

Form 5500-SF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500-SF.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2023

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 09/30/2024

- A** This return/report is for: a single-employer plan a multiple-employer plan (not multiemployer) (Pension Plan filers checking this box must attach Schedule MEP. Other plans must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- B** This return/report is the first return/report the final return/report
 an amended return/report a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
- C** Check box if filing under: Form 5558 automatic extension DFVC program
 special extension (enter description)
- D** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here ▶
- E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here ▶

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan <u>CARONE & COMPANY INC. CASH BALANCE PLAN</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u>
	1c Effective date of plan <u>10/01/2017</u>
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>CARONE & COMPANY INC.</u> <u>5009 FORNI DRIVE, SUITE A</u> <u>CONCORD, CA 94520</u>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>68-0406835</u>
	2c Sponsor's telephone number <u>925-602-8800</u>
	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>238900</u>
3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor.	3b Administrator's EIN
	3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report. a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN
	4d PN
5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5a <u>16</u>
b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year.....	5b <u>16</u>
c(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	5c(1)
c(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	5c(2)
d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year.....	5d(1) <u>15</u>
d(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year.....	5d(2) <u>15</u>
e Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	5e <u>0</u>

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.
Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including, if applicable, a Schedule SB or Schedule MB completed and signed by an enrolled actuary, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	<u>Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.</u>	<u>07/15/2025</u>	<u>SABRINA OSEGUERA-OLDS</u>
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	<u>Signature of employer/plan sponsor</u>	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

- 6a** Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.)..... Yes No
- b** Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.)..... Yes No
- If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.**
- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? Yes No Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 500414. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information			
7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	1503907	1632287
b Total plan liabilities	7b	0	0
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	1503907	1632287
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)	30083	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	0	
b Other income (loss)	8b	106436	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		136519
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	0	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) .	8e	0	
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	8139	
g Other expenses	8g	0	
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		8139
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		128380
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j	0	

Part IV Plan Characteristics	
9a	If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions: 1A 1C 3D
b	If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

Part V Compliance Questions				
10 During the plan year:		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program)	10a		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	X		221982
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e		X	
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h		X	
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11 Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below. Yes No

a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 **11a** 0

b PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than \$0, has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

- Yes.
- No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
- No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
- No. Other. Provide explanation _____

12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? Yes No
(If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above.

a If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions, and enter the date of the letter ruling granting the waiver. Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.

b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year **12b**

c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **12c**

d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **12d**

e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline? Yes No N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year? Yes No

a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year. **13a**

b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? Yes No

c If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	13c(2) EIN(s)	13c(3) PN(s)

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

14a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? Yes No

14b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

- Design-based safe harbor method
- "Prior year" ADP test
- "Current year" ADP test
- N/A

15 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 02/28/2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705311A.

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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A Name of plan <u>CARONE & COMPANY INC. CASH BALANCE PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>CARONE & COMPANY INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>68-0406835</u>	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>09</u> Day <u>30</u> Year <u>2024</u>		
2	Assets:		
	a Market value	2a	<u>1602204</u>
	b Actuarial value	2b	<u>1602204</u>
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	b For terminated vested participants	<u>1</u>	<u>23955</u>
	c For active participants	<u>15</u>	<u>1477219</u>
	d Total	<u>16</u>	<u>1501174</u>
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)		
	a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a	
	b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b	
5	Effective interest rate	5	<u>5.38 %</u>
6	Target normal cost		
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	<u>180068</u>
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	<u>0</u>
	c Target normal cost	6c	<u>180068</u>

Statement by Enrolled Actuary
 To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE		<u>07/01/2025</u>
	Signature of actuary	Date
	<u>TORREY R. HANESS</u>	<u>23-08187</u>
	Type or print name of actuary	Most recent enrollment number
	<u>HANESS & ASSOCIATES</u>	<u>916-276-1256</u>
	Firm name	Telephone number (including area code)
	<u>P.O. BOX 836</u> <u>US ROCKLIN, CA 95677</u>	
	Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost				
21 Discount rate:				
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.84 %	2nd segment: 5.24 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code).....				21b 4
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 67
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute			

Part VI Miscellaneous Items				
24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
26 Demographic and benefit information				
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....				27

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years				
28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years				28 0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....				29 0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)				30 0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year				
31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):				
a Target normal cost (line 6c).....				31a 180068
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a				31b 0
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance		Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	80469		27331	
b Waiver amortization installment	0		0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount				33
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....				34 207399
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance	
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	178558		178558	
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35).....				36 28841
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....				37 28854
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)				
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)				38a 13
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances				38b 13
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)				39 0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years				40 0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)				
41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021				

Schedule SB, Part V Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Carone & Company Inc. Cash Balance Plan
68-0406835 / 002
For the plan year 10/01/2023 through 09/30/2024

Valuation Date: 09/30/2024

Funding Method: As prescribed in IRC Section 430
Age - Eligibility age at last birthday and other ages at nearest birthday

Retrospective Compensation - Current compensation

Form of Payment - Assumed form of payment for funding is lump sum which is the Hypothetical Account Balance. Funding Target for lump sum is the current Hypothetical Account Balance projected to the assumed retirement date using the Interest Credit Rate discounted using appropriate segment rate. Lump sum on plan actuarial equivalence rates will not exceed 415 maximum allowable distribution, which is the lesser amount computed using a) 5.5% interest and the Applicable Mortality Table or b) plan actuarial equivalence interest and mortality

Interest Rates -	Segment rates for the Fourth Month Prior to Val Date as permitted under IRC 430(h)(2)(C)	Segment rates as of September 30, 2022 As permitted under IRC 430(h)(2)(C)(iv)(II) - ARP
	Segment # Year Rate %	Segment # Year Rate %
	Segment 1 0 - 5 4.84	Segment 1 0 - 5 4.84
	Segment 2 6 - 20 5.24	Segment 2 6 - 20 5.24
	Segment 3 > 20 5.22	Segment 3 > 20 5.74

Pre-Retirement - Mortality Table - None
 Improvement Scale - None
 Early Retirement Table - None
 Turnover Table - None
 Disability Table - None
 Salary Scale - None
 Interest Credit Rate - Current Yr - 5% Projected Yrs - 5%
 Expense Load - None
 Ancillary Ben Load - None

Post-Retirement - Mortality Table - 24C - 2024 Combined
 Improvement Scale - None
 Cost of Living - None

Asset Valuation Method: Fair market value of assets adjusted for contributions under IRC 430(g)(4)

Discrimination Test Assumptions:

HCE Determination - Based on all employees
 Otherwise Excludable - Otherwise Excludable HCEs are included with the Not Otherwise Excludable employees

410(b)/401(a)(4) Testing:

Pre-Retirement - Interest - 8.5% CB Projection Rate - 5%
 Post-Retirement - Interest - 8.5%
 Mortality Table - U84 - 1984 Unisex

Permissively Aggregated Plans - Tested as a Single Plan

Compensation - Use current compensation to calculate the benefit accrual rate (annual method)

Testing Age - Normal retirement age or attained age, if older

Normal Form for MVAR - Joint with 50% Survivor Benefits

Schedule SB, Part V Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Carone & Company Inc. Cash Balance Plan

68-0406835 / 002

For the plan year 10/01/2023 through 09/30/2024

401(a)(26) Testing:

Compensation - Use current compensation to calculate the benefit accrual rate for 401(a)(26)

Testing Age - Normal retirement age or attained age, if older

**SCHEDULE SB
(Form 5500)**

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**Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan
Actuarial Information**

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A Name of plan Carone & Company Inc. Cash Balance Plan		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Carone & Company Inc.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 68-0406835	

E Type of plan: Single Multiple-A Multiple-B **F** Prior year plan size: 100 or fewer 101-500 More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 09 Day 30 Year 2024

2 Assets:

a Market value	2a	1,602,204
b Actuarial value	2b	1,602,204

3 Funding target/participant count breakdown:

	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants	1	23,955	23,955
c For active participants	15	1,477,219	1,477,219
d Total	16	1,501,174	1,501,174

4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)

a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a	
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b	

5 Effective interest rate **5** **5.38 %**

6 Target normal cost

a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	180,068
b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	0
c Target normal cost	6c	180,068

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

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**SIGN
HERE**

Signature of actuary

Torrey R. Haness

Type or print name of actuary

Haness & Associates, LLC

Firm name

P.O. Box 836

US Rocklin

CA 95677

Address of the firm

07/01/2025

Date

23-08187

Most recent enrollment number

(916) 276-1256

Telephone number (including area code)

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	154,455
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	154,455
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>11.51</u> %	0	17,778
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a	Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		52
b(1)	Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.34</u> % ...		0
b(2)	Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c	Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		52
d	Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12) ...	0	172,233

Part III Funding Percentages			
14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	94.63 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	96.95 %
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	88.86 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls							
18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:							
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees		
06/12/2025	30,083						
			Totals ▶	18(b)	30,083	18(c)	0

19 Discounted employer contributions -- see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:			
a	Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
b	Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c	Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	28,854
20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:			
a	Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
b	If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
c	If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:		
Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used To Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:				
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.84 %	2nd segment: 5.24 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)				21b 4
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 67
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Part VI Miscellaneous items

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26 Demographic and benefit information	
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Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	30	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c)	31a	180,068	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	0	
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance		Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	80,469		27,331
b Waiver amortization installment	0		0
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	33		
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	34	207,399	
		Carryover balance	Prefunding Balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement		0	178,558
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	36	28,841	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	37	28,854	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	13	
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b	13	
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	39	0	
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	40	0	

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies.	<input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021
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Schedule SB, Part V Summary of Plan Provisions

Carone & Company Inc. Cash Balance Plan

68-0406835 / 002

For the plan year 10/01/2023 through 09/30/2024

<u>Employer:</u>	Carone & Company Inc.		
Type of Entity -	S Corporation		
EIN: 68-0406835	TIN:	Plan #: 002	Plan Type: Cash Balance
<u>Dates:</u>	Effective - 10/01/2016		Valuation - 09/30/2024
	Top Heavy Years - 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023		
<u>Eligibility:</u>	All employees excluding non-resident aliens, union, and excluding members of CIs - "ACQUIRED"		
	Minimum age - 21	Months of service - 12	
Hours Required for -	Eligibility - 1000	Benefit accrual - 1000	Vesting - 1000
Plan Entry -	First day of 1st or 7th month of plan year on or next following eligibility satisfaction		
<u>Retirement:</u>	Normal -	First of month coincident with or next following attainment of age 65 and completion of the 5th anniversary of the 1st day of the initial plan year of participation	
	Early -	Not provided	
<u>Average Compensation:</u>	Current compensation		
Top Heavy Minimum Benefit -	Highest 5 consecutive top heavy years of participation		
<u>Plan Benefits:</u>	Retirement -	Actuarial equivalent of the hypothetical account balance derived from annual Pay Credits and Interest Credits	
	Pay Credits -	Classification	Pay Credit Formula
		A	100% of compensation
		B	15% of compensation
		C	3% of compensation
Interest Credit Rate -	Current Yr - 5%	Projected Yrs - 5%	
Accrued Benefit -	Hypothetical Account Balance		
	Minimum Benefit - None		
	Maximum Benefit - None		
	Maximum allowable distribution is lump sum equivalent of normal form not to exceed 415 maximum allowable distribution, which is the lesser amount computed using a) 5.5% interest and the Applicable Mortality Table or b) plan actuarial equivalence interest and mortality		
Early Retirement -	None		
Death Benefit -	Present Value of Accrued Benefit		
Disability Benefit -	None		
<u>Top Heavy Minimum:</u>	Provided in another plan		
<u>IRS Limitations:</u>	415 Limits -	Percent: 100	Dollar: \$275,000
	Maximum 401(a)(17) compensation - \$330,000		
<u>PBGC:</u>	Plan is covered by Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		
<u>Normal Form:</u>	Life Annuity		
<u>Optional Forms:</u>	Lump Sum Joint with 50%, 75% or 100% Survivor Benefit		
<u>Vesting Schedule:</u>	100% vested in 3 years. Service is calculated using all years of service		
<u>Present Value of Accrued Benefit:</u>	Based on the Hypothetical Account Balance.		

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Actuarial Equivalence:

Pre-Retirement - Interest -	5%
Mortality Table -	None
Post-Retirement - Interest -	5%
Mortality Table -	G94 - 1994 Group Annuity Reserving Proj 2002, Scale AA (unisex)

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Carone & Company Inc. Cash Balance Plan

For the plan year 10/01/2023 through 09/30/2024

Valuation Date: 09/30/2024

The Actuarial Report is comprised of the Actuarial Communications and Documents listed below for the above reference plan year:

- Valuation report including Plan Provisions and applied Actuarial Assumptions and Methods
- Form 5500 Schedule SB and its attachments
- AFTAP Certification(s)
- Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) Premium Certification
- Contribution letter/communication
- Any other written, electronic or oral communications with respect to actuarial services provided in connection with the issuance of the valuation report

Additional Communications: No additional materials are incorporated into this Actuarial Report.

Compliance with Actuarial Standards: The Actuarial Standards of Practice (ASOPs) offer broad guidelines on whether the assumptions, data, methods, and models utilized in the Actuarial Report are suitable for the intended purpose, ensuring they are adequately reasonable, consistent, and comprehensive. The Actuary, in their professional judgment, has applied the pertinent ASOPs to assess, document, disclose, and present the Actuarial Report, along with the mentioned materials, to the designated recipients. Details regarding the Actuary's assessments, comments, modifications, and disclosures are outlined in this Actuarial Certification and Disclosure report.

Intended Users and Scope: The Actuarial Report is exclusively intended for the Plan Sponsor, ERISA Plan Administrator, and Trustee(s) of the Plan. It should not be relied upon for purposes beyond its specified scope, such as FAS Accounting, Participant Distribution, or Plan Termination. The report's focus is on providing the Minimum Required Contribution for the plan year, supporting compliance with Internal Revenue Code Sections 430 and 436.

Legislative Considerations: The Actuarial Report takes into account the provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, incorporating modifications introduced by the Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 (WRERA), the Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act of 2010 (PRA 2010), Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), the Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act of 2014 (CSEC Act), the Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014 (HATFA), the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (BBA'15), the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), and any other amendments to the funding rules that have been enacted. It's essential to note that the report doesn't assess the likelihood or consequences of potential future changes in laws and regulations.

Reliability and Quality of Data: Data, including employer contribution(s) and plan documents, are sourced from the Plan Sponsor, ERISA Plan Administrator, Trustee(s), or their representatives. Data is relied upon for accuracy while quality reviews have been conducted consistent with ASOP 23. Inaccurate data may impact the correctness of the Actuarial Report.

Selection of Economic Assumptions:

Selection of Demographic and Other Noneconomic Assumptions:

Asset Valuation Method: The asset valuation method employed is the Market Value of Assets (MVA). In this method, the Actuarial Value of Assets is determined by utilizing the MVA and includes interest-adjusted contribution(s) from the prior plan year not included and excludes interest adjusted contribution(s) for the current plan year made during the year. The Actuarial Value of Assets is then reduced by credit and prefunding balances elected by the Plan Sponsor. Opting for the MVA as the asset valuation method allows for the recognition of full value of market fluctuations within a plan year. Consequently, both the Actuarial Value of Assets and plan cost may exhibit less stability even when assets are prudently invested.

Measuring Obligations and Determining Contributions:

Risk Assessment: While the Actuarial Report outlines its scope, it is important to acknowledge certain events and anomalies that are now identified to transparently disclose risks and their potential impact on the Plan and its cost. Recognizing that the assessment and disclosure of these risks may reasonably anticipate differences from actual future results, it is crucial to note that these risks can significantly influence pension obligations, actuarially determined contributions, and the funded status of the Plan.

Investment Risk: As the return on the plan trust assets is subject to market return, should the actual rate of return be lower than the expected return the cost of the plan will rise and vice versa.

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For the plan year 10/01/2023 through 09/30/2024

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Asset Liability Mismatch Risk: The changes in assets are not tied to the changes in the value of liabilities.

Interest Rate Risk: If interest rates go up, plan liabilities and required contributions will go down, and vice versa.

To provide a better understanding of the effect of changing interest rates, if the Section 430 rates (the rates used for determining the required minimum funding amount) decrease by 10 percent, using data from the current valuation, the required minimum funding amount would increase by \$2,312.

Longevity and Other Demographic Risks: Cessation from employment due to termination, disability or death prior to the assumed retirement date under the plan may greatly sway the total liabilities payable from the plan. However, due to the small plan population, including these more unlikely events under this plan may greatly overstate the plan liabilities and likely cause the plan to be over funded. Thus, these decrements are not considered as in all likelihood, any unfunded benefits owed under the plan may be foregone by the substantial owner.

Actual retirement of plan participants may not directly align with the assumed retirement assumption(s) used to value the liabilities for the minimum required contribution. Typically, if a participant retires earlier than normal retirement, the liabilities will be lower than expected.

Contribution Risks: The minimum required contribution as stated in this valuation is mandated. Should this amount go unfunded, certainly the liabilities of this plan will become less covered by its trust assets. The current plan funding policy indicates that the minimum required contribution will be funded; thus, this valuation has not considered the possibility of unpaid contributions. If the Plan Sponsor knows of events that might impact its abilities to fund the minimum required contribution; these events should be discussed and evaluated as to how they may or may not impact the overall funded status of the plan.

Other Risks: Changes in your workforce could affect the discrimination testing of your Plan. It is not uncommon for one or two individuals to be responsible for allowing the discrimination testing to pass.

If you would like to discuss these risks, or any other risks to your Plan please contact your Administrator assigned to your Plan.

Modeling: The DATAIR Employee Benefit Systems, Inc. pension system was utilized for computations, leveraging its parameter-driven structure for accurate actuarial results. The decision to use this software was based on its reliability, efficiency, and the Actuary's expertise.

Actuarial Professional Credentials and Certifications: I am a member of the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries (ASPPA).

I am actively enrolled by the Joint Board of the Enrollment of Actuaries. I am eligible to practice with respect to qualified retirement plans and to furnish the actuarial opinion outlined in the Actuarial Report, adhering to the qualification standards established by the American Academy of Actuaries. Throughout the preparation of the Actuarial Report, there was strict adherence to the guidance outlined in all Actuarial Standards of Practice. There is no discernible connection between the intended users, the Plan, its advisors, my firm, and/or myself that would compromise the impartiality of my findings or my actuarial opinion. Given the intended purpose of the Actuarial Report, there are no restrictions imposed on the report or its findings. To the best of my knowledge, the actuarial opinion and information presented in the Actuarial Report are comprehensive and accurate, developed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and align with widely accepted actuarial principles.

Conclusion:

Tax Advice Disclaimer: Please be aware that if the Actuarial Communications include tax advice, such advice is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used by any taxpayer, for the purpose of evading any penalties that may be imposed under the Internal Revenue Code or in promoting, marketing, or recommending any entity, investment plan, or arrangement to any taxpayer.

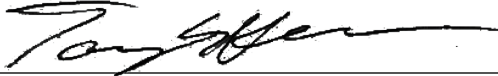
Adherence to Actuarial Standards: The content of the Actuarial Report is designed to encompass the necessary elements outlined in Actuarial Standards of Practice Nos. 1, 4, 23, 27, 35, 41, 44, 51, and 56. However, if additional information needs to be disclosed, please reach out to the Actuary directly.

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Valuation Date: 09/30/2024



07/02/2025

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Schedule SB, line 32 -
Schedule of Amortization Bases
 Carone & Company Inc. Cash Balance Plan
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Date Base Established	Original Base Amount	Type of Base	Present Value of Remaining Installments	Years Remaining Amortization Period	Amortization Installment
09/30/2022	208,889	Shortfall	156,949	5	34,425
09/30/2024	-76,480	Shortfall	-76,480	15	-7,094
Totals:			\$80,469		\$27,331