

**VILLAGE OF MACHESNEY PARK, ILLINOIS**

**MANAGEMENT LETTER**

For the Year Ended  
April 30, 2016



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**Certified Public Accountants & Advisors**  
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The Honorable Village President  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
Village of Machesney Park, Illinois

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Machesney Park, Illinois (the Village), as of and for the year ended April 30, 2016, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. Given these limitations during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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

*Sikich LLP*

Rockford, Illinois  
August 31, 2016

## OTHER COMMENTS

### Future Accounting Pronouncements

The GASB has issued a number of pronouncements that will impact the Village in the future:

GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements. The definition of fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. This Statement provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for financial reporting purposes. This Statement also provides guidance for applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements. Statement No. 72 is applicable for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2017.

GASB Statement No. 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68*, establishes requirements for those pensions and pension plans that are not administered through a trust meeting specified criteria. The provisions in Statement No. 73 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015—except those provisions that address employers and governmental non-employer contributing entities for pensions that are not within the scope of Statement No. 68, which are effective for financial statements for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2018.

GASB Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, addresses reporting by OPEB plans that administer benefits on behalf of governments and replaces GASB Statement No. 43, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*. Statement No. 74 addresses the financial reports of defined benefit OPEB plans that are administered through trusts that meet specified criteria. The statement builds upon the existing framework for financial reports of defined benefit OPEB plans, which includes a statement of fiduciary net position (the amount held in a trust for paying retirement benefits) and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. Statement No. 74 enhances note disclosures and RSI for both defined benefit and defined contribution OPEB plans. Statement No. 74 also requires the presentation of new information about annual money-weighted rates of return in the notes to the financial statements and in 10-year RSI schedules. The provisions in Statement No. 74 are effective for OPEB plan or sponsoring employer financial statements for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2018.

GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, addresses reporting by governments that provide OPEB to their employees and for governments that finance OPEB for employees of other governments and replaces the requirements of GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, as they relate to governments that provide benefits through OPEB plans administered as trusts or similar arrangements that meet certain criteria. Statement No. 75 requires governments providing defined benefit OPEB to recognize their long-term obligation for OPEB as a liability for the first time, and to more comprehensively and comparably measure the annual costs of OPEB benefits.

## **OTHER COMMENTS (Continued)**

### **Future Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)**

The Statement also enhances accountability and transparency through revised and new note disclosures and required supplementary information (RSI). The provisions in Statement No. 75 are effective for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2019.

GASB Statement No. 76, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*, reduces the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) hierarchy to two categories of authoritative GAAP: officially established accounting principles - GASB Statements (Category A) and GASB Technical Bulletins; GASB Implementation Guides; and literature of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants cleared by the GASB (Category B). Statement No. 76 also addresses the use of authoritative and nonauthoritative literature in the event that the accounting treatment for a transaction or other event is not specified within a source of authoritative GAAP. Statement No. 76 is applicable for fiscal years ending April 30, 2017 and should be applied retroactively. Earlier application is permitted.

GASB Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, requires disclosure of tax abatement information about (1) a reporting government's own tax abatement agreements and (2) those that are entered into by other governments and reduce the reporting government's tax revenues. The requirements of this statement are effective for financial statements for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2017.

GASB Statement No. 78, *Pensions Provided Through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans*, establishes requirements for pensions provided to employees of state or local government employers through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that (1) is not a state or local government pension plan, (2) is used to provide defined benefit pensions to both employees of state or local governmental employers and to employees of employers that are not state or local governmental employers, and (3) has no predominant state or local governmental employer (either individually or collectively with other state or local governmental employers that provide pensions through the pension plan). The requirements of this statement are effective for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2017.

GASB Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*, establishes criteria for an external investment pool to qualify for making the election to measure all of its investments at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. The requirements of this statement are effective for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2017.

GASB Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*, requires blending of a component unit incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The requirements of this statement are effective for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2018.

GASB Statement No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*, provides recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is a beneficiary of a split-interest agreement. The requirements of this statement are effective for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2018.

## **OTHER COMMENTS (Continued)**

### **Future Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)**

GASB Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73*, addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in the required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. The requirements of this standard are effective for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2018. Earlier application is encouraged.

# Sikich Snapshot

## Organization

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## Industries

Sikich provides services and solutions to a wide range of industries. We have devoted substantial resources to develop a significant base of expertise and experience in:

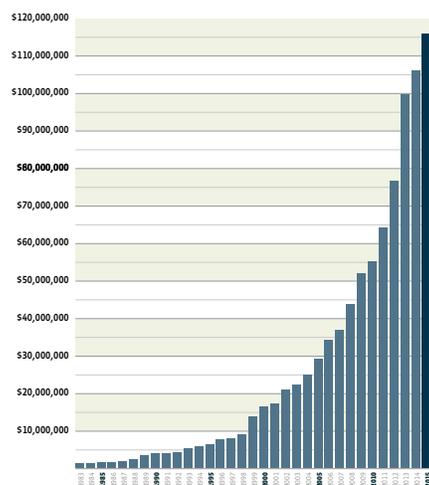
- Agriculture
- Construction & Real Estate
- Energy
- Government
- Manufacturing & Distribution
- Not-for-Profit

## Statistics

2015 Revenues .....	\$116.6M
Total Partners .....	106
Total Employees .....	688
Total Personnel .....	794

Personnel count as of July 13, 2016

## Sikich Total Revenues



## Awards

- Vault Accounting Top Ranked 2017
- *Accounting Today* Top 100 Firms: ranked 31st nationally, 2016
- *Accounting Today* Regional Leaders – Top Firms: Great Lakes: ranked 4th, 2016
- *Milwaukee Business Journal* Largest Management Consulting Firms: ranked 10th, 2016
- *Milwaukee Business Journal* Largest Milwaukee-Area Accounting Firms: ranked 11th, 2016
- When Work Works Award, 2016
- *WorldatWork* Work-Life 2016 Seal of Distinction
- Best Places to Work in Illinois, 2016
- Best Places to Work in Indiana, 2016
- Chicago's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For®, 2016
- Milwaukee's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For®, 2016
- WICPA Excellence Award - Public Service Award (Firm), 2016
- *Accounting Today* Top 100 Value Added Reseller: ranked 7th, 2016
- Bob Scott's Top 100 Value Added Reseller: ranked 9th, 2016
- *INSIDE Public Accounting* Top 50 Largest Accounting Firms: ranked 31st nationally, 2015
- *Inc. 5000*: ranked #4344, 2015
- *Crain's List* Chicago's Largest Privately Held Companies: ranked #250, 2015
- Bob Scott's Top 100 Value Added Reseller: ranked 9th, 2015
- National Best & Brightest Companies to Work For®, 2015
- Chicago's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For®, 2015
- National Best & Brightest in Wellness, 2015
- *Chicago Tribune's* Top Workplaces, 2015
- Edge Award - 2015 Community Service
- Microsoft Dynamics Inner Circle and President's Club, 2014

## SERVICES

- Accounting & Assurance
- Business Valuation
- Dispute Advisory
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## Certifications

All professional accounting staff with more than one year of experience have earned or are working toward earning the Certified Public Accountant designation. Sikich is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Governmental Audit Quality Center and the Employee Benefit Plan Audit Quality Center. We adhere to the strict requirements of membership which assure we meet the highest standards of audit quality. In 2014, Sikich LLP received its 9th consecutive unmodified ("pass") peer review report, the highest level of recognition conferred upon a public accounting firm for its quality control systems.



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- MCSE (Microsoft Certified System Engineer)
- CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate)
- CCDA (Certified Cisco Design Associate)
- CCEA (Citrix Certified Enterprise Administrator)
- MRMS (Microsoft Retail Management Systems)
- CISA (Certified Information Systems Auditor)
- CNE (Certified Novell Engineer)
- MS CSM (Microsoft Customer Service Manager)
- MS CAE (Microsoft Certified Account Executive)
- MCDBA (Microsoft Certified Database Admin.)



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*\*International Accounting Bulletin, 2011*



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