	-	-	3,804,862	4,146,862	3,804,862	4,146,862		
Net pension liability	4,929,862	6,785,319	773,700	1,011,658	5,703,562	7,796,977		
Total Liabilities	5,014,895	8,426,967	5,108,020	5,539,259	10,122,915	13,966,226		
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Deferred lease revenues	1,138,145	110,157	-	-	1,138,145	110,157		
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,138,145	110,157	_		1,138,145	110,157		
NET POSITION		·		,				
Net investment in capital assets	2,383,036	2,141,675	7,536,817	7,646,482	9,919,853	9,788,157		
Restricted	1,048,461	779,094	465,308	470,351	1,513,769	1,249,445		
Unrestricted	(3,872,648)	(5,841,426)	454,080	540,738	(3,418,568)	(5,300,688)		
Total Net Position	\$ (441,151)	\$ (2,920,657)	\$ 8,456,205	\$ 8,657,571	\$ 8,015,054	\$ 5,736,914		

The largest portion of the Village's net position, \$9,919,853, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, equipment, vehicles, and infrastructure), less any related outstanding debt that was used to acquire those assets. The Village uses these capital assets to provide a variety of services to its citizens. Accordingly, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Village's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources used to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the Village's net position, \$1,513,769, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining is a deficit unrestricted net position of \$(3,418,568).

Capital assets overall decreased by \$136,854; due largely to depreciation expense of \$810,053 exceeding capital asset additions of \$673,198.

Pension related deferred outflows decreased by \$276,993 and net pension liability decreased \$2,093,415. Please see the notes for more information on the changes.

Total long-term debt decreased by \$337,000 in accordance with the related debts' loan maturity schedules.

Accrued and other liabilities were \$442,896 less than during 2023 due to spending a portion of the \$1,550,000 grant from the MEDC.

Village of Ontonagon's Changes in Net Position

Governmental Activities		Business-typ	e Activities	Total Primary Government		
Revenues	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Program Revenues						
Charges for services	\$ 166,798	\$ 170,151	\$ 1,261,209	\$ 1,366,005	\$ 1,428,007	\$ 1,536,156
Operating grants and contributions	1,303,720	2,134,789	175,195	104,210	1,478,915	2,238,999
Capital grants and contributions	2,115	302,212	134,164	-	136,279	302,212
General Revenues						
Taxes	180,235	594,138	-	-	180,235	594,138
Unrestricted state revenue sharing	639,032	183,840	-	-	639,032	183,840
Unrestricted investment earnings	11,040	2,667	14,840	2,971	25,880	5,638
Total Revenues	2,302,940	3,387,797	1,585,408	1,473,186	3,888,348	4,860,983
Expenses						
General government	(196,106)	134,712	-	-	(196,106)	134,712
Public safety	118,538	153,425	-	-	118,538	153,425
Public works	(100,296)	721,473	-	-	(100,296)	721,473
Recreation and culture	1,298	205,005	-	-	1,298	205,005
Other	-	567,411	-	-	-	567,411
Sewer fund	-	-	517,249	510,778	517,249	510,778
Water fund	-	-	1,269,525	1,077,172	1,269,525	1,077,172
Total Expenses	(176,566)	1,782,026	1,786,774	1,587,950	1,610,208	3,369,976
Changes in Net Position	2,479,506	1,605,771	(201,366)	(114,764)	2,278,140	1,491,007
Net Position at the Beginning of Period - Restated	(2,920,657)	(4,526,428)	8,657,571	8,772,335	5,736,914	4,245,907
Net Position at the End of Period	\$ (441,151)	\$ (2,920,657)	\$ 8,456,205	\$ 8,657,571	\$ 8,015,054	\$ 5,736,914

**Governmental Activities**. Governmental activities increased the Village's net position by \$2,479,509. Operating grants and contributions decreased by \$831,069 largely due to the Village receiving less grants from the State of Michigan. The Village also received fewer capital grants in 2024 as the prior year had funding for the Pierce Rescue Truck, Rose Island and estuary projects.

All expenses decreased in 2024 compared to 2023 from the change in net pension liability and pension related deferred inflows.

**Business-type Activities**. Charges for services for business-type activities decreased by \$104,796 as a result of less sewer and water usage. Operating grants increased by \$70,985 from the previous year due to receiving a new FDCVT grant. Capital grants increase by \$134,164 from the DWAM grant. Water fund expenses increased by \$192,353 during the year largely as the result of the purchases of water meters (using grant proceeds).

# **Financial Analysis of Governmental Funds**

As noted earlier, the Village uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The focus of the Village's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Village's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for discretionary use as they represent the portion of fund balance which has not yet been limited to use for a particular purpose by either an external party, the Village itself, or a group or individual that has been delegated authority to assign resources for use for particular purposes by the Village's Council.

At March 31, 2024, the Village's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$1,464,725, an increase of \$753,760 in comparison with the prior year. The majority of the combined fund balance constituted as restricted for particular purposes, \$1,048,461, with the rest being unassigned fund balance of \$416,264.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Village. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$663,692. The fund balance of the Village's general fund increased by \$543,659 during the current fiscal year. The Village Council monitors the expenditures of the general fund closely to ensure that spending does not exceed the Village's available resources.

The major street fund, a major fund, had a \$59,785 increase in fund balance during the current fiscal year which put the overall fund balance at \$314,201.

The local street fund, a major fund, had a \$96,399 increase in fund balance during the current fiscal year which put the overall fund balance at \$170,339.

**Proprietary Funds**. The Village's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

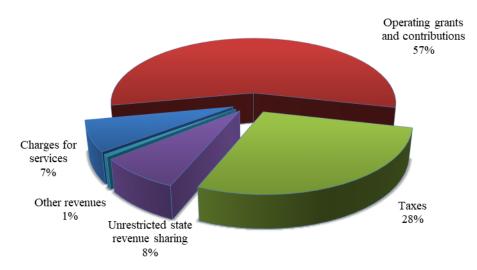
Unrestricted net position at the end of the year was \$43,990 for the sewer fund and \$410,090 for the water fund. The change in net position was a decrease of \$195,022 for the sewer fund and a decrease of \$6,344 for the water fund. A summary of the changes in the water and sewer funds net position can be found in the business-type activities paragraph found earlier in this report.

The equipment fund, the Village's sole internal service fund, increased by \$232,020 for an overall net position of \$564,205.

#### **Governmental Activities**

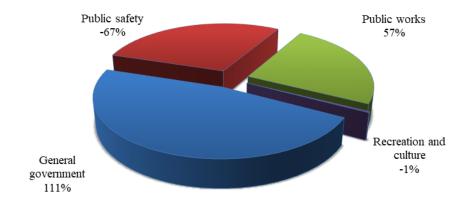
The following chart summarizes the revenue sources for the governmental activities of the Village for the most recent fiscal year-end:

# **Governmental Activities Revenues**



The following chart summarizes the expenses for the governmental activities of the Village for the most recent fiscal year-end:

# **Governmental Activities Expenses**



# **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Original budget compared to final budget. There were no significant budget amendments the original estimated revenues and appropriated expenditures during the year.

*Final budget compared to actual results.* The Village had the following expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated as of March 31, 2024:

Expenditure	Final	Actual	Variance
General Fund		_	
Recreation building	11,116	32,176	(21,060)

# **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

# Capital assets.

The Village's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of March 31, 2024 amounts to \$13,906,396 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, machinery, equipment, vehicles, park facilities, sidewalks, and water and sewer infrastructure. More detailed information about the Villages' capital assets can be found in Note 4.

#### Long-term Debt

As described in Note 5 to the financial statements, the Village had \$4,146,862 in long-term debt at the end of the fiscal year, which is a reduction of \$337,000 from the prior year. The Village is well under its legal debt limit as of year-end.

#### **Economic Condition and Outlook**

Management estimates that approximately \$2,300,000 of revenues will be available for appropriation in the general fund in the upcoming year. The Village continues to review all budget line items for opportunities to reduce expenditures when possible. The budget will be monitored during the year to identify any necessary amendments. In 2025, the Village plans again to use current revenues to provide essential services and to maintain the Village's financial reserves at similar levels. Property tax revenues are expected to change minimally reflecting fairly stable property values.

# **Contacting the Village**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Village's finances to its citizens, customers, investors, and creditors and to demonstrate the Village's accountability for the resources it receives. Questions regarding any information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Village Manager at:

Village of Ontonagon 315 Quartz Street Ontonagon, Michigan 49953 **Basic Financial Statements** 

# Village of Ontonagon Statement of Net Position March 31, 2024

	Primary Government			
	Governmental	Business-type	·	
	Activities	Activities	Total	<b>Component Units</b>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and investments	\$ 2,602,747	\$ 1,337,139	\$ 3,939,886	\$ 757,793
Accounts receivable	3,025	152,293	155,318	93,179
Taxes receivable	23,735	132,273	23,735	
Other receivables	28,595		28,595	
Due from other governmental units	189,926	27,864	217,790	160
Prepaid expenses	107,720	27,004	217,750	5,634
Lease receivable	3,246		3,246	5,054
Total Current Assets	2,851,274	1,517,296	4,368,570	856,766
Noncurrent Assets	2,031,274	1,317,290	4,306,370	850,700
Restricted cash		465,308	465,308	
Capital assets not being depreciated	397,686	229,778	627,464	77,500
	1,985,350	11,293,582	13,278,932	872,725
Capital assets being depreciated, net Long-term portion of lease receivable	106,349	11,293,362	106,349	012,123
Total Assets	5,340,659	13,505,964	18,846,623	1,806,991
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	3,340,039	13,303,904	10,040,023	1,000,991
Pension related	371,230	58,261	429,491	
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	371,230	58,261	429,491	
LIABILITIES	3/1,230	38,201	429,491	
Current Liabilities	1,645	106,424	108,069	97,205
Accounts payable	,			
Accrued liabilities	15,336	5,345	20,681	47,750
Due to other governmental units	98,673	2 001	98,673	
Customer deposits	1 022 240	3,991	3,991	
Unearned revenue	1,033,340	242.000	1,033,340	
Current portion of long-term debt		342,000	342,000	2 020
Current portion of compensated absences	11,421	9,118	20,539	3,829
Internal balances	(53,463)	53,463	1 (27 202	140.704
Total Current Liabilities	1,106,952	520,341	1,627,293	148,784
Noncurrent Liabilities	11 421	0.117	20.520	7.060
Compensated absences	11,421	9,117	20,538	7,869
Long-term debt	4.000.060	3,804,862	3,804,862	
Net pension liability	4,929,862	773,700	5,703,562	156.650
Total Liabilities	6,048,235	5,108,020	11,156,255	156,653
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	104.005		104.005	
Deferred lease revenue	104,805		104,805	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	104,805		104,805	
NET POSITION	2 202 025	<b>5.50</b> < 0.45	0.040.050	0.70.007
Net investment in capital assets	2,383,036	7,536,817	9,919,853	950,225
Restricted for:				
Streets	484,540		484,540	
Public safety	563,921		563,921	
Debt service	<b></b>	465,308	465,308	
Unrestricted	(3,872,648)	454,080	(3,418,568)	700,113
Total Net Position	\$ (441,151)	\$ 8,456,205	\$ 8,015,054	\$ 1,650,338

#### Village of Ontonagon Statement of Activities For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

		_	Program Revenues				Net	(Expense) Revenu	ıe					
					Operating		Capital Grants		Pr	imary Governmen	t			
			Charges for		Grants and		and	Governmental		Business-type				Component
Functions/Programs	 Expenses	_	Services		Contributions	-	Contributions	Activities	_	Activities	_	Total	_	Units
Primary Government														
Governmental Activities:														
General government	\$ (100,296)	\$	92,359	\$	516,660	\$		\$ 709,315	\$		\$	709,315	\$	
Public safety	118,538		963		137,669			20,094				20,094		
Public works	(196,106)		20		649,286			845,412				845,412		
Recreation and culture	 1,298		73,456		105		2,115	74,378				74,378		<u></u>
Total Governmental Activities	(176,566)		166,798		1,303,720		2,115	 1,649,199				1,649,199		
Business-type Activities:														
Sewer Fund	517,249		316,940							(200,309)		(200,309)		
Water Fund	1,269,525		944,269		175,195		134,164			(15,897)		(15,897)		
Total Business-type Activities	1,786,774		1,261,209		175,195		134,164			(216,206)		(216,206)		
Total Primary Government	\$ 1,610,208	\$	1,428,007	\$	1,478,915	\$	136,279	1,649,199		(216,206)		1,432,993		
Component Units				_										
Downtown Development Authority	\$ 2,969	\$	1,920	\$		\$								(1,049)
Ontonagon Village Housing Commission (06/30/2023)	387,810		282,798		127,492		273,372							295,852
Total Component Units	\$ 390,779	\$	284,718	\$	127,492	\$	273,372							294,803
		G	General Purpose F	Revei	nues:									
			roperty taxes					639,032				639,032		
		It	ntergovernmental					180,235				180,235		
			nvestment earnings	s				11,040		14,840		25,880		8,005
			Total General Re	venu	ies			 830,307		14,840		845,147		8,005
			Change in Net Po	sitio	on			 2,479,506		(201,366)		2,278,140		302,808
			· ·		ng of Period (restate	d - se	ee Note 12)	(2,920,657)		8,657,571		5,736,914		1,347,530
			let Position at End				,	\$ (441,151)	\$	8,456,205	\$	8,015,054	\$	1,650,338

# Village of Ontonagon Balance Sheet Governmental Funds March 31, 2024

				Special 2	Revenue	e				
	General		Major Street Fund Local Street Fund		Street Fund	Other Governmental I Funds		Total Governmental Funds		
ASSETS										
Cash and investments	\$	1,622,666	\$	283,345	\$	118,087	\$	575,670	\$	2,599,768
Accounts receivable								3,000		3,000
Taxes receivable		23,735								23,735
Other receivables		28,595								28,595
Due from other governmental units		27,765		60,552		91,609		10,000		189,926
Lease receivable		109,595								109,595
Due from other funds		98,094		1,050		4,845				103,989
Total Assets	\$	1,910,450	\$	344,947	\$	214,541	\$	588,670	\$	3,058,608
LIABILITIES										
Accounts payable	\$	1,645	\$		\$		\$		\$	1,645
Accrued liabilities		835		980		1,751		11,454		15,020
Due to other governmental units		98,673								98,673
Unearned revenue		1,033,340								1,033,340
Due to other funds		7,460		29,766		42,451		260,723		340,400
Total Liabilities		1,141,953		30,746		44,202		272,177		1,489,078
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES										
Deferred lease revenues		104,805								104,805
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources		1,246,758		30,746		44,202		272,177		1,593,883
FUND BALANCE										
Restricted				314,201		170,339		563,921		1,048,461
Unassigned		663,692						(247,428)		416,264
Total Fund Balance		663,692		314,201		170,339		316,493		1,464,725
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources										
and Fund Balance	\$	1,910,450	\$	344,947	\$	214,541	\$	588,670	\$	3,058,608

# Village of Ontonagon Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position March 31, 2024

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$	1,464,725
Net Position of internal service funds that are treated as proprietary in the fund level statements are treated governmental in the entity-wide statements	as	564,205
General government capital assets of \$7,404,593, net of accumulated depreciation of \$5,378,893, are not financial resources and, accordingly, are not reported in the funds.		2,025,700
Compensated absences are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		(22,842)
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in the funds.		(4,472,939)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	<b>\$</b>	(441,151)

# Village of Ontonagon Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

**Special Revenue** Total Other **Major Street** Governmental Governmental **Fund Funds Funds** General **Local Street Fund** Revenues \$ 487.356 \$ 151.676 \$ 639,032 Property taxes Intergovernmental 699,010 270,114 129,172 137,669 1,235,965 20,396 71,656 92,052 Charges for services Fines and forfeitures 1,935 1,935 Rental income 11,436 1,800 13,236 524 1.068 1.592 Other revenue 1,027 2,832 Investment earnings 58,860 6,336 69,055 272,946 218,529 2,052,867 **Total Revenues** 1,279,517 281,875 **Expenditures** 56,681 56,681 General government 89,200 Public safety 89,200 Public works 199,179 213,161 185,476 597.816 Recreation and culture 479,998 75,412 555,410 Total Expenditures 735,858 213,161 185,476 164,612 1,299,107 Excess of Revenues Over 59,785 (Under) Expenditures 543,659 96,399 53,917 753,760 59,785 753,760 543,659 96,399 53,917 Net Change in Fund Balance 120,033 254,416 73,940 262,576 710,965 Fund Balance at Beginning of Period (restated - see Note 12) 663,692 314,201 170,339 316,493 \$ 1,464,725 Fund Balance at End of Period

# Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance with Statement of Activities For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	753,760
Changes in net position of internal service funds that are treated as enterprise fund changes in net position the fund level statements are treated as governmental fund changes in net position in the entity-wide	in	
statements		232,020
Governmental fund report capital outlay as expenditures; however, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by where the cost of t		
capital outlay expenditures of \$199,808 exceed depreciation expense of \$169,406.		30,402
The statement of activities reports changes to net pension liability and pension related deferrals as pension expense; however, the expenditures recorded on the governmental funds equals actual pension	1	
contributions.		1,459,218
Change to compensated absences are not shown in the fund financial statements. The net effect of the		
current year decrease is to increase net position.		4,106
Changes in Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$	2,479,506

# Village of Ontonagon Statement of Net Position Proprietary Funds March 31, 2024

Business-type	Activities -	Enterprise runas	
			•

				Governmental
	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Total Enterprise Funds	Activities Internal Service Funds
ASSETS	Sewer Fund	water runu	<u>r unus</u>	Service runus
Current Assets				
Cash and investments	\$ 416.908	\$ 920,231	\$ 1,337,139	\$ 2,979
Accounts receivable	37,664	114,629	152,293	25
Due from other governmental units	13,932	13,932	27,864	
Due from other funds	, 	409	409	387,738
Total Current Assets	468,504	1,049,201	1,517,705	390,742
Noncurrent Assets	,	, ,	, ,	,
Restricted cash	163,000	302,308	465,308	
Capital assets not being depreciated	209,778	20,000	229,778	
Capital assets being depreciated, net	1,202,903	10,090,679	11,293,582	357,336
Total Assets	2,044,185	11,462,188	13,506,373	748,078
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pension related	13,851	44,410	58,261	6,978
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	13,851	44,410	58,261	6,978
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	74,868	31,556	106,424	
Accrued liabilities	1,497	3,848	5,345	316
Customer deposits		3,991	3,991	
Current portion of long-term debt	92,000	250,000	342,000	
Current portion of compensated absences		9,118	9,118	
Due to other funds	17,741	36,131	53,872	97,864
Total Current Liabilities	186,106	334,644	520,750	98,180
Noncurrent Liabilities				
Compensated absences		9,117	9,117	
Long-term debt	1,481,000	2,323,862	3,804,862	
Net pension liability	183,940	589,760	773,700	92,671
Total Liabilities	1,851,046	3,257,383	5,108,429	190,851
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets		7,536,817	7,536,817	357,336
Restricted for:				
Debt service	163,000	302,308	465,308	
Unrestricted	43,990	410,090	454,080	206,869
Total Net Position	\$ 206,990	\$ 8,249,215	\$ 8,456,205	\$ 564,205

# Village of Ontonagon Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	Business-t			
	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Total Enterprise Funds	Governmental Activities Internal Service Funds
Operating Revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 316,940	\$ 944,269	\$ 1,261,209	\$ 128,488
Total Operating Revenues	316,940	944,269	1,261,209	128,488
Operating Expenses				
Wages and fringes	123,165	184,247	307,412	8,491
Supplies	14,851	313,111	327,962	60,140
Contractual services	15,816	16,598	32,414	511
Communication and utilities	47,323	52,820	100,143	9,849
Other services and charges	14,448	219,601	234,049	28,510
Equipment rental	16,520	36,020	52,540	
Depreciation expense	211,828	389,777	601,605	39,040
Total Operating Expenses	443,951	1,212,174	1,656,125	146,541
Operating Income (Loss)	(127,011)	(267,905)	(394,916)	(18,053)
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)				
Investment earnings	5,287	9,553	14,840	53
Grants		309,359	309,359	250,000
Other non-operating revenue				20
Interest expense	(73,298)	(57,351)	(130,649)	
Net Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	(68,011)	261,561	193,550	250,073
Change In Net Position	(195,022)	(6,344)	(201,366)	232,020
Net Position at Beginning of Period (restated - see note 12)	402,012	8,255,559	8,657,571	332,185
Net Position at End of Period	\$ 206,990	\$ 8,249,215	\$ 8,456,205	\$ 564,205

# Village of Ontonagon Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended March 31 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental			
	Sev	ver Fund	_ w	ater Fund	Tota	al Enterprise Funds		Activities ernal Service Fund
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	·					_		_
Cash received from charges for service	\$	335,323	\$	1,040,009	\$	1,375,332	\$	-
Cash received from interfund services provided		-		-		-		128,488
Cash payments to employees for services and fringe benefits		(158,200)		(422,249)		(580,449)		(91,281)
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Good and Services		(38,873)		(620,136)		(659,009)		(108,200)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	138,250 (2,376)		(2,376)		135,874		(70,993)	
Cash Flows from Non-capital Financing Activities								
Grants		-		309,359		309,359		250,000
Other non-operating revenue		-		-		-		20
Change in interfund balances		17,741		35,722		53,463		(29,874)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Non-capital Financing Activities		17,741		345,081		362,822		220,146
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities								
Capital asset purchases		(196,278)		(27,112)		(223,390)		(250,000)
Principal payments on long-term debt		(87,000)		(250,000)		(337,000)		-
Interest paid on long-term debt		(73,298)		(57,351)		(130,649)		-
Net Cash Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities		(356,576)		(334,463)		(691,039)		(250,000)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities								
Investment earnings		5,287		9,553		14,840		54
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities		5,287		9,553		14,840		54
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments		(195,298)		17,795		(177,503)		(100,793)
Cash and Investments - Beginning of Year		775,206		1,204,744		1,979,950		103,772
Cash and Investments - End of Year	\$	579,908	\$	1,222,539	\$	1,802,447	\$	2,979

# Village of Ontonagon Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds					Governmental		
	Se	wer Fund	Water Fund		Total Enterprise r Fund Funds		Activities Internal Service Fund	
Statement of Net Position Classification of								
Cash and Investments								
Cash and investments	\$	416,908	\$	920,231	\$	1,337,139	\$	2,979
Restricted cash		163,000		302,308		465,308		-
Cash and investments	\$	579,908	\$	1,222,539	\$	1,802,447	\$	2,979
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to  Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities  Operating Loss  Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to  Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	\$	(127,011)	\$	(267,905)	\$	(394,916)	\$	(18,053)
Depreciation expense		211,828		389,777		601,605		39,040
Changes in Assets, Liabilities, and Related Deferrals								
Receivables, net		18,383		96,190		114,573		-
Customer deposits		-		(450)		(450)		-
Accounts payable		70,085		18,014		88,099		(9,190)
Accrued payroll and other liabilities		142		2,465		2,607		(1,230)
Net pension liability and related deferrals		(35,177)		(240,467)		(275,644)		(81,560)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	\$	138,250	\$	(2,376)	\$	135,874	\$	(70,993)

# Village of Ontonagon Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Fund March 31, 2024

	Custodial	
ASSETS		
Cash and investments	\$	67,540
Accounts receivable		2,062
Total Assets		69,602
LIABILITIES		
Due to other governmental units		14,422
Bonds and other payables		55,180
Total Liabilities		55,180
NET POSITION	'	
Restricted for individuals, organizations,		
and other governments		

# Village of Ontonagon Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Fund For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	C	ustodial
Additions		
County clerk/treasurer collections	\$	190,862
Total Additions		190,862
DEDUCTIONS	·	
County clerk/treasurer distributions		190,862
Total Deductions		190,862
Change in Net Position		
Net Position at Beginning of Period		
Net Position at End of Period	\$	

# Village of Ontonagon Combining Statement of Net Position Component Units March 31, 2024

	Downtown Development Authority		Villa Co	ntonagon age Housing ommission 5/30/2023)	Total Component Units		
ASSETS							
Current Assets							
Cash and investments	\$	7,396	\$	750,397	\$	757,793	
Accounts receivable				93,179		93,179	
Due from other governmental units		160				160	
Prepaid expenses				5,634		5,634	
Total Current Assets		7,556		849,210		856,766	
Noncurrent Assets							
Capital assets not being depreciated		77,500				77,500	
Capital assets being depreciated, net		1,833		870,892		872,725	
Total Assets		86,889		1,720,102		1,806,991	
LIABILITIES	-						
Current Liabilities							
Accounts payable				97,205		97,205	
Accrued liabilities				47,750		47,750	
Current portion of compensated absences				3,829		3,829	
Total Current Liabilities				148,784		148,784	
Noncurrent Liabilities							
Compensated absences				7,869		7,869	
Total Liabilities				156,653		156,653	
NET POSITION							
Net investment in capital assets		79,333		870,892		950,225	
Unrestricted		7,556		692,557		700,113	
Total Net Position	\$	86,889	\$	1,563,449	\$	1,650,338	

# Village of Ontonagon Combining Statement of Activities Component Units For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	Downtown Development Authority		Villag Con	tonagon ge Housing nmission (30/2023)	Total Component Units		
Expenses				,			
Community and economic development	\$	2,969	\$	387,810	\$	390,779	
Total Expenses	•	2,969		387,810		390,779	
Program Revenues	•						
Charges for services		1,920		282,798		284,718	
Operating grants and contributions				127,492		127,492	
Capital grants and contributions				273,372		273,372	
Total Program Revenues		1,920		683,662		685,582	
Net Program Revenues (Expenses)		(1,049)		295,852		294,803	
General Revenue							
Investment earnings		16		7,989		8,005	
Total General Revenues	•	16		7,989		8,005	
Change in Net Position	•	(1,033)		303,841		302,808	
Net Position at Beginning of Period		87,922		1,259,608		1,347,530	
Net Position at End of Period	\$	86,889	\$	1,563,449	\$	1,650,338	

**Notes to the Financial Statements** 

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

# **Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The Village of Ontonagon (the "Village" or "government") is a municipal corporation governed by an elected Council (seven members) and provides services to its more than 1,285 residents in many areas including public safety, street development and maintenance, marina, and sewer and water services. The accounting policies of the Village conform to generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

# **Reporting Entity**

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Village and its component units, entities for which the Village is considered to be financially accountable. The component units are reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the Village.

# **Discretely Presented Component Units**

#### Downtown Development Authority

The members of the governing board of the Downtown Development Authority are appointed by the Village Council. The budgets and expenditures of the Downtown Development Authority must be approved by the Village Council. The Village also has the ability to significantly influence operations of the Downtown Development Authority. Complete financial statements for the component unit are not separately prepared.

#### Ontonagon Village Housing Commission

The Ontonagon Village Housing Commission was formed by the Village of Ontonagon under Public Act 18 of 1933 of the State of Michigan. The Ontonagon Village Housing Commission manages 60 units of low rent public housing units. The members of the governing board of the Ontonagon Village Housing Commission are appointed by the Village Council. The Ontonagon Village Housing Commission is audited individually, and complete financial statements may be obtained from the Ontonagon Village Housing Commission's administrative office at:

Karen Jackson, Executive Director Ontonagon Village Housing Commission 100 Cane Court Ontonagon, Michigan 49953

or call 906-884-2258.

Accordingly, the Village has elected to omit substantially all note disclosures related to the Ontonagon Village Housing Commission in these financial statements.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### **Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from the legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

# Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources* measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. The fiduciary fund financial statements use the economic resources measurement focus. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources* measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Village considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period or within one year for expenditure driven grants. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service and accrued employee benefit expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, intergovernmental revenue, charges for services, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Village.

The Village reports the following major governmental funds:

The *general fund* is the Village's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those accounted for and reported in another fund.

The *major street fund* accounts for the revenue received from the State of Michigan under Act 51 which is specifically earmarked for construction and maintenance of roads designated as major streets in Village.

The *local street fund* accounts for the revenue received from the State of Michigan under Act 51 which is specifically earmarked for construction and maintenance of roads designated as local streets in Village.

The Village reports the following major proprietary funds:

The *water fund* accounts for the cost of providing water services to Village residents, as well as some residences from Ontonagon Township and Carp Lake Township. Revenues are primarily from charges to customers for water usage. These revenues are used to pay operating costs and principal and interest on revenue bonds and general obligation bonds which were used to finance improvements to the system.

The *sewer fund* accounts for the cost of collecting and treating wastewater. Revenues are primarily from service charges to customers. These revenues are also used to pay principal and interest on revenue bonds and general obligation bonds which were used to finance improvements to the system.

Additionally, the government reports the following fund types:

*Special revenue funds* are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specific purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

The internal service fund is used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by the Village to other departments or funds on a cost reimbursement basis.

*Custodial funds* are used to account for assets held on behalf of outside parties, including other governments.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

charges between the Village's water and sewer function and various other functions of the government. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *non-operating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the enterprise funds are charges for services. Operating expenses for the enterprise funds include depreciation on capital assets, labor, supplies and contracted services. All revenues and expenses are not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

# Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Equity

#### Cash and Investments

The Village's cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposit accounts, certificates of deposit and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Certificates of deposit are carried at cost plus accrued interest, since the original maturity dates are less than one year. Investments are stated at fair market value.

#### Restricted Assets

Assets which are restricted for specified uses by bond debt requirements are classified as restricted assets. Liabilities payable for such restricted assets are separately classified.

#### Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. As of March 31, 2024, the water fund and sewer fund had \$184,504 and \$22,329, respectively, none were identified as being uncollectible.

#### Leases Receivable

The Village acts as a lessor for leases involving the right to use Village assets. As per GASB 87, the Village recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in its government-wide and governmental fund financial statements.

Initially, the lease receivable is measured at the present value of expected lease payments over the lease term. The lease receivable is subsequently reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for prepaid lease payments received at lease inception. Over the lease term, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue.

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Significant estimates and judgments involved include determining the discount rate used to present value lease receipts, determining the lease term, and estimating lease receipts. The Village utilizes its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases. The lease term comprises the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease receipts included in the measurement of the lease receivable consist of fixed payments from the lessee.

The Village continually monitors changes that may necessitate a remeasurement of the lease receivable. If significant changes occur, the lease receivable will be remeasured accordingly.

# Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the governmental and business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Village as assets with an individual cost of more than \$5,000 for equipment, furniture, fixtures, and infrastructure appurtenances, or \$10,000 for building and building improvements, vehicles, contractor equipment, leased assets, and infrastructures. Land and land improvements are capitalized regardless of the cost. Assets should have an estimated useful life in excess of five years or longer, although exceptions may apply. Such assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Major outlays of capital assets and improvement are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets, as applicable.

Depreciation on capital, assets (including infrastructure) of the primary government is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	Years
Land improvements	10 - 20
Buildings and improvements	10 - 50
Equipment and furniture	4 - 20
Vehicles	5 - 10
Infrastructure	8 - 50
Wastewater and water systems	10 - 50

The Village reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its fair value. If it is determined that an impairment loss has occurred, the asset is written down to its net realizable value and a current charge to income is recognized.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

# Compensated Absences

Under terms of Village policies, eligible employees are granted vacation, sick, and compensatory time in varying amounts based on length of service. Sick and vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have maturity, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

#### **Unearned Revenues**

Unearned revenues are those where asset recognition criteria have been met but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met.

# Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, the long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. For new bond issuances of governmental funds after the implementation of GASB Statement No. 34 and all proprietary fund bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method which approximates the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are recognized as an expense in the period that the bond was issued.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

#### Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position and unrestricted – net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied.

It is the government's policy to consider restricted – net position to have been depleted before unrestricted – net position is applied.

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# Fund Balance Flow Assumptions

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the government's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

#### Fund Balance Policies

Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. Governmental funds report nonspendable fund balance for amounts that cannot be spent because they are either: a) not in spendable form or b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Restricted fund balance is reported when externally imposed constraints are placed on the use of resources by grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The government itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

The *committed fund balance* classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. The Village Council is the highest level of decision-making authority for the government that can, by adoption of a resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the resolution remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another resolution) to remove or revise the limitation.

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Village Council has authorized the Village Manager to assign fund balance. The Village Council may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

*Unassigned fund balance* is the residual classification for the Village's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications and is therefore available to be spent as determined by the Village Council. The general fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit.

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# Property Tax Revenue Recognition

Property taxes are levied on each July 1 on the taxable valuation of property located in the Village as of the preceding December 31, the lien date. Collections are made July 1 through September 14. Taxable values are established annually by the County and are equalized by the State at an estimated 50% of current market value. The 2023 taxable valuation of the Village totaled \$30,806,958 on which ad valorem taxes levied consisted of 15.0000 mills for Village operating purposes.

#### Pension

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) of Michigan and additions to/deductions from MERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by MERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

# Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position and balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position/fund balance that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The government-wide financial statements and proprietary funds report deferred outflows from Village contributions made after the measurement date of the net pension liability.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position/balance sheet will, when applicable, report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources represents an acquisition of net position fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Village has one type of deferred inflows. The Village reports *deferred lease revenue* as deferred inflows in both the fund and government-wide financial statements.

# **Interfund Transactions**

During the course of normal operations, the Village has numerous transactions between funds, including expenditures and transfers of resources to provide services, construct assets, and service debt. The accompanying financial statements generally reflect such transactions as transfers. Operating subsidies are also recorded as transfers. The amounts recorded as subsidies or advances are determined by the Village.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

# Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### **Budgetary and Budgetary Accounting**

Budgets presented in the financial statements were prepared on the same basis as the accounting basis used to reflect actual results. The general fund and special revenue funds are subject to legal budgetary accounting controls, and all are budgeted annually.

The Village follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. The Village Manager submits to the Village Council a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following April 1.
- 2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. Prior to the first day of the following fiscal year, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution.
- 4. The legal level of budgetary control is at the activity level.
- 5. The Village Manager is authorized to transfer budget amounts between line items within the department. Supplemental appropriations that amend total expenditures for any department require Village Council resolution.
- 6. Budget appropriations lapse at year-end.
- 7. Adoption and amendments of all budgets used by the Village are governed by Public Act 621, which was followed as of year-end. Expenditures may not exceed appropriations.

# Note 2 - Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

# Excess of Expenditures over Budget

P.A. 621 of 1978, as amended, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount budgeted. Budgetary control is exercised at the activity level in the general fund and the function level in other funds.

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The Village had the following expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated during the year ended March 31, 2024:

Expenditure	Final	Actual	Variance		
General Fund		_			
Recreation building	11,116	32,176	(21,060)		

# Net Position/Fund Balance Deficits

Governmental activities had a deficit unrestricted net position of \$(3,418,568) while the marina fund had a deficit unassigned fund balance of \$(247,428).

#### **Note 3 - Cash and Investments**

The captions on the government-wide and fund statements relating to cash and investments are as follows:

	Primary Government	Component Units	Total
Statement of Net Position			
Cash and investments	\$ 3,939,886	\$ 757,793	\$ 4,697,679
Restricted cash	465,308	-	465,308
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position			
Cash and investments	67,540		67,540
Total Deposits and Investments	\$ 4,472,734	\$ 757,793	\$ 5,230,527
Less Units Separately Audited			
Ontonagon Village Housing Commission (06/30/2023)		(757,793)	(757,793)
Deposits and Investments Managed by the Village	\$ 4,472,734	\$ -	\$ 4,472,734
	Cash on hand		\$ 5,374
	Checking and sa	avings accounts	3,420,360
	Certificates of d	eposits	1,047,000
	Total Deposits a	and Investments	\$ 4,472,734

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Village's deposits might not be returned. State law does not require, and the Village does not have, a policy for deposit custodial credit risk. As of year-end, \$2,555,319 of the Village's bank balance of \$3,345,610 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized. Due to the dollar amounts of cash deposits and the limits of FDIC insurance, the Village believes it is impractical to insure all bank deposits. As a result, the Village evaluates each

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

financial institution with which it deposits Village funds and assesses the level of risk of each institution; only those institutions with an acceptable estimated risk level are used as depositories.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments. For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Village will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. In order to minimize this risk, Village policy limits the types of investments and pre-qualifies financial institutions. As of March 31, 2024, none of the Village's investments were exposed to risk since the securities are held in the Village's name by the counterparty.

*Credit Risk.* State law limits investments in certain types of investments to a prime or better rating issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSRO's). As of March 31, 2024, the Village had the following investments that would be subject to rating by a NRSRO:

Investment	Maturity	Fair Value	Rating	Source
CHOICEONE BK SPARTA	7/14/2025	\$ 29,000	No Rating	N/A
CIBC BK USA CHICAGO	4/14/2025	244,000	No Rating	N/A
CITIZENS BK DALLAS	4/25/2024	238,000	No Rating	N/A
COMERICA BK DALLAS	11/4/2024	244,000	No Rating	N/A
KEY BK NATL ASSN	5/1/2024	243,000	No Rating	N/A
PNC BK NATL ASSN	6/28/2024	49,000	No Rating	N/A
<b>Total Pooled Investments</b>		\$ 1,047,000		

Interest Rate Risk. State law limits the allowable investments and the maturities of some of the allowable investments as identified in the summary of significant accounting policies. The Village's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law on investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. Maturity dates for certificates of deposit held at year-end are summarized as follows:

1,018,000
29,000
\$ 1,047,000

Concentration of Credit Risk. Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Village's investment in a single issuer. State law limits allowable investments but does not limit concentration of credit risk as identified in the list of authorized investments in the summary of significant accounting policies. The Village's investment policy does not limit investments in a single financial institution of a single security type (with the exception of U.S. treasuries and agencies and authorized pools) to a % of the total investment portfolio. All investments held at year end are reported above.

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#### Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value hierarchy is also established which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2: Prices determined using other significant observable inputs. Observable

inputs are inputs that other market participants may use in pricing a security. These may include quoted prices for similar securities, interest

rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk and others.

Level 3: Prices determined using significant unobservable inputs. Unobservable

inputs may be used in situations where quoted prices or observable inputs are unavailable or deemed less relevant (for example, when there is little or no market activity for an investment at the end of the period). Unobservable inputs reflect the organization's own assumptions about the factors market participants would use in pricing an investment, and would

be based on the best information available.

All certificate of deposits investments totaling \$1,047,000 are valued using level 1 measurements.

#### Restricted Cash

**Sewer Fund -** The ordinance authorizing issuance of the 1997 Sanitary Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds required that specific accounts be established, and monies deposited as follows:

Bond Reserve Account – Excess funds up to \$4,850 per quarter are to be transferred to this account until \$163,000 is accumulated.

**Water Fund** – The ordinance authorizing issuance of the 2004 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds required that specific accounts be established, and monies deposited as follows:

Bond Redemption Account – Quarterly transfers are to be made equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the next interest payment due plus  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the next principal payment due.

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At March 31, 2024, the Village has the following accounts established and restricted, as required:

	Quarterly Requirement								R	lequired	Actual					
	1st	1st Quarter 2nd Quarter		1st Quarter 2nd Quarter 3rd Quarter 4th Qu		2nd Quarter		rd Quarter 4th Quarter		4th Quarter		h Quarter A		mount in	A	mount in
	(10	0/01/24)	(10	0/01/24)	(0	4/01/25)	(04/01/25)		(04/01/25) <b>Reserve</b>		F	Reserve				
Sewer Fund																
Bond Reserve Account		-		-		-		-	\$	163,000	\$	163,000				
Water Fund																
Bond Redemption	\$	76,174	\$	76,174	\$	74,981	\$	74,981	\$	302,308	\$	302,308				

# **Note 4 - Capital Assets**

Capital asset activities for governmental activities for the year ended March 31, 2024 were as follows:

Governmental Activities	Beginning Balance			Transfers	Ending Balance
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated					
Land	\$ 277,332	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 277,332
Construction in progress	116,634	3,720	-	-	120,354
Subtotal	393,966	3,720			397,686
Capital Assets Being Depreciated					
Land improvements	1,040,331	-	-	-	1,040,331
Buildings and improvements	1,773,317	196,088	-	-	1,969,405
Equipment and furniture	1,322,914	250,000	-	-	1,572,914
Vehicles	1,014,156	-	-	-	1,014,156
Infrastructure	3,019,885	-	-	-	3,019,885
Subtotal	8,170,603	446,088			8,616,691
Less Accumulated Depreciation:					
Land improvements	602,737	44,855	-	-	647,592
Buildings and improvements	1,388,129	36,098	-	-	1,424,227
Equipment and furniture	1,234,866	35,218	-	-	1,270,084
Vehicles	740,451	20,650	-	-	761,101
Infrastructure	2,456,711	71,626	-	-	2,528,337
Subtotal	6,422,894	208,447			6,631,341
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	1,747,709	237,641			1,985,350
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	\$ 2,141,675	\$ 241,361	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,383,036

Depreciation expense was charged to the governmental functions of the Village as follows:

Governmental Activities	
General Government	\$ 42,914
Public Safety	30,186
Public Works	87,701
Recreation and Culture	8,606
Charged to Equipment Internal Service Fund	39,040
Total Governmental Activities Depreciation	\$ 208,447

# Notes to the Financial Statements

Capital asset activities for business-type activities for the year ended March 31, 2024 were as follows:

Business-type Activities	Business-type Activities Balance Addition		Disposals	Ending Balance
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated				
Land	\$ 33,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,500
Construction in progress		196,278		196,278
Subtotal	33,500	196,278		229,778
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Land improvements	3,033	-	-	3,033
Buildings and improvements	245,980	-	-	245,980
Equipment and furniture	104,794	-	-	104,794
Vehicles	38,605	-	-	38,605
Infrastructure	26,655,541	27,112	-	26,682,653
Subtotal	27,047,953	27,112		27,075,065
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation:</b>				
Land improvements	3,033	-	-	3,033
Buildings and improvements	244,961	185	-	245,146
Equipment and furniture	92,180	2,328	-	94,508
Vehicles	28,776	2,359	-	31,135
Infrastructure	14,810,928	596,733	-	15,407,661
Subtotal	15,179,878	601,605		15,781,483
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	11,868,075	(574,493)		11,293,582
Business-type Activities Capital Assets, net	\$ 12,502,736	\$ (378,215)	\$ -	\$ 11,523,360

Depreciation expense was charged to the business-type funds of the Village as follows:

Business-type Activities	_	
Sewer	\$	211,828
Water		389,777
Total Business-type Activities Depreciation	\$	601,605

# Notes to the Financial Statements

Capital asset activities for the Downtown Development Authority (discretely presented component unit) activities for the year ended March 31, 2024 were as follows:

Downtown Development Authority	Beginning Balance Additions Disp		osals	Ending alance		
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated Land	\$	77,500	\$ <u>-</u>	\$	<u>-</u>	\$ 77,500
Capital Assets Being Depreciated Land improvements Subtotal		3,000	 <u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	 3,000
Less Accumulated Depreciation: Land improvements Subtotal		967 967	200		<u>-</u>	1,167 1,167
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net DDA Capital Assets, net	\$	2,033 78,467	\$ (200)	\$	<u>-</u>	\$ 1,833 79,333

Depreciation expense of \$200 was charged to community and economic development within the Downtown Development Authority (discretely presented component unit).

# **Note 5 - Long-term Obligations**

Long-term obligations, all direct placement, activity for the year ended March 31, 2024 was as follows:

	В	eginning						Ending	Du	e Within
	F	Balance	Additions		Reductions		Balance		0	ne Year
Governmental Activities:										
Compensated absences	\$	26,948	\$	2,484	\$	6,590	\$	22,842	\$	11,421
Total Governmental Activities		26,948		2,484		6,590		22,842		11,421
<b>Business-type Activities:</b>										
Sanitary sewage disposal system revenue bonds, series 1996		1,660,000		-		87,000		1,573,000		92,000
Water supply system revenue refunding bond, series 2004		2,823,862		-		250,000		2,573,862		250,000
Compensated absences		15,339		14,178		11,282		18,235		9,118
Total Business-type Activities		4,499,201		14,178		348,282		4,165,097		351,118
Total Long-term Obligations	\$	4,526,149	\$	16,662	\$	354,872	\$	4,187,939	\$	362,539

# Notes to the Financial Statements

The annual requirements, excluding accrued employee benefits, to maturity on the total long-term debt obligations outstanding at March 31, 2024 are as follows:

Year Ending	Business-type Activities								
<b>March 31</b> ,	Principal	Interest	Total						
2025	\$ 342,000	\$ 120,754	\$ 462,754						
2026	350,000	111,181	461,181						
2027	355,000	101,374	456,374						
2028	359,000	91,365	450,365						
2029	365,000	81,131	446,131						
2030-2034	1,929,862	242,549	2,172,411						
2035-2037	446,000	30,691	476,691						
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 4,146,862	\$ 779,045	\$ 4,925,907						

# **Note 6 - Net Investment in Capital Assets**

Net investment in capital assets was calculated as follows for the year ended March 31, 2024:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Component Unit (DDA)		
Add:					
Capital assets not being depreciated	\$ 397,686	\$ 20,000	\$ 77,500		
Capital assets being depreciated, net	1,985,350	10,090,679	1,833		
	2,383,036	10,110,679	79,333		
Less:					
Total long-term debt/advances		(2,573,862)			
		(2,573,862)			
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 2,383,036	\$ 7,536,817	\$ 79,333		

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

# **Note 7 - Interfund Activity**

#### Due to and Due From

The composition of interfund balances as of March 31, 2024 was as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General	Sewer	\$ 70
General	Water	111
General	Internal Service Fund	97,864
General	Nonmajor Governmental	49
Major Street	General	1,050
Local Street	General	4,845
Internal Service Fund	General	1,565
Internal Service Fund	Major Street	29,766
Internal Service Fund	Local Street	42,451
Internal Service Fund	Nonmajor Governmental	260,265
Internal Service Fund	Sewer	17,671
Internal Service Fund	Water	36,020
Water	Nonmajor Governmental	409

These balances resulted from lag between the dates that: 1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, 2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and 3) payments between funds are made.

# **Note 8 - Employee Retirement Systems and Plans**

#### **Deferred Compensation Plans**

The Village offers all its regular employees and elected officials, various deferred compensation plans created in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), Section 457. The assets of the plans were held in trust, (custodial account or annuity contract) as described in IRC Section 457 (g) for the exclusive benefit of the participants (employees) and their beneficiaries. The custodian thereof for the exclusive benefit of the participants holds the custodial account for the beneficiaries of this Section 457 plan, and the assets may not be diverted to any other use. The administrators are agents of the employer (Village) for the purposes of providing direction to the custodian of the custodial account from time to time for the investment of the funds held in the account, transfer of assets to or from the account, and all other matters. In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 32, plan balances and activities are not reflected in the Village's financial statements.

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# Defined Benefit Pension Plan

# General Information about the Plan

Plan Description. The primary government participates in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) of Michigan, a defined benefit pension plan providing certain retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. MERS is an agent multiple-employer, statewide public employee pension plan established by the Michigan Legislature under Public Act 135 of 1945 and administered by a nine-member Retirement Board. Public Act 427 of 1984, as amended, establishes, and amends the benefit provisions of the participants in MERS. MERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. This report may be obtained accessing the MERS website at www.mersofmich.com.

Benefits Provided. Pension benefits vary by division/bargaining unit and are calculated as final average compensation (based on a 3-year period) and multipliers ranging from 2.00% to 2.25%. Participants are considered to be fully vested in the plan after 6 or 10 years, depending on bargaining unit. Normal retirement age is 60 with early retirement options available for certain bargaining units.

*Employees Covered by Benefit Terms*. At December 31, 2023 (the valuation date), plan membership for governmental activities consisted of the following:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	121
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	44
Active employees	6
Total membership	171

Contributions. The employer is required to contribute amounts at least equal to the actuarially determined rate, as established by the MERS Retirement Board. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the cost of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The employer may establish contribution rates to be paid by its covered employees. Covered employee contributions are expressed as a percentage of payroll, where applicable.

The plan is closed to new employees. Employer contributions are expressed as calculated dollar amount below:

		<b>Employer</b>			
		Contribution			
<b>Division</b>	Status	Rate			
General	Closed	\$	10,814		
Admin	Closed	\$	40,823		

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*Net Pension Liability*. The Village's net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2023 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023.

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.50%

Salary increases 3.00% in the long-term

Investment rate of return 6.93%, net of investment expense including inflation

Although no specific price inflation assumptions are needed for the valuation, the 3.0% long-term wage inflation assumption would be consistent with a price inflation of 3-4%.

Mortality rates used were based on a version of Pub-2010 and fully generational MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in valuation were based on the results of the most recent actuarial experience study of 2014-2018.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a model method in which the best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment and administrative expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

		Target Allocation Gross Rate of	Long-term Expected Gross Rate of	Inflation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of
<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	Return	Return	Assumption	Return
Global equity	60.00%	6.93%	4.16%	2.50%	2.66%
Global fixed income	20.00%	4.44%	0.89%	2.50%	0.39%
Private investments	20.00%	9.44%	1.89%	2.50%	1.39%
Totals	100.00%		6.93%		4.43%

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability is 7.18%. The current discount rate shown for GASB 68 purposes is higher than the MERS assumed rate of return. This is because, for GASB 68 purposes, the discount rate must be gross of administrative expenses, whereas for funding purposes, it is net of administrative expenses. The projection of cash flows

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

used to determine the discount rate assumes that employer and employee contributions will be made at the rates agreed upon for employees and the actuarially determined rates for employers. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to pay all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Change in Discount Rate Assumption. Effective at the end of the fiscal year, the discount rate used to measure the total pension liability has been reduced from 7.25% to 7.18%. This change reflects updated expectations for long-term investment returns and other economic factors.

# Changes in Net Pension Liability

The components of the change in the net pension liability for governmental activities are summarized as follows:

	Total Pension Plan Fiduciary Liability Net Position (a) (b)						
Balances at December 31, 2022	\$ 14,489,874	\$ 6,692,897	(a) - (b) \$ 7,796,977				
Service cost	25,889		25,889				
Interest on total pension liability	1,003,125	-	1,003,125				
Differences between expected and actual experience	179,311	-	179,311				
Changes in assumptions	83,362	-	83,362				
Employer contributions	-	2,575,077	(2,575,077)				
Net investment income	-	826,651	(826,651)				
Benefit payments, including refunds	(1,333,210)	(1,333,210)	-				
Administrative expense	-	(16,625)	16,625				
Other changes	1		11				
Net changes	(41,522)	2,051,893	(2,093,415)				
Balances at December 31, 2023	\$ 14,448,352	\$ 8,744,790	\$ 5,703,562				
	Allo						
	Gove	\$ 4,929,862					
	Busin	ness-type activities	773,700				
		\$ 5,703,562					

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Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the net pension liability of the Village, calculated using the future discount rate of 7.18%, as well as what the Village's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower (6.18%) or 1% higher (8.18%) than the current rate:

		Current			
	1% Decrease Discount Rate				
	(6.18%)	(7.18%)	(8.18%)		
Village's net pension liability	\$ 6,998,162	\$ 5,703,562	\$ 5,491,345		

# Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended March 31, 2024 the Village recognized pension expense of \$756,186.

The Village reported pension-related deferred outflows/inflows of resources from the following sources:

	L	)eferred
	Ou	utflows of
	R	esources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$	274,580
Employer contributions to the plan subsequent to the measurement date *		154,911
Totals	\$	429,491
Allocated as follows:		
Governmental Activities	\$	371,230
Business-type Activities		58,261
Totals	\$	429,491

<sup>\*</sup> The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction in the net pension liability for the year ending March 31, 2025.

Amounts reported as pension-related deferred outflows/inflows of resources for governmental activities will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended	
March 31,	 Amount
2025	\$ 50,498
2026	101,631
2027	181,850
2028	(59,399)

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### Note 9 – Lease Receivable

The Village is reporting total lease receivables of \$109,595 and deferred lease revenues of \$104,805 as of March 31, 2024. For fiscal year 2024, the Village reported lease revenue of \$5,352.

The following describes the Village's lease receivable as of year-end:

American Tower - Wireless Tower Lease: on March 24, 2008 the Village entered into an agreement with American Tower for the right to use space on the Village's tower for cellular communications. The agreement is scheduled to end October 31, 2043 with 6 additional 5-year extension options. The Village is confident that each of the lease extension options will be exercised.

# **Note 10 - Risk Management**

The Village is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees (workers' compensation); and natural disasters. During the year ended March 31, 2024, the Village carried commercial insurance to cover all risks of loss. The Village has had no settled claims resulting from these risks that exceeded their commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. There was no significant change in coverage during the year.

#### **Note 11 - Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated events subsequent to the financial statement date through September 27, 2024, the date these financial statements were available to be issued. Management is not aware of any events that would have an impact on these financial statements.

# **Note 12 – Prior Period Adjustment**

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024, the government identified errors in the previously reported fund balances and net positions as of March 31, 2023. These errors are summarized below:

	Governmental	Business Tpye			Major Street		
	Activities Activities		Se	wer fund		Fund	
Fund Balance/Net Position at March 31, 2023, as reported	\$ (2,978,318)	\$ 8,591,891	\$	336,332	\$	196,755	
Adjustments to:							
Due from MDOT for Highway Maintenance Contract	57,661					57,661	
ARPA funds spent before FY 2024		65,680		65,680			
Fund Balance/Net Position at March 31, 2023, as restated	\$ (2,920,657)	\$ 8,657,571	\$	402,012	\$	254,416	

**Required Supplementary Information** 

# Village of Ontonagon Scheduleof Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual General Fund

For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

Variance

		D d4-	J A	4				Positive
	_	Budgete Original	a Amo	Final		Actual		(Negative) Final to Actual
Revenues		011g			_	11000001	-	
Property taxes	\$	478,540	\$	478,540	\$	487,356	\$	8,816
Licenses and permits		100		100				(100)
Intergovernmental		1,766,333		1,766,333		699,010		(1,067,323)
Charges for services		21,400		21,400		20,396		(1,004)
Fines and forfeitures		300		300		1,935		1,635
Rental income		20,700		20,700		11,436		(9,264)
Other revenue		1,400		19,484		524		(18,960)
Investment earnings		152		152		58,860		58,708
Total Revenues		2,288,925		2,307,009		1,279,517		(1,027,492)
Expenditures								
General Government								
Administration		81,126		81,126		56,681		24,445
Public Works								
Building, grounds, and street lights		201,533		201,533		199,179		2,354
Recreation and Culture								
Parks and recreation		481,613		481,613		447,822		33,791
Recreation building		11,116		11,116		32,176		(21,060)
Total Recreation and Culture		492,729		492,729		479,998		12,731
Total Expenditures		775,388		775,388		735,858		39,530
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues								
Over Expenditures		1,513,537		1,531,621		543,659		(987,962)
Net Change in Fund Balance		1,513,537		1,531,621		543,659		(987,962)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Period		120,033		120,033		120,033		
Fund Balance at End of Period	\$	1,633,570	\$	1,651,654	\$	663,692	\$	(987,962)

# Village of Ontonagon Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual Major Street Fund For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

Variance

	_	Budgete	d Amo	ounts			Positive (Negative)
		Original		Final	 Actual		Final to Actual
Revenues	_						
Intergovernmental	\$	297,000	\$	297,000	\$ 270,114	\$	(26,886)
Other revenue		1,400		2,300			(2,300)
Investment earnings		300		300	 2,832		2,532
Total Revenues		298,700		299,600	272,946	_	(26,654)
Expenditures							
Public works		315,584		315,584	213,161		102,423
Total Expenditures		315,584		315,584	213,161		102,423
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	-						
Over Expenditures		(16,884)		(15,984)	59,785		75,769
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	(16,884)		(15,984)	59,785		75,769
Fund Balance at Beginning of Period		254,416		254,416	254,416		
Fund Balance at End of Period	\$	237,532	\$	238,432	\$ 314,201	\$	75,769

# Village of Ontonagon Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual Local Street Fund For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

Variance

		Budgete	d Amo	ounts			Positive (Negative)
	-	Original	)riginal		Actual		Final to Actual
Revenues	_						
Property taxes	\$	110,000	\$	110,000	\$ 151,676	\$	41,676
Intergovernmental		115,000		115,000	129,172		14,172
Other revenue		1,400		1,400			(1,400)
Investment earnings		50		50	1,027		977
Total Revenues	_	226,450		226,450	281,875		55,425
Expenditures							
Building, grounds, and street lights		243,726		243,726	185,476		58,250
Total Expenditures		243,726		243,726	 185,476		58,250
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues							
Over Expenditures		(17,276)		(17,276)	96,399		113,675
Net Change in Fund Balance		(17,276)		(17,276)	 96,399		113,675
Fund Balance at Beginning of Period		73,940		73,940	73,940		
Fund Balance at End of Period	\$	56,664	\$	56,664	\$ 170,339	\$	113,675

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

#### Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios

Last Nine Plan Years (Schedule is built prospectively upon implementation of GASB 68)

	 2023	2022	2021	 2020	2019	 2018	 2017	2016		2015	
Total Pension Liability		 	_		_		_				
Service cost	\$ 25,889	\$ 23,679	\$ 37,083	\$ 34,975	\$ 37,138	\$ 38,798	\$ 37,518	\$	35,303	\$	33,583
Interest on total pension liability	1,003,125	1,034,051	1,059,518	1,028,617	1,058,556	1,071,552	1,087,358		1,104,788		1,091,706
Differences between expected and actual experience	179,311	(156,215)	144,217	52,488	87,773	3,753	(70,332)		(116,126)		(16,558)
Changes in assumptions	83,362	-	427,670	618,931	416,800	-	-		-		687,092
Benefit payments, including refunds	(1,333,210)	(1,325,142)	(1,354,950)	(1,304,006)	(1,289,390)	(1,262,056)	(1,243,459)		(1,242,420)		(1,196,864)
Other changes	 1			 	_	 	 				
Net Change in Pension Liability	(41,522)	(423,627)	313,538	431,005	310,877	(147,953)	(188,915)		(218,455)		598,959
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	 14,489,874	 14,913,501	 14,599,963	 14,168,958	 13,858,081	 14,006,034	 14,194,949		14,413,404		13,814,445
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	\$ 14,448,352	\$ 14,489,874	\$ 14,913,501	\$ 14,599,963	\$ 14,168,958	\$ 13,858,081	\$ 14,006,034	\$	14,194,949	\$	14,413,404
Plan Fiduciary Net Position											
Contributions - employer	\$ 2,575,077	\$ 1,650,848	\$ 733,415	\$ 433,599	\$ 263,290	\$ 554,091	\$ 362,365	\$	287,317	\$	259,730
Net investment income (loss)	826,651	(682,455)	894,421	749,651	890,587	(290,634)	1,005,462		872,210		(126,369)
Benefit payments, including refunds	(1,333,210)	(1,325,142)	(1,354,950)	(1,304,006)	(1,289,390)	(1,262,056)	(1,243,459)		(1,242,420)		(1,196,864)
Administrative expenses	(16,625)	(11,786)	(10,243)	(12,996)	(15,297)	(15,051)	(16,013)		(17,271)		(19,228)
Other changes	 	 (6,400)	 (1,825)	 (650)	 (100)	 	 				
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	2,051,893	(374,935)	260,818	(134,402)	(150,910)	(1,013,650)	108,355		(100,164)		(1,082,731)
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	 6,692,897	 7,067,832	 6,807,014	 6,941,416	 7,092,326	 8,105,976	 7,997,621		8,097,785		9,180,516
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	\$ 8,744,790	\$ 6,692,897	\$ 7,067,832	\$ 6,807,014	\$ 6,941,416	\$ 7,092,326	\$ 8,105,976	\$	7,997,621	\$	8,097,785
Net Pension Liability - Ending (a) - (b)	\$ 5,703,562	\$ 7,796,977	\$ 7,845,669	\$ 7,792,949	\$ 7,227,542	\$ 6,765,755	\$ 5,900,058	\$	6,197,328	\$	6,315,619
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension	60.52%	46.19%	47.39%	46.62%	48.99%	51.18%	57.87%		56.34%		56.18%
Covered payroll	\$ 315,333	\$ 298,213	\$ 414,591	\$ 386,745	\$ 409,082	\$ 417,022	\$ 401,481	\$	371,370	\$	366,897
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Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	1808.74%	2614.57%	1892.39%	2015.01%	1766.77%	1622.40%	1469.57%		1668.77%		1721.36%

#### Notes to Schedule:

<sup>\*</sup> Built prospectively upon implementation on GASB Statement No.68. An additional year will be added each year until ten years are presented.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The following were significant changes to economic and demographic assumptions:

<sup>2015</sup> valuation - The investment rate of return assumption was reduced from 8.25% to 8.0%, the wage inflation assumption was reduced from 4.50% to 3.75%, inflation rates changed from 3.0-4.0% to 3.25%, and the mortality assumption was updated to be based 2019 valuation - The investment rate of return assumption was reduced from 8.00% to 7.60%, the wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.75% to 3.00%.

<sup>2020</sup> valuation - Mortality rates were changed to the recently issued Pub-2010 mortality general rates as published by the Society of Actuaries along with a change to sex-distinct assumptions.

<sup>2021</sup> valuation - The investment rate of return assumption was reduced from 7.60% to 7.25%.

<sup>2023</sup> valuation - The investment rate of return assumption was reduced from 7.25% to 7.18%

# Required Supplementary Information

#### **Schedule of Contributions**

#### Last Nine Village Fiscal Years (Schedule is built prospectively upon implementation of GASB 68)

	2	2024	 2023	 2022	 2021	 2020	 2019	 2018		2017		2016
Actuarially determined contribution Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined Contribution deficiency (excess)		619,644 619,644	\$ 693,472 1,667,727 (974,255)	\$ 749,554 749,554 -	\$ 462,651 462,651	\$ 416,930 416,930	\$ 554,091 554,091	\$ 362,365 362,365	\$	287,317 287,317	\$	259,730 259,730
Covered payroll		317,090	300,617	409,316	401,054	404,859	402,788	401,481		371,370		366,897
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	\$ 1.	,556,378	\$ 1,687,561	\$ 1,908,424	115.36%	102.98%	137.56%	90.26%		77.37%		70.79%

Notes

#### Valuation Date

Actuarially determined contribution amounts are calculated as of December 31 each year, which is 15 months prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which the contributions are required.

#### $\label{eq:methods} \mbox{Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates}$

Actuarial cost method Entry-age Normal
Amortization method Level percentage of pay
Remaining amortization period 15 years
Asset valuation method 5-year smoothed
Inflation 2.50%
Salary increases 3.00%

Investment rate of return 6.93%, net of investment expenses, including inflation

Retirement age Experience-based tabes of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition

Mortality Pub-2010 and fully generational MP-2019

**Other Supplementary Information** 

# Village of Ontonagon Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Governmental Funds March 31, 2024

	F	ire Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds				
ASSETS							
Cash and investments	\$	565,424	\$ 10,246	\$	575,670		
Accounts receivable			3,000		3,000		
Due from other governmental units		10,000			10,000		
Total Assets	\$	575,424	\$ 13,246	\$	588,670		
LIABILITIES							
Accrued liabilities	\$	11,454	\$ 	\$	11,454		
Due to other funds		49	260,674		260,723		
Total Liabilities		11,503	260,674		272,177		
FUND BALANCE		_					
Restricted		563,921			563,921		
Unassigned			(247,428)		(247,428)		
Total Fund Balance	•	563,921	(247,428)		316,493		
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	575,424	\$ 13,246	\$	588,670		

# Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Nonmajor Governmental Funds For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

		Special 1						
	F	ire Fund	Ma	rina Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds			
Revenues								
Intergovernmental	\$	137,669	\$		\$	137,669		
Charges for services				71,656		71,656		
Rental income				1,800		1,800		
Other revenue		963		105		1,068		
Investment earnings		6,090		246		6,336		
Total Revenues		144,722		73,807		218,529		
Expenditures								
Public safety		89,200				89,200		
Recreation and culture				75,412		75,412		
Total Expenditures		89,200		75,412		164,612		
Excess of Revenues Over								
(Under) Expenditures		55,522		(1,605)		53,917		
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	55,522		(1,605)		53,917		
Fund Balance at Beginning of Period		508,399		(245,823)		262,576		
Fund Balance at End of Period	\$	563,921	\$	(247,428)	\$	316,493		

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

To the Honorable Village President and Members of the Village Council Village of Ontonagon, Michigan

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Ontonagon (the "Village"), as of and for the year ended March 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 27, 2024. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Ontonagon Village Housing Commission, as described in our report on the Village's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

# **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 purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be a material weaknesses, listed as finding 2024-01.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

# **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*.

# The Village's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Village's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. 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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Gabridge & Company, PLC

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Grand Rapids, MI September 27, 2024

#### Schedule of Findings and Responses

# Preparation of Financial Statements in Accordance with GAAP with Significant Journal Entries Proposed by Auditor - Finding 2024-001

Condition: As is the case with many similar-sized entities, the Village has historically relied on its independent external auditors to assist in preparing the financial statements and footnotes as part of its external financial reporting process. Significant journal entries for the proper recognition of various financial statement amounts were proposed by the auditor including; receivables, accrued wages, capital assets, long-term debt, net pension liability, property taxes, and state revenue sharing.

*Findings*: In our review of the Village of Ontonagon's (the "Village") accounting records we noted many accounts that needed material adjusting journal entries during the audit process.

Criteria: The government's ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP is based, in part, on its reliance on its external auditors, who cannot by definition be considered a part of the government's internal controls. Additionally, management is responsible for establishing, maintaining, and monitoring internal controls, and for the fair presentation in the financial statements of financial position, results of operations and cash flows (where applicable), including the proper recording of journal entries to assure the trial balances from which the financial statements are prepared are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Cause: This condition is a result of the Village's limited resources and the small size of its accounting staff which, as part of the Village's internal controls, were not able to detect the need for material financial statement adjustments. Additionally, the Village has determined that it is more cost effective to outsource the preparation of its annual financial statements to its auditors than to incur the time and expense of obtaining the necessary training and expertise required for the government to perform this task internally.

*Effect:* As a result of this condition, the Village is exposed to an increased risk that misstatements or misappropriations might occur and not be detected by management in a timely manner. The Village lacks internal controls over the preparation of its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and instead relies, in part, on its external auditor for assistance with this task.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Village take steps to ensure that all significant journal entries are recorded throughout the year, that the Village maintain supporting documentation for all account balances, and continues to evaluate the cost effectiveness of outsourcing the preparation of its financial statements.

*Management's Response-Corrective Action Plan:* The Village has limited administrative staff but will work on implementing procedures to post and review the accounts indicated above.

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September 27, 2024

To the Honorable Village President and Members of the Village Council Village of Ontonagon, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Ontonagon (the "Village") as of and for the year ended March 31, 2024. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *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 March 7, 2024. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

# Significant Audit Findings

#### 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 of Thompsonville are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. There were no new accounting policies adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

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 of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Village's financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of the useful lives of depreciable capital assets is based on the length of time it is believed that those assets will provide some economic benefit in the future.
- Management's estimate of the accrued compensated absences is based on current hourly rates and policies regarding payment of sick and vacation banks.
- Management's assumptions used to calculate the actuarial report and the net present value of pension benefits.

• Management's estimate of the allowance for uncollectible receivable balance is based on past experience and future expectation for collection of various account balances.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates and determined that they are reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole and in relation to the applicable opinion units.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing 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.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as 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 September 27, 2024.

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 governmental unit'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 governmental unit'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 budgetary comparison schedules, the pension plan schedules, and management's discussion and analysis, which are 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 the combining and individual fund statements, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary 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 supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

#### Restriction on Use

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

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# Village of Ontonagon Comments and Recommendations For the March 31, 2024 Audit

During our audit, we became aware of certain other matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal control and/or improving operating efficiency. This memorandum summarizes our comments and recommendations regarding those matters. This memorandum does not affect that report, or our report dated September 27, 2024 on the financial statements of the Village.

The following items represent our recommendations and considerations for further improvement:

#### Bank Accounts

The Village currently has over 20 active bank accounts.

We recommend that the Village consolidate the majority of the bank accounts into one pooled cash checking account. The Village should maintain separate accounts for the restricted reserve amounts required by the bonds within the Sewer and Water fund. This would result with the Village maintaining less than five bank accounts.