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Village Council Village of Milford Center 12 Railroad Street Milford Center, Ohio 43045

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Village of Milford Center, Union County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

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Dave Yost Auditor of State

October 6, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

July 27, 2016

Village of Milford Center Union County 12 Railroad Street Milford Center, Ohio 43045

To the Village Council:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of the **Village of Milford Center**, Union County, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Village as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined cash balances of the Village of Milford Center, Union County, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 1B.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 27, 2016, on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Village's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Verry Almocutes CAAI A.C.

Perry and Associates Certified Public Accountants, A.C. *Marietta, Ohio*

COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS) ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	(General	Special Revenue	(Me	Totals morandum Only)
Cash Receipts Property and Other Local Taxes Municipal Income Tax Intergovernmental	\$	18,592 184,710 3,890	\$ - - 31,258	\$	18,592 184,710 35,148
Fines, Licenses and Permits Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous		1,545 876 1,092	 -		1,545 876 1,092
Total Cash Receipts		210,705	 31,258		241,963
Cash Disbursements Current: Security of Persons and Property		4,321	-		4,321
Leisure Time Activities Community Environment Basic Utility Services Transportation		11,679 12,796 22,927 45,000	- - - 107,857		11,679 12,796 22,927 152,857
General Government Capital Outlay		63,462 1,500	 -		63,462 1,500
Total Cash Disbursements		161,685	 107,857		269,542
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements		49,020	 (76,599)		(27,579)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements) Advances In		18,000	 		18,000
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)		18,000	 		18,000
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances		67,020	(76,599)		(9,579)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		272,513	 168,703		441,216
Fund Cash Balances, December 31 Restricted Unassigned		- 339,533	 92,104 -		92,104 339,533
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	339,533	\$ 92,104	\$	431,637

COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS) ALL PROPRIETARY AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals
	Enterprise	Agency	(Memorandum Only)
Operating Cash Receipts Charges for Services	\$ 390,750	\$ -	\$ 390,750
Total Operating Cash Receipts	390,750		390,750
Operating Cash Disbursements Personal Services Employee Fringe Benefits Contractual Services Supplies and Materials Other	32,736 6,180 40,804 53,343 150,964	- - - -	32,736 6,180 40,804 53,343 150,964
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	284,027		284,027
Operating Income	106,723		106,723
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements) Principal Retirement Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	(52,551) (48,601)		(52,551) (48,601)
Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	(101,152)		(101,152)
Income before Advances	5,571	-	5,571
Advances Out	(18,000)		(18,000)
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	(12,429)	-	(12,429)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	288,598	2,034	290,632
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 276,169	\$ 2,034	\$ 278,203

COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS) ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	 General	Special evenue	(Me	Totals morandum Only)
Cash Receipts Property and Other Local Taxes Municipal Income Tax Intergovernmental	\$ 18,154 192,600 1,712	\$ - - 29,198	\$	18,154 192,600 30,910
Fines, Licenses and Permits Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	 582 841 1,986	 -		582 841 1,986
Total Cash Receipts	 215,875	 29,198		245,073
Cash Disbursements Current:				
Security of Persons and Property	13,049	-		13,049
Leisure Time Activities Community Environment	3,151 5,814	-		3,151 5,814
Basic Utility Services	19,651	-		19,651
Transportation	12,451	18,012		30,463
General Government	53,843			53,843
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Total Cash Disbursements	107,959	 18,012		125,971
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	 107,916	 11,186		119,102
Other Financing Receipts Advances In	 18,000	 		18,000
Total Other Financing Receipts	 18,000	-		18,000
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	125,916	11,186		137,102
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	 146,597	 157,517		304,114
Fund Cash Balances, December 31 Restricted Assigned Unassigned	- 542 271,971	168,703 - -		168,703 542 271,971
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 272,513	\$ 168,703	\$	441,216

COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS) ALL PROPRIETARY AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals	
	Enterprise	Agency	(Memorandum Only)	
Operating Cash Receipts Charges for Services	\$ 372,601	\$-	\$ 372,601	
Total Operating Cash Receipts	372,601		372,601	
Operating Cash Disbursements Personal Services	29,795	-	29,795	
Employee Fringe Benefits	4,344	-	4,344	
Contractual Services	23,245	-	23,245	
Supplies and Materials	36,701	-	36,701	
Other	154,310		154,310	
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	248,395		248,395	
Operating Income	124,206		124,206	
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements) Capital Outlay Principal Retirement Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	(26,000) (50,343) (50,721)	- - -	(26,000) (50,343) (50,721)	
Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	(127,064)		(127,064)	
Income before Advances	(2,858)	-	(2,858)	
Advances Out	(18,000)		(18,000)	
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	(20,858)	-	(20,858)	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	309,456	2,034	311,490	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 288,598	\$ 2,034	\$ 290,632	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Village of Milford Center, Union County, (the Village) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly elected, six-member Council directs the Village. The Village provides street repair and maintenance; water and sewer utilities. The Village contracts with the Union County Sherriff's department to provide security of persons and property. The Village contracts with Union Township to receive fire protection services.

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

B. Accounting Basis

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

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

C. Deposits and Investments

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

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

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds

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

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

<u>State Highway Fund</u> – This fund receives gasoline tax and motor vehicle tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing State roads.

3. Enterprise Funds

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

<u>Water Fund</u> – This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover water service costs.

<u>Sewer Fund</u> – This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover sewer service costs.

4. Fiduciary Funds (Agency Funds)

Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments which are not available to support the Village's own programs.

Agency funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to hold resources for individuals, organizations or other governments. The Village disburses these funds as directed by the individual, organization or other government. The Village's agency funds accounts for deposits received from residents when water service is established. The deposits will be returned when water service is terminated.

E. Budgetary Process

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process (Continued)

1. Appropriations

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

2. Estimated Resources

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

3. Encumbrances

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

A summary of 2015 and 2014 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Fund Balance

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

1. Nonspendable

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

2. Restricted

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

3. Committed

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Fund Balance (Continued)

4. Assigned

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

5. Unassigned

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

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

G. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

2. EQUITY IN POOLED DEPOSITS

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

	2015	2014		
Demand deposits	\$ 662,154	\$	684,213	
Total deposits	662,154		684,213	
STAR Ohio	47,686		47,635	
Total deposits and investments	\$ 709,840	\$	731,848	

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014 (Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 follows:

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts							
	Budgeted Actual			Actual			
Fund Type	Receipts		Receipts		Variance		
General	\$	174,184	\$	210,705	\$	36,521	
Special Revenue		23,700		31,258		7,558	
Enterprise		378,000		390,750		12,750	
Total	\$	575,884	\$	632,713	\$	56,829	

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures								
	Appropriation Budgetary							
Fund Type	Authority		Expenditures		rity Expenditure		V	'ariance
General	\$	214,292	\$	161,685	\$	52,607		
Special Revenue		158,619		107,857		50,762		
Enterprise		437,418		385,179		52,239		
Total	\$	810,329	\$	654,721	\$	155,608		

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts								
	Budgeted Actual							
Fund Type	Receipts		F	Receipts		ariance		
General	\$	171,220	\$	215,875	\$	44,655		
Special Revenue		30,745		29,198		(1,547)		
Enterprise		401,832		372,601		(29,231)		
Total	\$	603,797	\$	617,674	\$	13,877		

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures								
	Appropriation			udgetary				
Fund Type	Authority		Expenditures		Variance			
General	\$	157,696	\$	108,501	\$	49,195		
Special Revenue		34,290		18,141		16,149		
Enterprise		490,729		376,957		113,772		
Total	\$	682,715	\$	503,599	\$	179,116		

4. PROPERTY TAXES

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

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

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014 (Continued)

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2015 was as follows:

	 Principal	Interest Rate
1993 USDA Mortgage Revenue Bonds – Wastewater System	\$ 508,550	5.25%
OWDA #3751 Water Tower	155,415	4.84%
OWDA #2049 Water System Improvements	62,646	5.94%
OWDA #2946 Water Treatment Plant Lines & Tower Renovation	21,564	6.58%
OWDA #5728 Waterline Replacement	358,064	2.00%
OPWC Water System Improvements	 131,865	0.00%
Total	\$ 1,238,104	_

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The Village issued Mortgage Revenue Bonds in July of 1993 for \$729,000. The bonds were for the installation of sewer lines that were mandated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Village will repay the bonds in annual installments for 40 years. Property and revenue of the utility facility have been pledged to repay this debt.

The Village received a loan from Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) for \$233,393 in July of 2003. The loan was to pay for half of the costs of a new water tower for the Village. The Village will repay the loan in semiannual installments of \$8,123.64, including interest, over 24 years.

The Village received a loan from Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) for \$150,000 in July of 1997. The loan was to pay for water system improvements at the Village. The Village will repay the loan in semiannual installments of \$5,954.62, including interest, over 25 years.

The Village received a loan from Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) for \$69,000 in July of 1995. The loan was to pay for the water treatment plant lines and tower renovation. The Village will repay the loan in semiannual installments of \$2,849.83, including interest, over 25 years.

The Village received a loan from Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) for \$398,492 in October of 2010. The loan was to pay for waterline replacements within the Village. The Village will repay the loan in semiannual installments of \$8,935.46, including interest, over 30 years.

The Village received a loan from Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for \$149,282 in August of 2010. The loan was to pay for water system improvements at the Village. The Village will repay the loan in semiannual installments of \$2,488.03, including interest, over 30 years.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014 (Continued)

5. DEBT (Continued)

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

	Mortgage OWDA		OPWC	
Year Endind December 31,	Rev	enue Bonds	Loans	 Loans
2016	\$	44,722	\$ 48,525	\$ 4,976
2017		44,778	48,869	4,976
2018		43,780	49,234	4,976
2019		44,763	49,622	4,976
2020		44,680	47,182	4,976
2021-2025		221,972	183,948	24,880
2026-2030		221,065	136,709	24,880
2031-2035		132,810	88,640	24,880
2036-2040		-	88,640	24,880
2041-2042		-	17,728	7,465
Total	\$	798,570	\$ 759,097	\$ 131,865

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2015 and 2014, OPERS members contributed 10.0% of their gross salaries, and the Village contributed an amount equaling 14.0% of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2015.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Village has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.

8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Village are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014 (Continued)

9. ADVANCES

During 2015 and 2014, the following advances were made to repay a portion of the outstanding principal and interest on the manuscript debt issued during 2011. These advances were determined to be appropriate and in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code:

2015 Advances					
	Ad	Advances In		Advances Out	
Sewer Operating Fund	\$	-	\$	(18,000)	
General Fund		18,000		-	
Total	\$	18,000	\$	(18,000)	

2014 Advances

_Adv	Advances In		Advances Out	
\$	-	\$	(18,000)	
	18,000		-	
\$	18,000	\$	(18,000)	
	Adv \$ \$	\$ - 18,000	\$ - \$ 18,000	

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

July 27, 2016

Village of Milford Center Union County 12 Railroad Street Milford Center, Ohio 43045

To the Village Council:

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type of the **Village of Milford Center**, Union County, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 27, 2016, wherein we noted the Village followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings that we consider material weaknesses. We consider findings 2015-001 and 2015-002 to be material weaknesses.



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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Village's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2015-002.

We also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Village's management in a separate letter dated July 27, 2016.

Purpose of this Report

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

Verry Almocates CPAJ A.C.

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SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

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

FINDING NUMBER 2015-001

Material Weakness

Posting Receipts, Disbursements and Fund Balances

Accurate financial reporting is the responsibility of the Fiscal Officer and is essential to ensure information provided to the readers of the financial statements is accurate. Fund balances should be classified in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54 - Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.

During 2015 and 2014, several receipts, disbursements and fund balances were not posted to accurate classifications. The following posting errors were noted:

- Debt payments were not properly recorded as Principal Retirement and Interest and Other Fiscal Charges in 2014 and 2015;
- Miscellaneous disbursements were improperly recorded as Interest and Other Fiscal Charges in the General Fund in 2014 and 2015;
- General Fund outstanding encumbrances were incorrectly classified as Unassigned instead of Assigned in 2014;
- The Village improperly transferred money out of the General Fund to create an unallowable Special Revenue Fund in 2014;
- The Village improperly recorded Advances Out of the Sewer Fund and Advances In to the General Fund in 2014 and 2015;

Not posting revenues, disbursements, and fund balances accurately resulted in the financial statements requiring several reclassifications and adjustments. The accompanying financial statements reflect all reclassifications and adjustments.

To help ensure accuracy and reliability in the financial reporting process, we recommend management perform a detailed review of its draft financial statements. Such review should include procedures to ensure that all sources of revenues and expenditures are properly identified and classified on the financial statements.

We recommend the Fiscal Officer refer to the Ohio Village Handbook and other Auditor of State resources for guidance to determine the proper establishment of receipt accounts. We also recommend the Fiscal Officer refer to Auditor of State Technical Bulletin 2011-004 for assistance in classifying fund balances.

Management's Response – We did not receive a response from officials to this finding.

SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)

FINDING NUMBER 2015-002

Material Weakness/Noncompliance

Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 states, in part, cash-basis entities must file annual reports with the Auditor of State within 60 days of the fiscal year end. The Auditor of State may prescribe by rule or guidelines the forms for these reports. However, if the Auditor of State has not prescribed a reporting form, the public office shall submit its report on the form used by the public office. The report shall contain the amount of: (A) receipts, and amounts due from each source; (B) expenditures for each purpose; (C) income of any public service industry that the entity owns or operates, as well as the costs of ownership or operation; and (D) public debt of each taxing district, the purpose of the debt, and how the debt will be repaid. Also, the public office must publish notice in a local newspaper stating the financial report is available for public inspection at the office of the chief fiscal officer.

The Village filed the 2014 and 2015 Annual Financial Reports late with the Auditor of State's office.

Management's Response – We did not receive a response from officials to this finding.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2013-001	5705.10(H)	Yes	N/A
2013-002	Financial Reporting	No	Not Corrected; Repeated as Finding 2015-001

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VILLAGE OF MILFORD CENTER

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED OCTOBER 18, 2016

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