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**BETTSVILLE RECREATION BOARD
SENECA COUNTY**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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Seneca County
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Bettsville Recreation Board (the Board) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Board prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balance and reserves for encumbrances of the Board as of December 31, 2001, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 3, 2002 on our consideration of the Board's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Jim Petro
Auditor of State

June 3, 2002

**BETTSVILLE RECREATION BOARD
SENECA COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE
ENTERPRISE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001**

	Enterprise
Operating Cash Receipts:	
Charges for Services	\$29,400
Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Personal Services	20,649
Contractual Services	14,140
Supplies and materials	9,628
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	44,417
Operating Loss	(15,017)
Non-operating Cash Receipts:	
Local Taxes	16,377
Intergovernmental revenues	2,359
Miscellaneous	8,534
Interest Earnings	156
Total Non-operating Cash Receipts	27,426
Non-operating Cash Disbursements:	
Other non-operating cash disbursements	6,327
Excess Disbursements over Receipts	6,082
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	1,303
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$7,385
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$60

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**BETTSVILLE RECREATION BOARD
SENECA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Bettsville Recreation Board (the Board) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Board consists of five members: Two of its members are representatives from the Bettsville Board of Education; the remaining three individuals are appointed by the Mayor of Bettsville. The Board maintains, equips and operates the recreation facilities of the village of Bettsville.

The Board's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Board is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Fund Accounting

The Board uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is restricted as to use. The Board classifies its fund into the following type:

Enterprise Fund

This Fund accounts for operations that are similar to private business enterprises where management intends that the significant costs of providing certain goods or services will be recovered through user charges. The Board had the following significant enterprise fund:

Recreation Fund – This fund receives charges for operation and maintenance of the Village's park, which include admission fees, concession stand sales, shelter rentals and memberships.

D. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001
(Continued)**

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Board to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated. The Board did not encumber all commitments required by Ohio law.

A summary of 2001 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

The Board maintains a cash pool used by the Enterprise Fund. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits. The carrying amount of cash at December 31 was as follows:

	2001
Demand deposits	\$7,385

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2001 follows:

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
Enterprise	\$57,250	\$56,826	(\$424)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
Enterprise	\$58,552	\$50,804	\$7,748

Contrary to Ohio law, the Board did not encumber all commitments as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

**BETTSVILLE RECREATION BOARD
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001
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4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Board of Trustees. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payment, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Board.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Board.

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Board's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2001, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Board contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2001. The Board has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Board has obtained commercial insurance for the comprehensive property and general liability.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Bettsville Recreation Board (the Board) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Board's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2001-10574-001.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Board's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Board in a separate letter dated June 3, 2002.

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Jim Petro
Auditor of State

June 3, 2002

**BETTSVILLE RECREATION BOARD
SENECA COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2001**

**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

FINDING NUMBER 2001-10574-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Revised Code § 5705.41(D) states no orders or contracts involving the expenditure of money is to be made unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer certifying that the amount required for the order or contract has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. Every such contract made without such a certificate shall be null and void and no warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due thereon.

This section also provides two "exceptions" to the above requirement:

- A. Then and Now Certificate - If no certificate is furnished as required, upon receipt of the fiscal officer's certificate that a sufficient sum was, both at the time of the contract or order and at the time of the certificate, appropriated and free of any previous encumbrances, the Board may authorize the issuance of a warrant in payment of the amount due upon such contract or order by resolution within 30 days from the receipt of such certificate, if such expenditure is otherwise valid.
- B. If the amount involved is less than \$1,000, the fiscal officer may authorize it to be paid without the affirmation of the Board, if such expenditure is otherwise valid.

Sixteen percent of the transactions tested were not certified by the fiscal officer at the time the commitment was incurred and neither of the exceptions provided for were used. To improve controls over disbursements, we recommend that all Board disbursements receive certification of the fiscal officer that the funds are or will be available.

**BETTSVILLE RECREATION BOARD
SENECA COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FISCAL YEAR END DECEMBER 31, 2001**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain:</i>
2000-10574-001	Ohio Revised Code § 5705.41(D) expenditures were not always certified by the Board prior to the commitment.	No	Repeated as Finding #2001-10574-001



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BETTSVILLE RECREATION BOARD

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JULY 2, 2002**