FY 2023

ANNUAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCE REPORT

SUSANA A. MENDOZA
ILLINOIS STATE COMPTROLLER

Name of Municipality:	**Villageof Bellwood**	Reporting Fiscal Year:	**2023**
County:	Cook	Fiscal Year End:	**4/30/2023**
Unit Code:	**016/040/32**		

FY 2023 TIF Administrator Contact Information-Required

First Name:	**Peter**	Last Name:	**Tsiolis**		
Address:	3200 Washington Boulevard	Title:	Director of Community Developemnt		
Telephone:	708-547-3500	City:	Bellwood	Zip:	60104
E-mail	**ptsiolis@strategicpm.us**				

I attest to the best of my knowledge, that this FY 2023 report of the redevelopment project area(s)

in the **City/Village** of: **Bellwood**

is complete and accurate pursuant to Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3 et. seq.] and or Industrial Jobs Recovery Law [65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-10 et. seq.].

Written signature of TIF Administrator — **Date** 1/22/25

Section 1 (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (1.5) and 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (1.5)*)

FILL OUT ONE FOR EACH TIF DISTICT

Name of Redevelopment Project Area	Date Designated MM/DD/YYYY	Date Terminated MM/DD/YYYY
Central Metro-2014	7/16/2014	

*All statutory citations refer to one of two sections of the Illinois Municipal Code: The Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3 et. seq.] or the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law [65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-10 et. seq.]

SECTION 2 [Sections 2 through 8 must be completed for each redevelopment project area listed in Section 1.]

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Name of Redevelopment Project Area:

Central Metro-2014

Primary Use of Redevelopment Project Area*:	Combination, Mixed

*Types include: Central Business District, Retail, Other Commercial, Industrial, Residential, and Combination/Mixed.

If "Combination/Mixed" List Component Types:	Comm. Ind. Resd.
Under which section of the Illinois Municipal Code was the Redevelopment Project Area designated? (check one):	
Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act	**X**
Industrial Jobs Recovery Law	_____

Please utilize the information below to properly label the Attachments.

	No	Yes
For redevelopment projects beginning prior to FY 2022, were there any amendments, to the redevelopment plan, the redevelopment project area, or the State Sales Tax Boundary? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (1) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (1)] **If yes, please enclose the amendment (labeled Attachment A).** For redevelopment projects beginning in or after FY 2022, were there any amendments, enactments or extensions to the redevelopment plan, the redevelopment project area, or the State Sales Tax Boundary? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (1) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (1)] **If yes, please enclose the amendment, enactment or extension, and a copy of the redevelopment plan (labeled Attachment A).**	X	
Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of the municipality that the municipality has complied with all of the requirements of the Act during the preceding fiscal year. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (3) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (3)] **Please enclose the CEO Certification (labeled Attachment B).**		X
Opinion of legal counsel that municipality is in compliance with the Act. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (4) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (4)] **Please enclose the Legal Counsel Opinion (labeled Attachment C).**		X
Statement setting forth all activities undertaken in furtherance of the objectives of the redevelopment plan, including any project implemented and a description of the redevelopment activities. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (A and B) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (A and B)] **If yes, please enclose the Activities Statement (labled Attachment D).**	X	
Were any agreements entered into by the municipality with regard to the disposition or redevelopment of any property within the redevelopment project area or the area within the State Sales Tax Boundary? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (C) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (C)] **If yes, please enclose the Agreement(s) (labeled Attachment E).**	X	
Is there additional information on the use of all funds received under this Division and steps taken by the municipality to achieve the objectives of the redevelopment plan? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (D) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (D)] If yes, please enclose the Additional Information (labeled Attachment F).	X	
Did the municipality's TIF advisors or consultants enter into contracts with entities or persons that have received or are receiving payments financed by tax increment revenues produced by the same TIF? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (E) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (E)] **If yes, please enclose the contract(s) or description of the contract(s) (labeled Attachment G).**	X	
Were there any reports ***submitted to*** the municipality ***by*** the joint review board? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (7) (F) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (7) (F)] **If yes, please enclose the Joint Review Board Report (labeled Attachment H).**	X	
Were any obligations issued by the municipality? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (8) (A) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (8) (A)] **If yes, please enclose any Official Statement (labeled Attachment I). If Attachment I is answered yes, then the Analysis must be attached (labeled Attachment J).**	X	
An analysis prepared by a financial advisor or underwriter, chosen by the municipality, setting forth the nature and term of obligation; projected debt service including required reserves and debt coverage; and actual debt service. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (8) (B) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (8) (B)] **If attachment I is yes, the Analysis and an accompanying letter from the municipality outlining the contractual relationship between the municipality and the financial advisor/underwriter MUST be attached (labeled Attachment J).**	X	
Has a cumulative of $100,000 of TIF revenue been deposited into the special tax allocation fund? 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (2) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (2) **If yes, please enclose audited financial statements of the special tax allocation fund (labeled Attachment K).**		X
Cumulatively, have deposits of incremental taxes revenue equal to or greater than $100,000 been made into the special tax allocation fund? [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (9) and 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (9)] **If yes, the audit report shall contain a letter from the independent certified public accountant indicating compliance or noncompliance with the requirements of subsection (q) of Section 11-74.4-3 (labeled Attachment L).**		X
A list of all intergovernmental agreements in effect to which the municipality is a part, and an accounting of any money transferred or received by the municipality during that fiscal year pursuant to those intergovernmental agreements. [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (10)] **If yes, please enclose the list only, not actual agreements (labeled Attachment M).**	X	
For redevelopment projects beginning in or after FY 2022, did the developer identify to the municipality a stated rate of return for each redevelopment project area? Stated rates of return required to be reported shall be independently verified by a third party chosen by the municipality. **If yes, please enclose evidence of third party verification, may be in the form of a letter from the third party (labeled Attachment N).**	X	

SECTION 3.1 [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d)(5)(a)(b)(d)) and (65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (5)(a)(b)(d)]

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Name of Redevelopment Project Area:

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Provide an analysis of the special tax allocation fund.

Special Tax Allocation Fund Balance at Beginning of Reporting Period	$ 1,088,782

SOURCE of Revenue/Cash Receipts:	Revenue/Cash Receipts for Current Reporting Year	Cumulative Totals of Revenue/Cash Receipts for life of TIF	% of Total
Property Tax Increment	$ 1,131,540	$ 7,464,966	131%
State Sales Tax Increment			0%
Local Sales Tax Increment			0%
State Utility Tax Increment			0%
Local Utility Tax Increment			0%
Interest	$ 1,969	$ 13,539	0%
Land/Building Sale Proceeds			0%
Bond Proceeds			0%
Transfers from Municipal Sources	$ (853,675)	$ (1,784,133)	-31%
Private Sources			0%
Other (identify source _____; if multiple other sources, attach schedule)			0%
All Amount Deposited in Special Tax Allocation Fund	$ 279,834		
Cumulative Total Revenues/Cash Receipts		$ 5,694,372	100%
Total Expenditures/Cash Disbursements (Carried forward from Section 3.2)	$ 346,495		
Transfers to Municipal Sources			
Distribution of Surplus			
Total Expenditures/Disbursements	$ 346,495		
Net/Income/Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	$ (66,661)		
Previous Year Adjustment (Explain Below)			
FUND BALANCE, END OF REPORTING PERIOD*	$ 1,022,121		

* If there is a positive fund balance at the end of the reporting period, you must complete Section 3.3

Previous Year Explanation:

SECTION 3.2 A [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (5) (c) and 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (5)(c)]

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Name of Redevelopment Project Area:

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ITEMIZED LIST OF ALL EXPENDITURES FROM THE SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND

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Category of Permissible Redevelopment Cost [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-3 (q) and 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-10 (o)]	**Amounts**	**Reporting Fiscal Year**
1. Cost of studies, surveys, development of plans, and specifications. Implementation and administration of the redevelopment plan, staff and professional service cost.		
General Government	92,954	
		$ 92,954
2. Annual administrative cost.		
		$ -
3. Cost of marketing sites.		
		$ -
4. Property assembly cost and site preparation costs.		
		$ -
5. Costs of renovation, rehabilitation, reconstruction, relocation, repair or remodeling of existing public or private building, leasehold improvements, and fixtures within a redevelopment project area.		
		$ -
6. Costs of the constructuion of public works or improvements.		
		$ -

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7. Costs of eliminating or removing contaminants and other impediments.		
		$ -
8. Cost of job training and retraining projects.		
		$ -
9. Financing costs.		
Contractual outlay	253,541	
		$ 253,541
10. Capital costs.		
		$ -
11. Cost of reimbursing school districts for their increased costs caused by TIF assisted housing projects.		
		$ -
12. Cost of reimbursing library districts for their increased costs caused by TIF assisted housing projects.		
		$ -

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13. Relocation costs.		
		$ -
14. Payments in lieu of taxes.		
		$ -
15. Costs of job training, retraining, advanced vocational or career education.		
		$ -
16. Interest cost incurred by redeveloper or other nongovernmental persons in connection with a redevelopment project.		
		$ -
17. Cost of day care services.		
		$ -
18. Other.		
		$ -

TOTAL ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES		**$ 346,495**

Section 3.2 B [Information in the following section is not required by law, but may be helpful in creating fiscal transparency.]

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Name of Redevelopment Project Area:

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List all vendors, including other municipal funds, that were paid in excess of $10,000 during the current reporting year.

Name	Service	Amount

SECTION 3.3 [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (5d) 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (5d]

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Breakdown of the Balance in the Special Tax Allocation Fund At the End of the Reporting Period by source

FUND BALANCE BY SOURCE	$ 1,022,121

1. Description of Debt Obligations	**Amount of Original Issuance**	**Amount Designated**
Share of Series 2022 Tax Increment Bonds	$ 2,173,076	$ 4,546,007
Total Amount Designated for Obligations	$ 2,173,076	$ 4,546,007

2. Description of Project Costs to be Paid	**Amount of Original Issuance**	**Amount Designated**
Village TIF Budget Obligations		$ 31,505,776
Total Amount Designated for Project Costs		$ 31,505,776

TOTAL AMOUNT DESIGNATED	$ 36,051,783
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	$ (35,029,662)

SECTION 4 [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5 (d) (6) and 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-22 (d) (6)]

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Name of Redevelopment Project Area:

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Provide a description of all property purchased by the municipality during the reporting fiscal year within the redevelopment project area.

X	**Indicate an 'X' if no property was acquired by the municipality within the redevelopment project area.**

Property (1):	
Street address:	
Approximate size or description of property:	
Purchase price:	
Seller of property:	

Property (2):	
Street address:	
Approximate size or description of property:	
Purchase price:	
Seller of property:	

Property (3):	
Street address:	
Approximate size or description of property:	
Purchase price:	
Seller of property:	

Property (4):	
Street address:	
Approximate size or description of property:	
Purchase price:	
Seller of property:	

Property (5):	
Street address:	
Approximate size or description of property:	
Purchase price:	
Seller of property:	

Property (6):	
Street address:	
Approximate size or description of property:	
Purchase price:	
Seller of property:	

Property (7):	
Street address:	
Approximate size or description of property:	
Purchase price:	
Seller of property:	

SECTION 5 [20 ILCS 620/4.7 (7)(F)]

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Name of Redevelopment Project Area:

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Page 1 MUST be included with TIF report. Pages 2 and 3 are to be included ONLY if projects are listed.

Select ONE of the following by indicating an 'X':

1. NO projects were undertaken by the Municipality Within the Redevelopment Project Area.	X

2. The municipality **DID** undertake projects within the Redevelopment Project Area. (If selecting this option, complete 2a and 2b.)	
2a. The total number of **ALL** activities undertaken in furtherance of the objectives of the redevelopment plan:	
2b. The total number of **NEW** projects undertaken by the municipality in fiscal year 2022 and any fiscal year thereafter, within the Revelopment Project area, if any.	

LIST ALL projects undertaken by the Municipality Within the Redevelopment Project Area:

TOTAL:	**11/1/99 to Date**	**Estimated Investment for Subsequent Fiscal Year**	**Total Estimated to Complete Project**
Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)	$ -	$ -	$ -
Public Investment Undertaken	$ -	$ -	$ -
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

Project 1 Name:

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			
Public Investment Undertaken			
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

Project 2 Name:

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			
Public Investment Undertaken			
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

Project 3 Name:

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			
Public Investment Undertaken			
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

Project 4 Name:

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			
Public Investment Undertaken			
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

Project 5 Name:

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			
Public Investment Undertaken			
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

Project 6 Name:

Private Investment Undertaken (See Instructions)			
Public Investment Undertaken			
Ratio of Private/Public Investment	0		0

SECTION 6 [Information requested in SECTION 6.1 is not required by law, but may be helpful in evaluating the performance of TIF in Illinois.
SECTIONS 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4 are required by law, if applicable. (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d))]

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Name of Redevelopment Project Area:

Central Metro-2014

SECTION 6.1-For redevelopment projects beginning before FY 2022, complete the following information about job creation and retention.

Number of Jobs Retained	Number of Jobs Created	Job Description and Type (Temporary or Permanent)	Total Salaries Paid
			$ -

SECTION 6.2-For redevelopment projects beginning in or after FY 2022, complete the following information about projected job creation and actual job creation.

Project Name	The number of jobs, if any, projected to be created at the time of approval of the redevelopment agreement.		The number of jobs, if any, created as a result of the development to date, for the reporting period, under the same guidelines and assumptions as was used for the projections used at the time of approval of the redevelopment agreement.	
	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent

SECTION 6.3-For redevelopment projects beginning in or after FY 2022, complete the following information about increment projected to be created and actual increment created.

Project Name	The amount of increment projected to be created at the time of approval of the redevelopment agreement.	The amount of increment created as a result of the development to date, for the reporting period, using the same assumptions as was used for the projections used at the time of the approval of the redevelopment agreement.

SECTION 6.4-For redevelopment projects beginning in or after FY 2022, provide the stated rate of return identified by the developer to the municipality and verified by an independent third party, IF ANY:

Project Name	Stated Rate of Return

SECTION 7 [Information in the following section is not required by law, but may be helpful in evaluating the performance of TIF in Illinois.]

FY 2023

Name of Redevelopment Project Area:

Central Metro-2014

Provide a general description of the redevelopment project area using only major boundaries.

Optional Documents	**Enclosed**
Legal description of redevelopment project area	
Map of District	

SECTION 8 [Information in the following section is not required by law, but may be helpful in evaluating the performance of TIF in Illinois.]

FY 2023

Name of Redevelopment Project Area:

Central Metro-2014

Provide the base EAV (at the time of designation) and the EAV for the year reported for the redevelopment project area.

Year of Designation	Base EAV	Reporting Fiscal Year EAV
2014	TY2013: $19,528,234	TY 2022: $26,302,144

List all overlapping tax districts in the redevelopment project area.
If overlapping taxing district received a surplus, list the surplus.

X	**Indicate an 'X' if the overlapping taxing districts did not receive a surplus.**

Overlapping Taxing District	Surplus Distributed from redevelopment project area to overlapping districts
	$ -
	$ -
	$ -
	$ -
	$ -
	$ -
	$ -
	$ -
	$ -
	$ -
	$ -
	$ -
	$ -

ATTACHMENT B

Village of BELLWOOD
Your Family Is Our Future

MAYOR
André F. Harvey

VILLAGE CLERK
Jacqueline Hargrett

TRUSTEES
Jophelia Boston
Michael J. Ciavattone
Annie N. Delgado
Gloria J. Holman
Ronald Nightengale
M.C. Robinson

October 21, 2025

I hereby certify that Village of Bellwood, Illinois, has complied all of the requirements pertaining to the Illinois Tax Increment Redevelopment Allocation Act during the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2023 for the Central Metro-2014 TIF District.

Andre F. Harvey
Mayor

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OPINION OF LEGAL COUNSEL **ATTACHMENT C**

June 15, 2022

Ms. Susana A. Mendoza
Illinois Office of the Comptroller – Chicago
555 West Monroe Street
Suite 1400S- A
Chicago, Illinois 60661

Re: Village of Bellwood, County of Cook, Illinois
Central Metro-2014 TIF District
Annual Increment Finance Report

To whom it may concern:

In connection with the Annual Tax Increment Finance Report (hereinafter referred to as "Annual Report") provided by the Village of Bellwood (hereinafter referred to as the "Village") for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the "Annual Report"), this correspondence shall confirm that I am the Village Attorney for the Village of Bellwood, Cook County, Illinois and as such I am acting as tax increment finance counsel related to the above-referenced Tax Increment Financing District.

Based upon my review of the Annual Report, and in reliance upon representations made by officers and employees of the Village, it is my opinion that the Village, as of December 31, 2021, was in compliance with the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1, *et seq.* (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"). It should be noted that I make no express or implied opinion as to the sufficiency or completeness of the Annual Report.

This constitutes the "opinion of legal counsel" as required by 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(d) of the Act and may not be cited or used in connection with anything other than submission with the Annual Report.

Very truly yours,

Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd.

Michael Castaldo, III

ATTACHMENT K

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VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD, ILLINOIS

NEW CENTRAL METRO TIF FUND

FINANCIAL REPORT AND REPORT ON
COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 85-1142

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD, ILLINOIS
NEW CENTRAL METRO TIF FUND
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The Honorable Mayor
Members of the Board of Trustees
Village of Bellwood, 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 Bellwood, Illinois (the Village) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Village, and have issued our report thereon dated February 10, 2025, which expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information (balance sheet and schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance) for the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District - New Central Metro TIF is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Sikich CPA LLC

Naperville, Illinois
February 10, 2025

VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD, ILLINOIS

BALANCE SHEET
NEW CENTRAL METRO TIF FUND

December 31, 2023

ASSETS	
Cash and investments	$ 1,019,185
Property tax receivables	11,762
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 1,030,947
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	$ 8,826
Total liabilities	8,826
FUND BALANCE	
Restricted	
Economic development	1,022,121
Total fund balance	1,022,121
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	$ 1,030,947

(See independent auditor's report.)

VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD, ILLINOIS

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
NEW CENTRAL METRO TIF FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Actual
REVENUES	
Property taxes	$ 1,131,540
Investment income	1,969
Total revenues	1,133,509
EXPENDITURES	
General government	
Contractual services	92,954
Capital outlay	253,541
Total expenditures	346,495
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	787,014
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	
Transfers (out)	(853,675)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(853,675)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(66,661)
FUND BALANCE, JANUARY 1	1,088,782
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31	$ 1,022,121

(See independent auditor's report.)

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor
Members of the Board of Trustees
Village of Bellwood, Illinois

We have examined management of the Village of Bellwood's assertion that the Village of Bellwood (the Village) complied with the provisions of subsection (q) of Section 11-74.4-3 of the Illinois Tax Increment Redevelopment Allocation Act (Illinois Public Act 85-1142) during the year ended December 31, 2023. The Village of Bellwood's management is responsible for its assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion about the Village's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertion about compliance with the specified requirements is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether management's assertion is fairly stated, in all material respects. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Village of Bellwood's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, management's assertion that the Village of Bellwood, Illinois complied with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended December 31, 2023 is fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Mayor, the Village Board, management of the Village, the Illinois State Comptroller's Office and the joint review boards and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sikich CPA LLC

Naperville, Illinois
February 10, 2025