

VILLAGE OF BEACH PARK, ILLINOIS

MANAGEMENT LETTER

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
APRIL 30, 2018



August 15, 2018

The Honorable Village Mayor
Members of the Board of Trustees
Village of Beach Park, Illinois

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Village of Beach Park (Village), Illinois, for the year ended April 30, 2018, 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 Board of Trustees, management, and others within the Village of Beach Park, 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, including the new Budget Officer. 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.

Lauterbach + Amen LLP
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PRIOR RECOMMENDATION

1. **GASB STATEMENT NO. 74 FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS OTHER THAN PENSION PLANS AND GASB STATEMENT NO. 75 ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS**

Comment

In June 2015, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Post-Employment Benefits Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, which applies to individual postemployment benefit plans, and Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, which applies to the state and local government employers that sponsor the plans. The Statements apply to the reporting of other post-employment benefits, including medical, dental, life, vision and other insurance coverages provided by the employer post-employment. The Statements establish standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures related to the other post-employment benefit plans, and specifically identify the methods and assumptions that are to be used in calculating and disclosing these OPEB accounts in the financial statements. The Statements also provide for additional note disclosures and required supplementary information and are intended to improve information provided by state and local government employers regarding financial support to their OPEB plans. GASB Statement No. 75 applies to the employer's reporting of other post-employment benefit plans and is applicable to the Village's financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2019.

Recommendation

We recommended that the Village reach out to the private pension actuary engaged to provide the OPEB actuarial calculations in order to confirm the timeline for implementation and to review requested materials that will be required in order to implement the provisions and requirements of the new Statements. Lauterbach & Amen, LLP will also work directly with the Village to assist in the implementation process, including assistance in determining the implementation timeline with the Village and private actuary, providing all framework for the financial statements in order to complete the implementation, and assist in answering any questions or concerns the Village might have related to the implementation process or requirements.

Status

This comment has not been implemented and will be implemented for the year ended April 30, 2019, when required.

Management Response

The Village plans to work with Lauterbach & Amen and their actuary for implementation and reporting. Currently there are no retirees covered on the Village's health insurance plan, and just 1 on the ancillary plans, so the GASB statement may not be applicable.

PRIOR RECOMMENDATION – Continued

2. FUNDS WITH DEFICIT FUND EQUITY

Comment

Previously and during our current year-end audit procedures, we noted funds with deficit fund equity. See the following funds and the April 30, 2018 fund equity compared to the April 30, 2017 fund equity:

Fund	April 30, 2018	April 30, 2017
Tax Increment Financing - Green Bay	\$ (228,957)	(282,107)
Tax Increment Financing - Sheridan Extension	(73,005)	(67,917)
Tax Increment Financing - Lewis	(77,868)	(73,697)

Recommendation

We recommended the Village investigate the causes of the various deficits and adopt appropriate future funding measures.

Status

This comment has not been implemented and will be repeated in the future.

Management Response

The negative fund balances are mainly due to set up costs from when the TIF districts were established. In addition, the county was calculating the increment incorrectly until 2015. All the TIF funds are receiving increment now, but it will take some time to eliminate the deficit fund balances. The Village and the TIF Committee continue to work to minimize expenditures and attract development within the TIF districts. A Speedway gas station opened this year in the Green Bay TIF district and a Dollar General is on its way as well. A façade grant was completed in the Wadsworth & Lewis TIF district, and the Village continues to make improvements in the Sheridan Road corridor to make it more attractive to potential developers.