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Tony Cain, Chairperson  
Village of Gresham  
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Dear Chairperson Cain:

The Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) has reviewed the audit waiver request received from the Village of Gresham (Village) for the fiscal year ending 2025. **That request has been approved.**

While performing, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-304 (Supp. 2025), 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.

## Comments and Recommendations

### 1. Possibly Fraudulent Charges

During our review of the bank statements accompanying the Village's audit waiver request, the APA noted several apparently fraudulent payments, totaling \$3,714.04. The Village disputed these charges, and for all but one charge, the Village was reimbursed for the amount of the purchase. The charge that was not reimbursed to the Village is listed in the table below:

| Vendor    | Payment Date | Amount    |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Avant LLC | 6/12/25      | \$ 295.14 |

Upon inquiry with the Village, the APA was informed that the Board had not authorized any payments to the vendor and did not know where the charge would have originated from. After these transactions were disputed, the Village closed the bank and Amazon accounts that contained these charges. Other than the charge noted above, no other apparent fraudulent charges were noted throughout fiscal year 2025.

Good internal control and sound accounting practices require procedures to ensure the Village pays only for legitimate services or products and verifies the identity of the vendor prior to payment.

Without such procedures, there is an increased risk of theft, loss, and/or misuse of Village funds.

We recommend the Village implement procedures to ensure the Village pays only for legitimate services or products and verifies the identity of the vendor prior to payment. Furthermore, we recommend the Village closely monitor its bank accounts and credit card accounts for suspicious transactions, and if such transactions are discovered, they are disputed and credited in a timely manner, and such accounts are closed.

**2. Audit Waiver Filing**

The Village's audit waiver request was filed with the APA on February 18, 2026, almost five months after the fiscal year end, and nearly two months after the APA's deadline of December 31, 2025. To ensure adequate time to review the village waiver requests, the APA required all villages to file their audit waiver request by December 31, 2025.

Good internal controls require procedures to ensure that all forms required to be filed with the APA, including audit waiver requests, are submitted within the time constraints set out by both State statute and the APA.

Without such procedures, there is an increased risk of not only noncompliance with State statute but also an increased chance of the Village's waiver request being denied or forfeited funds due to its delinquent filing with the APA.

We recommend the Village implement procedures to ensure all forms required to be filed with the APA, including audit waiver requests, are submitted within the time constraints set out by State statute and the APA.

**3. Negative Fund Balance**

On Exhibit A of the Village's audit waiver request form, the APA noted that the Street fund had a deficit balance of \$97,798 as of September 30, 2025. Per the Village Clerk, the Village plans to transfer funds to resolve this deficit fund balance.

Good internal control and sound accounting practices require procedures to ensure that Village fund balances are sufficient to cover fully all disbursements and transfers approved by the Board. Those same procedures should ensure also that the Board is apprised regularly of each Village fund balance and, therefore, placed in a position to take necessary action to resolve any deficits therein.

Without such procedures, there is an increased risk of not only insufficient Village fund balances but also the resultant inability to cover fully all disbursements and transfers approved by the Board.

The APA identified a similar issue in a prior review and disclosed it to the Village in a letter dated February 11, 2025, which can be found on the APA's website. However, this issue does not appear to have been corrected after the APA's notification.

We recommend the Village Board implement procedures to ensure the Board is apprised regularly of each Village fund balance and, therefore, placed in a position to take necessary action to resolve any deficits therein.

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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 offer 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](mailto:dakota.christensen@nebraska.gov)**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Avery". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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