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BASIC AUDIT REPORT

Village of Chesterville
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We have completed certain procedures in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.01(G) to the accounting records and related documents of the Village of Chesterville, Morrow County, (the Village) for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Our procedures were designed solely to satisfy the audit requirements of Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.11(A). Because our procedures were not designed to opine on the Village's financial statements, we did not follow *generally accepted auditing standards*. We do not provide any assurance on the Village's financial statements, transactions or balances for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

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

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

Current Year Observations

1. We noted the Village did not have an established and adopted/approved records retention schedule/policy. **Ohio Rev. Code §149.43(B)(2)** provides that a public office or the person responsible for public records shall organize and maintain public records in a manner that they can be made available for inspection or copying and that public offices shall have available a copy of their current records retention schedule at a location readily available to the public. The Village should appropriately establish and approve/adopt a records retention schedule/policy and have the records retention schedule at a location readily available to the public. Failure to have and follow a records retention schedule/policy could result in public records being disposed of prematurely.
2. We noted the Village did not maintain written documentation to demonstrate its Public Records Policy was provided to the current records custodian or records manager. **Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2)** states the public office shall distribute the public records policy to the employee who is the records custodian or records manager or employee who otherwise has custody of the records of that office and have that employee acknowledge receipt of the copy of the public records policy. The Village should maintain and provide written documentation to demonstrate that its Public Records Policy was provided to the current records custodian or records manager.

3. We noted that none of the Village's elected officials with terms ending during the engagement period could provide evidence that the officials attended the required public records training or had an appropriate designee go on their behalf during their respective terms. **Ohio Rev. Code § 109.43(B) and 149.43(E)(1)** require all state and local elected officials, or their designees, to attend three hours of training on Ohio's Public Records Laws during each term of office. The training received must be certified by the Ohio Attorney General. Proof of completion of training must include documentation either from the Attorney General's Office or from another entity certified by the Attorney General to provide the training to the elected official or his/her designee. The Village's elected officials, or their appropriate designee(s), should, during their terms of office, attend public records training and maintain proof of completion of the training. Not doing so could result in the Village's elected officials not being properly educated about Ohio's Public Records Laws and not following the Village's applicable public records requirements.



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July 25, 2023

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VILLAGE OF CHESTERVILLE

MORROW COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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