CITY OF PORT CLINTON

OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

SINGLE AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019





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Members of Council City of Port Clinton 1868 East Perry Street Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the City of Port Clinton, Ottawa County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. 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 City of Port Clinton is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

February 17, 2021



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

City of Port Clinton Ottawa County 1868 East Perry Street Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

To the Members of City Council:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of the City of Port Clinton, Ottawa County, Ohio (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This responsibility includes the designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse audit opinion.

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Basis for Adverse Opinion

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the City prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. However, Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(B) requires these statements to follow accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 presumably material.

Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the City of Port Clinton, Ottawa County as of December 31, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position or its cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 12 to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the City. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Matters

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted to opine on the financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and is not a required part of the financial statements.

Because of the significance of the matter described in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion* paragraph, it is inappropriate to express and we do not express an opinion on the supplementary information referred to above.

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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 12, 2021, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. January 12, 2021

City of Port Clinton Ottawa County

Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

| | | Governmenta | l Fund Types | | |
|--|------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Debt Service | Capital Projects | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
| Cash Receipts | | | | | |
| Property and Other Local Taxes | \$ 727,937 | \$ 256,161 | - | \$ 7,431 | \$ 991,529 |
| Municipal Income Tax | 2,588,628 | - | - | - | 2,588,628 |
| Intergovernmental | 341,606 | 1,583,376 | - | 5,007 | 1,929,989 |
| Special Assessments | 6,045 | - | - | 6,781 | 12,826 |
| Charges for Services | 183,708 | 402,016 | - | - | 585,724 |
| Fines, Licenses and Permits | 10,795 | 1,124 | - | - | 11,919 |
| Earnings on Investments | 13,188 | 4,394 | - | 1,529 | 19,111 |
| Miscellaneous | 76,312 | 53,199 | | 8,500 | 138,011 |
| Total Cash Receipts | 3,948,219 | 2,300,270 | - | 29,248 | 6,277,737 |
| Cash Disbursements | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | |
| Security of Persons and Property | 2,282,534 | 974,528 | - | - | 3,257,062 |
| Public Health Services | 268,652 | - | - | - | 268,652 |
| Leisure Time Activities | 48,002 | - | - | - | 48,002 |
| Community Environment | 19,538 | - | - | - | 19,538 |
| Transportation | - | 414,173 | - | - | 414,173 |
| General Government | 1,059,962 | 15,012 | - | - | 1,074,974 |
| Capital Outlay | - | 1,168,054 | - | 255,200 | 1,423,254 |
| Debt Service: | | | | | |
| Principal Retirement | 64,545 | 42,871 | - | 127,602 | 235,018 |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges | 27,893 | 10,656 | | 36,525 | 75,074 |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 3,771,126 | 2,625,294 | | 419,327 | 6,815,747 |
| Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements | 177,093 | (325,024) | - | (390,079) | (538,010) |
| Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements) | | | | | |
| Transfers In | - | 195,500 | - | 238,798 | 434,298 |
| Transfers Out | (434,298) | | | - | (434,298) |
| Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements) | (434,298) | 195,500 | | 238,798 | |
| Net Change in Fund Cash Balances | (257,205) | (129,524) | - | (151,281) | (538,010) |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | 795,741 | 750,614 | \$ 37,790 | 829,778 | 2,413,923 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | | | | | |
| Nonspendable | 21,456 | - | - | - | 21,456 |
| Restricted | · - | 621,090 | 37,790 | 647,315 | 1,306,195 |
| Committed | 9,193 | - | - - | 31,182 | 40,375 |
| Unassigned | 507,887 | | | | 507,887 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | \$ 538,536 | \$ 621,090 | \$ 37,790 | \$ 678,497 | \$ 1,875,913 |

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

City of Port Clinton Ottawa County

Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) Proprietary Fund Type For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

| | Proprieta Fund Ty | |
|--|----------------------|-------------|
| | | Enterprise |
| Operating Cash Receipts | ¢ | 4 000 113 |
| Charges for Services | \$ | 4,889,112 |
| Fines, Licenses and Permits | | 17,265 |
| Miscellaneous | | 30,274 |
| Total Operating Cash Receipts | | 4,936,651 |
| Operating Cash Disbursements | | |
| Personal Services | | 1,259,169 |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | | 570,157 |
| Contractual Services | | 1,429,601 |
| Supplies and Materials | | 825,332 |
| Other | | 1,487 |
| Total Operating Cash Disbursements | | 4,085,746 |
| Operating Income (Loss) | | 850,905 |
| Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements) | | |
| Intergovernmental | | 175,000 |
| Special Assessments | | 6,306 |
| Other Debt Proceeds | | 473,438 |
| Capital Outlay | | (395,165) |
| Principal Retirement | | (1,040,026) |
| Interest and Other Fiscal Charges | | (281,939) |
| Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements) | | (1,062,386) |
| Net Change in Fund Cash Balances | | (211,481) |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | | 685,914 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | \$ | 474,433 |

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

Ottawa County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Note 1 - Reporting Entity

The City of Port Clinton, Ottawa County (the City), 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 six-member Council directs the City. The City provides general governmental services, water and sewer services, park and recreation operations, road repair and maintenance, fire protection services, and police services.

Public Entity Risk Pool

The City participates in the Ohio Risk Plan Management, Inc. (OPRM), a public entity risk pool. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity.

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

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The City'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 receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for the proprietary fund type which are organized on a fund type basis.

Fund Accounting

The City 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 City 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 City 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 revenue sources that are restricted to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The City had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund The street construction, maintenance and repair fund accounts for and reports gasoline tax and motor vehicle tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing City streets.

Fire Levy Fund The fire levy fund accounts for and reports the receipt of property tax monies and charges for services for the purpose of providing fire protection services to City residents.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Debt Service Funds These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted to expenditure for principal and interest. The City had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

Special Assessment Bond Retirement Fund The special assessment bond retirement fund is used to account for and report assessments collected from property owners for the purpose of repaying various special assessment bonds.

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

Municipal Purpose Fund The municipal purpose fund accounts for and reports special assessments and other resources restricted for capital acquisition and improvements.

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

Water Fund The water fund receives charges for services from residents to cover water service costs.

Sewer Fund The sewer fund receives charges for services from residents to cover sewer service costs.

Basis of Accounting

Although required by Ohio Administrative Code 117-2-03 to prepare its financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the City has chosen to prepare its financial statements on a basis of accounting not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This basis of accounting is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Council 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 disbursements when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

Appropriations Budgetary disbursements (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the object level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The City Council must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure.

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

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

A summary of 2019 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Deposits and Investments

The City'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 City 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.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension systems. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension systems report investments at fair value.

Fund Balance

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

Nonspendable The City classifies assets as nonspendable when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. The City's unclaimed monies are reported as nonspendable.

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 (ordinance or resolution). The City must adhere to these commitments unless Council amends the ordinance or 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.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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 Council or a City official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute. Council may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenues and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget in the general fund.

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 City 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 - Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2019 follows:

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

| | 2 | 1 | |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Budgeted | Actual | |
| Fund Type | Receipts | Receipts | Variance |
| General | \$ 4,176,222 | \$ 3,948,219 | \$ (228,003) |
| Special Revenue | 3,040,866 | 2,495,770 | (545,096) |
| Capital Projects | 253,657 | 268,046 | 14,389 |
| Enterprise | 5,346,947 | 5,591,395 | 244,448 |
| | | | |

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements

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|---|---------------|---------------|------------|
| | Appropriation | Budgetary | _ |
| Fund Type | Authority | Disbursements | Variance |
| General | \$ 4,466,883 | \$ 4,205,424 | \$ 261,459 |
| Special Revenue | 3,331,492 | 2,625,294 | 706,198 |
| Capital Projects | 452,956 | 419,327 | 33,629 |
| Enterprise | 5,882,678 | 5,802,876 | 79,802 |

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Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

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

| | 2019 |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Demand deposits | \$ 1,250,346 |
| Certificates of deposit | 500,000 |
| Savings | 600,000 |
| Total deposits | \$ 2,350,346 |

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation; collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the City; 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.

Note 5 – 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 City. Ottawa County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the City.

Income Taxes

The City levies a municipal income tax of 1.5% on substantially all earned income arising from employment, residency, or business activities within the City as well as certain income of residents earned outside of the City.

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

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Note 6 - Risk Management

The City 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.

OPRM coverage programs are developed specific to each member's risk management needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria addressing the member's exposure to loss. Effective November 1, 2017, the OPRM retained 47% of the premium and losses on the first \$250,000 casualty treaty and 30% of the first \$1,000,000 property treaty. Effective November 1, 2018, the OPRM property retention remained unchanged, however, the Plan assumed 100% of the first \$250,000 casualty treaty. Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member. OPRM had 774 members as of December 31, 2018.

Plan members are responsible to notify the Plan of their intent to renew coverage by their renewal date. If a member chooses not to renew with the Plan, they have no other financial obligation to the Plan, but still need to promptly notify the Plan of any potential claims occurring during their membership period. The former member's covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of the Plan.

Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and equity at December 31, 2018 (latest information available).

Assets \$15,065,412 Liabilities (10,734,623) Members' Equity \$4,330,789

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

Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability or asset reported on the statement of net position represents a liability or asset to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions between an employer and its employees of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee on a deferred-payment basis as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

The net pension liability or asset represents the City's proportionate share of each pension plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability or asset calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

The Ohio Revised Code limits the City's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The City cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the City does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension.

GASB 68 assumes any net pension liability or asset is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability or asset. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability or asset would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term net pension liability or asset on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is recorded in the subsequent year in accordance with the cash basis statements the City elects to prepare.

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description – The City employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. 1.) The Traditional Pension Plan (TP) - a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. 2.) The Member-Directed Plan (MD) - a defined contribution plan and 3.) The Combined Plan (CP) - a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with defined contribution features. While members (e.g. City employees) may elect the member-directed plan and the combined plan, substantially all employee members are in OPERS' traditional plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional plan. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional Pension Plan as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS CAFR referenced above for additional information):

| Group A | Group B | Group C |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Eligible to retire prior to | 20 years of service credit prior to | Members not in other Groups |
| January 7, 2013 or five years | January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire | and members hired on or after |
| after January 7, 2013 | ten years after January 7, 2013 | January 7, 2013 |

State and Local

Age and Service Requirements:

Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit

Traditional Plan Formula:

2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30

State and Local

Age and Service Requirements:Age 60 with 60 months of service credit

or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit

Traditional Plan Formula:

2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30

State and Local

Age and Service Requirements:

Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit

Traditional Plan Formula:

2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35

Final average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount.

When a benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) is provided. This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. For those retiring prior to January 7, 2013, the COLA will continue to be a 3 percent simple annual COLA. For those retiring subsequent to January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the COLA will be based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

| | State |
|---|-----------|
| | and Local |
| 2019 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates | |
| Employer | 14.0 % |
| Employee | 10.0 % |
| 2019 Actual Contribution Rates | |
| Employer: | |
| Pension | 14.0 % |
| Post-employment Health Care Benefits | 0.0 % |
| Total Employer | 14.0 % |
| Employee | 10.0 % |

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution was \$332,104 for 2019.

Plan Description – Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund (OP&F)

Plan Description - City full-time police and firefighters participate in Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by OP&F. OP&F provides retirement and disability pension benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by the Ohio State Legislature and are codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code. OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information and detailed information about OP&F fiduciary net position. The report that may be obtained by visiting the OP&F website at www.op-f.org or by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

Upon attaining a qualifying age with sufficient years of service, a member of OP&F may retire and receive a lifetime monthly pension. OP&F offers four types of service retirement: normal, service commuted, age/service commuted and actuarially reduced. Each type has different eligibility guidelines and is calculated using the member's average annual salary. The following discussion of the pension formula relates to normal service retirement.

For members hired after July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 52 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit. For members hired on or before July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 48 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit.

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

The annual pension benefit for normal service retirement is equal to a percentage of the allowable average annual salary. The percentage equals 2.5 percent for each of the first 20 years of service credit, 2.0 percent for each of the next five years of service credit and 1.5 percent for each year of service credit in excess of 25 years. The maximum pension of 72 percent of the allowable average annual salary is paid after 33 years of service credit.

Under normal service retirement, retired members who are at least 55 years old and have been receiving OP&F benefits for at least one year may be eligible for a cost-of-living allowance adjustment. The age 55 provision for receiving a COLA does not apply to those who are receiving a permanent and total disability benefit and statutory survivors.

Members retiring under normal service retirement, with less than 15 years of service credit on July 1, 2013, will receive a COLA equal to either 3 percent or the percent increase, if any, in the consumer price index (CPI) over the 12-month period ending on September 30 of the immediately preceding year, whichever is less. The COLA amount for members with at least 15 years of service credit as of July 1, 2013 is equal to 3 percent of their base pension or disability benefit.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

| | Police | |
|---|--------|---|
| 2019 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates | | |
| Employer | 19.50 | % |
| Employee | 12.25 | % |
| 2019 Actual Contribution Rates Employer: | | |
| Pension | 19.00 | % |
| Post-employment Health Care Benefits | 0.50 | % |
| Total Employer | 19.50 | % |

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$200,827 for 2019.

Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. OP&F's total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2018, and was determined by rolling forward the total pension liability as of January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the City's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

Following is information related to the proportionate share:

| | OPE | RS | OI | P&F | Total |
|--|---------|-------|-------|---------|-----------------|
| Proportion of the Net Pension Liability: | | | | | _ |
| Current Measurement Date | 0.014 | 805% | 0.0 | 40467% | |
| Prior Measurement Date | 0.014 | 732% | 0.0 | 39215% | |
| Change in Proportionate Share | 0.000 | 0073% | 0.0 | 01252% | |
| | | | | | |
| Proportionate Share of the Net | | | | | |
| Pension Liability | \$ 4,05 | 4,789 | \$ 3, | 303,176 | \$ 7,357,966 |

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018, using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67.

Wage Inflation Future Salary Increases, including inflation COLA or Ad Hoc COLA 3.25 percent
3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
Pre 1/7/2013 retirees: 3 percent, simple
Post 1/7/2013 retirees: 3 percent, simple
through 2018, then 2.15% simple

Investment rate of return
Current measurement date
Prior measurement date
Actuarial cost method

7.20% 7.50% Individual entry age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Employees mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Mortality rates for a particular calendar year for both healthy and disabled retiree mortality tables are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to the above described tables.

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2015.

The long-term expected rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a buildingblock method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation.

During 2018, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets for the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was 2.94% for 2018.

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the OPERS Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2018 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

| | | Weighted Average Long-Term Expected |
|------------------------|------------|--|
| A | Target | Real Rate of Return |
| Asset Class | Allocation | (Arithmetic) |
| Fixed Income | 23.00 % | 2.79 % |
| Domestic Equities | 19.00 | 6.21 |
| Real Estate | 10.00 | 4.90 |
| Private Equity | 10.00 | 10.81 |
| International Equities | 20.00 | 7.83 |
| Other investments | 18.00 | 5.50 |
| Total | 100.00 % | 5.95 % |

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.2% post-experience study results. The discount rate used to measure total pension liability prior to December 31, 2018 was 7.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.20%, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.20%) or one-percentage-point higher (8.20%) than the current rate:

| | Current | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | 1% Decrease | Discount Rate | 1% Increase |
| City's proportionate share | | | |
| of the net pension liability | \$5,990,103 | \$4,054,789 | \$2,446,526 |

Actuarial Assumptions – OP&F

OP&F's total pension liability as of December 31, 2018 is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2018, and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The total pension liability is determined by OP&F's actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual valuation. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of reported amounts and assumptions about probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment mortality, salary increases, disabilities, retirements and employment terminations. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of December 31, 2018, are presented below:

| Valuation date | 1/1/18 with actuarial liabilities rolled forward to 12/31/18 |
|----------------------------|--|
| Actuarial cost method | Entry age normal |
| Investment rate of return | 8.00% |
| Projected salary increases | 3.75% - 10.50% |
| Payroll increases | 3.25% |
| Inflation assumptions | 2.75%, plus productivity increase rate of 0.5% |
| Cost of living adjustments | 3.00% simple; 2.20% simple for increases based on the lesser |
| | of the increase in CPI and 3% |

Mortality for non-disabled participants is based on the RP-2014 Total Employee and Healthy Annuitant Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006, adjusted and projected with Buck Modified 2016 Improvement Scale. Rates for surviving beneficiaries are adjusted by 120%.

| Age | Police |
|------------|--------|
| 67 or less | 77% |
| 68-77 | 105% |
| 78 and up | 115% |

Mortality for disabled retirees is based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006, adjusted according to the rates in the following table, and projected with the Buck Modified 2016 Improvement Scale.

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

| Age | Police |
|------------|--------|
| 59 or less | 35% |
| 60-69 | 60% |
| 70-79 | 75% |
| 80 and up | 100% |

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2016. The recommended assumption changes based on this experiences study were adopted by OP&F's Board and were effective beginning with the January 1, 2018 actuarial valuation.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in the Statement of Investment Policy and Guidelines. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expected. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted averaged of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes.

Best estimates of the long-term expected geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in OP&F's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2018 are summarized below:

| | Target | 10 Year Expected | 30 Year Expected |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Asset Class | Allocation | Real Rate of Return ** | Real Rate of Return ** |
| | | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | - % | 1.00 % | 0.80 % |
| Domestic Equity | 16.00 | 5.30 | 5.50 |
| Non-US Equity | 16.00 | 6.10 | 5.90 |
| Private Markets | 8.00 | 8.40 | 8.40 |
| Core Fixed Income * | 23.00 | 2.20 | 2.60 |
| High Yield Fixed Income | 7.00 | 4.20 | 4.80 |
| Private Credit | 5.00 | 8.30 | 7.50 |
| U.S. Inflation | | | |
| Linked Bonds * | 17.00 | 1.30 | 2.30 |
| Master Limited Partnerships | 8.00 | 6.70 | 6.40 |
| Real Assets | 8.00 | 7.00 | 7.00 |
| Private Real Estate | 12.00 | 5.70 | 6.10 |
| Total | 120.00 % | | |

Note: Assumptions are geometric.

^{*} levered 2x

^{**} numbers include inflation

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Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

OP&F's Board of Trustees has incorporated the risk parity concept into OP&F's asset liability valuation with the goal of reducing equity risk exposure, which reduces overall Total Portfolio risk without sacrificing return, and creating a more risk-balanced portfolio based on their relationship between asset classes and economic environments. From the notional portfolio perspective above, the Total Portfolio may be levered up to 1.2 times due to the application of leverage in certain fixed income asset classes.

Discount Rate The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 8.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the longer-term assumed investment rate of return 8.00%. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, a long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

- Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8.00%,, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (7.00%), or one percentage point higher (9.00%) than the current rate.

| | Current | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | 1% Decrease | Discount Rate | 1% Increase |
| City's proportionate share | | | |
| of the net pension liability | \$4,341,798 | \$3,303,176 | \$2,435,258 |

Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust, which funds multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement to qualifying benefit recipients of both the traditional pension and the combined plans. This trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or refund, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

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Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits (continued)

In order to qualify for postemployment health care coverage, age and service retirees under the traditional pension and combined plans must have twenty or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 75. See OPERS' CAFR referenced below for additional information.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Health care currently is not being funded.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2019, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.1 percent. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. As recommended by OPERS' actuary, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0.00% for the Traditional and Combined Plan. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the Member-Directed Plan for 2019 was 4.0 percent.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution was \$0 for 2019.

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F)

Plan Description – The City contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F) sponsored healthcare program, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined post-employment healthcare plan administered by a third-party provider. This program is not guaranteed and is subject to change at any time upon action of the Board of Trustees. OP&F provides health care benefits including coverage for medical, prescription drug, dental, vision, and Medicare Part B Premium to retirees, qualifying benefit recipients and their eligible dependents.

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Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits (continued)

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F) (continued)

OP&F provides access to postretirement health care coverage for any person who receives or is eligible to receive a monthly service, disability, or statutory survivor benefit, or is a spouse or eligible dependent child of such person. The health care coverage provided by OP&F meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75.

The Ohio Revised Code allows, but does not mandate, OP&F to provide OPEB benefits. Authority for the OP&F Board of Trustees to provide health care coverage to eligible participants and to establish and amend benefits is codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code.

OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information for the plan. The report may be obtained by visiting the OP&F website at www.op-f.org or by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code provides for contribution requirements of the participating employers and of plan members to the OP&F defined benefit pension plan. Participating employers are required to contribute to the pension plan at rates expressed as percentages of the payroll of active pension plan members, currently 19.5 percent and 24 percent of covered payroll for police and fire employer units, respectively. The Ohio Revised Code states that the employer contribution may not exceed 19.5 percent of covered payroll for police employer units and 24 percent of covered payroll for fire employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

OP&F maintains funds for health care in two separate accounts. There is one account for health care benefits and one account for Medicare Part B reimbursements. A separate health care trust accrual account is maintained for health care benefits under IRS Code Section 115 trust. An Internal Revenue Code 401(h) account is maintained for Medicare Part B reimbursements.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions made into the pension plan to the Section 115 trust and the Section 401(h) account as the employer contribution for retiree health care benefits. For 2019, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0.5 percent of covered payroll. The amount of employer contributions allocated to the health care plan each year is subject to the Trustees' primary responsibility to ensure that pension benefits are adequately funded and is limited by the provisions of Sections 115 and 401(h).

The OP&F Board of Trustees is also authorized to establish requirements for contributions to the health care plan by retirees and their eligible dependents or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

Beginning January 1, 2019, OP&F changed its retiree health care model and the current self-insured health care plan will no longer be offered. In its place is a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OP&F will be placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees will use to be reimbursed for health care expenses.

The City's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$5,285 for 2019.

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Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits (continued)

Net OPEB Liability

The net OPEB liability (asset) and total OPEB liability (asset) for OPERS determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2017, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2018, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and the interest accruals during the year. OP&'s total OPEB liability was measured as of December 31, 2018, and was determined by rolling forward the total OPEB liability as of January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018. The City's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) was based on the City's share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

| | OPERS | OP&F | Total |
|--|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability: | | | |
| Current Measurement Date | 0.014625% | 0.0404670% | |
| Prior Measurement Date | 0.014670% | 0.0392150% | |
| Change in Proportionate Share | -0.0000450% | 0.0012520% | |
| Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability | \$1,906,755 | \$368,514 | \$2,275,269 |

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of health care costs for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2017, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2018. The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

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Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS (continued)

| Wage Inflation | 3.25% |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Projected Salary Increases, | 3.25 to 10.75% |
| including inflation | including wage inflation |
| Single Discount Rate: | |
| Current measurement date | 3.96% |
| Prior measurement date | 3.85% |
| Investment Rate of Return | |
| Current measurement date | 6.00% |
| Prior measurement date | 6.50% |
| Municipal Bond Rate | |
| Current measurement date | 3.71% |
| Prior measurement date | 3.31% |
| Health Care Cost Trend Rate | |
| Current measurement date | 10.00% initial, |
| | 3.25%, ultimate in 2029 |
| Prior measurement date | 7.50%, initial |
| | 3.25%, ultimate in 2028 |

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Employees mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to all of the above described tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2015.

The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation.

During 2018, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, contributions into the plans are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made, and health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year.

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Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS (continued)

Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio is 5.60 percent for 2018.

The allocation of investment assets with the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. OPERS' primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2018 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

| Asset Class | Target Allocation | Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic) |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Fixed Income | 34.00 % | 2.42 % |
| Domestic Equities | 21.00 | 6.21 |
| Real Estate Investment Trust | 6.00 | 5.98 |
| International Equities | 22.00 | 7.83 |
| Other investments | 17.00 | 5.57 |
| Total | 100.00 % | 5.16 % |

Discount Rate A single discount rate of 3.96 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2018. A single discount rate of 3.85 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2017. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00 percent and a municipal bond rate of 3.71 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through 2031. As a result, the long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2031, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

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Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits (continued)

Sensitivity of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following table presents the City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the single discount rate of 3.96 percent, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (2.96 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (4.96 percent) than the current rate:

| | Current | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | 1% Decrease | Discount Rate | 1% Increase |
| City's proportionate share | | | |
| of the net OPEB liability | \$2,439,450 | \$1,906,755 | \$1,483,121 |

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate

Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB liability. The following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent higher than the current rate.

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2019 is 10.00 percent. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is that in the not-too-distant future, the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.25 percent in the most recent valuation.

| | Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | |
| | 1% Decrease | Assumption | 1% Increase |
| City's proportionate share | | | |
| of the net OPEB liability | \$1,832,805 | \$1,906,755 | \$1,991,925 |

Actuarial Assumptions – OP&F

OP&F's total OPEB liability as of December 31, 2018, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2018, and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The total OPEB liability is determined by OP&F's actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual valuation. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of reported amounts and assumptions about probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment mortality, salary increases, disabilities, retirements and employment terminations. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

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Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – OP&F (continued)

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases, actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, are presented below.

| Valuation Date | January 1, 2018, with actuarial liabilities |
|----------------------------|---|
| | rolled forward to December 31, 2018 |
| Actuarial Cost Method | Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll) |
| Investment Rate of Return | 8.0 percent |
| Projected Salary Increases | 3.75 percent to 10.5 percent |
| Payroll Growth | Inflation rate of 2.75 percent plus |
| | productivity increase rate of 0.5 percent |
| Single discount rate: | |
| Currrent measurement date | e 4.66 percent |
| Prior measurement date | 3.24 percent |
| Cost of Living Adjustments | 3.00 percent simple; 2.2 percent simple |
| | for increased based on the lesser of the |
| | increase in CPI and 3 percent |

Mortality for non-disabled participants is based on the RP-2014 Total Employee and Healthy Annuitant Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006, adjusted according to the rates in the following table, and projected with the Conduent Modified 2016 Improvement Scale. Rates for surviving beneficiaries are adjusted by 120 percent.

| Age | Police | | |
|------------|--------|--|--|
| | | | |
| 67 or less | 77 % | | |
| 68-77 | 105 % | | |
| 78 and up | 115 % | | |

Mortality for disabled retirees is based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006, adjusted according to the rates in the following table, and projected with the Conduent Modified 2016 Improvement Scale.

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Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – OP&F (continued)

| Age | Police | |
|------------|--------|--|
| | | |
| 59 or less | 35 % | |
| 60-69 | 60 % | |
| 70-79 | 75 % | |
| 80 and up | 100 % | |

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2016.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in the Statement of Investment Policy. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expected. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted averaged of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes.

Best estimates of the long-term expected geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in OP&F's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2018, are summarized below:

| | Target | 10 Year Expected | 30 Year Expected |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Asset Class | Allocation | Real Rate of Return ** | Real Rate of Return ** |
| | | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | - % | 1.00 % | 0.80 % |
| Domestic Equity | 16.00 | 5.30 | 5.50 |
| Non-US Equity | 16.00 | 6.10 | 5.90 |
| Private Markets | 8.00 | 8.40 | 8.40 |
| Core Fixed Income * | 23.00 | 2.20 | 2.60 |
| High Yield Fixed Income | 7.00 | 4.20 | 4.80 |
| Private Credit | 5.00 | 8.30 | 7.50 |
| U.S. Inflation | | | |
| Linked Bonds * | 17.00 | 1.30 | 2.30 |
| Master Limited Partnerships | 8.00 | 6.70 | 6.40 |
| Real Assets | 8.00 | 7.00 | 7.00 |
| Private Real Estate | 12.00 | 5.70 | 6.10 |
| | | | |
| Total | 120.00 % | | |

Note: Assumptions are geometric.

^{*} levered 2x

^{**} numbers include inflation

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Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – OP&F (continued)

OP&F's Board of Trustees has incorporated the risk parity concept into OP&F's asset liability valuation with the goal of reducing equity risk exposure, which reduces overall Total Portfolio risk without sacrificing return, and creating a more risk-balanced portfolio based on their relationship between asset classes and economic environments. From the notional portfolio perspective above, the Total Portfolio may be levered up to 1.2 times due to the application of leverage in certain fixed income asset classes.

Discount Rate The total OPEB liability was calculated using the discount rate of 4.66 percent. A discount rate of 3.24 percent was used to measure the total OPEB liability at December 31, 2017. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contribution from employers and from members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by state statute. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the longer-term assumed investment rate of return 8 percent. Based on those assumptions, OP&F's fiduciary net position was projected to not be able to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, a municipal bond rate of 4.13 percent at December 31, 2018 and 3.16 percent at December 31, 2017, was blended with the long-term rate of 8.00 percent, which resulted in a blended discount rate of 4.66 percent.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate Net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 4.66 percent, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (3.66 percent), or one percentage point higher (5.66 percent) than the current rate.

| | | Current | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--|
| | 1% Decrease | Discount Rate | 1% Increase | |
| City's proportionate share | | | | |
| of the net OPEB liability | \$448,951 | \$368,514 | \$300,994 | |

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate - Due to the change from a self-funded plan to the stipend plan, disclosure of the healthcare cost trend rate for OP&F is no longer available.

Changes Between Measurement Date and Report Date - Beginning January 1, 2019 OP&F is changing its retiree health care model and the current self-insured health care plan will no longer be offered. In its place will be a stipend-based health care model. OP&F has contracted with a vendor who will assist eligible retirees in choosing health care plans from their marketplace (both Medicare-eligible and pre-Medicare populations). A stipend funded by OP&F will be placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees will use to be reimbursed for health care expenses. As a result of changing from the current healthcare model to the stipend-based healthcare model, management expects that it will be able to provide stipends to eligible participants for the next 15 years. Although the exact amount of these changes is not known, the overall decrease to the City's net OPEB liability is expected to be significant.

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Note 9 – Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2019 was as follows:

| Principal | Interest Kate |
|---------------|--|
| \$ 1,505,000 | 3.75% |
| 2,465,000 | 3.75% |
| 414,049 | 0.00% |
| 8,009,650 | 1-5.54% |
| 739,809 | 0-3.82% |
| \$ 13,133,508 | |
| | 2,465,000 414,049 8,009,650 739,809 |

General Obligation Bonds

All general obligation bonds are supported by the full faith and credit of the City of Port Clinton and are payable from un-voted property tax revenues to the extent that other resources are not available to meet annual principal and interest payments. The bonds will be paid from the General Fund, the Second and Laurel capital projects fund, and the Water and Sewer enterprise funds. With the project still ongoing, the amortization schedule for the Madison street reconstruction was not available.

OPWC Loans

The City has entered into loan agreements with the Ohio Public Works Commission for improvements at the wastewater treatment plant, a standby generator, and Jackson Street water and sewer lines. The loans are interest free. The loans will be paid from resources of the Water and Sewer enterprise funds.

OWDA Loans

The City has entered into loan agreements with the Ohio Water Development Authority for construction of a water tower, wastewater treatment plant improvements, Third Street Sewer separation, Second Street water main replacement, Third Street Waterline, Sixth Street water lines, sanitary and storm sewer improvements, water main replacement, water distribution system, and sewer interceptor. The loans will be paid from resources of the Water and Sewer enterprise funds.

The OPWC and OWDA loans will be paid from the gross revenues of the Water and Sewer enterprise funds after provisions for reasonable operating and maintenance expenses. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require less than 100 percent of these net revenues in future years. Certain loans do not have amortization schedules prepared yet.

Leases

The City leases vehicles under noncancelable leases. The City disbursed \$102,739 to pay lease costs for the year ended December 31, 2019. Capital lease obligations will be paid from the fund that maintains custody of the related asset. The City leases several police cruisers, a street sweeper and a sewer truck. The street sweeper payments are split 50/50 between the Special Revenue and the Enterprise fund.

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Note 9 – Debt (continued)

Amortization

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

| | General | | | |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|
| Year ending | Obligation | | | Capital |
| December 31: | Bonds | OPWC Loans OWDA Loans | | Leases |
| 2020 | \$ 515,488 | \$ 15,199 | \$ 463,475 | \$ 139,829 |
| 2021 | 512,034 | 30,399 | 907,029 | 118,928 |
| 2022 | 508,179 | 30,399 | 887,107 | 118,928 |
| 2023 | 508,484 | 28,999 | 887,107 | 118,928 |
| 2024 | 503,167 | 28,999 | 703,779 | 86,227 |
| 2025-2029 | 1,970,887 | 79,137 | 2,524,234 | 214,108 |
| 2030-2034 | 416,278 | 75,694 | 1,140,977 | - |
| 2035-2039 | - | 70,600 | 526,904 | - |
| 2040-2044 | - | 42,556 | 901,780 | - |
| 2045-2049 | | 12,067 | 107,761 | |
| Total | \$ 4,934,517 | \$ 414,049 | \$ 9,050,153 | \$ 796,948 |

Note 10 – Contingent Liabilities

The City may be a defendant in lawsuits. Although management cannot presently determine the outcome of any suit, management believes that the resolution of any matter will not materially adversely affect the City's financial condition.

Note 11 - Change in Accounting Principle/Restatement of Fund Balance

The City implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, for 2019. The implementation caused a restatement of the beginning fund balance of the City by increasing the General Fund balance by \$11,866, the Special Revenue balance by \$680 and decreasing the Agency balance by \$12,546.

Note 12 – Subsequent Event

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the City. The City's investment portfolio has incurred a significant decline in fair value, consistent with the general decline in financial markets. However, because the values of individual investments fluctuate with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of losses that will be recognized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. The impact on the City's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS Prepared by Management FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

| FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION Passed Through Ohio Department of Transportation | Federal CFDA Number | Pass Through Entity Identifying Number | Federal Expenditures |
|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Highway Planning and Construction | 20.205 20.205 | 101304 106858 | \$ 5,007 929,345 |
| Total U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration | | | 934,352 |
| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Direct Assistance | | | |
| Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants | 16.710 | OH06202 | 39,614 |
| Total U.S. Department of Justice | | | 39,614 |
| Total Expenditures of Federal Awards | | | \$ 973,966 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS Prepared by Management 2 CFR 200.510(b)(6) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of Port Clinton (the City's) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2019. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the City.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C - INDIRECT COST RATE

The City has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D - MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Certain Federal programs require the City to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The City has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.

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

City of Port Clinton Ottawa County 1868 East Perry Street Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

To the Members of City Council:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type of the City of Port Clinton, Ottawa County, Ohio (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 12, 2021, wherein we issued and adverse opinion on the City's financial statements because the City did not follow accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as required by Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the City.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings that we consider a material weakness. We consider finding 2019-002 to be a material weakness.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the City's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the financial statements. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as items 2019-001 and 2019-002.

We also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the City's management in a separate letter dated January 12, 2021.

City's Responses to Findings

The City's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. We did not subject the City's responses to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

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

Charles Having Association

Charles E. Harris and Associates, Inc. January 12, 2021

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

City of Port Clinton Ottawa County 1868 East Perry Street Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

To the Members of City Council:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Port Clinton, Ottawa County, Ohio's (the City) compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect the City's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2019. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying Schedule of Findings identifies the City's major federal programs.

Management's Responsibility

The City's management is responsible for complying with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the City's compliance for the City's major federal programs based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). These standards and the Uniform Guidance require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our compliance opinion on the City's major program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance.

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the City of Port Clinton, Ottawa County, Ohio complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2019.

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Internal Control Over Compliance Required by
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Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The City's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the City's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on the major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, we cannot assure we have identified all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. However, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2019-003.

The City's response to our internal control over compliance finding is described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. We did not subject the City's response to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report only describes the scope of our tests of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the Uniform Guidance requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. January 12, 2021

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS 2 CFR § 200.515 DECEMBER 31, 2019

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

| (d)(1)(i) | Type of Financial Statement Opinion | Adverse |
|--------------|--|---|
| (d)(1)(ii) | Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)? | Yes |
| (d)(1)(ii) | Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)? | No |
| (d)(1)(iii) | Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)? | Yes |
| (d)(1)(iv) | Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs? | Yes |
| (d)(1)(iv) | Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs? | No |
| (d)(1)(v) | Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion | Unmodified |
| (d)(1)(vi) | Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)? | Yes |
| (d)(1)(vii) | Major Programs (list): | Highway Planning and Construction – CFDA # 20.205 |
| (d)(1)(viii) | Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs | Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others |
| (d)(1)(ix) | Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR §200.520? | No |

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS 2 CFR § 200.515 DECEMBER 31, 2019

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

Finding Number 2019-001 – Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 provides that each public office 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. Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38.

Ohio Adm. Code § 117-2-03 (B) requires all cities to file annual financial reports in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The City prepared its financial statements in accordance with the cash accounting basis. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, fund equities, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 the City may be fined and subject to various other administrative remedies for its failure to file the required financial report.

The City should prepare its financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles to provide the users with more meaningful financial statements and to comply with the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code.

Management's Response:

See Corrective Action Plan.

Finding Number 2019-002 - Non-Compliance/Material Weakness: Recording On-Behalf Grants

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.42 requires, in part, that when the state or any department, division, agency, authority or unit thereof makes a grant or loan of money to any political subdivision of this state to aid in paying the cost of any program, activity, or function of such subdivision, the amount is deemed appropriated and shall be recorded by the subdivision. In addition, Auditor of State (AOS) Bulletin 2000-008 indicates that when a local government enters into an on-behalf-of program agreement with another local government or the State, whereby the local government or its residents are the beneficiaries under the agreement, the cash value benefit of the program received under the agreement should be recorded as memorandum receipts and disbursements in the year on-behalf-of disbursements are made.

The City did not record the related revenues and expenditures for an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Project of \$934,352 for the year ended December 31, 2019. The City's multiple monies from the federal project went directly from ODOT to the appropriate contractors, as is common procedure with this type of funding, and the City did not record these monies coming into the City or being expended to the contractors and failed to record the appropriations within its accounting records as required.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS (continued) 2 CFR § 200.515 DECEMBER 31, 2019

2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS-Continued

Finding Number 2019-002 - Non-Compliance/Material Weakness: Recording On-Behalf Grants (continued)

The financial statements and footnotes include the proper adjustments to reflect the projects within the Madison Street Reconstruction Fund and the Jet Express Solar Project Fund as intergovernmental revenue and capital outlay disbursements. Failure to record these amounts results in an understatement of receipts and disbursements on the City's financial statements.

We recommend the City work with their engineer and periodically check with ODOT for on-behalf programs and record the activity properly in their accounting system.

Management's Response:

See Corrective Action Plan.

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

Finding Number 2019-003 – Material Weakness

Accuracy of Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Uniform Guidance 2 CFR part 200, subpart F states that it is management's responsibility to prepare an accurate Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA). The requirement means that the recipient has to identify all of its federal programs (direct and indirect, major and non-major) and related awards expended.

Council's internal control procedures did not identify a significant federal program within the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and had other errors, including but not limited to using incorrect figures, excluding certain federal grants and recording local share as federal grant. The failure to identify grants and include local expenditures affects the City's ability to report accurate federal expenditures required by the Uniform Guidance. These errors resulted in the City not having a required Single Audit completed in accordance with Uniform Guidance requirements.

We recommend that the City implement additional procedures to identify federal grants, including onbehalf grant payments and include them on the annual Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. Management should contact the various granting agencies and request documentation for all grant activities from the Engineers office to confirm activities. Better communication between the various parties involved in the project would mitigate the loss of critical information necessary to properly record all transactions. Furthermore, the City should use ODOT's Project Cost Tracking Spreadsheet available on ODOT's website to track its project cost and payments.

Management's Response:

See Corrective Action Plan.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS (Prepared by Management) December 31, 2019

| Finding | Finding | Status | Additional |
|----------|--|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Number | Summary | | Information |
| 2018-001 | Noncompliance: Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-03 (B) Reporting financial statements according to GAAP. | Not Corrected | See Corrective Action Plan |

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (Prepared by Management) December 31, 2019

| Finding Number | Planned Corrective Action | Anticipated Completion Date | Responsible Contact Person |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2019-001 | Through careful consideration, the City of Port Clinton has determined that filing an annual financial report on a cash accounting basis is a more cost-effective methodology and provides a clearer overview of the City's complete financial operations. The City will continue to explore methodologies that will allow the City to report on a generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) based on financial resource availability. | N/A | Cole D. Hatfield, Auditor |
| 2019-002 | The Special Project Coordinator and / or the Auditor for the LPA will be responsible for providing the finance staff with each LPA agreement and each LPA Project invoice so that the Federal funds can be accurately reported by the LPA. The LPA agreement and the invoices, prepared by the LPA, both provide the Federal, State or Local funding detail necessary to accurately and timely report the Federal project expenditures. | Immediately | Cole D. Hatfield, Auditor |
| 2019-003 | The Auditor will work with staff to properly identify all federal grants to ensure that these grants are included on the annual Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. Furthermore, the City and its management will contact all granting agencies and request documentation for all grant activities. This documentation will be shared with the Engineer's office to confirm these activities are accurate and have been properly entered into the financial system. | Immediately | Cole D. Hatfield, Auditor |



CITY OF PORT CLINTON

OTTAWA 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 3/2/2021