

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

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_____ Other Business (Pink)

TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager

DATE: August 4, 2023 (COW)(B of T) Date: August 17, 2023

TITLE: A Motion to Accept and File with the Village Clerk the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Management Letter

SUBMITTED BY: Timothy Sexton, Director of Finance

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Finance and Administration Committee met on July 24, 2023 and voted unanimously to recommend that the Village Board accept and place on file with the Village Clerk the FYE 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Management Letter. The FYE 2022 Management Letter is attached. Due to the size of the document, the 2022 ACFR is available on the Village’s website at villageoflombard.org/AFR.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source: N/A

Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney X _____ Date _____
Finance Director X _____ Date _____
Village Manager X _____ Date _____

NOTE: All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD, ILLINOIS

MANAGEMENT LETTER



FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2022

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June 16, 2023

The Honorable Village President
Members of the Board of Trustees
Village of Lombard, Illinois

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Village of Lombard (the Village), Illinois, for the year ended December 31, 2022, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

We do not intend to imply that our audit failed to disclose commendable aspects of your system and structure. For your consideration, we herein submit our comments and suggestions which are designed to assist in effecting improvements in internal controls and procedures. Those less-significant matters, if any, which arose during the course of the audit, were reviewed with management as the audit field work progressed.

The accompanying comments and recommendations are intended solely for the information and use of the Finance Committee, Board of Trustees, management, and others within the Village of Lombard, Illinois.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various Village personnel. We would be pleased to discuss our comments and suggestions in further detail with you at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to review the procedures necessary to bring about desirable changes.

We commend the finance department for the well prepared audit package and we appreciate the courtesy and assistance given to us by the entire Village staff.

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CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **GASB STATEMENT NO. 96 SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS**

Comment

In May 2020, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, which provides guidance regarding the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs) by governments. It establishes uniform accounting and financial reporting requirements for SBITAs, improves the comparability of financial statements among governments that have entered into SBITAs, and enhances the understandability, reliability, relevance, and consistency of information about SBITAs. GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements* is applicable to the Village's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Recommendation

Lauterbach & Amen, LLP will work directly with the Village to review the new SBITA criteria in conjunction with the Village's current arrangements to determine the appropriate financial reporting for these activities under GASB Statement No. 96.

Management Response

Management acknowledges this comment and, if applicable, will work with Lauterbach and Amen, LLP to implement it by December 31, 2023, as required by GASB.

2. **GASB STATEMENT NO. 94 PRIVATE-PUBLIC AND PUBLIC-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS AND AVAILABILITY PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

Comment

In March, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, which provides guidance regarding the information needs of financial statement users to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving the comparability of financial statements among governments that enter into public-private and public-public partnerships (PPPs) and availability payment arrangements (APAs) and by enhancing the understandability, reliability, relevance, and consistency of information about PPPs and APAs. GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements* is applicable to the Village's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Recommendation

Lauterbach & Amen, LLP will work directly with the Village to review the new criteria associated with PPPs and PPAAs to determine the appropriate financial reporting for these activities under GASB Statement No. 94.

Management's Response

Management acknowledges this comment and, if applicable, will work to implement it by December 31, 2023, as required by GASB.

PRIOR RECOMMENDATION

1. GASB STATEMENT NO. 87 LEASES

Comment

In June 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*, which provides guidance regarding the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*, which was issued as temporary relieve to governments and other stakeholders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases* is applicable to the Village's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Recommendation

Lauterbach & Amen, LLP will work directly with the Village to review the new lease criteria in conjunction with the Village's current leases to determine the appropriate financial reporting for these activities under GASB Statement No. 87. This comment is implemented and will not be repeated.

Status

As the Village has no material leases, there was no impact on the financial statements in the current year, therefore this comment is considered implemented. The Village and Lauterbach & Amen will continue to monitor leases in the future to determine if additional reporting is required.



June 16, 2023

The Honorable Village President
Members of the Board of Trustees
Village of Lombard, Illinois

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Lombard, (the Village), Illinois for the year ended December 31, 2022. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated June 16, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Village are described in the Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended December 31, 2022. We noted no transactions entered into by the Village during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the governmental and business-type activities' financial statements were:

Management's estimate of the depreciation expense on capital assets is based on assumed useful lives of the underlying capital assets, the net pension liabilities is based on estimated assumptions used by the actuary, the total OPEB liability is based on estimated assumptions used by the actuary, and the asset retirement obligation is based on historical costs for similar abandonments, adjusted for inflation. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the depreciation expense, the net pension liabilities, the total OPEB liability, and the asset retirement obligation estimates in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Any material misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were corrected by management.

Significant Audit Findings - Continued

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 16, 2023.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Auditors

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Village's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Village's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the other supplementary information and supplemental schedules, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the introductory section and statistical section, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

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Restrictions on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Trustees and management of the Village and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to express our gratitude to the Board of Trustees and staff (in particular the Finance Department) of the Village of Lombard, Illinois for their valuable cooperation throughout the audit engagement.

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