VILLAGE OF CHERRY FORK ADAMS COUNTY Regular Audit For the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

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Village Council Village of Cherry Fork P.O. Box 4 Cherry Fork, Ohio 45618

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report* of the Village of Cherry Fork, Adams County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Village of Cherry Fork is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

October 31, 2012

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

August 29, 2012

Village of Cherry Fork Adams County P.O. Box 4 Cherry Fork, Ohio 45618

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the **Village of Cherry Fork**, Adams County, Ohio (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Village'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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Village has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Village's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Village does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require Villages to reformat their statements. The Village has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Village as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

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Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 of the Village of Cherry Fork, Adams County, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

As described in Note 1F, during 2011 the Village of Cherry Fork adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 29, 2012, on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Perry and Associates Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	Governmental Fund Types			Totals			
	General		Special Revenue		(Memorandum		
					Only)		
Cash Receipts:							
Property Tax and Other Local Taxes	\$	6,078	\$	-	\$	6,078	
Intergovernmental		3,473		9,307		12,780	
Fines, Licenses, and Permits		1,458		-		1,458	
Earnings on Investments		20		-		20	
Miscellaneous				500		500	
Total Cash Receipts		11,029		9,807		20,836	
Cash Disbursements:							
Current:							
Security of Persons and Property		226		-		226	
Public Health Services		400		-		400	
Basic Utility Services		2,583		2,136		4,719	
General Government		24,521		4,704		29,225	
Total Cash Disbursements		27,730		6,840		34,570	
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances		(16,701)		2,967		(13,734)	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		25,141		8,642		33,783	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31							
Restricted		-		11,609		11,609	
Unassigned		8,440		-		8,440	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	8,440	\$	11,609	\$	20,049	

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

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Governmental Fund Types				Totals	
	General		Special Revenue		(Memorandum Only)	
Cash Receipts:		<u>eneru</u>		c · c · u · c · · c · · · · · · · · · ·		<u>()</u>
Property Tax and Other Local Taxes	\$	9,568	\$	-	\$	9,568
Intergovernmental		4,632		8,249		12,881
Fines, Licenses, and Permits		1,457		-		1,457
Earnings on Investments		480		-		480
Miscellaneous		373				373
Total Cash Receipts		16,510		8,249		24,759
Cash Disbursements:						
Current:						
Public Health Services		400		-		400
Basic Utility Services		964		2,168		3,132
General Government		12,636		3,555		16,191
Capital Outlay		40,005		10,000		50,005
Total Cash Disbursements		54,005		15,723	. <u> </u>	69,728
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances		(37,495)		(7,474)		(44,969)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	1	62,636		16,116		78,752
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	25,141	\$	8,642	\$	33,783

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 and 2010

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Village of Cherry Fork, Adams County (the Village), as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected six-member Council governs the Village. The Village provides general governmental services, including maintenance of roads, and police services.

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

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Village recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements 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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Deposits

The Village invests all available funds in an interest bearing checking account.

D. Fund Accounting

The Village uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Village classifies its funds into the following types:

1. General Fund

The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from private purpose trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Village had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund - This fund received gasoline tax and motor vehicle tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Village streets.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 and 2010 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. 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. Village Council must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

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

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Village to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2011 and 2010 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Fund Balance

For December 31, 2011, fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Village must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

1. Nonspendable

The Village classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

2. Restricted

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 and 2010 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Fund Balance(Continued)

3. Committed

Council can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Village must adhere to these commitments unless the Council amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by Village Council or a Village official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

5. Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Village applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

G. Property, Plant and Equipment

The Village records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

H. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 and 2010 (Continued)

2. EQUITY IN POOLED DEPOSITS

The Village maintains a deposit pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31 was as follows:

	2011	2010
Demand Deposits	\$20,049	\$33,783

Deposits: Deposits are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

3. BUDGETARY ACIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 follows:

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts									
	В	udgeted	Actual						
Fund Type	R	leceipts	Receipts		Variance				
General	\$	11,200	\$	11,029	\$	171			
Special Revenue		6,536		9,807		(3,271)			
Total	\$	17,736	\$	20,836	\$	(3,100)			
2011 Budgeted v					ures				
		ropriation		ıdgetary					
Fund Type		uthority		enditures		ariance			
General	\$	25,144	\$	27,730	\$	(2,586)			
Special Revenue		11,290		6,840		4,450			
Total	\$	36,434	\$	34,570	\$	1,864			
			2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts Budgeted Actual						
	Bı	udgeted	A	Actual					
Fund Type	Bı R	udgeted eceipts	A Re	Actual eceipts		ariance			
Fund Type General	Bı	udgeted eceipts 13,315	A	Actual eceipts 16,510	V \$	(3,195)			
Fund Type General Special Revenue	Bu R \$	udgeted eceipts 13,315 7,179	4 R \$	Actual eceipts 16,510 8,249	\$	(3,195) (1,070)			
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Contrary to Ohio law, budgetary expenditures exceeded appropriation authority for the General Fund in 2011 and for the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund in 2010.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 and 2010 (Continued)

4. **PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 proceeding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Village Council. 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 payments, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

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 Village.

5. **RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The Village's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2011 and 2010, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries, and the Village contributed an amount equaling 14% respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The Village had paid all contributions required through December 31, 2011.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Village has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability; and
- Errors and omission

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

August 29, 2012

Village of Cherry Fork Adams County P.O. Box 4 Cherry Fork, Ohio 45618

To the Village Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the **Village of Cherry Fork**, Adams County, Ohio (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated August 29, 2012, wherein we noted the Village followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Therefore, we cannot assure that we have identified all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Village's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected. We consider findings 2011-001 through 2011-003 as described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings to be material weaknesses.

Village of Cherry Fork Adams County Independent Accountants' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by Government Auditing Standards Page 2

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Village's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings as items 2011-001 through 2011-004.

We also noted a certain matter not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Village's management in a separate letter dated August 29, 2012.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, Village Council, and others within the Village. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Perry and Associates Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

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

FINDING NUMBER 2011-001

Noncompliance/Material Weakness

Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 states, in part, cash-basis entities must file annual reports with the Auditor of State within 60 days of the fiscal year end. The Auditor of State may prescribe by rule or guidelines the forms for these reports. However, if the Auditor of State has not prescribed a reporting form, the public office shall submit its report on the form used by the public office. The report shall contain the amount of: (A) receipts, and amounts due from each source; (B) expenditures for each purpose; (C) income of any public service industry that the entity owns or operates, as well as the costs of ownership or operation; and (D) public debt of each taxing district, the purpose of the debt, and how the debt will be repaid. Also, the public office must publish notice in a local newspaper stating the financial report is available for public inspection at the office of the chief fiscal officer.

The Village filed the Annual Financial Report with the Auditor of State's office but the amounts in the report did not agree with the amounts on the Village's accounting system for 2011 and 2010. Several reclassifications and adjustments were made to the financial statement for both years. The accompanying financial statements reflect all adjustments and reclassifications. In addition, no evidence was presented for audit to indicate the Village published a notice in a local newspaper stating the financial report is available for public inspection.

We recommend the Annual Financial Report be compiled from the Village's accounting system and be reconciled. In addition, the Village should publish notice in a local newspaper that the financial report is available for public inspection.

Management's Response – We did not receive a response from officials to this finding

FINDING NUMBER 2011-002

Noncompliance/Material Weakness

Ohio Revised Code Section 733.28 requires the Fiscal Officer to maintain the books of the Village and exhibit accurate statements of all monies received and expended. The Village did not properly classify receipt and disbursement transactions. An accurate record was not maintained for all monies received by the Village. The following misstatements were noted:

- The Village did not accurately reconcile its bank account to fund balances during the two year audit period. Monthly bank reconciliations were not performed. Year-end reconciliation did not accurately reflect the Village's bank activity and fund balances.
- The 2011 and 2010 financial reports were submitted with numerous errors, including no fund balances and most of the line item postings were incorrect when compared to appropriation and receipts ledger postings.
- The Village did not consistently provide Council with monthly financial reports.
- The Village lacks management oversight in the classification of taxes and intergovernmental receipts. Also, the Village posted real estate settlements at net rather than at gross.

The lack of proper management oversight resulted in material misstatements of the Village's activity on the financial statements and accounting records.

SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)

FINDING NUMBER 2011-002 (Continued)

Noncompliance/Material Weakness (Continued)

Failure to accurately maintain the Village's accounting records 1) reduces the accountability over Village funds, 2) reduces Council's ability to monitor financial activity, 3) increases the likelihood that monies will be misappropriated and not detected, and 4) increases the likelihood that the Village's financial statements will be misstated.

The annual financial report should be completed accurately to ensure that the Village's financial activity is being properly reported. The financial statements reflect all reclassifications and adjustments.

To help ensure accuracy and reliability in the financial reporting process, we recommend that management perform a detailed review of its draft financial statements. Such review should include procedures to ensure that all sources of revenues and expenditures are properly identified and classified on the financial statements.

We also recommend the Fiscal Officer refer to the Village Handbook for guidance to determine the proper classification of receipts and disbursements.

Management's Response – We did not receive a response from officials to this finding

FINDING NUMBER 2011-003

Noncompliance/Material Weakness

Ohio Revised Code Section 9.38 requires that public money must be deposited with the treasurer of the public office or to a designated depository on the business day following the day of receipt. If the amount of daily receipts does not exceed \$1,000 and the receipts can be safeguarded, public offices may adopt a policy permitting their officials who receive this money to hold it past the next business day, but the deposit must be made no later than 3 business days after receiving it. The policy must include provisions and procedures to safeguarded, the money during the intervening period. If the amount exceeds \$1,000 or a lesser amount cannot be safeguarded, the public official must then deposit the money on the first business day following the date of receipt. The Village does not have such a policy.

During our review of receipts, we noted several instances in which receipts were not deposited by the Village Fiscal Officer for several days and/or monies were not deposited in a public depository on a timely basis.

The practice allows for monies of the Village to be improperly safeguarded.

We recommend the Village take steps to ensure deposits are made timely and are properly safeguarded. Per Ohio Revised Code, the Village could adopt a policy to allow deposits of less than \$1,000 to be deposited within three business days.

Management's Response – We did not receive a response from officials to this finding.

SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)

FINDING NUMBER 2011-004

Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41 (B) states that no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any expenditure of money unless the same has been properly appropriated.

Actual disbursements exceeded appropriations for 2011 in the General Fund and for 2010 in the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund.

We recommend the Fiscal Officer modify appropriations with the Village Council and County Budget Commission before incurring obligations that would cause expenditures to exceed appropriations. The Fiscal Officer should deny any payments until the legislative authority has passed the necessary changes to the appropriation measure.

Management's Response – We did not receive a response from officials to this finding.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2009-001	ORC Section 5705.41(D) – Certifying expenditures	No	Partially Corrected; issued in Management Letter
2009-002	ORC Section 9.38 – Timely deposits	No	Not Corrected; Repeated as Finding 2011-003
2009-003	ORC Section 117.38 – Incomplete annual financial reports	No	Not Corrected; Repeated as Finding 2011-001
2009-004	ORC Section 733.28 – Accounting errors	No	Not Corrected; Repeated as Finding 2011-002
2009-005	ORC Section 5705.41 (B) – Expenditures exceeding appropriations	No	Not Corrected; Repeated as Finding 2011-004
2009-006	ORC 5705.34 – Certifying tax levies	Yes	N/A

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VILLAGE OF CHERRY FORK

ADAMS COUNTY

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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED NOVEMBER 13, 2012

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