Village of Belle Center Logan County, Ohio Financial Statements December 31, 2006 and 2005



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of the Village of Belle Center, Logan County, prepared by Taylor, Applegate, Hughes & Associates, Ltd., for the audit period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006. 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 Belle Center is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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August 8, 2007

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

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To the Honorable Mayor and Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Belle Center, Logan County, Ohio, (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. 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 that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 2, the accompanying financial statements and notes follow the modified cash accounting basis. This is a comprehensive accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Belle Center, Logan County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the respective changes in modified cash financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General and the Street, Construction,

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629 E. High Street phone 937.325.1538 Springfield, Ohio 45505 fax 937.325.8242 cpa@applegatehughes.com Maintenance and Repair funds thereof for the year December 31, 2006 and for the General, Street, Construction, Maintenance and Repair, State Highway, Permissive Tax, and FEMA/Snow Fund for the year December 31, 2005 in conformity with the basis of accounting Note 2 describes.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated June 12, 2007, 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 different exporting 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.

Management's discussion and analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Taylor, Applegate, Hughes and Associates, Ltd. June 12, 2007

This discussion and analysis of the Village of Belle Center's financial performance provides an overall review of the Government's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2006, within the limitations of the Government's modified cash basis accounting. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Government's financial performance.

## <u>Highlights</u>

Key highlights for 2006 are as follows:

Net assets of governmental activities decreased \$ 43,605 or 17.6 percent, a significant change from the prior year. The fund most affected by the decrease in cash and cash equivalents was the General Fund, which realized the greatest burden of increased costs in 2006; however, cost increases affected most funds.

The Government's general receipts are primarily property and income taxes. These receipts represent respectively 14.7 and 59.9 percent of the total cash received for governmental activities during the year. Property and income tax receipts for 2006 changed very little compared to 2005.

The **Water operation** had a **deficit** during the year 2006 of \$ 23,383. Cost increases for fuel, electric, and natural gas accounted for a portion of the increased cost; in addition \$ 10,400 was spent out of this fund for painting the water tank.

The Sewer operation generated a surplus of \$ 1,500 during the year.

The **Trash operation** generated a **surplus** of \$ 8,486 during the year.

### **Using the Basic Financial Statements**

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Government's modified cash basis of accounting.

#### **Report Components**

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities provide information about the cash activities of the Village as a whole.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. Funds are created and maintained on the financial records of the Government as a way to segregate money whose use is restricted to a particular specified purpose. These statements present financial information by fund, presenting funds with the largest balances or most activity in separate columns.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. The Village has elected to present its financial statements on a modified cash basis of accounting. This basis

of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under the Government's modified cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid.

As a result of using the modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the modified cash basis of accounting.

### **Reporting the Government as a Whole**

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities reflect how the Government did financially during 2006, within the limitations of modified cash basis accounting. The statement of net assets presents the cash balances and investments of the governmental and business-type activities of the Village at year end. The statement of activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each governmental program and business-type activity. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function or business-type activity draws from the Village's general receipts.

These statements report the Village's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting, you can think of these changes as one way to measure the Village's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the Village's cash position is one indicator of whether the Village's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the Village's financial condition, you should also consider other non financial factors as well such as the Village's property tax base, the condition of the Village's capital assets and infrastructure, the extent of the Village's debt obligations, the reliance on non-local financial resources for operations and the need for continued growth in the major local revenue sources such as property and income taxes.

In the statement of net assets and the statement of activities, we divide the Village into two types of activities:

Governmental activities. Most of the Village's basic services are reported here, including streets and parks. State and federal grants and income and property taxes finance most of these activities. Benefits provided through governmental activities are not necessarily paid for by the people receiving them.

Business-type activity. The Village has three business-type activities, the provision of water, sewer and trash services. Business-type activities are financed by a fee charged to the customers receiving the service.

#### **Reporting the Government's Most Significant Funds**

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the Village's major funds – not the Village as a whole. The Village establishes separate funds to better manage its many activities and to help demonstrate that money that is restricted as to how it may be used is being spent for the intended purpose. The funds of the Village are split into two categories: governmental land proprietary.

Governmental Funds - Most of the Village's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the Village's governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the Village's programs. The Village's significant governmental funds are presented on the financial statements in separate columns. The information for nonmajor funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) is combined and presented in total in a single column. The Village's only major governmental funds are the General Fund and the Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund. The programs reported in governmental funds are closely related to those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements. We describe this relationship in reconciliations presented with the governmental fund financial statements.

Proprietary Funds – When the Village charges customers for the services it provides, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. When the services are provided to the general public, the activity is reported as an enterprise fund. The Village has three enterprise funds, the water fund, sewer fund and trash fund.

#### The Village as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the Village's net assets for 2006 compared to 2005 on a modified cash basis:

#### (Table 1)

### Net Assets

	Governmental	Activities	Business-Type	e Activities	Tot	al
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Assets						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$70,717	\$246,504	\$153,868	\$399,777	\$224,585	\$646,281
Investments	132,183		241,055		373,238	0
Total Assets	\$202,900	\$246,504	\$394,923	\$399,777	\$597,823	\$646,281
Net Assets						
Restricted for:						
Debt Service					\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay					0	0
Other Purposes	45,885	61,976			45,885	61,976
Unrestricted	157,015	184,528	394,923	399,777	551,938	584,305
Total Net Assets	\$202,900	\$246,504	\$394,923	\$399,777	\$597,823	\$646,281

As mentioned previously, net assets of governmental activities decreased \$43,605 or 17.6 percent during 2006. The primary reasons contributing to the decreases in cash balances are as follows: The major items purchased were Leaf Machine - \$ 10,000, Dump Truck - \$ 22,500 and partial payment for painting the water tank - \$ 11,384.

Table 2 reflects the changes in net assets on a modified cash basis in 2006 and 2005 for governmental activities, business-type activities and total primary government.

## (Table 2) Changes in Net Assets

	Governr	nental	Busines	ss-Type		
	Activi	ties	Activ	vities	Tot	al
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Receipts:						
Program Receipts:						
Charges for Services and Sales	\$445	\$505	\$281,140	\$229,505	\$281,585	\$230,010
Operating Grants and Contributions	33,179	29,700			33,179	29,700
Capital Grants and Contributions	0	0	0	125,436	0	125,436
Total Program Receipts	33,624	30,205	281,140	354,941	314,764	385,146
General Receipts:						
Property and Other Local Taxes	43,163	42,447			43,163	42,447
Income Taxes	112,242	109,576			112,242	109,576
Grants and Entitlements Not Restricted						
to Specific Programs	9,967	92,197	95,593		105,560	92,197
Interest	19,639	7,866	2,343	1,107	21,982	8,973
Miscellaneous	2,495	823		400	2,495	1,223
Total General Receipts	187,506	252,909	97,936	1,507	285,442	254,416
Total Receipts	221,130	283,114	379,076	356,448	600,206	639,562
Disbursements:						
General Government	109,933	170,537			109,933	170,537
Security of Persons and Property:	22,370	27,960			22,370	27,960
Public Health Services					0	0
Leisure Time Activities	2,158	7,048			2,158	7,048
Community Environment		233			0	233
Basic Utilities		1,185	245,199	253,109	245,199	254,294
Transportation	77,744	62,835			77,744	62,835
Capital Outlay	40,743	4,800			40,743	4,800
Principal Retirement			78,973	76,291	78,973	76,291
Interest and Fiscal Charges			71,570	74,252	71,570	74,252
Water					0	0
Total Disbursements	252,948	274,598	395,742	403,652	648,690	678,250
Excess (Deficiency) Before Transfers	(31,818)	8,516	(16,666)	(47,204)	(48,484)	(38,688)
Transfers	(11,786)	(4,303)	11,786	4,303	0	0
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(43,604)	4,213	(4,880)	(42,901)	(48,484)	(38,688)
Net Assets, January 1	246,504	242,291	399,803	442,678	646,307	684,969
Net Assets, December 31	\$202,900	\$246,504	\$394,923	\$399,777	\$597,823	\$646,281
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On table 2 the Net Assets at December 31, 2005 differ from the Net Assets at January 1, 2006. See Note 14 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

General receipts represent 53.2 percent of the Village's total receipts, and of this amount, over 46.9 percent are local taxes. State and federal grants and entitlements make up the balance of the Village's general receipts (19.7 percent). Other receipts are very insignificant and somewhat unpredictable revenue sources.

Disbursements for General Government represent the overhead costs of running the Village and the support services provided for the other Village activities. These include the costs of council, and the fiscal officer, and income tax departments, as well as internal services such as payroll and purchasing. Leisure Time Activities are the costs of maintaining the parks and playing fields and Transportation is the cost of maintaining the streets.

#### **Governmental Activities**

If you look at the Statement of Activities, you will see that the first column lists the major services provided by the Government. The next column identifies the costs of providing these services. The major program disbursements for governmental activities are for general government which accounts for 43.5 percent of all governmental disbursements. Transportation and capital outlay account for 30.7 percent and 16.1 percent respectively of all governmental disbursements. The next three columns of the Statement entitled Program Receipts identify amounts paid by people who are directly charged for the service and grants received by the Government that must be used to provide a specific service. The net Receipt (Disbursement) column compares the program receipts to the cost of the service. This "net cost" amount represents the cost of the service which ends up being paid from money provided by local taxpayers. These net costs are paid from the general receipts which are presented at the bottom of the Statement. A comparison between the total cost of services and the net cost is presented in Table 3.

	(Table 3)									
Governmental Activities										
	Total Cost	Total Cost	Net Cost	Net Cost						
	of Services	of Services	of Services	of Services						
	2006	2005	2006	2005						
General Government	\$ 109,933	\$ 170,537	\$ 109,933	\$ 170,537						
Security of Persons and Property	22,370	27,960	22,370	27,960						
Leisure Time Activities	2,158	7,048	1,713	7,048						
Economic Development										
Community Environment		233		(272)						
Basic Utilities		1,185		1,185						
Transportation	77,744	62,835	44,565	33,134						
Capital Outlay	40,743	4,800	40,743	4,800						
Principal Retirement		-								
Interest and Fiscal Charges		-								
Total Expenses	\$ 252,948	\$ 274,598	\$ 219,324	\$ 244,392						

The dependence upon property and income tax receipts is apparent as over 55.3 percent of governmental activities are supported through these general receipts.

#### **Business-type Activities**

The **Water operation** of the Village generated \$ 64,458 during 2006 and expenditures were \$ 87,841 resulting in a deficit of \$ 23,384 of which \$ 10,400 was a partial payment to paint our water tank. This fund will have to be reviewed in much detail during 2007 for a possible rate increase.

The **Sewer operation** of the **Village** generated \$ 102,537 **during 2006** and expenditures were \$101,037 resulting in a surplus of \$ 1,500. Early in 2007 the charges we pay to the Indian Lake Water Pollution Control District for processing our sewage was reduced by \$ 3.00 per resident per month.

The **Trash operation** of the Village generated \$ 63,277 during 2006 and expenditures were \$ 54,791 resulting in a surplus of \$ 8,486. This was accomplished in spite of rising fuel charges.

### **The Government's Funds**

Total governmental funds had receipts of \$ 221,130 and disbursements of \$ 252,948. The greatest change within governmental funds occurred within the General Fund. The fund balance of the General Fund decreased \$15,727 as the result of primarily capital outlay.

### **General Fund Budgeting Highlights**

The Government's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

During 2006, the Government amended its General Fund budget several times to reflect changing circumstances. Final budgeted receipts were below original budgeted receipts due to unexpected slow growth in tax receipts. The difference between final budgeted receipts and actual receipts was not significant.

Final disbursements were budgeted at \$214,249 while actual disbursements were \$193,951. Receipts exceeded the budget and expenditures were less than budgeted. The Government kept spending very close to budgeted amounts as demonstrated by the minor reported variances. The result is the decrease in fund balance of \$ 6,084 for 2006.

### **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

The Village does not currently keep track of its capital assets and infrastructure information. It is anticipated that an inventory will be completed by December 31, 2007.

### **Contacting the Village's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Village's finances and to reflect the Village's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to William B. McCormick, Fiscal Officer, Village of Belle Center, 104 W. Buckeye , P.O. Box 508, Belle Center , Ohio 43310.

# VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis December 31, 2006

	vernmental Activities	ness - Type Activities	Total		
Assets	 	1 70 0 40	<b>.</b>		
Cash	\$ 70,717	\$ 153,868	\$	224,585	
Investments	 132,183	 241,055		373,238	
Total Assets	\$ 202,900	\$ 394,923	\$	597,823	
Net Assets Restricted for: Capital Projects	\$ _	\$ _	\$	-	
Debt Service	-	-		-	
Other Purposes	45,885	-		45,885	
Unrestricted	 157,015	 394,923		551,938	
Total Net Assets	\$ 202,900	\$ 394,923	\$	597,823	

#### VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

				ots				
	Cash Disbursements		Charges for Services and Sales		Operating Grants and Contributions		·	tal Grants
Governmental Activities								
Security of Persons and Property	\$	22,370	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Public Health Services		-		-		-		-
Leisure Time Activities		2,039		-		-		-
Community Environment		119		445		-		-
Basic Utility Services		-		-		-		-
Transportation		77,744		-		33,179		-
General Government		109,933		-		-		-
Capital Outlay		40,743		-		-		-
Debt Service:								
Principal		-		-		-		-
Interest		-		-		-		-
Other								
Total Governmental Activities		252,948		445		33,179		-
Business Type Activities								
Water Operating		87,841		64,458		-		-
Sewer Operating		101,037		102,537		-		-
Garbage Operating		54,791		63,277		-		-
Ohio Water Development Authority Loan		117,035		35,313		-		95,593
Ohio Public Works Commission Loan		12,500		11,955		-		-
Enterprise Construction		21,008		-		-		-
Enterprise Deposit Fund		1,530		3,600		-		-
Total Business Type Activities		395,742		281,140				95,593
Total	\$	648,690	\$	281,585	\$	33,179	\$	95,593

#### **General Receipts**

Property Taxes Municipal Income Taxes Other Taxes Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous

#### Total General Receipts

#### Transfers

Total General Receipts, Special & Extraordinary Items, Transfers and Advances

#### Change in Net Assets

Net Assets Beginning of Year

#### Net Assets End of Year

	Governmental Business Activities Activit				Total		
\$	(22,370)	\$	-	\$	(22,370)		
	(2,039)		-		(2,039)		
	326		-		326		
	_		-		-		
	(44,565)		-		(44,565)		
	(109,933)		-		(109,933)		
	(40,743)		-		(40,743)		
	-		-		-		
	-		-		-		
	_	-	_		-		
	(219,324)		-		(219,324)		
	-		(23,383)		(23,383)		
	-		1,500		1,500		
	-		8,486		8,486		
	-		13,871		13,871		
	-		(545)		(545)		
	-		(21,008)		(21,008)		
	-		2,070		2,070		
	-		(19,009)		(19,009)		
\$	(219,324)	\$	(19,009)	\$	(238,333)		
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\$	27,551	\$	-	\$	27,551		
	112,242		-		112,242		
	15,612		-		15,612		
	9,967		-		9,967		
	19,639 2,494		2,343		21,982 2,494		
	187,506		2,343		189,849		
	187,500		2,343		169,649		
	(11,787)		11,787				
	175,720		14,129		189,849		
	(43,605)		(4,880)		(48,484)		
	246,504		399,803		646,307		
\$	202,900	\$	394,923	\$	597,823		

Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets

#### BELLE CENTER VILLAGE, LOGAN COUNTY LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Modified Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances Governmental Funds December 31, 2006

	GENERAL		STREET CONST. MAINT.REP.		OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		GOV	TOTAL ERNMENTAL FUNDS
Assets Cash	\$	29,866	\$	28,031	\$	12,820	\$	70,717
Investments		127,148		5,034		-		132,183
Total Assets	\$	157,014	\$	33,066	\$	12,820	\$	202,900
Fund Balances Reserved: Reserved for Encumbrances Reserved for Unclaimed Monies Unreserved: Undesignated (Deficit), Reported in:	\$	747 -	\$	488 -	\$	5	\$	1,241 -
General Fund		156,267		-		-		156,267
Special Revenue Funds		-		32,578		12,814		45,392
Debt Service Fund		-		-		-		-
Capital Projects Funds		-		-		-		-
Permanent Fund		-		-		-		-
Total Fund Balances	\$	157,014	\$	33,066	\$	12,820	\$	202,900

#### BELLE CENTER VILLAGE, LOGAN COUNTY LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

	G	ENERAL	С	TREET ONST. NT.REP.	OTI GOVERN FUI		 TOTAL
Receipts							
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	27,082	\$	5,662	\$	4,813	\$ 37,557
Municipal Income Taxes		112,242		-		-	112,242
Intergovernmental		10,436		31,080		2,099	43,615
Fines, Licenses and Permits		5,583		-		-	5,583
Earnings on Investments		19,639		-		-	19,639
Miscellaneous		2,494		-			 2,494
Total Receipts		177,476		36,742		6,912	 221,130
Disbursements							
Current:							
Security of Persons and Property		22,370		-		-	22,370
Public Health Services		-		-		-	-
Leisure Time Activities		2,040		-		-	2,040
Community Environment		119		-		-	119
Basic Utility Services		-		-		-	-
Transportation		26,042		38,363		13,338	77,744
General Government		109,933		-		-	109,933
Capital Outlay		32,700		8,043		-	40,743
Debt Service:							
Principal Retirement		-		-		-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges		-		-		-	-
Total Disbursements		193,204		46,406		13,338	 252,948
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(15,727)		(9,664)		(6,427)	 (31,818)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Transfers Out		(11,787)		-		-	(11,787)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(11,787)		-		-	 (11,787)
Net Change in Fund Balances		(27,514)		(9,664)		(6,427)	(43,605)
Fund Balances Beginning of Year		184,528		42,730		19,246	 246,504
Fund Balances End of Year	\$	157,014	\$	33,066	\$	12,820	\$ 202,900

#### VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis General Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

		Budgeted	l Amoi	unts			Vari	ptional) ance with Il Budget
								ositive
-	(	Driginal		Final		Actual	(Negative)	
Receipts	<b>.</b>						٠	
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	25,800	\$	25,800	\$	27,082	\$	1,282
Municipal Income Taxes		110,000		110,000		112,242		2,242
Intergovernmental		10,670		10,670		10,436		(234)
Fines, Licenses and Permits		5,900		5,900		5,583		(317)
Earnings on Investments		10,000		10,000		19,639		9,639
Miscellaneous		500		500		2,494		1,994
Total receipts		162,870		162,870		177,476		14,606
Disbursements								
Current:								
Security of Persons and Property		486		26,498		22,488		4,010
Public Health Services		-		-		-		-
Leisure Time Activities		-		3,700		2,040		1,661
Community Environment		-		250		120		130
Basic Utility Services		-		-		-		-
Transportation		-		31,350		26,042		5,308
General Government		878		119,751		110,562		9,189
Capital Outlay		32,700		32,700		32,700		-
Debt Service:								
Principal Retirement		-		-		-		-
Interest and Fiscal Charges		-		-		-		-
Total Disbursements		34,064		214,249		193,951		20,297
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		128,806		(51,379)		(16,475)		34,904
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Transfers Out		-		(19,475)		(11,787)		7,689
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		-		(19,475)		(11,787)		7,689
Net Change in Fund Balance		128,806		(70,854)		(28,261)		42,592
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		150,183		150,183		150,183		-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated		34,345		34,345		34,345		-
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	313,334	\$	113,674	\$	156,267	\$	42,592

#### VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

	Budgeted Amounts Original Final					Actual	(Optional) Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
Receipts	¢	7 000	¢	7 000	¢	5.660	¢	(1.220)
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	7,000	\$	7,000	\$	5,662	\$	(1,338)
Municipal Income Taxes		-		-		-		-
Intergovernmental Special Assessments		26,000		26,000		31,080		5,080
Charges for Services		-		-		-		-
Fines, Licenses and Permits		-		-		-		-
Earnings on Investments		_				_		
Miscellaneous		_		-		-		-
Total receipts		33,000		33,000		36,742	. <u> </u>	3,742
Disbursements								
Current:								
Transportation		111		45,311		38,851		6,459
General Government		-		-		-		-
Capital Outlay		-		9,000		8,043		957
Debt Service:								
Principal Retirement		-		-		-		-
Interest and Fiscal Charges		-		-		-		-
Total Disbursements		111		54,311		46,894		7,417
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		32,889		(21,311)		(10,152)		11,159
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Transfers In		-		-		-		-
Transfers Out		-		-		-		-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		-		-		-		-
Net Change in Fund Balance		32,889		(21,311)		(10,152)		11,159
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		42,619		42,619		42,619		-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	. <u> </u>	111		111		111		-
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	75,619	\$	21,419	\$	32,578	\$	11,159

## VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO

Statement of Fund Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis

Enterprise Funds December 31, 2006

	VATER RATING	SEWER OPERATING		GARBAGE OPERATING		OHIO WATER		NONMAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS		TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	
Assets											
Cash	\$ 16,781	\$	13,701	\$	46,314	\$	301,596	\$	16,532	\$	394,923
Investments	 -		-		-		-		-		-
Total Assets	\$ 16,781	\$	13,701	\$	46,314	\$	301,596	\$	16,532	\$	394,923
Net Assets											
Restricted for:											
Capital Projects	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Debt Service	-		-		-		-		-		-
Other Purposes	-		-		-		-		-		-
Unrestricted	 16,781		13,701		46,314		301,596		16,532		394,923
Total Net Assets	\$ 16,781	\$	13,701	\$	46,314	\$	301,596	\$	16,532	\$	394,923

#### BELLE CENTER VILLAGE, LOGAN COUNTY LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

	WATER OPERATING TOTAL		SEWER OPERATING TOTAL		GARBAGE OPERATING TOTAL			OHIO WATER FOTAL	OTHER ENTERPRISE FUNDS TOTAL		TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	
Operating Receipts					¢				<u>^</u>			
Charges for Services	\$	64,458	\$	102,537	\$	63,277	\$	35,313	\$	15,555	\$	281,140
Other Operating Receipts		-		-		-		-				-
Total Operating Receipts		64,458		102,537		63,277		35,313		15,555		281,140
Operating Disbursements												
Personal Services		42,697		4,137		17,213		-		-		64,047
Employee Fringe Benefits		4,381		-		3,311		-		-		7,692
Contractual Services		12,957		7,609		27,459		-		-		48,025
Supplies and Materials		27,807		6,004		6,807		-		-		40,619
Other		-		83,286		-		-		1,530		84,816
Total Operating Disbursements		87,841		101,037		54,791		-		1,530		245,199
Operating Income (Loss)		(23,384)		1,500		8,486		35,313		14,025		35,941
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)												
Special Assessments		-		-		-		95,593		-		95,593
Earnings on Investments		-		-		-		2,343		-		2,343
Principal Payments		-		-		-		(45,465)		(33,508)		(78,973)
Interest and Fiscal Charges		-		-		-		(71,570)		-		(71,570)
Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)		-		-		-		(19,099)		(33,508)		(52,607)
Income (Loss) before Transfers and Advances		(23,384)		1,500		8,486		16,214		(19,483)		(16,666)
Transfers In		-		-		-		11,787		-		11,787
Transfers Out		-		-		-		-		-		-
Advances In		-		-		-		-		-		-
Advances Out		-		-		-		-		-		-
Change in Net Assets		(23,384)		1,500		8,486		28,000		(19,483)		(4,880)
Net Assets Beginning of Year		40,164		12,201		37,827		273,595		36,014		399,803
Net Assets End of Year	\$	16,781	\$	13,701	\$	46,314	<u>\$</u>	301,596	\$	16,532	\$	394,923

This discussion and analysis of the Village of Belle Center's financial performance provides an overall review of the Government's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2005, within the limitations of the Government's modified cash basis accounting. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Government's financial performance.

### <u>Highlights</u>

Key highlights for 2005 are as follows:

Net assets of Belle Center activities decreased \$38,688 or 5.6 percent, a small change from the prior year. The fund most affected by the decrease in cash and cash equivalents was the Permissive Fund, which had more charges made to it than in previous years.

The Village's general receipts are primarily property and income taxes. These receipts represent respectively \$152,023 and 53.7 percent of the total cash received for governmental activities during the year.

The Sewage Operation lost \$3,667 during 2005. The Water Operation lost \$14,561 during 2005. The Garbage Operation lost \$13,899 during 2005.

#### **Using the Basic Financial Statements**

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Village's modified cash basis of accounting.

#### **Report Components**

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities provide information about the cash activities of the Village as a whole.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. Funds are created and maintained on the financial records of the Village as a way to segregate money whose use is restricted to a particular specified purpose. These statements present financial information by fund, presenting funds with the largest balances or most activity in separate columns.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. The Village has elected to present its financial statements on a modified cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under the Village's modified cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid.

As a result of using the modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the modified cash basis of accounting.

#### **Reporting the Village as a Whole**

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities reflect how the Village did financially during 2005, within the limitations of modified cash basis accounting. The statement of net assets presents the cash balances and investments of the governmental and business-type activities of the Village at year end. The statement of activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each governmental program and business-type activity. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function or business-type activity draws from the Village's general receipts.

These statements report the Village's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting, you can think of these changes as one way to measure the Village's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the Village's cash position is one indicator of whether the Village's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the Village's financial condition, you should also consider other nonfinancial factors as well such as the Village's property tax base, the condition of the Village's capital assets and infrastructure, the extent of the Village's debt obligations, the reliance on non-local financial resources for operations and the need for continued growth in the major local revenue sources such as property and income taxes.

In the statement of net assets and the statement of activities, we divide the Village into two types of activities:

Village activities. Most of the Village's basic services are reported here, including streets and parks. State and federal grants and income and property taxes finance most of these activities. Benefits provided through governmental activities are not necessarily paid for by the people receiving them.

Business-type activity. The Village has three business-type activities, the provision of water, sewage, and garbage services. Business-type activities are financed by a fee charged to the customers receiving the service.

## **Reporting the Village's Most Significant Funds**

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the Village's major funds – not the Village as a whole. The Village establishes separate funds to better manage its many activities and to help demonstrate that money that is restricted as to how it may be used is being spent for the intended purpose. The funds of the Village are split into two categories: governmental and proprietary.

Governmental Funds - Most of the Village's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the Village's governmental

operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the Village's programs. The Village's significant governmental funds are presented on the financial statements in separate columns. The information for non major funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) is combined and presented in total in a single column. The programs reported in governmental funds are closely related to those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements. We describe this relationship in reconciliations presented with the governmental fund financial statements.

Proprietary Funds – When the Village charges customers for the services it provides, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. When the services are provided to the general public, the activity is reported as an enterprise fund. The Village has four enterprise funds, the water fund, the sewage fund, the garbage fund, and the Ohio Water Development (OWDA) fund. When the services are provided to other department of the Village, the service is reported as an internal service fund.

#### The Village as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the Village's net assets for 2005 compared to 2004 on a modified cash basis:

				1100	. 110	5015							
	(	Governmen	ctivities	Business-Type Activities					Total				
		2005	2004			2005		2004		2005		2004	
Assets													
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	246,504	\$	242,291	\$	399,777	\$	442,678	\$	646,281	\$	684,969	
Investments													
Total Assets	\$	246,504	\$	242,291	\$	399,777	\$	442,678	\$	646,281	\$	684,969	
Net Assets													
Restricted for:													
Debt Service													
Capital Outlay													
Other Purposes	\$	61,976	\$	59,093					\$	61,976	\$	59,093	
Unrestricted		184,528		183,198		399,777		442,678		584,305		625,876	
Total Net Assets	\$	246,504	\$	242,291	\$	399,777	\$	442,678	\$	646,281	\$	684,969	
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# (Table 1) Net Assets

As mentioned previously, net assets of governmental activities decreased \$ 11,264 or 2.0 percent during 2005. The primary reasons contributing to the decreases in cash balances are as follows:

Table 2 reflects the changes in net assets in 2005. Since the Government did not prepare financial statements in this format for 2004, a comparative analysis of government-wide data has not been presented. In future years, when prior year information is available, a comparative analysis will be presented.

#### (Table 2) Changes in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities 2005	Business Type Activities 2005	Total 2005
Receipts:	2003	2005	2005
Program Receipts:			
Charges for Services and Sales	\$505	\$229,505	\$230,010
Operating Grants and Contributions	29,700		29,700
Capital Grants and Contributions		125,436	125,436
Total Program Receipts	30,205	354,941	385,146
General Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	42,447		42,447
Income Taxes	109,576		109,576
Grants and Entitlements Not Restricted to Specific Programs	92,197		92,197
Interest	7,866	1,107	8,973
Miscellaneous	823	400	1,223
Total General Receipts	252,909	1,507	254,416
Total Receipts	283,114	356,448	639,562
Disbursements:			
General Government	170,537		170,537
Security of Persons and Property:	27,960		27,960
Public Health Services			0
Leisure Time Activities	7,048		7,048
Community Environment	233		233
Basic Utilities	1,185	253,109	254,294
Transportation	62,835		62,835
Capital Outlay	4,800		4,800
Principal Retirement		76,291	76,291
Interest and Fiscal Charges		74,252	74,252
Water		······································	0
Total Disbursements	274,598	403,652	678,250
Excess (Deficiency) Before Transfers	8,516	(47,204)	(38,688)
Transfers	(4,303)	4,303	0
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	4,213	(42,901)	(38,688)
Net Assets, January 1	242,291	442,678	684,969
Net Assets, December 31	\$246,504	\$399,777	\$646,281

Program receipts represent only 2.3 percent of total receipts and are primarily comprised of restricted intergovernmental receipts such as motor vehicle license and gas tax money, building permits and inspection fees and charges to Nearby Government for police services provided under contract.

General receipts represent 97.7 percent of the Government's total receipts, and of this amount, over 32.9 percent are local taxes. State and federal grants and entitlements make up the balance of the Government's general receipts including FEMA reimbursement for the Ice Storm. (22.5percent). Other receipts are primarily debt service receipts.

Disbursements for General Government represent the overhead costs of running the Village and the support services provided for the other Village activities. These include the costs of council, and the fiscal officer, and income tax departments, as well as internal services such as payroll and purchasing.

Leisure Time Activities are the costs of maintaining the parks and playing fields. and Transportation is the cost of maintaining the streets.

#### Village Activities

If you look at the Statement of Activities on page 8, you will see that the first column lists the major services provided by the Village. The next column identifies the costs of providing these services. The major program disbursements for governmental activities are for general government which accounts for 62.0 percent of all governmental disbursements excluding debt service. Transportation and security of persons account for 22.8 percent and 9.8 percent respectively of all governmental disbursements excluding debt service. The next three columns of the Statement entitled Program Receipts identify amounts paid by people who are directly charged for the service and grants received by the Village that must be used to provide a specific service. The net Receipt (Disbursement) column compares the program receipts to the cost of the service. This "net cost" amount represents the cost of the service which ends up being paid from money provided by local taxpayers. These net costs are paid from the general receipts which are presented at the bottom of the Statement. A comparison between the total cost of services and the net cost is presented in Table 3.

#### (Table 3) Village Activities

	To	otal Cost	N	let Cost
	Of	Of Services		Services
		2005		2005
General Government	\$	170,537	\$	170,537
Security of Persons and Property		27,960		27,960
Leisure Time Activities		7,048		7,048
Community Environment		233		(272)
Basic Utilities		1,185		1,185
Transportation		62,835		33,134
Capital Outlay		4,800		4,800
Principal Retirement		-		-
Interest and Fiscal Charges		-		-
Total Expenses	\$	274,598	\$	244,392

The dependence upon property and income tax receipts is apparent as over 53.6 percent of governmental activities are supported through these general receipts. **Business-type Activities** 

The **Water operation** of the Village generates a little over \$ 60,000 per year in revenues. During 2005 the water fund showed a deficit of \$ 14,561. A major portion of this deficit can be attributed to the ice storm during 2005.

The **Sewer operation** of the Village generates between \$ 90,000 and \$ 100,000 per year in revenues. During 2005 the sewer fund showed a small deficit of \$ 3,667.

The **Trash operation** of the Village generates between \$ 60,000 and \$ 70,000 per year in revenues. The fund showed a deficit of \$ 13,899 during the year 2005. We purchased a new compactor at a cost of \$39,585. Without this purchase the fund would have shown a surplus of \$ 25,686.

## **The Government's Funds**

Total governmental funds had receipts of \$ 283,114 and disbursements of \$ 274,598. The greatest change within governmental funds occurred within the General Fund. The fund balance of the General Fund increased \$ 1,330.

#### **General Fund Budgeting Highlights**

The Government's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

During 2005, the Government amended its General Fund budget several times to reflect changing circumstances. Final budgeted receipts were below original budgeted receipts due to unexpected slow growth in tax receipts. The difference between final budgeted receipts and actual receipts was not significant.

Final disbursements were budgeted at \$ 331,665 while actual disbursements were \$ 253,748. Although receipts failed to live up to expectations, appropriations were reduced. The Government reduced spending. The result is the increase in fund balance of \$ 1,330 for 2005. Expenditures were higher than originally proposed before we were hit with the ice storm but these were offset by \$ 57,096 credited to the general fund from FEMA.

## **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

#### Capital Assets

The Government does not currently keep track of its capital assets and infrastructure.

Debt

At December 31, 2005, the Government's outstanding debt included \$1,736,887 in a loan payable to Ohio Water Development Authority at an annual interest rate of 4.16 %. and \$ 200,000 payable to Ohio Public Works Commission at no interest.

## **Current Issues**

The challenge for all Governments is to provide quality services to the public while staying within the restrictions imposed by limited, and in some cases shrinking, funding. We rely heavily on local taxes and have very little industry to support the tax base.

## **Contacting the Government's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Government's finances and to reflect the Government's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to William B. McCormick, Fiscal Officer, Village of Belle Center, P.O. Box 508, and 104 W. Buckeye Street, Belle Center, OH 43310

# VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis December 31, 2005

	 vernmental Activities	ness - Type Activities	Total		
Assets					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 246,504	\$ 399,777	\$	646,281	
Investments	 -	 -	. <u> </u>	-	
Total Assets	\$ 246,504	\$ 399,777	\$	646,281	
<b>Net Assets</b> Restricted for:					
Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	
Debt Service	-	-		-	
Other Purposes	61,976	-		61,976	
Unrestricted	 184,528	 399,777	. <u> </u>	584,305	
Total Net Assets	\$ 246,504	\$ 399,777	\$	646,281	

#### VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Cash Disbursements		Charges for Services and Sales		Gr	perating ants and tributions		pital Grants Contributions
Governmental Activities								
Security of Persons and Property	\$	27,960	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Public Health Services		-		-		-		-
Leisure Time Activities		7,048		-		-		-
Community Environment		233		505		-		-
Basic Utility Services		1,185		-		-		-
Transportation		62,835		-		29,701		-
General Government		170,537		-		-		-
Capital Outlay		4,800	-			-		-
Other								
Total Governmental Activities		274,598		505		29,701		-
Business Type Activities								
Water Operating		76,284		61,723		-		-
Sewer Operating		97,518		93,851		-		-
Garbage Operating		78,831		64,932		-		-
Ohio Water Development Authority Loan		138,044		5,433		-		115,686
Ohio Public Works Commission Loan		12,500		1,839		-		9,750
Enterprise Deposit Fund		475		1,727		-		-
Total Business Type Activities		403,652	229,505		-			125,436
Total	\$	678,250	\$	230,010	\$	29,701	\$	125,436

**General Receipts** 

Property Taxes Municipal Income Taxes Other Taxes Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous

Total General Receipts

Transfers

Total General Receipts, Special & Extraordinary Items, Transfers and Advances

Change in Net Assets

Net Assets Beginning of Year

Net Assets End of Year

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements continued

#### Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets

Governmental Activities			ness-Type ctivities		Total
\$	(27,960)	\$	-	\$	(27,960)
	(7,048)		-		(7,048)
	272		-		272
	(1,185)		_		(1,185)
	(33,134)		_		(33,134)
	(170,537)		_		(170,537)
	(4,800)		_		(4,800)
	-		_		-
		-			
	(244,393)		-		(244,393)
	-		(14,561)		(14,561)
	-		(3,667)		(3,667)
	-		(13,899)		(13,899)
	-		(16,925)		(16,925)
	-		(911)		(911)
	-		1,252		1,252
	-		(48,711)		(48,711)
\$	(244,393)	\$	(48,711)	\$	(293,104)
¢	26 520	¢		¢	26 520
\$	26,530	\$	-	\$	26,530
	109,576		-		109,576
	15,917		-		15,917
	92,197		-		92,197
	7,866 823		1,107 400		8,973
	825		400		1,223
	252,909		1,507		254,416
	(4,303)		4,303		
	248,606		5,810		254,416
	4,213		(42,901)		(38,688)
	242,291		442,678		684,969
\$	246,504	\$	399,777	\$	646,281

#### VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER VILLAGE LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Modified Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances Governmental Funds December 31, 2005

	GENERAL		STREET CONST. MAINT.REP.		 STATE HIGHWAY		PERMISSIVE TAX		TOTAL /ERNMENTAL FUNDS
Assets									
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents Investments	\$	184,528	\$	42,730	\$ 17,462	\$	1,784	\$	246,504
Total Assets	\$	184,528	\$	42,730	\$ 17,462	\$	1,784	\$	246,504
Fund Balances									
Reserved:									
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$	34,345	\$	111	\$ -	\$	-	\$	34,456
Unreserved:									
Undesignated (Deficit), Reported in:									
General Fund		150,183		-	-		-		150,183
Special Revenue Funds		-		42,619	17,462		1,784		61,865
Debt Service Fund		-		-	-		-		-
Capital Projects Funds		-		-	-		-		-
Permanent Fund		-		-	 -		-		-
Total Fund Balances	\$	184,528	\$	42,730	\$ 17,462	\$	1,784	\$	246,504

#### VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Modified-Cash Basis Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	G	ENERAL	(	TREET CONST. INT.REP.		STATE GHWAY	PEF	RMISSIVE TAX		FEMA - SNOW		FOTAL
Receipts	*		¢		*	10.0	â		â		â	
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	26,530	\$	7,544	\$	608	\$	2,707	\$	-	\$	37,389
Municipal Income Taxes Intergovernmental		109,576 13,690		- 26,321		- 3,380		-		- 78,507		109,576 121,898
Fines, Licenses and Permits		5,563		- 20,321		5,580		-		- 18,507		5,563
Earnings on Investments		5,565 7,455		263		- 147		-		-		5,565 7,866
Miscellaneous		823		-		-		-		-		823
Total Receipts		163,637		34,128		4,135		2,707		78,507		283,114
Total Receipts		103,037		34,128		4,135		2,707		/8,50/		285,114
Disbursements												
Current:												
Security of Persons and Property		27,960		-		-		-		-		27,960
Public Health Services		-		-		-		-		-		-
Leisure Time Activities		7,048		-		-		-		-		7,048
Community Environment		233		-		-		-		-		233
Basic Utility Services		1,185		-		-		-		-		1,185
Transportation		7,640		39,164		1,653		14,378		-		62,835
General Government		170,537		-		-		-		-		170,537
Capital Outlay		4,800		-		-		-		-		4,800
Debt Service:												-
Principal Retirement		-		-		-		-		-		-
Interest and Fiscal Charges		-		-		-		-		-		-
Total Disbursements		219,403		39,164		1,653		14,378		-		274,598
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(55,766)		(5,036)		2,482		(11,671)		78,507		8,516
Other Financing Sources (Uses)												
Transfers In		57,096		17,108		-		-		-		74,204
Transfers Out		-		-		-		-		(78,507)		(78,507)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		57,096		17,108				-		(78,507)		(4,303)
Net Change in Fund Balances		1,330		12,072		2,482		(11,671)		-		4,213
Fund Balances Beginning of Year		183,198		30,658		14,980		13,455				242,291
Fund Balances End of Year	\$	184,528	\$	42,730	\$	17,462	\$	1,784	\$	-	\$	246,504

#### VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis General Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Budgetee	l Amounts Final	Actual	(Optional) Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,530	\$ 530
Municipal Income Taxes	105,500	105,500	109,576	4,076
Intergovernmental	62,200	62,200	13,690	(48,510)
Fines, Licenses and Permits	5,500	5,500	5,563	63
Earnings on Investments	4,500	4,500	7,455	2,955
Miscellaneous	2,500	2,500	823	(1,677)
Total receipts	206,200	206,200	163,637	(42,563)
Disbursements				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property	27,587	32,587	28,447	4,140
Public Health Services	-	-	-	-
Leisure Time Activities	7,200	7,972	7,048	925
Community Environment	450	450	233	217
Basic Utility Services	10,200	9,328	1,185	8,142
Transportation	14,000	14,000	7,640	6,360
General Government	200,229	200,329	171,415	28,914
Capital Outlay	72,000	67,000	37,782	29,218
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	
Total Disbursements	331,665	331,665	253,748	77,917
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(125,465)	(125,465)	(90,111)	35,354
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In			57,096	57,096
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			57,096	57,096
Net Change in Fund Balance	(125,465)	(125,465)	(33,015)	92,450
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	180,773	180,773	180,773	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	2,425	2,425	2,425	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$ 57,733	\$ 57,733	\$ 150,183	\$ 92,450

#### VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

		Budgeted	l Amou	nts			Vari Fina	ptional) ance with 1l Budget
	C	Driginal	Final		Actual		Positive (Negative)	
Receipts								-
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	6,500	\$	6,500	\$	7,544	\$	1,044
Municipal Income Taxes		-		-		-		-
Intergovernmental		26,000		26,000		26,321		321
Earnings on Investments		350		350		263		(87)
Miscellaneous		-		-		-		-
Total receipts		32,850		32,850		34,128		1,278
Disbursements								
Current:								
Transportation		42,817		42,817		39,275		3,542
Capital Outlay		-		-		-		-
Debt Service:								
Principal Retirement		-		-		-		-
Interest and Fiscal Charges		-		-		-		-
Total Disbursements		42,817		42,817		39,275		3,542
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(9,967)		(9,967)		(5,147)		4,820
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Transfers In		-		-		17,108		17,108
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		-		-		17,108		17,108
Net Change in Fund Balance		(9,967)		(9,967)		11,961		21,928
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		30,641		30,641		30,641		-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated		17		17		17		-
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	20,691	\$	20,691	\$	42,619	\$	21,928

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#### VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis State Highway Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Budg Original	eted Amounts Final	Actual	(Optional) Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Receipts	8			(2.28
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 50	0 \$ 500	\$ 608	\$ 108
Intergovernmental	2,20	0 2,200	3,380	1,180
Earnings on Investments	20	0 200	147	(53)
Total receipts	2,90	0 2,900	4,135	1,235
Disbursements				
Current:				
Transportation	12,00	0 12,000	1,653	10,347
Total Disbursements	12,00	0 12,000	1,653	10,347
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(9,10	0) (9,100)	2,482	11,582
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out				
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Net Change in Fund Balance	(9,10	0) (9,100)	2,482	11,582
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	14,98	0 14,980	14,980	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated				
Fund Balance End of Year	\$ 5,88	0 \$ 5,880	\$ 17,462	\$ 11,582

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#### VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis Permissive Tax Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	C	Budgeted	Amou	ints Final		Actual	Vari Fina P	ptional) ance with al Budget ositive egative)
Receipts	¢		<i><b></b></i>		¢		¢	(2.202)
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	2,707	\$	(2,293)
Total receipts		5,000		5,000		2,707		(2,293)
Disbursements								
Current:								
Transportation		14,500		14,500		14,378		122
General Government		-		-		-		-
Capital Outlay		-		-		-		-
Debt Service:								
Principal Retirement		-		-		-		-
Interest and Fiscal Charges		-		-		-		-
Total Disbursements		14,500		14,500		14,378		122
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(9,500)		(9,500)		(11,671)		(2,171)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Transfers In		-		-		-		-
Transfers Out		-		-		-		-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)				-				-
Net Change in Fund Balance		(9,500)		(9,500)		(11,671)		(2,171)
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		13,455		13,455		13,455		-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated								
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	3,955	\$	3,955	\$	1,784	\$	(2,171)

#### VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis FEMA/Snow For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Ori	Budgetee	d Amou	nts Final	 Actual	Vari Fina P	ptional) ance with al Budget ositive egative)
Receipts							
Intergovernmental	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 78,507	\$	78,507
Total receipts		-		-	 78,507		78,507
Disbursements							
Current:							
Transportation		-		-	-		-
General Government		-		-	-		-
Capital Outlay		-		-	-		-
Debt Service:							
Principal Retirement		-		-	-		-
Interest and Fiscal Charges		-		-	-		-
Total Disbursements		-			 		-
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements				-	 78,507		78,507
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Transfers In		-		-	-		-
Transfers Out		-		(78,507)	 (78,507)		-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		-			 		
Net Change in Fund Balance		-		(78,507)	-		78,507
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		-		-	-		-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated					 		
Fund Balance End of Year	\$		\$	(78,507)	\$ -	\$	78,507

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

#### VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Fund Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis Enterprise Funds December 31, 2005

		VATER ERATING		EWER RATING		ARBAGE ERATING		OHIO WATER	EN	NMAJOR TERPRISE FUNDS	EN	FOTAL FERPRISE FUNDS
Assets Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	10,164	\$	12,201	\$	17,801	\$	52,276	\$	4,959	\$	97,403
Investments	φ	30,000	φ	-	Ψ	20,000	Ψ	221,319	Ψ	31,055	ψ	302,374
Total Assets		40,164		12,201		37,801		273,595		36,014		399,777
Net Assets												
Restricted for:												
Capital Projects		-		-		-		-		-		-
Debt Service		-		-		-		-		-		-
Other Purposes		-		-		-		-		-		-
Unrestricted		40,164		12,201		37,801		273,595		36,014		399,777
Total Net Assets	\$	40,164	\$	12,201	\$	37,801	\$	273,595	\$	36,014	\$	399,777

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

#### VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis Enterprise Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	OPI	WATER ERATING 'OTAL	OPE	EWER RATING OTAL	OPE	ARBAGE ERATING 'OTAL	v	OHIO VATER TOTAL	ENT F	OTHER FERPRISE FUNDS FOTAL	ENT	FOTAL FERPRISE FUNDS
Operating Receipts												
Charges for Services	\$	61,723	\$	94,251	\$	64,932	\$	5,433	\$	3,564	\$	229,903
Other Operating Receipts		-		-		-		-		-		-
Total Operating Receipts		61,723		94,251		64,932		5,433		3,564		229,903
Operating Disbursements												
Personal Services		40,050		4,535		11,062		-		-		55,647
Employee Fringe Benefits		800		-		650		-		-		1,450
Contractual Services		11,654		7,445		24,674		-		-		43,774
Supplies and Materials		15,728		5,020		2,860		-		-		23,607
Other		-		80,517		-		-		475		80,992
Total Operating Disbursements		68,231		97,518		39,246		-		475		205,470
Operating Income (Loss)		(6,508)		(3,267)		25,686		5,433		3,089		24,433
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)												
Special Assessments		-		-		-		115,686		9,750		125,436
Earnings on Investments		-		-		-		1,052		55		1,107
Capital Outlay		(8,053)		-		(39,585)		-		-		(47,638)
Principal Payments										(76,292)		(76,292)
Interest Payments		-		-		-		-		(74,252)		(150,543)
Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)		(8,053)		-		(39,585)		116,739		(140,738)		(71,638)
Income (Loss) before Transfers and Advances		(14,561)		(3,267)		(13,899)		122,172		(137,649)		(47,205)
Transfers In		4,303		-		-		-		-		4,303
Transfers Out		-		-		-		-		-		-
Advances In		-		-		-		-		-		-
Advances Out												
Change in Net Assets		(10,258)		(3,267)		(13,899)		122,172		(137,649)		(42,902)
Net Assets Beginning of Year		50,423		15,468		51,701		151,423		173,663		442,678
Net Assets End of Year	\$	40,164	\$	12,201	\$	37,801	\$	273,595	\$	36,014	\$	399,777

## Note 1 – Description of the Entity

The Village of Belle Center, Logan County, Ohio is a political body and corporation 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 six-member Council elected at large for four year terms. The Mayor is elected to a four-year term, serves as the President of Council and votes only to break a tie.

The Village provides general government services, water, trash and sewer utilities, maintenance of Village streets and park operations. Fire protection is provided by Richland Township. The Village is a member of BMRT Regional Ambulance District which provides emergency medical services to the Village. The Logan County Sheriff's department provides security of persons and property. The Village is associated with two jointly governed organizations described in Note 13.

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

## Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As discussed further in Note 2.A, these financial statements are presented on a *modified* cash basis of accounting. This *modified* cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the *modified* cash basis of accounting. In the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements for the proprietary funds, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, have been applied, to the extent they are applicable to the *modified* cash basis of accounting, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case GASB prevails. The Village does not apply FASB statements issued after November 30, 1989, to its business-type activities and to its enterprise funds. Following are the more significant of the Village's accounting policies.

## A. Basis of Accounting

The Village's financial statements are prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Receipts are recorded in the Village's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

#### Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### A. Basis of Accounting(continued)

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued liabilities and the related expenses) are not recorded in these financial statements.

These statements adequately disclose material matters, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in the preceding paragraph.

#### **B.** Fund Accounting

The Village uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds are used to segregate resources that are restricted as to use. The funds of the Village are divided into two categories, governmental and proprietary.

#### **Governmental Funds**

The Village classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The following are the Village's major governmental funds:

**General Fund** – This fund accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund balance is available to the Village for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

**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 Fund** – This fund receives gasoline tax and motor vehicle tax money for the state's share of the cost of constructing, widening, maintaining, and reconstructing the state highways.

**Permissive Tax Fund** - This fund receives motor vehicle license tax money which must be used for highway, roads, streets or bridges.

## Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **B.** Fund Accounting – Governmental Funds (continued)

**FEMA/Snow Fund** - This fund received Federal and State funds to be used for disaster clean up.

Other governmental funds of the Village are used to account for grants and other resources, and capital projects whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

## **Proprietary Funds**

These funds are used to account for activities that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that costs of providing services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. The following are the Village's major enterprise funds:

**Water Fund** - The water fund accounts for the provision of water to the residents and commercial users located within the Village.

**Sewer Fund** - The sewer fund accounts for the provision of sanitary sewer services to the residents and commercial users within the Village.

**Garbage Fund** – The garbage fund accounts for the provision of trash pick up services to the residents and commercial users within the Village and a few outside the Village.

**Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA)** – The Ohio water fund is a portion of the sewer charges from each customer set aside to pay the debt service.

#### C. Basis of Presentation

The Village's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

## Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### C. Basis of Presentation (continued)

**Government-Wide Financial Statements** - The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the Village as a whole.

The statement of net assets presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the Village at December 31, 2006 and 2005. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each of the Village's governmental and business-type activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the Village is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function or business-type activity is self-financing on a modified cash basis or draws from the general revenues of the Village.

**Fund Financial Statements** - The Village segregates transactions related to certain Village functions or activities in separate funds to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Village at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type. Proprietary fund statements distinguish operating transactions from nonoperating transactions. Operating receipts generally result from exchange transactions such as charges for services directly relating to the funds' principal services. Operating disbursements include costs of sales and services and administrative costs. The proprietary fund statements report all other receipts and disbursements as nonoperating.

#### **D. Budgetary Process**

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) be budgeted annually. All funds, except agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations ordinance, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Village Council may appropriate.

## Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

## **D.** Budgetary Process (continued)

The appropriations ordinance is the Village Council's authorization to spend resources and sets limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Village Council. The legal level of control has been established at the fund, department, and object level for all funds.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Fiscal Officer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificated of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Village Council.

The appropriations ordinance is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation ordinance for that fund that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Village Council during the year.

# **E.** Cash and Investments

The Village maintains a cash and investments pool which are used by all funds.

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts, respectively.

During 2006, the Village invested in nonnegotiable certificates of deposit and the nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are reported at cost adjusted by earned interest.

## **F.** Inventory and Prepaid Items

The Village reports disbursements for inventories and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

## Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

## G. Capital Assets

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

## H. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Village's modified cash basis of accounting.

## I. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The Village recognizes the disbursement for their employer contributions to costsharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 8 and 9, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

# J. Long-Term Obligations

The Village's modified cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds or other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when the cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid. Since recording a capital asset when entering into a capital lease is not the result of a cash transaction, neither an other financing source nor a capital outlay expenditure is reported at inception. Lease payments are reported when paid.

## K. Net Assets

Net assets are reported as restricted when enabling legislation or creditor, grantors, or other external factors impose limitations on its use.

## **L. Interfund Transactions**

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the governmentwide financial statements are reported in the same manner as general receipts.

## Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### L. Interfund Transactions (continued)

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after nonoperating receipts/disbursements in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

#### Note 3 – Deposits and Investments

Monies held by the Village are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the Village treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the Village treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that Council has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

Interim monies held by the Village can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;

Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal

## Note 3 – Deposits and Investments (continued)

agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;

- 3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2 percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- 4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or Ohio local governments;
- 5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
- 6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- 7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Village, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

# Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Village will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end 2006 and 2005, \$523,917 and \$562,504 of the Village's deposits were exposed to custodial credit risk because those deposits were uninsured and collateralized up to \$1,000,000 with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the Village's name.

The Village has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the Village or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposite being secured.

## Note 4 – Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budgetary Basis presented for the general fund and any major special revenue fund are prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The differences between the budgetary basis and the modified cash basis are outstanding year end encumbrances are treated as cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (modified cash basis). The encumbrances outstanding at December 31, 2006 (budgetary basis) amounted to \$748 for the general fund and \$488 for the street construction maintenance and repair fund. The encumbrances outstanding at December 31, 2005 (budgetary basis) amounted to \$34,456 for the general fund and \$110 for the street construction maintenance and repair fund.

#### Note 5 – Local Income Tax

The Village levies a 1.0 percent income tax on substantially all earned income arising from employment, residency, or business activities within the Village as well as certain income of residents earned outside of the Village. The Village levies and collects the tax on all income earned within the Village as well as on incomes of residents earned outside the Village. The Village allows a credit of the lesser of actual taxes paid to another city or 100.0 percent of the 1.0 percent tax rate on taxable income. Proceeds are placed into the General Fund. Employers within the Village are required to withhold income tax on employee earnings and remit the tax to the Village at least quarterly. Corporations and other individual taxpayers are also required to pay their estimated tax at least quarterly and file a return annually.

## **Note 6 – Property Tax**

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property, public utility property, and tangible personal property located in the Village. Real property tax receipts received in 2005 (2006) represent the collection of 2004 (2005) taxes. Real property taxes received in 2005 (2006) were levied after October 1, 2004 (2005), on the assessed values as of January 1, 2004 (2005), the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid semiannually, the first payment is due on the third Wednesday in February, with the remainder payable by the third Wednesday in July.

## Note 6 – Property Tax (continued)

Public utility property tax receipts received in 2005 (2006) represent the collection of 2004 (2005) taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in 2005 (2006) became a lien on December 31, 2004 (2005), were levied after October 1, 2004 (2005), and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

Tangible personal property tax receipts received in 2005 (2006) (other than public utility property) represent the collection of 2005 (2006) taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in 2005 were levied after October 1, 2004 (2005), on the true value as of December 31, 2004 (2005). Tangible personal property is currently assessed at 25 percent of true value for capital assets and 23 percent for inventory. Amounts paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semiannually. If paid annually, the first payment is due April 30; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20.

The full tax rate for all Village operations for the year ended December 31, 2005 (2006), was \$2.70 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property, public utility property, and tangible personal property upon which 2005 (2006) property tax receipts were based are as follows:

<u>2006</u>								
Real Property								
Residential	\$	8,390,460						
Agriculture		32,070						
Commercial/Industrial/Mineral		748,390						
Public Utility - Personal		266,590						
Tangible Personal Property		370,825						
Total Assessed Value	\$	9,808,335						
<u>2005</u>								
Real Property								
Residential	\$	8,195,480						
Agriculture		32,070						
Commercial/Industrial/Mineral		749,860						
Public Utility - Personal		271,320						
		508,430						
Tangible Personal Property		500,150						
Total Assessed Value	\$	9,757,160						

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#### Note 7 – Risk Management

#### **Risk Pool Membership**

The Village belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the "Plan") an unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to approximately 500 Ohio governments ("Members").

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine, and other coverages, modified for each Member's needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the Member's deductible.

The Plan issues its own policies and reinsures the Plan with A-VII or better rated carriers, except for the 5% portion retained by the Plan. After September 1, 2003 the Plan pays the lesser of 5% or \$ 25,000 of casualty losses and the lesser of 5% or \$ 50,000 of property losses. The individual members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31:

	<u>2006</u>		<u>2005</u>
Assets	\$ 9,620,148	\$	8,219,430
Liabilities	 3,329,620		2,748,639
Members' Equity	\$ 6,290,528	<u>\$</u>	5,470,791

## Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

#### **Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

The Village participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20 percent per year). Under the member directed plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of the member and vested employer contributions plus any investment earnings. The combined plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a

## Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

## **Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (continued)**

defined benefit and a defined contribution plan. Under the combined plan, employer contributions are invested by the retirement system to provide a formula retirement benefit similar to the traditional plan benefit. Member contributions, whose investment is self-directed by the member, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the member directed plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Members of the member directed plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-6705 or (800) 222-7377.

For the year ended December 31, 2006, the members of all three plans, except those in law enforcement or public safety participating in the traditional plan, were required to contribute 9.0 percent of their annual covered salaries. The Village's contribution rate for pension benefits for 2006 was 13.70 percent. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

For the year ended December 31, 2005, the members of all three plans, except those in law enforcement or public safety participating in the traditional plan, were required to contribute 8.5 percent of their annual covered salaries. The Village's contribution rate for pension benefits for 2005 was 13.55 percent. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The Village's required contributions for pension obligations to the traditional and combined plans for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004 were \$20,479, \$19,802, and \$18,537 respectively.

## Note 9 - Post Employment Benefits

## **Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) provides postretirement health care coverage to age and service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit with either the traditional or combined plans. Health care coverage for disability recipients and primary survivor recipients is available. Members of the member-directed plan do not qualify for postretirement health care coverage. The health care coverage provided by the retirement system is considered an Other Post Employment Benefit as described in *GASB Statement No. 12*. A portion of each employer's contribution to the traditional or combined plans is set aside for the funding of postretirement health care based on authority granted by State statute. The 2006 local government employer contribution rate was 13.70 percent of covered payroll; 4.50 percent of covered payroll was the portion that was used to fund health care.

Benefits are advance-funded using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Significant actuarial assumptions, based on OPERS's latest actuarial review performed as of December 31, 2005, include a rate of return on investments of 6.50 percent, an annual increase in active employee total payroll of 4.00 percent compounded annually (assuming no change in the number of active employees) and an additional increase in total payroll of between .50 percent and 6.30 percent based on additional annual pay increases. Health care premiums were assumed to increase at the projected wage inflation rate plus an additional factor ranging from .50 and 6.00 percent for the next nine years. In subsequent years, (ten and beyond) health care costs were assumed to increase at 4.00 percent.

All investments are carried at market value. For actuarial valuation purposes, a smoothed market approach is used. Assets are adjusted to reflect 25 percent of unrealized market appreciation or depreciation on investment assets annually, not to exceed a 12 percent corridor.

The number of active contributing participants in the traditional and combined plans was 369,214 as of December 31, 2006. Actual employer contributions for 2006 which were used to fund post employment benefits were \$41,176. The actual contribution and the actuarially required contribution amounts are the same. OPERS's net assets available for payment of benefits at December 31, 2005, (the latest information available) were \$11.1 billion. At December 31, 2005 (the latest information available), the actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability were \$31.3 billion and \$20.2 billion, respectively.

On September 9, 2004, the OPERS Retirement Board adopted a Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) with an effective date of January 1, 2007. The HCPP restructures OPERS' health care coverage to improve the financial solvency of the fund in response to increasing health care costs.

#### Note 10 – Debt

The Village's long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2006, was as follows:

	Interest Rate	Balance 12/31/05	Proceeds	Payments	Balance 12/31/06	Due Within One Year
Business-type: 2002 OWDA Loan 1999 OPWC Loan	4.16% 0%	\$ 1,736,887 200,000	\$	\$ (66,473) (12,500)	\$ 1,670,414 187,500	\$ 69,267 12,500
Total		\$ 1,936,887	\$-	\$ (78,973)	\$ 1,857,914	\$ 81,767

The Village's long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2005, was as follows:

	Interest Rate	Balance 12/31/04	Proceeds	Payments	Balance 12/31/05	Due Within One Year
Business-type:						
2002 OWDA Loan	4.16%	\$ 1,800,679	\$ -	\$ (63,792)	\$ 1,736,887	\$ 66,473
1999 OPWC Loan	0%	212,500	-	(12,500)	200,000	12,500
Total		\$ 2,013,179	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ (76,292)	\$ 1,936,887	\$ 78,973

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loan relates to a sewer system project. The OWDA approved up to \$1,978,994 in loans to the Village for this project. The loan will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$69,022, including interest over 20 years. The loan is secured by sewer receipts and special assessments. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements.

The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Loan relates to a sewer system project. The OPWC approved \$250,000 to the Village for this project. The loan will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$ 6,250 over 20 years. The loan is secured by sewer receipts. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements.

#### Note 10 – Debt (continued)

The debt service requirement for business type activities outstanding at December 31, 2006 are as follows:

	OWDA	Loan	OPWC	Loan
Year	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2007	\$ 69,267	\$ 68,776	\$ 12,500	\$ 0
2008	72,178	65,865	12,500	0
2009	75,212	62,831	12,500	0
2010	78,374	59,669	12,500	0
2011	81,668	56,375	12,500	0
2012-2016	462,808	227,408	62,500	0
2017-2021	568,601	120,397	62,500	0
2022-2023	262,306	13,780	0	0
Totals	\$1,670,414	\$ 675,101	\$187,500	\$ 0

The Ohio Revised Code provides that net general obligation debt of the Village, exclusive of certain exempt debt, issued without a vote of the electors shall never exceed 5.5 percent of the tax valuation of the Village. The Revised Code further provides that total voted and unvoted net debt of the Village less the same exempt debt shall never exceed amount equal to 10.5 percent of its tax valuation. The Village has no general obligation debt.

## Note 11 – Leases

The Village leases a printer/fax/copier machine under noncancelable leases. The Village disbursed \$ 1,109 to pay lease costs for the year ended December 31, 2005 and \$ 1,307 for 2006. Future lease payments are as follows:

Year	Amount
2007	\$ 2,076
2008	2,076
2009	2,076
2010	2,076
2011	1,903
Total	<u>\$ 10,207</u>

## Note 12 – Interfund Transfers

During 2005 the following transfers were made:

Transfers from the FEMA Fund to:	
General Fund	\$ 57,096
Other Governmental Funds	17,108
Major Enterprise Fund	4,303
Total Transfers from the FEMA Fund	\$ 78,507

During 2006 the following transfers were made:

Transfers from the General Fund to:	
Major Enterprise Fund	\$ 11,787
Total Transfers from the General Fund	\$ 11,787

Transfers for 2005 from the FEMA fund represent funds reimbursed by FEMA for the 2005 ice storm and transferred to the funds where the expenditures were made. Transfers for 2006 represents interest transferred from the General fund to the OWDA fund.

## Note 13 – Jointly Governed Organizations

The Logan Union Champaign (LUC) Regional Planning Commission, Logan County, operated under the direction of a 21 member executive committee comprised of representatives of Logan, Union, and Champaign Counties, the cooperating municipalities and citizen members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of said counties. The Logan County Auditor acts as the fiscal agent for the commission. Belle Center has not sent a representative since late in 2005.

The B.M.R.T. Regional Ambulance District, Logan County, is directed by an appointed four member Board of Trustees. One Board member is appointed by each political subdivision within the District. Those subdivisions include McDonald, Richland, and Taylor Creek Townships and the Village of Belle Center. The District was established to provide rescue services and responds with mutual aid service to any agency requesting such services.

## Note 14 – Fund Cash Balances

The Business-Type Activities Net Assets at January 1, 2006 reflects an increase of \$26 from the Business-Type Activities Net Assets at December 31, 2005. The January 1, 2006 balance reflects a \$26 warrant that was voided in 2006, but written in 2005.

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To the Honorable Mayor and Village Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Belle Center, Logan County, Ohio (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006, and December 31, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated June 12, 2007 wherein we noted the Village of Belle Center prepared its financial statements on the modified cash basis, a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### **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 auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

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Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify and deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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 grant agreements, 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 test disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

In addition, we noted other matters involving control and its operations and compliance and other matters that we reported to the management of the Village in a separate letter dated June 12, 2007.

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

Taylor, Applegate, Hughes and Associates, Ltd. June 12, 2007

# VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2004-001	O.R.C. Sec. 5705.41(D) – Village did not properly certify the availability of funds prior to purchase commitments	Yes	Finding No Longer Valid





VILLAGE OF BELLE CENTER

LOGAN 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 AUGUST 21, 2007

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