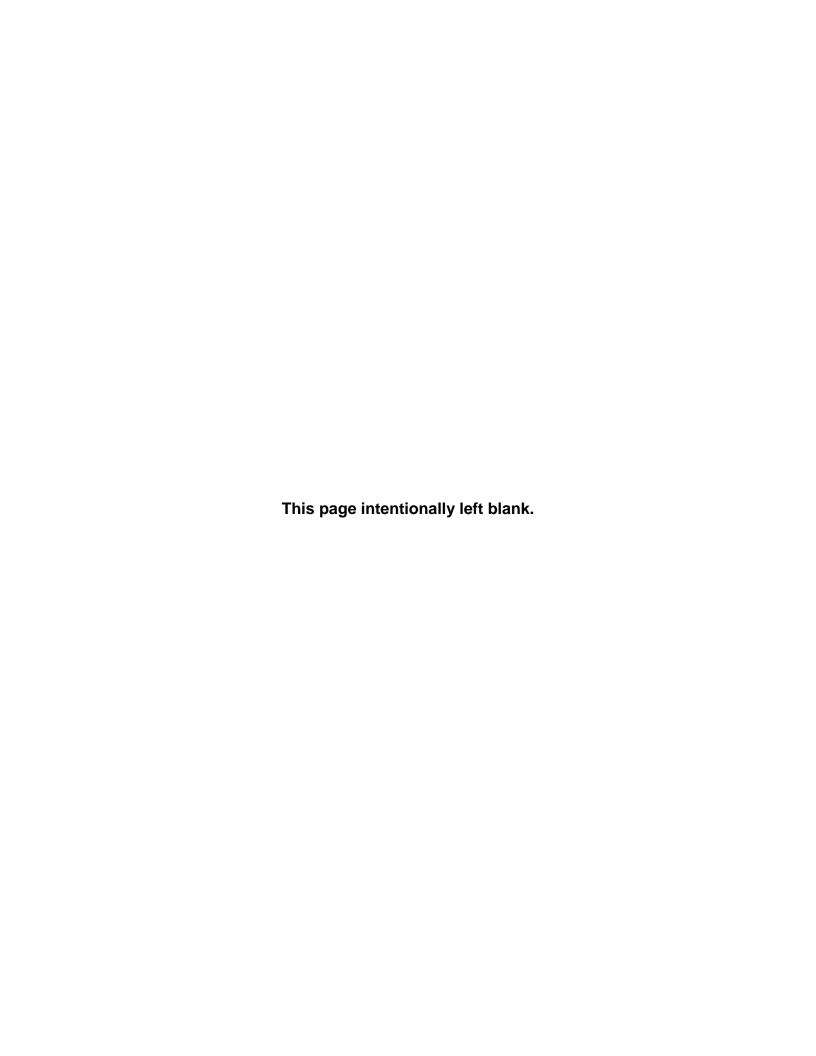




# VILLAGE OF LIMAVILLE STARK COUNTY MAY 29, 2018 DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

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#### REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, INTERNAL CONTROL, AND COMPLIANCE

Village of Limaville Stark County PO Box 27 Limaville, Ohio 44640

#### To the Village Council:

We have selectively tested certain accounts, financial records, reports and other documentation of the Village of Limaville, Stark County, (the Village), for the period ended May 29, 2018 and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. These procedures were designed to satisfy the audit requirements of Section 117.11, Ohio Rev. Code, and Section 117-4-02, Ohio Admin. Code. Our engagement was not designed as a basis to opine on the accompanying financial statements, internal control over financial reporting, or compliance. We therefore express no opinions on these matters.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Certain of the aforementioned tests relate to internal control over financial reporting. The results of those tests may allow us to identify internal control deficiencies. An internal control deficiency 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, whether caused by error or fraud.

Our internal control tests were not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might exist. Therefore, unidentified weaknesses may exist. However, we consider finding 2017-011 reported in the Schedule of Findings to be internal control deficiencies management and those charged with governance should address.

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# **Compliance and Other Matters**

We also tested compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, applicable to the Government, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance we believe could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts that we reported in the Schedule of Findings as items 2017-001 through 2017-010.

Keith Faber Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

June 11, 2019

Stark County
Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements
and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended May 29, 2018

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts	Φ7.0.00	Φ0	Φ0	Φ7.060
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$5,960	\$0	\$0	\$5,960
Intergovernmental	3,757	1,629	0	5,386
Charges for Services	898	0	0	898
Earnings on Investments	1	0	0	1
Rent	1,000	0	0	1,000
Miscellaneous	25	0	0	25
Total Cash Receipts	11,641	1,629	0	13,270
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
Basic Utility Services	716	0	0	716
Transportation	0	3,091	0	3,091
General Government	6,427	0	0	6,427
Total Cash Disbursements	7,143	3,091	0	10,234
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	4,498	(1,462)	0	3,036
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	9,349	5,358	3,683	18,390
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Restricted	0	3,896	0	3,896
Assigned	0	0	3,683	3,683
Unassigned	13,847	0	0	13,847
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$13,847	\$3,896	\$3,683	\$21,426

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Stark County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended May 29, 2018

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A summary of 2018 budgetary activity through May 29, 2018, appears in Note 4.

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#### Note 3 – Compliance

Contrary to Ohio law, budgetary expenditures exceeded appropriation authority in the general and street construction special revenue funds by \$7,143 and \$3,091, respectively, for the period ended May 29, 2018. Refer to Note 4.

Stark County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended May 29, 2018

### Note 4 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the period ending May 29, 2018, is as follows:

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$0	\$11,641	\$11,641
Special Revenue	0	1,629	1,629
Total	\$0	\$13,270	\$13,270

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Expenditures	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$0	\$7,143	(\$7,143)
Special Revenue	0	3,091	(3,091)
Total	\$0	\$10,234	(\$10,234)
Special Revenue	0	3,091	(1

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#### Note 10 – Subsequent Event

On May 8, 2018, Village residents voted in favor of the Village to surrender its corporate powers and cease to exist in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 703.20.

As of the date the Village officially surrendered its corporate powers and which the financial statements reflect, May 29, 2018, the Village has had the subsequent activity:

	Balance 5/29/2018	Revenues	Expenditures	Balance 6/11/2019 *
General Fund	\$13,847	\$29,930	\$9,551	\$34,226
Street Construction Special Revenue Fund	(4,922)	3,569	60	(1,413)
State Highway Special Revenue Fund	8,818	290	0	9,108
Grant Construction Capital Projects Fund	3,683	0	0	3,683
Total	\$21,426	\$33,789	\$9,611	\$45,604

<sup>\*</sup> Latest Information Available

It should also be noted that Lexington Township took over grass cutting and street services for the areas covering the Village on June 18, 2018, and will assume all other functions of the Village upon closure of all account activity.

Stark County

 $Combined \ Statement \ of \ Receipts, \ Disbursements$ 

and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)

All Governmental Fund Types

For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts	¢10.502	ΦO	¢o.	¢10.502
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$10,593	\$0 4.272	\$0	\$10,593
Intergovernmental	8,515	4,373	0	12,888
Charges for Services	4,435	0	0	4,435
Earnings on Investments	2	0	0	2
Rent	1,750	0	0	1,750
Miscellaneous	300	0	0	300
Total Cash Receipts	25,595	4,373	0	29,968
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property	1,200	0	0	1,200
Basic Utility Services	3,096	0	0	3,096
Transportation	0	7,652	0	7,652
General Government	16,338	0	0	16,338
Total Cash Disbursements	20,634	7,652	0	28,286
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	4,961	(3,279)	0	1,682
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	4,388	8,637	3,683	16,708
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Restricted	0	5,358	0	5,358
Assigned	0	0	3,683	3,683
Unassigned	9,349	0	0	9,349
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$9,349	\$5,358	\$3,683	\$18,390

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Stark County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

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2017 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

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General	\$0	\$25,595	\$25,595
Special Revenue	0	4,373	4,373
Total	\$0	\$29,968	\$29,968

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General	\$0	\$20,634	(\$20,634)
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Property and Other Local Taxes	\$10,227	\$0	\$0	\$10,227
Intergovernmental	8,609	4,134	0	12,743
Charges for Services	5,191	0	0	5,191
Fines, Licenses and Permits	39	0	0	39
Earnings on Investments	3	0	0	3
Rent	1,392	0	0	1,392
Miscellaneous	300	0	0	300
Total Cash Receipts	25,761	4,134	0	29,895
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
Basic Utility Services	6,179	0	0	6,179
Transportation	0	5,958	0	5,958
General Government	20,525	0	0	20,525
Total Cash Disbursements	26,704	5,958	0	32,662
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	(943)	(1,824)	0	(2,767)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	5,331	10,461	3,683	19,475
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Restricted	0	8,637	0	8,637
Assigned	0	0	3,683	3,683
Unassigned	4,388	0	0	4,388
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$4,388	\$8,637	\$3,683	\$16,708

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

**Committed** Council can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). 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.

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.

**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.

#### **Note 3 – Compliance**

Contrary to Ohio law, budgetary expenditures exceeded appropriation authority in the general and street construction special revenue funds by \$26,704 and \$5,958, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2016. Refer to Note 4.

Stark County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

# **Note 4 – Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the year ending 2016 is as follows:

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$0	\$25,761	\$25,761
Special Revenue	0	4,134	4,134
Total	\$0	\$29,895	\$29,895

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$0	\$26,704	(\$26,704)
Special Revenue	0	5,958	(5,958)
Total	\$0	\$32,662	(\$32,662)

# **Note 5 – Deposits and Investments**

Deposits consist of demand deposits. The Village has no investments.

Deposits are fully insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

#### Note 6 – Taxes

#### **Property Taxes**

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

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

Stark County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

# Note 7 – Retirement System

All members of the Village Council, the Clerk, and the Mayor have elected to contribute to Social Security. The Village's liability is 6.2 percent of gross wages paid.

#### Note 8 – Risk Management

Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State of Ohio. The Village pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs

The Village did not obtain commercial insurance for 2016.

# Note 9 – Jointly Governed Organization

The Village is associated with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission (the Commission) as a jointly governed organization. The Commission is a statutorily-created political subdivision of the State. The Commission is jointly governed among Stark County municipalities and townships. Each member's control over the operation of the Commission is limited to its representation on the board. The Commission formulates and reviews plans affecting long and short term social, economic, and governmental development within the region.

# VILLAGE OF LIMAVILLE STARK COUNTY

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS May 29, 2018 December 31, 2017 and 2016

#### **Missing Records**

Finding Number	2017-001

#### **Noncompliance**

Ohio Rev. Code § 149.351 states that all records are the property of the public office and shall not be removed, destroyed, mutilated, transferred, or otherwise damaged or disposed of, in whole or in part, except as provided by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.38 through 149.42.

For 2018, the Village was unable to locate one voucher and supporting documentation selected for testing in the amount of \$357.

For 2017, the Village was unable to locate three vouchers and supporting documentation selected for testing totaling \$3,673.

For 2018, 2017 and 2016, the Village was unable to locate payroll reports documenting gross pay, net pay, and withholdings.

Officials' Response: We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding

#### **Employee Withholdings**

Finding Number	2017-002

#### **Noncompliance**

26 U.S. Code § 3102(a) addresses Medicare tax and provides the tax imposed by § 3101 shall be collected by the employer of the taxpayer, by deducting the amount of the tax from the wages as and when paid.

26 U.S. Code § 3402(a) addresses federal taxes and provides, in general, except as otherwise provided in this section, every employer making payments of wages shall deduct and withhold upon such wages a tax determined in accordance with tables or computational procedures prescribed by the Secretary. Internal Revenue Service Circular E provides, generally, an employee may claim exemption from federal income tax withholding because he or she had no federal income tax liability last year and expects none this year. To continue to be exempt from withholding, an employee must give the employer a new Form W-4.

Ohio Rev. Code § 5747.06 address the Ohio income tax and provides, except as provided in division (E)(3) of this section, every employer, including the state and its political subdivisions, maintaining an office or transacting business within this state and making payment of any compensation to an employee who is a taxpayer shall deduct and withhold from such compensation for each payroll period a tax computed in such manner as to result, as far as practicable, in withholding from the employee's compensation during each calendar year an amount substantially equivalent to the tax reasonably estimated to be due from the employee under this chapter and Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code with respect to the amount of such compensation included in the employee's adjusted gross income during the calendar year. The employer shall deduct and withhold the tax on the date that the employer directly, indirectly, or constructively pays the compensation to, or credits the compensation to the benefit of, the employee.

During 2017, four out of five payroll disbursements tested had no Medicare, federal tax, state tax or social security withholdings. During 2016, one out of five payroll disbursements tested had no Medicare, federal tax, state tax or social security withholdings. In addition, one new employee's personnel file did not include any withholding, retirement or other deduction authorization forms. This matter will be referred to the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Ohio Department of Taxation.

Officials' Response: We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding

#### **Educational Programs for Fiscal Officers**

Finding Number	2017-003

#### Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code § 733.81(C) and (D)(1) provides a newly elected or appointed fiscal officer shall complete at least six hours of initial education programs before commencing, or during the first year, of office. In addition to the six hours of initial education required under division (B) of this section, a newly elected fiscal officer shall complete at least a total of 18 continuing education hours during the fiscal officer's first term of office. The Village's Fiscal Officer did not complete any educational programs.

Officials' Response: We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding

#### Filing of Financial Reports

Finding Number	2017-004

### **Noncompliance**

Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 provides each public office, other than a state agency, shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office. The report shall be certified by the proper officer or board and filed with the Auditor of State within sixty days after the close of the fiscal year, except that public offices reporting pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles shall file their reports within one hundred fifty days after the close of the fiscal year. Any public office, other than a state agency, that does not file its financial report at the time required by this section shall pay to the Auditor of State twenty-five dollars for each day the report remains unfiled after the filing date; provided, that the penalty payments shall not exceed the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars. The Auditor of State may waive all or any part of the penalty assessed under this section upon the filing of the past due financial report.

The Village's 2017 and 2016 financial reports, which were due on March 1, 2018 and March 1, 2017, respectively, were not filed with the Auditor of State until September 13, 2018.

#### **Certification of Expenditures**

Finding Number	2017-005

#### **Noncompliance**

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(D) requires that no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any contract or give any order involving the expenditure of money unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision certifying that the amount required to meet the obligation has been lawfully appropriated for such purpose and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. This certificate need be signed only by the subdivision's fiscal officer. Every contract made without such a certificate shall be void and no warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due the There are several exceptions to the standard requirement stated above that a fiscal officer's certificate must be obtained prior to a subdivision or taxing authority entering into a contract or order involving the expenditure of money. The main exceptions are: "then and now" certificates, blanket certificates, and super blanket certificates, which are provided for in sections 5705.41(D)(1) and 5705.41(D)(3), respectively, of the Ohio Revised Code.

1. "Then and Now" Certificate – If the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the fiscal officer is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the Village can authorize the drawing of a warrant for the payment of the amount due. The Village has thirty days from the receipt of the "then and now" certificate to approve payment by ordinance or resolution.

Amounts of less than \$3,000 may be paid by the fiscal officer without a resolution or ordinance upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by the Village.

- 2. Blanket Certificate Fiscal officers may prepare "blanket" certificates for a certain sum of money not in excess of an amount established by resolution or ordinance adopted by a majority of the members of the legislative authority against any specific line item account over a period not running beyond the end of the current fiscal year. The blanket certificates may, but need not, be limited to a specific vendor. Only one blanket certificate may be outstanding at one particular time for any one particular line item appropriation.
- 3. Super Blanket Certificate The Village may also make expenditures and contracts for any amount from a specific line-item appropriation account in a specified fund upon certification of the fiscal officer for most professional services, fuel, oil, food items, and any other specific recurring and reasonably predictable operating expense. This certification is not to extend beyond the current year. More than one super blanket certificate may be outstanding at a particular time for any line item appropriation.

Twenty-five out of 25 disbursements tested (100%) during 2018, 2017 and 2016 were not not properly certified by the Clerk prior to incurring the obligation. None of the exceptions above were used.

#### **Stale Dated Checks**

Finding Number	2017-006

#### **Noncompliance**

Ohio Rev. Code § 9.39 provides all money received or collected by a public official under the color of office and not otherwise paid out according to law shall be paid into the treasury of the public office with which he is connected to the credit of a trust fund and shall be retained there until claimed by its lawful owner. If not claimed within a period of five years, the money shall revert to the general fund of the public office. Auditor of State Management Advisory Services Bulletin 91-11 provides when a warrant/check becomes stale-dated (90 days from issue date), a memorandum pay-in should be made to the unclaimed moneys agency fund.

As of May 29, 2018, the Village's outstanding check reports included 24 outstanding checks which totaled \$12,518 and were issued from December 27, 2013 to December 30, 2015. As a result, the District's bank reconciliation includes stale-dated checks as a reconciling item.

Officials' Response: We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding

#### **Certification of Available Revenue**

Finding Number	2017-007

#### **Noncompliance**

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.36(A)(1) provides on or about the first day of each fiscal year, the fiscal officer of each subdivision and other taxing unit shall certify to the county auditor the total amount from all sources available for expenditures from each fund set up in the tax budget. The amount certified shall include any unencumbered balances that existed at the end of the preceding year.

The Village did not file its 2018, 2017 or 2016 Official Certificate of Estimated Resources with the county auditor.

#### **Approval of Appropriations**

Finding Number	2017-008

#### **Noncompliance**

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.38(A) provides on or about the first day of each fiscal year, the taxing authority of each subdivision or other taxing unit shall pass an appropriation measure, and thereafter during the year it may pass any supplemental appropriation measures as it finds necessary, based on the revised tax budget or the official certificate of estimated resources or amendments of the certificate. If it desires to postpone the passage of the annual appropriation measure until an amended certificate is received based on the actual balances, it may pass a temporary appropriation measure for meeting the ordinary expenses of the taxing unit until no later than the first day of April of the current year, and the appropriations made in the temporary measure shall be chargeable to the appropriations in the annual appropriation measure for that fiscal year when passed.

Council did not formally approve the 2018, 2017 or 2016 appropriations.

Officials' Response: We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding

#### **Disbursements Exceeding Appropriations**

Finding Number	2017-009

# Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(B) provides no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any expenditure of money unless it has been appropriated as provided in such chapter.

Council did not formally approve the 2018, 2017 or 2016 appropriations. As a result, total disbursements made during 2018, 2017 and 2016 exceeded appropriations.

Officials' Response: We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding

#### **Proper Public Purpose**

Finding Number	2017-010

#### **Noncompliance**

Government entities may not make expenditures of public monies unless they are for a valid public purpose. 1982 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 82-006, addresses the expenditure of funds for public purposes. This opinion, citing the Ohio Supreme Court case of *State ex rel. McClure v. Hagerman*, 155 Ohio St. 320 (1951), provides guidance as to what may construed as a public purpose. There are two criteria that demonstrate whether an expenditure is for a public purpose. First, the expenditure is required for the general good of all inhabitants. Second, the primary objective of the expenditure is to further a public purpose, even if an incidental private end is advanced.

The determination of what constitutes a public purpose is primarily a legislative function. As such, the decision to expend public funds "... must be made in accordance with the procedural formalities governing the exercise of legislative power. Specifically, the decision must be memorialized by a duly enacted ordinance or resolution and may have prospective effect only."

One disbursement in 2016 and one disbursement in 2017 in the amounts of \$186 and \$3, respectively, and totaling \$189, were made to Ohio Edison for late fees. Such fees are not for a proper public purpose.

Officials' Response: We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding

#### **Remitting Funds Withheld**

Finding Number	2017-011

#### **Internal Control Deficiency**

Some Village employees and officials had payroll withholding taxes withheld from their gross pay during 2018, 2017 and 2016 in the amounts of \$394, \$82 and \$150, respectively, and totaling \$626. The Village was unable to locate payroll reports documenting the type of withholding. Only \$179 out of the \$626 was remitted to the taxing authority. The Village indicated the \$179 represented second quarter 2017 federal taxes due on July 31, 2017; however, the \$179 was not remitted until April 15, 2018. This matter will be referred to the Internal Revenue Service.

# VILLAGE OF LIMAVILLE STARK COUNTY

# SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS MAY 29, 2018 DECEMBER 31, 2017 and 2016

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2015-001	The Village was unable to locate support for several transactions.	No	Not corrected
2015-002	Disbursements exceeded appropriations	No	Not corrected
2015-003	Council did not formally approve appropriations	No	Not corrected
2015-004	The Village did not properly post receipts	Yes	





#### **VILLAGE OF LIMAVILLE**

#### **STARK COUNTY**

#### **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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JUNE 27, 2019