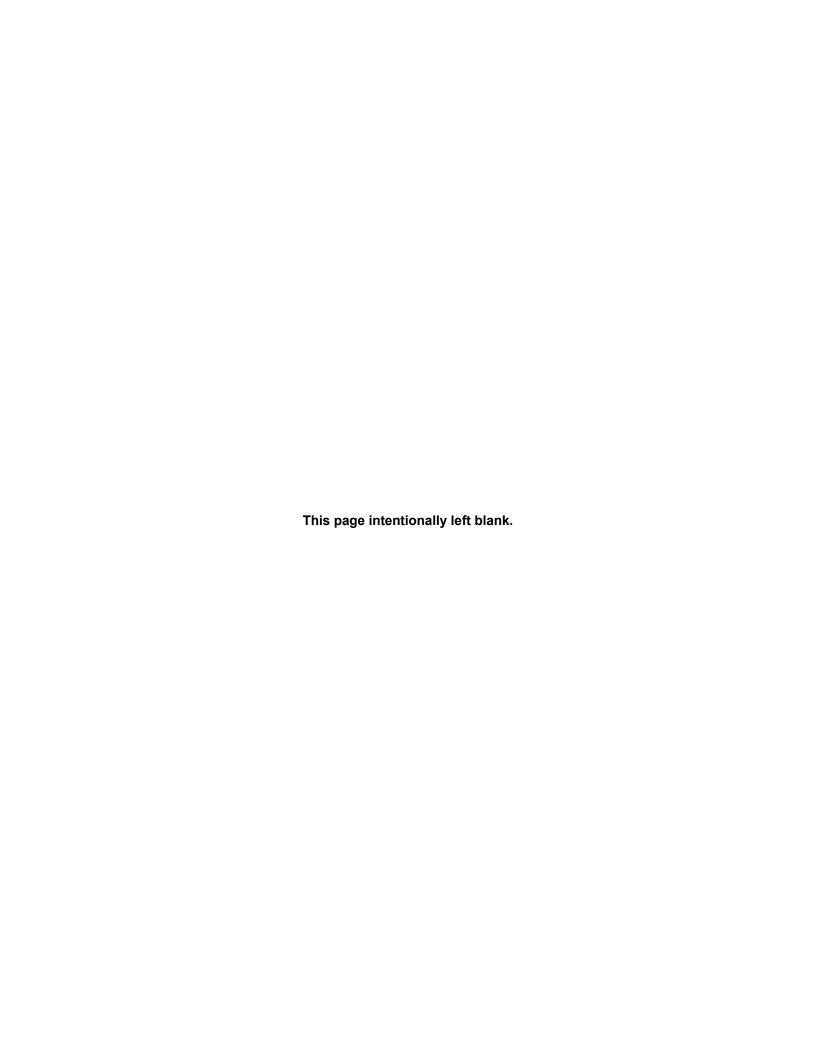




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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Village of Casstown Miami County P.O. Box 91 Casstown, Ohio 45312

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Casstown, Miami County, (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002. 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 *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 Village 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 combined fund cash balances of the Village as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 27, 2004, 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 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.

Village of Casstown Miami County Independent Accountants' Report Page 2

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, Village Council 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.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

July 27, 2004

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Govern	nmental Fund	Types	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Property Tax and Other Local Taxes Special Assessments Intergovernmental Receipts	\$11,763 5,664 21,017	\$4,006 15,041		\$15,769 5,664 36,058
Charges for Services Fines, Licenses, and Permits Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	15 6,351 659	1,264	\$2,100	2,100 15 7,615 659
Total Cash Receipts	45,469	20,311	2,100	67,880
Cash Disbursements: Current:				
Security of Persons and Property Public Health Services Leisure Time Activities	3,788 1,035 425	4,711		8,499 1,035 425
Transportation General Government	6,340 14,147	2,608		8,948 14,147
Total Cash Disbursements	25,735	7,319		33,054
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	19,734	12,992	2,100	34,826
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements): Transfers-In Transfers-Out	(4,523)	138 (138)	3,893	4,031 (4,661)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(4,523)		3,893	(630)
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	15,211	12,992	5,993	34,196
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	118,881	50,630	78,416	247,927
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$134,092	\$63,622	\$84,409	\$282,123

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	
	Enterprise	Nonexpendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Operating Cash Receipts: Charges for Services Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	\$32,964	\$2,687 500	\$32,964 2,687 500
Total Operating Cash Receipts	32,964	3,187	36,151
Operating Cash Disbursements: Personal Services Travel Transportation Contractual Services Supplies and Materials Capital Outlay	21,173 108 837 7,239 905	853	21,173 108 1,690 7,239 905
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	30,262	853	31,115
Operating Income/(Loss)	2,702	2,334	5,036
Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Other Non-Operating Receipts	615		615
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	615		615
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements: Other Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	365		365
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	365		365
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements Before Interfund Transfers and Advances	2,952	2,334	5,286
Transfers-In	630		630
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	3,582	2,334	5,916
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	56,392	59,220	115,612
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$59,974	\$61,554	\$121,528

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	Govern	mental Fund	Types	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Property Tax and Other Local Taxes Special Assessments Intergovernmental Receipts Charges for Services Fines, Licenses, and Permits Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	\$9,679 5,693 21,274 25 7,144 1,238	\$4,133 12,932 1,217	\$4,200	\$13,812 5,693 34,206 4,200 25 8,361 1,238
Total Cash Receipts	45,053	18,282	4,200	67,535
Cash Disbursements: Current: Security of Persons and Property Public Health Services Leisure Time Activities Transportation General Government Capital Outlay	3,788 927 100 15,755 16,291	4,843 2,384	3,761	8,631 927 100 18,139 16,291 3,761
Total Cash Disbursements	36,861	7,227	3,761	47,849
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	8,192	11,055	439	19,686
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements): Transfers-In Transfers-Out	(5,176)		4,530	4,530 (5,176)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(5,176)		4,530	(646)
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	3,016	11,055	4,969	19,040
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	115,865	39,575	73,447	228,887
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$118.881</u>	\$50.630	<u>\$78.416</u>	\$247.927

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	
	Enterprise	Nonexpendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Operating Cash Receipts: Charges for Services Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	\$42,663	\$3,169 1,000	\$42,663 3,169 1,000
Total Operating Cash Receipts	42,663	4,169	46,832
Operating Cash Disbursements: Personal Services Travel Transprortation Contractual Services Supplies and Materials Capital Outlay	20,813 148 845 9,425 9,103	755	20,813 148 1,600 9,425 9,103
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	40,334	755	41,089
Operating Income/(Loss)	2,329	3,414	5,743
Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Other Non-Operating Receipts	1,469		1,469
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	1,469		1,469
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements: Other Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	429		429
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	429		429
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements Before Interfund Transfers and Advances	3,369	3,414	6,783
Transfers-In	646		646
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	4,015	3,414	7,429
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	52,377	55,806	108,183
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$56,392	\$59,220	\$115,612

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Village of Casstown, Miami County, (the Village) 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 Village is directed by a publicly-elected six-member Council. The Village provides general governmental services, including cemetery operations. The Village contracts with the Miami County Sheriff's department to provide security of persons and property. The Village contracts with Casstown Fire Department to provide fire protection services.

The Village's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Village 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. Cash and Investments

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

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 is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Fund

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

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

State Highway Improvement Fund -This fund receives gasoline tax and motor vehicle tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing state highway streets through the Village.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fire Levy Fund – This receives proceeds from a property tax levy for fire protection for Village residents.

3. Capital Project Fund

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Village had the following significant capital project funds:

Cemetery Land Purchase and Maintenance Fund - This fund receives proceeds from the selling of burial plots. The proceeds are to be used for the acquisition and maintaining of the land.

4. Enterprise Fund

This fund account 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 Village had the following significant Enterprise Fund:

Cemetery Operating Fund - This fund receives charges for services to manage the cemetery.

5. Fiduciary Fund (Trust Fund)

Trust funds are used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements. If the agreement requires the Village to maintain the corpus of the trust, the fund is classified as a nonexpendable trust fund. Other trust funds are classified as expendable. The Village had the following significant fiduciary fund:

Non-Expendable Trust Fund

Cemetery Endowment Fund – Amounts donated are maintained in perpetuity. Investment earning are used for grave upkeep as specified by the donation.

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, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Council 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (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 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 2003 and 2002 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 AND INVESTMENTS

The Village maintains a cash and investments pool used by all funds. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	2003	2002
Demand deposits	\$152,489	\$111,592
Certificates of deposit	251,162_	251,947
Total deposits	\$403,651	\$363,539

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2003 and 2002 follows:

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

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	Budgeted	Actual	_
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$42,929	\$45,469	\$2,540
Special Revenue	19,602	20,449	847
Capital Projects	6,188	5,993	(195)
Enterprise	30,948	34,209	3,261
Fiduciary	3,000	3,187	187
Total	\$102,667	\$109,307	\$6,640

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$74,510	\$30,258	\$44,252
Special Revenue	35,252	7,457	27,795
Capital Projects	15,350	0	15,350
Enterprise	45,575	30,627	14,948
Fiduciary	1,500	853	647
Total	\$172,187	\$69,195	\$102,992

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$40,988	\$45,053	\$4,065
Special Revenue	19,868	18,282	(1,586)
Capital Projects	9,300	8,730	(570)
Enterprise	50,503	44,778	(5,725)
Fiduciary	4,200	4,169	(31)
Total	\$124,859	\$121,012	(\$3,847)

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$64,185	\$42,037	\$22,148
Special Revenue	45,841	7,227	38,614
Capital Projects	5,438	3,761	1,677
Enterprise	58,625	40,763	17,862
Fiduciary	1,500	755	745
Total	\$175,589	\$94,543	\$81,046

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding 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.

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

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Village's employees and Clerk 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 2003 and 2002, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their wages. The Village contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2003.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Risk Pool Membership

The Village belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. PEP provides property and casualty coverage for its members. PEP is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund PEP. PEP pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

B. Casualty Coverage

PEP retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per claim, including loss adjustment expenses. PEP pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000 from the General Reinsurance Corporation.

If losses exhaust PEP's retained earnings, APEEP covers PEP losses up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

C. Property Coverage

PEP retains property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss with an annual aggregate of \$1,250,000 for 2002. There is no aggregate for 2003 and future accident years. Beginning in 2003, PEP retains property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures losses exceeding \$100,000. APEEP's Guarantee Fund pays losses and loss adjustment expenses exceeding operating contributions.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge PEP's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

D. Financial Position

PEP's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31:

Casualty Coverage	2003	2002
Assets	\$25,288,098	\$20,174,977
Liabilities	(12,872,985)	(8,550,749)
Retained earnings	\$12,415,113	\$11,624,228
Property Coverage	2003	2002
Property Coverage Assets	2003 \$3,158,813	2002 \$2,565,408



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

Village of Casstown Miami County P.O. Box 91 Casstown, Ohio 45312

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Casstown, Miami County, (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated July 27, 2004. 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 Village'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 no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted an immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated July 27, 2004.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Village'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 Village in a separate letter dated July 27, 2004.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and Village Council, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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July 27, 2004



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VILLAGE OF CASSTOWN

MIAMI 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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED OCTOBER 5, 2004