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### **BASIC AUDIT REPORT**

Village of Darbyville Pickaway County 16671 Main Street Darbyville, Ohio 43164

We have completed certain procedures in accordance with **Ohio Rev. Code § 117.01(G)** to the accounting records and related documents of the Village of Darbyville, Pickaway County, (the Village) for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Our procedures were designed solely to satisfy the audit requirements of **Ohio Rev. Code § 117.11(A)**. Because our procedures were not designed to opine on the Village's financial statements, we did not follow *generally accepted auditing standards*. We do not provide any assurance on the Village's financial statements, transactions or balances for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The Village's management is responsible for preparing and maintaining its accounting records and related documents. Our responsibility under **Ohio Rev. Code § 117.11(A)** is to examine, analyze and inspect these records and documents.

Based on the results of our procedures, we found the following significant compliance or accounting issues to report.

#### **Current Year Observations**

- 1. We noted the Village did not have an established and adopted/approved records retention schedule/policy. Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2) provides that a public office or the person responsible for public records shall organize and maintain public records in a manner that they can be made available for inspection or copying and that public offices shall have available a copy of their current records retention schedule at a location readily available to the public. The Village should appropriately establish and approve/adopt a records retention schedule/policy and have the records retention schedule at a location readily available to the public. Failure to have and follow a records retention schedule/policy could result in public records being disposed of prematurely.
- 2. We noted that none of the Village's elected officials with terms ending in 2024 and 2023 attended the required public records training or had an appropriate designee go on their behalf during their respective terms. Ohio Rev. Codes § 109.43(B) and § 149.43(E)(1) require that all state and local elected officials, or their designees, must attend at least three hours of training on Ohio's Public Records Laws during each term of office. The training received must be certified by the Ohio Attorney General and proof of completion of training must include documentation either from the Attorney General's Office or from another entity certified by the Attorney General to provide the training to the elected official or his/her designee. The Village's elected officials, or their appropriate designee(s), should, during their terms of office, attend public records training and maintain proof of completion of the training. Not doing so could result in the Village's elected officials not being properly educated about Ohio's Public Records Laws and not following the Village's applicable public records requirements.

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- 3. The fiscal officer did not obtain the required Fiscal Integrity Act training. We inquired inspected the Fiscal Integrity Act Portal (http://www.ohioauditor.gov/fiscalintegrity/default.html) to determine whether the fiscal officer obtained the training required by **Ohio Rev. Code § 507.12 and § 733.81**. The fiscal officer did not obtain the required 12 hours of training.
- 4. The Village did not integrate budgetary amounts into their accounting system during fiscal year 2024 or 2023. Failing to utilize the accounting records required by **Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-02(D)(2) and 117-2-02(D)(3)** could result in appropriations exceeding estimated resources (**Ohio Rev. Code §5705.39**), or disbursements exceeding appropriations (**Ohio Rev. Code §5705.41(B))**.

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July 17, 2025



# **VILLAGE OF DARBYVILLE**

## **PICKAWAY 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.



Certified for Release 7/29/2025

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