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Kathy Krings, Chairperson
Village of Tarnov
PO Box 214
Tarnov, NE 68642

Dear Chairperson Krings:

The Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) has reviewed the audit waiver request received from the Village of Tarnov (Village) for the fiscal year ending 2020. **That request has been approved.**

While performing, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-304 (Cum. Supp. 2020), the preliminary examination necessary to determine whether the audit waiver should be allowed or further audit work would be required, the APA noted certain internal control or compliance matters, or other operational issues, within the Village.

The following information is intended to improve internal controls or result in other operational efficiencies.

Comment and Recommendation

Payment of Unapproved Claims

During our comparison of the Village's bank account details to claims approved by the Board, the APA identified one check, totaling \$55.55, which was paid but not included on the claims listing to be approved by the Board.

Details of the unapproved payment are included in the table below:

Check Date	Name/Vendor	Amount	Check #	Cleared Date
1/15/2020	US Postal Office	\$ 55.55	2072	1/22/2020

Good internal control requires procedures to ensure that all claims are approved by the Board prior to payment and are adequately documented in the meeting minutes of the month in which they are approved. Without such procedures, there is an increased risk for the loss or misuse of Village funds.

We recommend the Board implement procedures to ensure all claims are approved by the Board prior to payment and are adequately documented in the meeting minutes of the month in which they are approved.

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The preliminary planning work that resulted in this letter was designed primarily on a test basis and, therefore, may not bring to light all existing weaknesses in the Village's policies or procedures. Nevertheless, our objective is to use the knowledge gained during the performance of that preliminary planning work to make comments and suggestions that we hope will prove useful to the Village.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Village and its management. It is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties. However, this letter is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

If you have any questions, please contact **Dakota Christensen** at **402-499-8702** or **dakota.christensen@nebraska.gov**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Avery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Mark Avery, CPA
Assistant Deputy Auditor