



**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 - 2023**



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Village of Mariemont, Hamilton County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State

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Tiffany L Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
Chief Deputy Auditor

September 24, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Village of Mariemont
Hamilton County
6907 Wooster Pike
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To the Village Council:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the Village of Mariemont, Hamilton County, Ohio (the Village), which comprises the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Village, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, or the changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Basis for Opinions

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

Marietta, OH

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Village's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 30, 2025, on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Village's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Perry & Associates
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.
Marietta, Ohio

May 30, 2025

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
HAMILTON COUNTY**

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

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Combined Total
Cash Receipts					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 476,424	\$ 629,065	\$ -	\$ 377,740	\$ 1,483,229
Municipal Income Tax	3,324,616	-	-	-	3,324,616
Intergovernmental	263,563	315,975	-	53,810	633,348
Charges for Services	648,589	110,250	-	1,933	760,772
Licenses, Permits and Fees	86,358	-	-	-	86,358
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	52,490	18,410	-	-	70,900
Earnings on Investments	142,269	16,718	-	-	158,987
Miscellaneous	36,295	-	-	618,302	654,597
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<i>5,030,604</i>	<i>1,090,418</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,051,785</i>	<i>7,172,807</i>
Cash Disbursements					
Current:					
Security of Persons and Property	2,303,074	618,238	-	7,500	2,928,812
Public Health Services	11,381	-	-	-	11,381
Leisure Time Activities	958,014	67,458	-	112,717	1,138,189
Community Environment	74,387	-	-	-	74,387
Basic Utility Services	318,115	-	-	-	318,115
Transportation	32,746	77,952	-	-	110,698
General Government	656,480	11,195	-	5,207	672,882
Capital Outlay	-	219,915	-	358,033	577,948
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	-	4,981	49,000	49,441	103,422
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	902	1,970	2,872
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<i>4,354,197</i>	<i>999,739</i>	<i>49,902</i>	<i>534,868</i>	<i>5,938,706</i>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<i>676,407</i>	<i>90,679</i>	<i>(49,902)</i>	<i>516,917</i>	<i>1,234,101</i>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)					
Transfers In	-	-	49,902	-	49,902
Transfers Out	-	-	-	(49,902)	(49,902)
Other Financing Sources	420	-	-	-	420
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<i>420</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>49,902</i>	<i>(49,902)</i>	<i>420</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<i>676,827</i>	<i>90,679</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>467,015</i>	<i>1,234,521</i>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<i>1,279,390</i>	<i>704,491</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>580,371</i>	<i>2,564,252</i>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<i>\$ 1,956,217</i>	<i>\$ 795,170</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ 1,047,386</i>	<i>\$ 3,798,773</i>

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

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF ADDITIONS, DEDUCTIONS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>
	<u>Custodial</u>
	<u>Other</u>
	<u>Custodial</u>
Additions	
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	\$ 107,238
<i>Total Additions</i>	<u>107,238</u>
Deductions	
Distributions to Other Governments	25,710
Distributions to Other Funds (Primary Gov't)	<u>85,666</u>
<i>Total Deductions</i>	<u>111,376</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(4,138)
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>10,557</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 6,419</u>

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

VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
HAMILTON COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The Village of Mariemont (the Village), Hamilton County, is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. A publicly-elected Mayor and six-member Council direct the Village. The Village provides general governmental services, including park operations and other leisure time activities, waste pick-up and police and fire services.

Public Entity Risk Pools

The Village participates in a public entity risk pool. Note 7 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity. The Village's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Village is financially accountable.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Village's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types, and a combined statement of additions, deductions and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) all fiduciary fund types which are organized on a fund type basis.

Fund Accounting

The Village uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Village are presented below:

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

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

Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund – The Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund accounts for and reports that portion of the State gasoline tax and motor vehicle license tax registration fees restricted for construction, maintenance and repair of streets within the Village.

State Highway Fund – The State Highway Fund accounts for and reports that portion of the State gasoline tax and motor vehicle license tax registration fees restricted for construction, maintenance and repair of State highways within the Village.

Paramedic Fund – The Paramedic Fund accounts for and reports money from a levy to cover the costs of providing paramedic services to the Village residents.

Safety Services Fund – The Safety Services Fund accounts for and reports money from a levy to cover the costs of providing police and fire services to the Village residents.

MariElders Fund – The MariElders Fund accounts for and reports money from a levy to cover the costs of providing services for the Village's senior citizens.

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Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Accounting (Continued)

Debt Service Funds - These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest. The Village had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

Note Retirement Fund – The Note Retirement Fund accounts for debt payment activity for the 2019 Building Improvement General Obligation Bonds.

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

Permanent Improvement Fund – Limited – The Permanent Improvement Fund accounts for and receives money from a levy for the following types of permanent improvements: Street Repairs, Installation and Repairs of Curbs, Sidewalks, and Storm Sewers; Upgrading of Street and Traffic Lights; Tree Maintenance; Reducing Erosion; and Purchasing Equipment for the Police, Fire and Maintenance Departments.

Permanent Improvement Fund – All – The Permanent Improvement Fund accounts for and receives money from a levy for any type of permanent improvements.

Dogwood Park Rehab Project Fund – The Dogwood Park Rehab Project Fund accounts for and receipts and disbursements related to the Dogwood Park project.

Fiduciary Funds – Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds, investment trust funds, and custodial funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement meeting certain criteria.

Custodial funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to report fiduciary activity that is not required to be reported in a trust fund. The Village's custodial funds account for Mayor's Court activity.

Basis of Accounting

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

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

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Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Budgetary Process

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

Appropriations – Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function, and object level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Village Council must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

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

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

A summary of 2024 budgetary activity appears in Note 4.

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.

Capital Assets

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

Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

Fund Balance

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

Nonspendable – The Village classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Village and the nonexpendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

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

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Continued)

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Balance (Continued)

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*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

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

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

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 13.

Note 3 – Compliance

Contrary to Ohio law, budgetary expenditures exceeded appropriation authority in the MariElders, Note Retirement, and Wading Pool Project Funds for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Note 4 – Budgetary Activity

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

Fund Type	2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts		
	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 4,061,214	\$ 5,031,024	\$ 969,810
Special Revenue	897,263	1,090,418	193,155
Debt Service	-	49,902	49,902
Capital Projects	501,550	1,051,785	550,235
Total	<u>\$ 5,460,027</u>	<u>\$ 7,223,129</u>	<u>\$ 1,763,102</u>

VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 4 – Budgetary Activity (Continued)

2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 4,909,041	\$ 4,680,163	\$ 228,878
Special Revenue	1,195,846	1,142,902	52,944
Debt Service	-	49,902	(49,902)
Capital Projects	699,364	746,732	(47,368)
Total	<u>\$ 6,804,251</u>	<u>\$ 6,619,699</u>	<u>\$ 184,552</u>

Note 5 – Deposits and Investments

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

	2024
<i>Cash Management Pool:</i>	
Demand deposits	\$ 116,686
Total deposits	<u>116,686</u>
Money Market Mutual Funds	56,666
STAR Ohio	3,631,840
Total investments	<u>3,688,506</u>
Total carrying amount of deposits and investments held in the Pool (ties to FS)	<u>\$ 3,805,192</u>

The Village does not use a separate payroll clearing account. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statement reflect net payroll plus all remitted payroll withholdings. At December 31, 2024, the Village is holding \$16,745 in unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

Investments

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

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Note 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.

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

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

Income Taxes

The Village levies a municipal income tax of 1.25% on substantially all earned income arising from employment, residency, or business activities within the Village as well as certain income of residents earned outside of the Village.

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

Note 7 – Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

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

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

Effective November 1, 2016, the OPRM elected to participate in a property loss corridor deductible. The property corridor includes losses paid between 70% and 75%. In 2018, the casualty loss corridor was eliminated and the property corridor was adjusted to losses paid between 65% and 70%. Effective November 1, 2019, the property loss corridor was adjusted to losses between 60% and 67.5% and has remain unchanged. OPRM had 801 members as of December 31, 2023.

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Note 7 – Risk Management (Continued)

Risk Pool Membership (Continued)

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, with the exception of a qualified opinion related to recording premiums and membership fees earned in full as of December 31, 2023. Those premiums and fees should be earned pro-rata over the individual coverage and membership periods of each policy. The financial statements reported the following assets, liabilities and equity at December 31, 2023 (the latest information available).

Assets	\$ 23,113,696
Liabilities	<u>(16,078,587)</u>
Members' Equity	<u>\$ 7,035,109</u>

You can read the complete audited financial statements for OPRM at the Plan's website, www.ohioplan.org.

Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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

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

Ohio Police and Fire Retirement System

The Village's law enforcement officers and firefighters belong to the Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). OP&F is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OP&F full-time police and firefighter participants contributed 12.25% of their wages. The Village contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 19.5% of full-time police members' wages and an amount equal to 24% of full-time firefighter members' wages. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2024.

Social Security

Several Village employees contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

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

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Note 9 – Postemployment Benefits

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

Note 10 – Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2024 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
OPWC CB22Z	\$ 40,498	0.00%
OPWC CT07U	27,659	0.00%
OPWC CT11V	31,474	0.00%
	<hr/> <u>\$ 99,631</u>	

In March 2019, the Village entered into a 5-year government obligation contract in the amount \$228,970. The proceeds were used to purchase a new ambulance. The contract matures on March 24, 2024 and bears interest at a rate of 3.99%. This loan was paid off in 2024.

In May 2019, the Village obtained a Building Improvement Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$450,000 at a rate of 3.6%. The proceeds were used to pay for the construction of an addition to the municipal building. This loan was paid off in 2024.

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VILLAGE OF MARIE MONT
HAMILTON COUNTY
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(Continued)

Note 10 – Debt (Continued)

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

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>OPWC Loans</u>
2025	\$ 6,020
2026	6,020
2027	6,020
2028	6,020
2029	6,020
2030-2034	30,098
2035-2039	28,122
2040-2044	11,311
<u>Total</u>	<u><u>\$ 99,631</u></u>

Note 11 – Construction and Contractual Commitments

The Village has committed \$66,000 to a future rehab project for Pocahontas Ave.

Note 12 – Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Village are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. 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.

Note 13 – Fund Balances

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

Fund Balances	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Permanent	Total
Outstanding Encumbrances	\$ 325,966	\$ 143,163	\$ -	\$ 161,962	\$ 631,091
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$ 325,966</u>	<u>\$ 143,163</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 161,962</u>	<u>\$ 631,091</u>

VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
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Note 13 – Fund Balances (Continued)

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

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Combined Total
Cash Receipts					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 423,025	\$ 609,028	\$ -	\$ 362,098	\$ 1,394,151
Municipal Income Tax	2,815,097	-	-	-	2,815,097
Intergovernmental	148,130	280,535	-	67,655	496,320
Charges for Services	560,314	76,705	-	25	637,044
Fines, Licenses and Permits	152,057	17,159	-	-	169,216
Earnings on Investments	116,370	10,685	-	-	127,055
Miscellaneous	42,501	-	-	150,044	192,545
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<i>4,257,494</i>	<i>994,112</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>579,822</i>	<i>5,831,428</i>
Cash Disbursements					
Current:					
Security of Persons and Property	2,122,452	604,512	-	-	2,726,964
Public Health Services	11,119	-	-	-	11,119
Leisure Time Activities	871,162	65,550	-	29,723	966,435
Community Environment	63,064	-	-	-	63,064
Basic Utility Services	310,473	-	-	-	310,473
Transportation	43,025	93,070	-	-	136,095
General Government	618,660	10,851	-	4,857	634,368
Capital Outlay	-	131,217	-	323,034	454,251
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	-	3,943	95,000	47,546	146,489
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	4,368	3,865	8,233
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<i>4,039,955</i>	<i>909,143</i>	<i>99,368</i>	<i>409,025</i>	<i>5,457,491</i>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<i>217,539</i>	<i>84,969</i>	<i>(99,368)</i>	<i>170,797</i>	<i>373,937</i>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)					
Other Debt Proceeds	-	41,536	-	-	41,536
Transfers In	-	1,329	99,368	-	100,697
Transfers Out	(1,329)	-	-	(99,368)	(100,697)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<i>(1,329)</i>	<i>42,865</i>	<i>99,368</i>	<i>(99,368)</i>	<i>41,536</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<i>216,210</i>	<i>127,834</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>71,429</i>	<i>415,473</i>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1 (Restated, See Note 14)</i>	<i>1,063,180</i>	<i>576,657</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>508,942</i>	<i>2,148,779</i>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<i>\$ 1,279,390</i>	<i>\$ 704,491</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ 580,371</i>	<i>\$ 2,564,252</i>

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

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF ADDITIONS, DEDUCTIONS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>
	<u>Custodial</u>
	<u>Other</u>
	<u>Custodial</u>
Additions	
Fines, Licenses and Permits for Distribution	\$ 116,784
<i>Total Additions</i>	<u>116,784</u>
Deductions	
Distributions to Other Governments	26,813
Distributions to Other Funds (Primary Gov't)	<u>88,730</u>
<i>Total Deductions</i>	<u>115,543</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,241
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>9,316</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 10,557</u>

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

VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
HAMILTON COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The Village of Mariemont (the Village), Hamilton County, is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. A publicly-elected Mayor and six-member Council direct the Village. The Village provides general governmental services, including park operations and other leisure time activities, waste pick-up and police and fire services.

Public Entity Risk Pools

The Village participates in a public entity risk pool. Note 7 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity. The Village's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Village is financially accountable.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Village's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types, and a combined statement of additions, deductions and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) all fiduciary fund types which are organized on a fund type basis.

Fund Accounting

The Village uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Village are presented below:

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

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

Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund – The Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund accounts for and reports that portion of the State gasoline tax and motor vehicle license tax registration fees restricted for construction, maintenance and repair of streets within the Village.

State Highway Fund – The State Highway Fund accounts for and reports that portion of the State gasoline tax and motor vehicle license tax registration fees restricted for construction, maintenance and repair of State highways within the Village.

Paramedic Fund – The Paramedic Fund accounts for and reports money from a levy to cover the costs of providing paramedic services to the Village residents.

Safety Services Fund – The Safety Services Fund accounts for and reports money from a levy to cover the costs of providing police and fire services to the Village residents.

MariElders Fund – The MariElders Fund accounts for and reports money from a levy to cover the costs of providing services for the Village's senior citizens.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
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Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Accounting (Continued)

Debt Service Funds - These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest. The Village had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

Note Retirement Fund – The Note Retirement Fund accounts for debt payment activity for the 2019 Building Improvement General Obligation Bonds.

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

Permanent Improvement Fund – Limited – The Permanent Improvement Fund accounts for and receives money from a levy for the following types of permanent improvements: Street Repairs, Installation and Repairs of Curbs, Sidewalks, and Storm Sewers; Upgrading of Street and Traffic Lights; Tree Maintenance; Reducing Erosion; and Purchasing Equipment for the Police, Fire and Maintenance Departments.

Permanent Improvement Fund – All – The Permanent Improvement Fund accounts for and receives money from a levy for any type of permanent improvements.

Fiduciary Funds – Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds, investment trust funds, and custodial funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement meeting certain criteria.

Custodial funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to report fiduciary activity that is not required to be reported in a trust fund. The Village's custodial funds account for Mayor's Court activity.

Basis of Accounting

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
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Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Budgetary Process

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

Appropriations – Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function, and object level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Village Council must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

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

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

A summary of 2023 budgetary activity appears in Note 4.

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.

Capital Assets

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

Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

Fund Balance

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

Nonspendable – The Village classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Village and the nonexpendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Balance (Continued)

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*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

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

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

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 13.

Note 3 – Compliance

Contrary to Ohio law, budgetary expenditures exceeded appropriation authority in the MariElders and Dogwood Park Rehab Project Funds for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Note 4 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2023 follows:

Fund Type	2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts		
	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 3,830,817	\$ 4,257,494	\$ 426,677
Special Revenue	996,499	1,036,977	40,478
Debt Service	99,368	99,368	-
Capital Projects	641,194	579,822	(61,372)
Total	<u>\$ 5,567,878</u>	<u>\$ 5,973,661</u>	<u>\$ 405,783</u>

VILLAGE OF MARIE MONT
HAMILTON COUNTY
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
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Note 4 – Budgetary Activity (Continued)

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 4,699,248	\$ 4,062,645	\$ 636,603
Special Revenue	1,219,066	946,327	272,739
Debt Service	99,368	99,368	-
Capital Projects	770,611	448,760	321,851
Total	<u>\$ 6,788,293</u>	<u>\$ 5,557,100</u>	<u>\$ 1,231,193</u>

Note 5 – Deposits and Investments

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

	2023
<i>Cash Management Pool:</i>	
Demand deposits	\$ 80,223
Total deposits	<u>80,223</u>
Money Market Mutual Funds	53,844
STAR Ohio	<u>2,440,742</u>
Total investments	<u>2,494,586</u>
Total carrying amount of deposits and investments held in the Pool (ties to FS)	<u><u>\$ 2,574,809</u></u>

The Village does not use a separate payroll clearing account. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statement reflect net payroll plus all remitted payroll withholdings. At December 31, 2023, the Village is holding \$221 in unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

Investments

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

VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
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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.

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

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

Income Taxes

The Village levies a municipal income tax of 1.25% on substantially all earned income arising from employment, residency, or business activities within the Village as well as certain income of residents earned outside of the Village.

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

Note 7 – Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

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

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

Effective November 1, 2016, the OPRM elected to participate in a property loss corridor deductible. The property corridor includes losses paid between 70% and 75%. In 2018, the casualty loss corridor was eliminated and the property corridor was adjusted to losses paid between 65% and 70%. Effective November 1, 2019, the property loss corridor was adjusted to losses between 60% and 67.5% and has remain unchanged. OPRM had 801 members as of December 31, 2023.

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HAMILTON COUNTY
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
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Note 7 – Risk Management (Continued)

Risk Pool Membership (Continued)

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, with the exception of a qualified opinion related to recording premiums and membership fees earned in full as of December 31, 2023. Those premiums and fees should be earned pro-rata over the individual coverage and membership periods of each policy. The financial statements reported the following assets, liabilities and equity at December 31, 2023:

Assets	\$ 23,113,696
Liabilities	<u>(16,078,587)</u>
Members' Equity	<u>\$ 7,035,109</u>

You can read the complete audited financial statements for OPRM at the Plan's website, www.ohioplan.org.

Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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

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

Ohio Police and Fire Retirement System

The Village's law enforcement officers and firefighters belong to the Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). OP&F is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OP&F full-time police and firefighter participants contributed 12.25% of their wages. The Village contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 19.5% of full-time police members' wages and an amount equal to 24% of full-time firefighter members' wages. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2024.

Social Security

Several Village employees contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

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

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(Continued)

Note 9 – Postemployment Benefits

Both OPERS and OP&F offer cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans. OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents. OP&F uses a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OP&F is placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees use to be reimbursed for health care expenses. For calendar year 2023, the portion of OPERS employer contributions allocated to health care was 0 percent for members in the traditional pension plan and 2 percent for members in the combined plan. For 2023, the portion of employer contributions OPERS allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent; however, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves. OP&F contributes 0.5 percent to fund these benefits.

Note 10 – Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2023 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Ambulance Loan	\$ 49,441	3.99%
2019 Bonds	49,000	3.60%
OPWC CB22Z	41,536	0.00%
OPWC CT07U	29,634	0.00%
OPWC CT11V	33,442	0.00%
	<hr/> <u>\$ 203,053</u>	

In March 2019, the Village entered into a 5-year government obligation contract in the amount \$228,970. The proceeds were used to purchase a new ambulance. The contract matures on March 24, 2024 and bears interest at a rate of 3.99%.

In May 2019, the Village obtained a Building Improvement Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$450,000 at a rate of 3.6%. The proceeds were used to pay for the construction of an addition to the municipal building.

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VILLAGE OF MARIE MONT
HAMILTON COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
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Note 10 – Debt (Continued)

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

Year Ending December 31	2019 Bond	Ambulance Loan	OPWC Loans
2024	\$ 49,882	\$ 51,412	\$ 4,981
2025	-	-	6,020
2026	-	-	6,020
2027	-	-	6,020
2028	-	-	6,020
2029-2033	-	-	30,098
2034-2038	-	-	30,098
2039-2043	-	-	14,318
2044-2048	-	-	1,037
Total	<u><u>\$ 49,882</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 51,412</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 104,612</u></u>

Financed Purchases

The Village has entered into a 5 year financed purchases agreement for a new ambulance where ownership of the underlying asset transfers to the Village by the end of the contract. The total amount financed through the lease agreement was \$228,970 at 3.99% interest with an annual payment of \$51,412.

Note 11 – Construction and Contractual Commitments

The Village has committed \$66,000 to a future rehab project for Pocahontas Ave.

Note 12 – Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Village are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. 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.

Note 13 – Fund Balances

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VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
HAMILTON COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)

Note 13 – Fund Balances (Continued)

Fund Balances	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Permanent	Total
Outstanding Encumbrances	\$ 22,690	\$ 37,184	\$ 39,735	\$ -	\$ 99,609
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$ 22,690</u>	<u>\$ 37,184</u>	<u>\$ 39,735</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 99,609</u>

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

Note 14 – Restatement of Fund Balances

Beginning fund balance at January 1, 2023 was restated for the Village's General Fund due to the closure of a payroll clearing bank account as follows:

	General
Ending Fund Balance, December 31, 2022	\$ 1,051,951
Restatement Amount	<u>11,229</u>
Beginning Fund Balance, January 1, 2023, Restated	<u>\$ 1,063,180</u>

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

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

To the Village Council:

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*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements of the Village of Mariemont, Hamilton County, Ohio (the Village) and have issued our report thereon dated May 30, 2025, wherein we noted the Village followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(C) permit.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the 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 Village's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2024-002.

Village's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Village's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings. The Village's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Village's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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

May 30, 2025

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

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

FINDING NUMBER 2024-001

Material Weakness

Financial Reporting

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. The following errors with the Village's annual financial report were noted:

- Receipts and disbursements for the Recreation (MariElders) levy were incorrectly recorded in a Custodial Fund instead of the required Special Revenue Fund in 2024 and 2023;
- Donation receipts were misclassified as Charges for Services instead of Miscellaneous in the Wading Pool Project Fund in 2024;
- OPWC loan proceeds and the corresponding Capital Outlay disbursements were not recorded in the Street Fund in 2023;
- Debt payments for the OPWC loans were incorrectly recorded in the Note Retirement Fund instead of the Street Fund in 2024 and 2023;
- Debt payments for the Ambulance loan were incorrectly recorded in the Note Retirement Fund instead of the Permanent Improvement Fund in 2024 and 2023;
- Transfers for debt payments for the Ambulance loan from the Permanent Improvement Fund to the Note Retirement Fund were unnecessary in 2024 and 2023;
- Amounts for Mayor's Court receipts and disbursements for February 2024 were recorded backwards in Fund 9901; and
- Mayor's Court amounts distributed to the Village were misclassified as Distributions to Other Governments instead of Distributions to Other Funds in 2024 and 2023.

Not posting receipts and disbursements accurately resulted in the financial statements requiring several reclassifications and adjustments. The financial statements reflect all reclassifications and adjustments. The Village has made the adjustments to their accounting system.

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

We also 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 and disbursement accounts and posting of receipts and disbursements.

Officials' Response:

1. MariElders levy record correction will be made in 2025.
2. Correct account created for Wading Pool Fund contributions.
3. OPWC loan disbursements corrected to distribute from Street fund prior to audit (first payment issued in January 2025).
4. Ambulance loan noted. Loan paid off in 2024.
5. Fund adjustments completed for Mayor's Court receipt/disbursement corrected 6/9/25.
6. Mayor's Court classification for Distributions to Other Funds correction done for 2025.

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
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**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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FINDING NUMBER 2024-002

Noncompliance

Expenditures Exceed Appropriations

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(B) states in part that no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any expenditure of money unless it has been appropriated.

For 2024, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the MariElders, Note Retirement, and Wading Pool Project Funds. For 2023, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the MariElders and Dogwood Park Rehab Project Funds.

Spending money in excess of appropriations could lead to deficit balances. The Village should take the steps necessary to monitor actual expenditures in comparison to appropriations. When necessary, appropriations should be amended to meet the level of spending. If it is not possible to make the necessary appropriation amendments, the Village should take the necessary measure to reduce spending within appropriated levels.

Officials' Response: Supplemental appropriations will be provided to Hamilton County Auditor.

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**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2022-001	Financial Reporting	Not Corrected	Repeated as Finding 2024-001

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT

HAMILTON COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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