



**VILLAGE OF WHARTON
WYANDOT COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024-2023

**VILLAGE OF WHARTON
WYANDOT COUNTY
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Village of Wharton
Wyandot County
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To the Village Council:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

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

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

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

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

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

Basis for Opinions

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

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 29, 2025, on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Village's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State



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Chief Deputy Auditor

July 29, 2025

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Village of Wharton
Wyandot County
Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements
and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	General	Special Revenue	Total (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$18,207		\$18,207
Intergovernmental	14,333	\$28,835	43,168
Fines, Licenses and Permits	3,098		3,098
Earnings on Investments	472	31	503
Miscellaneous	7,281		7,281
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>43,391</u>	<u>28,866</u>	<u>72,257</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property	3,561		3,561
Transportation		2,443	2,443
General Government	32,015		32,015
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>35,576</u>	<u>2,443</u>	<u>38,019</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	7,815	26,423	34,238
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>66,259</u>	<u>209,696</u>	<u>275,955</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$74,074</u></u>	<u><u>\$236,119</u></u>	<u><u>\$310,193</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Wyandot County
Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements
and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)
Proprietary Fund Type
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Enterprise</u>
Operating Cash Receipts	
Charges for Services	<u>\$359,122</u>
Operating Cash Disbursements	
Personal Services	16,036
Transportation	414
Contractual Services	222,617
Supplies and Materials	<u>2,453</u>
<i>Total Operating Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>241,520</u>
<i>Operating Income</i>	<u>117,602</u>
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	
Earnings on Investments (proprietary funds only)	1,173
Principal Retirement	(31,488)
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	(2,036)
Other Financing Sources	660
Other Financing Uses	<u>(8,928)</u>
<i>Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(40,619)</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balance</i>	76,983
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>725,147</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$802,130</u></u>

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Combined Statement of Additions, Deductions
and Changes in Fund Balance (Regulatory Cash Basis)
Fiduciary Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Custodial</u>
Additions	
Other Amounts Collected for Distribution	<u>\$412</u>
Deductions	
Other Deductions	<u>414</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balance</i>	(2)
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u> </u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>(\$2)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Village of Wharton
Wyandot County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The Village of Wharton, Wyandot County, Ohio (the Village), 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 Village. The Village provides general governmental services, street repair and maintenance, and sewer and electric services to the residents of the Village. The Village contracts with the Wyandot County Sheriff's department to provide security of persons and property. The Wharton-Richland Township Fire Department provides fire protection services to the Village residents.

Jointly Governed Organization and Public Entity Risk Pool

The Village participates in a jointly governed organization and a public entity risk pool. Notes 7 and 11 to the financial statements provide additional information for these entities. The Village's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Village is financially accountable.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

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

Fund Accounting

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

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

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

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

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 Village had the following significant Enterprise fund:

Electricity Fund The Electricity fund receives charges for services from residents to cover the cost of providing this utility.

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

Custodial funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to report fiduciary activity that is not required to be reported in a trust fund. The Village's custodial fund accounts for receipts and disbursements of Wharton-Richland Union Cemetery payroll taxes.

For regulatory purposes, certain own source revenues are permitted to flow through clearing funds presented as custodial funds. The amounts distributed to the other funds of the entity are identified on the combined statement of additions, deductions and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for the fiduciary fund type. Also, for regulatory purposes, certain deposits and clearing funds are permitted to be presented as custodial funds.

Basis of Accounting

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

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

Budgetary Process

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

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

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

Encumbrances The Ohio Revised Code requires the Village to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. The Village did not use the encumbrance method of accounting.

A summary of 2024 budgetary activity appears in Note 4.

Deposits and Investments

The Village's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

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Capital Assets

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

Fund Balance

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

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

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

Committed Council can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Village must adhere to these commitments unless the Council amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the General fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

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

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

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 12.

Note 3 – Compliance

Contrary to Ohio law, the Village did not issue any purchase orders for the year ended December 31, 2024.

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Note 4 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending 2024 follows:

2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$46,552	\$43,391	(\$3,161)
Special Revenue	9,000	28,866	19,866
Enterprise	325,000	360,955	35,955
Total	<u>\$380,552</u>	<u>\$433,212</u>	<u>\$52,660</u>

2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$113,070	\$35,576	\$77,494
Special Revenue	211,776	2,443	209,333
Enterprise	889,441	283,972	605,469
Total	<u>\$1,214,287</u>	<u>\$321,991</u>	<u>\$892,296</u>

Note 5 – Deposits

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

	2024
<i>Cash Management Pool:</i>	
Demand deposits	\$1,012,321
Certificates of deposit	100,000
Total deposits	<u>\$1,112,321</u>

The Village does not use a separate payroll clearing account. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statement reflect net payroll plus all remitted payroll withholdings. At December 31, 2024, the Village is holding \$1,106 in unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Village.

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Note 6 – Taxes

Property Taxes

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

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

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

Note 7 – Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

The Village is a member of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (the Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Village's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31 (the latest information available):

	<u>2023</u>
Cash and investments	\$43,996,442
Actuarial liabilities	\$19,743,401

Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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

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

Note 9 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans. OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents. For calendar year 2024, the portion of OPERS employer contributions allocated to health care was 0 percent for members in the traditional pension plan and 2 percent for members in the combined plan. For 2024, the portion of employer contributions OPERS allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4 percent; however, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

Note 10 – Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Ohio Water Development Authority Loan #5667	\$130,387	1.50%
Ohio Water Development Authority Loan #5534	<u>130,749</u>	0%
Total	<u><u>\$261,136</u></u>	

Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loans relate to a sewer plant expansion project the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency mandated. The OWDA approved \$657,345 in loans to the Village for this project. The Village will repay loan #5667 in semiannual installments of \$4,598, including interest, over 30 years. The Village will repay OWDA Loan #5534 in semiannual installments of \$10,896, over 20 years. Sewer receipts collateralize the loan. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements

Amortization

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

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Year Ending December 31:	OWDA Loan #5534	OWDA Loan #5667
2025	\$21,792	\$9,197
2026	21,792	9,197
2027	21,792	9,197
2028	21,792	9,197
2029	21,792	9,197
2030-2034	21,789	45,983
2035-2039		45,983
2040-2041		9,194
Total	\$130,749	\$147,145

Note 11 – Jointly Governed Organizations

Wharton-Richland Union Cemetery is a jointly governed organization. This Board is composed of both village council members and township trustees. All banking and financial paperwork is done separately.

Note 12 – Fund Balances

The fund balance of Special Revenue funds is restricted.

Note 13 – Miscellaneous Receipts

Miscellaneous receipts within the General fund consist largely of farm rent, non-governmental grants and reimbursements.

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Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements
and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General	Special Revenue	Total (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$17,961		\$17,961
Intergovernmental	11,469	\$28,639	40,108
Fines, Licenses and Permits	6,012		6,012
Earnings on Investments	289		289
Miscellaneous	29,076		29,076
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>64,807</u>	<u>28,639</u>	<u>93,446</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property	2,766		2,766
Public Health Services	686		686
Transportation		33,740	33,740
General Government	49,822		49,822
Capital Outlay	21,720		21,720
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>74,994</u>	<u>33,740</u>	<u>108,734</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(10,187)	(5,101)	(15,288)
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>76,446</u>	<u>214,797</u>	<u>291,243</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$66,259</u></u>	<u><u>\$209,696</u></u>	<u><u>\$275,955</u></u>

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and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)
Proprietary Fund Type
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Enterprise</u>
Operating Cash Receipts	
Charges for Services	\$348,672
Miscellaneous	<u>(453)</u>
<i>Total Operating Cash Receipts</i>	<u>348,219</u>
Operating Cash Disbursements	
Personal Services	16,510
Contractual Services	242,279
Supplies and Materials	<u>13,561</u>
<i>Total Operating Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>272,350</u>
<i>Operating Income</i>	<u>75,869</u>
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	
Earnings on Investments (proprietary funds only)	705
Principal Retirement	(33,525)
Other Financing Sources	1,870
Other Financing Uses	<u>(926)</u>
<i>Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(31,876)</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balance</i>	43,993
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>681,154</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$725,147</u></u>

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Village of Wharton
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Combined Statement of Additions, Deductions
and Changes in Fund Balance (Regulatory Cash Basis)
Fiduciary Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Custodial</u>
Additions	
Other Amounts Collected for Distribution	<u>\$419</u>
Deductions	
Other Deductions	<u>\$419</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u> </u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u> </u>

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

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

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 Village had the following significant Enterprise fund:

Electricity Fund The Electricity fund receives charges for services from residents to cover the cost of providing this utility.

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

Custodial funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to report fiduciary activity that is not required to be reported in a trust fund. The Village's custodial fund accounts for receipts and disbursements of Wharton-Richland Union Cemetery payroll taxes.

For regulatory purposes, certain own source revenues are permitted to flow through clearing funds presented as custodial funds. The amounts distributed to the other funds of the entity are identified on the combined statement of additions, deductions and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for the fiduciary fund type. Also, for regulatory purposes, certain deposits and clearing funds are permitted to be presented as custodial funds.

Basis of Accounting

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

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

Budgetary Process

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

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

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

Encumbrances The Ohio Revised Code requires the Village to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. The Village did not use the encumbrance method of accounting.

A summary of 2023 budgetary activity appears in Note 4.

Deposits and Investments

The Village's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

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Capital Assets

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

Fund Balance

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

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

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

Committed Council can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Village must adhere to these commitments unless the Council amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the General fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

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

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

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 12.

Note 3 – Compliance

Contrary to Ohio law, the Village did not issue any purchase orders for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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Note 4 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending 2023 follows:

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$40,690	\$64,807	\$24,117
Special Revenue	42,000	28,639	(13,361)
Enterprise	331,500	350,794	19,294
Total	<u>\$414,190</u>	<u>\$444,240</u>	<u>\$30,050</u>

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$117,242	\$74,994	\$42,248
Special Revenue	243,271	33,740	209,531
Enterprise	889,441	306,801	582,640
Total	<u>\$1,249,954</u>	<u>\$415,535</u>	<u>\$834,419</u>

Note 5 – Deposits

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

	2023
<i>Cash Management Pool:</i>	
Demand deposits	\$901,102
Certificates of deposit	100,000
Total deposits	<u>\$1,001,102</u>

The Village does not use a separate payroll clearing account. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statement reflect net payroll plus all remitted payroll withholdings. At December 31, 2023, the Village is holding \$1,049 in unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Village.

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Note 6 – Taxes

Property Taxes

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

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

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

Note 7 – Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

The Village is a member of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (the Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Village's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31:

	<u>2023</u>
Cash and investments	\$43,996,442
Actuarial liabilities	\$19,743,401

Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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

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The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Village contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2023.

Note 9 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans. OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents. For calendar year 2023, the portion of OPERS employer contributions allocated to health care was 0 percent for members in the traditional pension plan and 2 percent for members in the combined plan. For 2023, the portion of employer contributions OPERS allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4 percent; however, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

Note 10 – Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2023, was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Ohio Public Works Commission Loan #CT40Q	\$2,536	0%
Ohio Water Development Authority Loan #5667	137,547	1.50%
Ohio Water Development Authority Loan #5534	<u>152,541</u>	<u>0%</u>
Total	<u><u>\$292,624</u></u>	

Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loans relate to a sewer plant expansion project the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency mandated. The OWDA approved \$657,345 in loans to the Village for this project. The Village will repay loan #5667 in semiannual installments of \$4,598, including interest, over 30 years. The Village will repay OWDA Loan #5534 in semiannual installments of \$10,896, over 20 years. Sewer receipts collateralize the loan. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) interest-free loan relates to the Sandusky Street improvements. The OPWC approved 25,366 in a loan to the Village. The Village will repay the loan in semi-annual installments of \$1,268, over a period of 10 years.

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Amortization

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

Year Ending December 31:	OWDA Loan #5534	OWDA Loan #5667	OPWC Loan #CT40Q
2024	\$21,792	\$9,197	\$2,536
2025	21,792	9,197	
2026	21,792	9,197	
2027	21,792	9,197	
2028	21,792	9,197	
2029-2033	43,581	45,983	
2034-2038		45,983	
2039-2041		18,392	
Total	\$152,541	\$156,343	\$2,536

Note 11 – Jointly Governed Organizations

Wharton-Richland Union Cemetery is a jointly governed organization. This Board is composed of both village council members and township trustees. All banking and financial paperwork is done separately.

Note 12 – Fund Balances

The fund balance of Special Revenue funds is restricted.

Note 13 – Miscellaneous Receipts

Miscellaneous receipts within the General fund consist largely of farm rent, non-governmental grants and reimbursements.



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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**

Village of Wharton
Wyandot County
117 Sandusky Street East
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To the Village Council:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental and proprietary fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements of the Village of Wharton, Wyandot County, Ohio (the Village) and have issued our report thereon dated July 29, 2025, wherein we noted the Village followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(C) permit.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2024-001 and 2024-002 that we consider to be material weaknesses.


Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2024-003.

Purpose of this Report

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

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State



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

July 29, 2025

**VILLAGE OF WHARTON
WYANDOT COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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FINDING NUMBER 2024-001

Material Weakness

Financial Reporting

In our audit engagement letter, as required by AU-C Section 210, Terms of Engagement, paragraph .06, management acknowledged its responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs .A14 & .A16.

The following errors were identified in the accompanying financial statements:

- Property and other local taxes receipts in the amount of \$8,593 within the General fund were improperly recorded as intergovernmental receipts in 2024.
- Fines, licenses and permits receipts in the amount of \$3,098 within the General fund were improperly recorded as property and other local taxes receipts in 2024.
- An intergovernmental receipt in the amount of \$2,322 within the Special Revenue fund was omitted from the Hinkle report in 2024.
- Charges for services in the amount of \$26,038 within the Enterprise funds were omitted from the Hinkle report in 2024.
- Property and other local taxes receipts in the amount of \$6,034 within the General Fund were improperly recorded as miscellaneous receipts in 2023.
- Property and other local taxes receipts in the amount of \$8,682 within the General fund were improperly recorded as intergovernmental receipts in 2023.
- Fines, licenses and permits receipt in the amount of \$6,012 within the General fund was improperly recorded as property and other local taxes receipts in 2023.

These errors were the result of inadequate policies and procedures in reviewing the financial statements and notes to the financial statements. Failure to complete accurate financial statements and notes to the financial statements could lead to the Council making misinformed decisions. The accompanying financial statements have been adjusted to correct these and other errors. In addition to the adjustments noted above, we also identified additional misstatements ranging from \$19 to \$16,762 that we have brought to the Village's attention.

The Village should adopt policies and procedures, including a final review of the financial statements and notes to the financial statements by the Council and its administrative / fiscal agent to help identify and correct errors and omissions.

FINDING NUMBER 2024-002

Material Weakness

Budgetary Amounts Not Recorded in Accounting System

In our audit engagement letter, as required by AU-C Section 210, *Terms of Engagement*, paragraph .06, management acknowledged its responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs .A14 & .A16.

Sound accounting practices require accurately posting estimated receipts and appropriations to the ledgers to provide information for budget versus actual comparison and to allow the Council to make informed decisions regarding budgetary matters.

The original certificate and amendments establish the amounts available for expenditures for the Village and the receipts ledger provides the process by which the Village controls what is available, it is therefore necessary the amounts estimated by the County Budget Commission are posted accurately to the receipts ledger.

Budgetary amounts were not input into the Village's accounting system in the correct amounts, causing the following errors in the Village's Budgetary Activity notes to the financial statements:

- Budgeted Receipts used in the Budgetary Activity notes to the financial statements did not agree to the certificates of estimated resources in the following amounts:
 - 2024 Special Revenue funds budgeted receipts were overstated by \$12,000
 - 2024 Enterprise funds budgeted receipts were understated by \$42,500

In addition to the adjustments noted above, we also identified additional misstatements ranging from \$1,748 to \$24,000 that we have brought to the Village's attention. The Budgetary Activity notes to the financial statements have been adjusted to correct these errors.

The Village did not have procedures in place to accurately post authorized budgetary measures to the accounting system. In addition, no budgeted receipt amounts were posted to the accounting system in 2024. In 2023, the budgeted receipt amounts were not posted correctly for some funds.

Failure to post the appropriations and estimated resources to the ledgers accurately could result in overspending and negative cash balances. In addition, this could lead to inaccurate reporting of the budgetary information in the financial statements.

To effectively control the budgetary cycle and to maintain accountability over receipts and expenditures, the Village should post to the ledgers, on a timely basis, estimated resources as certified by the budget commission and appropriations approved by the Council. The Village should then monitor budget versus actual reports to help ensure amended certificates of resources and appropriations have been properly posted to the ledger.

FINDING NUMBER 2024-003

Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(D)(1) provides that no orders or contracts involving the expenditure of money are to be made unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer certifying that the amount required to meet the obligation or, the case of continuing contract to be performed in whole or in part in an ensuing fiscal year, the amount required to meet the obligation in the fiscal year in which the contract is made has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. Every such contract made without such a certificate shall be void and no warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due thereon.

There are several exceptions to the standard requirement stated above that treasurer's certificate must be obtained prior to a subdivision or taxing authority entering into a contract or order involving the expenditure of money. The main exceptions are: "then and now" certificates, blanket certificates, and super blanket certificates, which are provided for in Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.41(D)(1) and 5705.41(D)(3), respectively.

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

Amounts less than \$100 in counties and less than \$3,000 in all other subdivisions or taxing units may be paid by the fiscal officer without a resolution or ordinance upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by the Village.

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

Due to deficiencies in internal controls, 100% of the transactions tested were not certified by the Fiscal Officer at the time the commitment was incurred, and there was no evidence the Village followed the aforementioned exceptions. Failure to properly certify the availability of funds can result in overspending funds and negative cash fund balances.

Unless the exceptions noted above are used, prior certification is not only required by statute but is a key control in the disbursement process to help ensure purchase commitments receive prior approval. To improve controls over disbursements and to help reduce the possibility of the Village's funds exceeding budgetary spending limitations, the Fiscal Officer should certify the funds are or will be available prior to obligation by the Village. When prior certification is not possible, "then and now" certification should be used.

Officials' Response:

We did not receive a response from Officials to the findings reported above.

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**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2022-001	Finding was first reported in the audit of the 2005-2006 financial statements. Material weakness due to errors in financial statement preparation.	Not corrected. Repeated in this report as finding 2024-001.	Finding reoccurred as a result of inadequate policies and procedures in reviewing the financial statements and accompanying notes prior to filing the Village's annual reports. The Fiscal Officer will ensure these are accounted for correctly in the future.
2022-002	Finding was first reported in the audit of the 2017-2018 financial statements. Material weakness due to budgetary amounts not being recorded in accounting system correctly.	Not corrected. Repeated in this report as finding 2024-002.	Finding reoccurred as a result of inadequate policies and procedures in reviewing the financial statements and accompanying notes prior to filing the Village's annual reports. The Fiscal Officer will ensure these are accounted for correctly in the future.
2022-003	Material weakness and noncompliance with Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.10(D) due to incorrectly recording ARPA funds.	Fully corrected.	
2022-004	Finding was first reported in the audit of the 2017-2018 financial statements. Noncompliance with Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.38(A) due to failure to approve annual permanent appropriations timely.	Fully corrected.	
2022-005	Finding was first reported in the audit of the 1997-1998 financial statements. Noncompliance with Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(D)(1) due to failure to utilize purchase orders.	Not corrected. Repeated in this report as finding 2024-003.	Finding reoccurred as a result of inadequate policies and procedures in the disbursement cycle. The Fiscal Officer will review Ohio Rev. Code and educate herself on purchase orders to ensure they are properly utilized moving forward.

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VILLAGE OF WHARTON

WYANDOT 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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