VILLAGE OF LEESVILLE CARROLL COUNTY Regular Audit December 31, 2005 and 2004



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Village Council Village of Leesville P.O. Box 204 Leesville, Ohio 44639

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report* of the Village of Leesville, Carroll County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005. 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.

The financial statements in the attached report for the year ended December 31, 2004 are presented in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State. Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Independent Accountants' Report* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Independent Accountants' Report* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State permits.

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 Leesville is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

December 6, 2006

Village of Leesville Carroll County P.O. Box 204 Leesville, OH 44639

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Leesville, Carroll County, Ohio, (the Village) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004. In addition, we have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Leesville, Carroll County, Ohio as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Village 's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions 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 misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As described more fully in Note 2, the Village has prepared the 2004 financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material. Also, as discussed in Note 2, the accompanying 2005 financial statements and notes follow the cash accounting basis. This is a comprehensive accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Village to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the year ended December 31, 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2004, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present it's larger (i.e. major) funds separately beginning in 2004. While the Village does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Village has elected not to reformat its 2004 statements. Since the Village does not use GAAP to measure the 2004 financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported for the year ended December 31, 2004 are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits.

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In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the year ended December 31, 2004 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Village as of December 31, 2004 or their changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above for the year ended December 31, 2005 present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village as of December 31, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund and the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting Note 1 describes.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Village of Leesville, Carroll County, as of December 31, 2004, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 2 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Village to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2004. The Government has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis as of December 31, 2004, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of the financial statements.

For the year ended December 31, 2005, the Village revised its financial presentation comparable to the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standard No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion Analysis-for State and Local Governments.* 

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 6, 2006, on our consideration of the Village 's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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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 of inquires 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Perry and Associates** Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

This discussion and analysis of the Ohio Local Government'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 cash basis accounting. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Government's financial performance.

## **Highlights**

Key highlights for 2005 are as follows:

Net assets of governmental activities increased \$9,081 or 21 percent. The fund most affected by the increase in cash and cash equivalents was the General Fund, however the Special Revenue funds realized the greatest burden of increased costs in 2005.

The Government's largest general receipts are intergovernmental receipts from Carroll County in the form of local government assistance. These receipts represent 61 percent of the total cash received for governmental activities during the year. Property tax receipts for 2005 changed by \$2,393 compared to 2004.

During 2005 and 2004, no FEMA funds were received.

## 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 cash basis of accounting.

## **Report Components**

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities provide information about the cash activities of the Government 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.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 (Continued)

#### **Basis of Accounting**

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

As a result of using the 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 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 2005, within the limitations of cash basis accounting. The statement of net assets presents the cash balances of the governmental activities of the Government at year-end. The statement of activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each governmental program. 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 draws from the Government's general receipts.

These statements report the Government's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the cash basis of accounting, you can think of these changes as one way to measure the Government's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the Government's cash position is one indicator of whether the Government's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the Government's financial condition, you should also consider other non-financial factors as well such as the Government's property tax base, the condition of the Government's capital assets and infrastructure, the extent of the Government'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 tax.

Activities of the Government are listed in the statement of net assets and statement of activities.

Governmental activities. The Government's basic services are reported here. Local government assistance, gasoline tax, along with property tax and other tax, finance most of these activities. Benefits provided through governmental activities are not necessarily paid for by the people receiving them.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 (Continued)

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

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the Government's major funds – not the Government as a whole. The Government 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.

Governmental Funds - The Government's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the Government'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 Government's programs. The Government'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 Government's major governmental funds are the General Fund and the Street Construction, Maintenance & 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.

#### The Government as a Whole

	(Table 1 <b>Net Asso</b>	<i>,</i>
	G overnm enta	l A ctivities
	2 0 0 5	2 0 0 4
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$52,182	\$ 4 3 ,1 0 1
Net Assets		
Restricted for:		
O ther Purposes	24,758	22,684
U nrestricted	27,424	20,417
Total Net Assets	\$52,182	\$43,101

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

As mentioned previously, net assets of governmental activities increased \$9,081 or 21 percent during 2005. The primary reasons contributing to the increase in cash balances is the general fund.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 (Continued)

## The Government as a Whole (Continued)

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(CHANGE IN NET ASSETS)

	Governmental Activities 2005				
Receipts:					
Program Receipts:					
Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 6,79	3			
Total Program	\$ 6,79	3			
General Receipts:					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 5,76	1			
Grants and Entitlements Not Restricted	24,00	8			
Interest	14	5			
Total General Receipts	29,91	4			
Total Receipts	36,70	7			
Disbursements:					
General Government	12,77	7			
Security of Persons and Property	3,49	3			
Public Health Services	50	9			
Leisure Time Activities	2,70	6			
Transportation	8,14	1			
Total Disbursements	27,62	6			
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	9,08	1			
Net Assets, January 1, 2005	43,10	1			
Net Assets, December 31, 2005	\$ 52,182	2			

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 (Continued)

#### The Government as a Whole (Continued)

Operating grants and contributions receipts represent \$6,793 or 19 percent of the total receipts and are primarily comprised of restricted intergovernmental receipts such as motor vehicle license and gas tax money.

General receipts represent 81 percent of the Government's total receipts, and of this amount, only 19 percent are local taxes. State and federal grants and entitlements make up the balance of the Government's general receipts (81 percent). Other receipts are very insignificant and somewhat unpredictable revenue sources.

Disbursements for General Government represent the overhead costs of running the Government and the support services provided for the other Government activities. These include the costs of council such as salaries, insurance, retirement and worker's compensation. These costs do not represent direct services to residents but entail a portion of General Fund unrestricted receipts.

Security of Persons and Property are the costs of emergency medical and fire protection; Public Health Services is the health department; and Transportation is the cost of maintaining the roads.

#### **Governmental Activities**

If you look at the "Statement of Activities – Cash Basis" which is attached, 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 transportation, which account for 63 of all governmental disbursements, respectively. General government represents about 24 percent. 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.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 (Continued)

#### **Governmental Activities (Continued)**

#### (Table 3) Governmental Activities

Of	Services	Net Cost of Services 2005		
\$	12,777	\$	(3,493)	
	3,493		(16,091)	
	509		(509)	
	2,706		(2,706)	
	8,141		(1,348)	
\$	27,626	\$	(20,833)	
	Of	3,493 509 2,706 8,141	Of Services 2005 of   \$ 12,777 \$   3,493 509   2,706 8,141	

The dependence upon intergovernmental receipts is apparent as over the majority of governmental activities are supported through these general receipts.

## **The Government's Funds**

Total governmental funds had receipts of \$36,707 and disbursements of \$27,626. Funding increases remained minimal for the Street Construction, Maintenance & Repair, State Highway, and Fire Levy funds. The General Fund shows the largest increase in receipts with slightly over a \$5,000 increase.

General Fund receipts were \$7,054 over disbursements. Overall receipts were \$9,081 over disbursements during 2005 carried by the General fund. Management has to date preferred a reduction in disbursements to requesting additional funds from the taxpayers. The Village has not purchased equipment in lieu of the primary responsibility of repairing and maintaining the Village roads.

## **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 budget to reflect changing circumstances. Several amended certificates were requested during the year to cover increases in budget amounts. The difference between final budgeted receipts and actual receipts was not significant.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 (Continued)

## **General Fund Budgeting Highlights (continued)**

Final disbursements were budgeted at \$32,897 while actual disbursements were \$27,626. Although receipts failed to live up to expectations, appropriations were not reduced. The Government kept spending very close to budgeted amounts as demonstrated by the minor reported variances. The result is the increase in fund balance of \$9,081 for 2005.

## **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

## Capital Assets

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

## <u>Debt</u>

At December 31, 2005, the Government had no outstanding debt.

## **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 gasoline 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 Sally Bernhart, Fiscal Officer, Village of Leesville, P. O. Box 204, Leesville, Ohio 44639.

Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis

December 31, 2005

	Governmental Activities				
Assets Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	52,182			
Total Assets		52,182			
Net Assets Restricted for:					
Other Purposes		24,758			
Unrestricted		27,424			
Total Net Assets	\$	52,182			

Statement of Activities - Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

		Program Cash Receipts		-	Disbursements) Receipts Thanges in Net Assets
	Cash Disbursements		Operating Grants and Contributions		Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities					
Security of Persons and Property	\$ 3,493	\$	-	\$	(3,493)
Public Health Services	509		-		(509)
Leisure Time Activities	2,706		-		(2,706)
Community Environment	-		-		-
Transportation	8,141		6,793		(1,348)
General Government	12,777		-		(12,777)
Other	 				
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 27,626	\$	6.793	<u>\$</u>	(20,833)

## **General Receipts**

Property Taxos	2,382
Property Taxes	
Other Taxes	3,379
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific	24,008
Interest	145
Total General Receipts	29,914
Channel in Net Acaste	0.021
Change in Net Assets	9,081
Net Assets Beginning of Year	43,101
Net Assets End of Year	<u>\$ 52,182</u>

## Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances

Governmental Funds

December 31, 2005

	(	General	Street Construction Maint. Rep.		Construction		Construction		Other Governmental Funds		 Total ernmental Funds	
Assets												
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	27,424	\$	20,174	\$	4,584	\$ 52,182					
Total Assets		27,424		20,174		4,584	 52,182					
Fund Balances Reserved: Reserved for Encumbrances Unreserved: Undesignated (Deficit), Reported in: General Fund Special Revenue Funds		27,424		20,174		4,584	27,424 24,758					
Total Fund Balances	\$	27,424	\$	20,174	\$	4,584	\$ 52,182					

## Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

Dessints	(	General	Street Construction Maint. Rep.		Construction Governmental		Total Governmenta Funds	
Receipts Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	6,160	\$	_	\$	1,065	\$	7,225
Intergovernmental	Ψ	22,543	Ψ	6,293	Ψ	500	Ψ	29,336
Earnings on Investments		127		16		3		146
Total Receipts		28,830		6,309		1,568		36,707
Disbursements								
Current:						0.50		2 402
Security of Persons and Property		2,543				950		3,493
Public Health Services Leisure Time Activities		509 2 706						509 2 706
Community Environment		2,706						2,706 0
Transportation		3,270		4,771		100		8,141
General Government		12,748		4,771		29		12,777
Total Disbursements		21,776		4,771		1,079		27,626
Net Change in Fund Balances		7,054		1,538		489		9,081
Fund Balances Beginning of Year		20,370		18,636		4,095		43,101
Fund Balances End of Year	\$	27,424	\$	20,174	\$	4,584	\$	52,182

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis General Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

		Budgeted	l Amour		Varia Fina	otional) ance with l Budget	
	0	riginal		Final	Actual		ositive egative)
Receipts	0	inginar		I IIIdi	 retuur	(14	-guive)
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	3,310	\$	3,310	\$ 6,160	\$	2,850
Intergovernmental		23,384		23,384	22,543		(841)
Earnings on Investments		241		241	 127		(114)
Total receipts		26,935		26,935	28,830		1,895
Disbursements							
Current:							
Security of Persons and Property		3,000		3,000	2,543		457
Public Health Services		1,030		1,105	509		596
Leisure Time Activities		2,811		3,240	2,706		534
Transportation		3,750		4,005	3,270		735
General Government		13,052		14,203	 12,748		1,455
Total Disbursements		23,643		25,553	 21,776		3,777
Net Change in Fund Balance		3,292		1,382	7,054		5,672
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		20,370		20,370	 20,370		0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	23,662	\$	21,752	\$ 27,424	\$	5,672

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis Street Construction Maint. And Repair For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Budgeted Amounts Original Final			,	Actual	(Optional) Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
Receipts	0			1 IIIai	F	Actual	(11	egative)
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	1,212	\$	1,212	\$	-	\$	(1,212)
Intergovernmental		3,030		3,030		6,293		3,263
Earnings on Investment		20		20		16		(4)
Total receipts		4,262		4,262		6,309		2,047
<b>Disbursements</b> Current:								
Transportation		4,799		6,013		4,771		1,242
Total Disbursements		4,799		6,013		4,771		1,242
Net Change in Fund Balance		(537)		(1,751)		1,538		3,289
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		18,636		18,636		18,636		0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	18,099	\$	16,885	\$	20,174	\$	3,289

## COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

	Governmental	Governmental Fund Types				
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)			
Cash Receipts:						
Local Taxes	\$3,828	\$1,004	\$4,832			
Intergovernmental	19,703	6,154	25,857			
Earnings on Investments	125	18	143			
Total Cash Receipts	23,656	7,176	30,832			
Cash Disbursements:						
Current:						
Security of Persons and Property	2,579	911	3,490			
Public Health Services	954		954			
Leisure Time Activities	4,759		4,759			
Transportation	2,911	3,775	6,686			
General Government	18,539	17	18,556			
Capital Outlay	4,000		4,000			
Total Cash Disbursements	33,742	4,703	38,445			
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements						
and Other Financing Disbursements	(10,086)	2,473	(7,613)			
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	30,456	20,258	50,714			
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$20.370	\$22.731	\$43.101			

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (continued)

## <u>Note 1 – Reporting Entity</u>

The Village of Leesville, Carroll County, Ohio (the Village), is a body politic and corporate 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 reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that were included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading.

## A. Primary Government

The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Village. The Village provides general government services, water and sewer utilities, maintenance of Village roads and bridges, park operations, and police services. The Village appropriates general fund money to support a volunteer fire department.

## B. Component Units

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Village is financially accountable. The Village is financially accountable for an organization if the Village appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the Village is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Village is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Village is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide support to, the organization; or the Village is obligated for the debt of the organization. The Village is also financially accountable for any organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Village in that the Village approves their budget, the issuance of their debt or the levying of their taxes. Component units also include legally separate, tax-exempt entities whose resources are for the direct benefit of the Village, are accessible to the Village and are significant in amount to the Village. The Village has no component units.

Separately-audited statements are unavailable, as they do not exist.

## C. Joint Ventures

The Village does not participate in any joint ventures.

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (continued)

## Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As discussed further in Note 2.C, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This 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 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 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 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.

## Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the Village as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The activity of the internal service fund is eliminated to avoid "doubling up" receipts and disbursements. The statements distinguish between those activities of the Village that are governmental and those that are considered business-type. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

The statement of net assets presents the cash balance of the governmental and business-type activities of the Village at year-end. 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 cash basis or draws from the Village's general receipts.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (continued)

## Fund Financial Statements

During the year, 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. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. The internal service funds are presented in a single column on the face of the proprietary fund statements. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

For 2004, the Village's basic financial statement consists of a Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances for all Governmental Fund Types.

## **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 three categories, governmental, proprietary and fiduciary.

## Governmental Funds

The Village classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other non-exchange transactions as governmental funds. The Village's major governmental funds are the General Fund and the Street Improvement Fund. The General Fund is used to account 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. The other governmental funds of the Village account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

During 2004, the Village classified its funds into the following categories:

## General Fund

The Village classified funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other non-exchange transactions as governmental funds. The Village's General Fund is the general operating fund and is a major governmental fund and it is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another funds. 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.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (continued)

## **B. Fund Accounting (Continued)**

Governmental Funds (Continued)

Special Revenue Funds

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

<u>Street Construction, Maintenance & Repair Fund</u> – This fund receives gasoline tax and motor vehicle tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Village streets.

## C. Basis of Accounting

The Village's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Except for modifications having substantial support, 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. Any such modifications made by the Village are described in the appropriate section in this note.

As a result of the use of this 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 expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

For 2004, the financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved). These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

## **D. Budgetary Process**

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 tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Village Council may appropriate.

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (continued)

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

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Village Clerk. 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. A summary of 2004 budgetary activity appears in note 4.

## **<u>E. Cash and Investments</u>**

To improve cash management, cash received by the Village is pooled and invested. Individual fund integrity is maintained through Village records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

Cash and cash equivalents that are held separately in accounts at a financial institution for retainage and bond reserves and debt service are reported as "Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agents."

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

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 (contra revenue), respectively.

During 2005, the Village invested in nonnegotiable certificates of deposit. The nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are reported at cost.

Interest earnings are allocated to Village funds according to State statutes, grant requirements, or debt related restrictions. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during 2005 was \$126.65, which includes less than \$10.00 assigned from other Village funds.

## F. Restricted Assets

Cash, cash equivalents and investments are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of their use. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (continued)

## **G. 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.

## H. 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.

## I. Inter-fund Receivables/Payables

The Village reports advances-in and advances-out for inter-fund loans. These items are not reflected as assets and liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

## J. 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 cash basis of accounting.

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

The Village recognizes the disbursement for their employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 12 and 13, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

## L. Long-Term Obligations

The Village's 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 are reported at inception. Lease payments are reported when paid.

## M. Net Assets

Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

The Village's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an obligation is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (continued)

## N. Fund Balance Reserves

The Village reserves any portion of fund balances which is not available for appropriation or which is legally segregated for a specific future use. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund balance, which is available for appropriation in future periods. No fund balance reserves have been established for encumbrances.

## **O. Inter-fund Transactions**

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

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 inter-fund transfers. Inter-fund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after non-operating 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.

## **P. Extraordinary and Special Items**

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of management and are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. The Village has none.

## Q. Estimates

The cash basis of accounting used by the Village requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures (such as estimated useful lives in determining depreciation expense); accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. The Village has none.

## Note 3 – Accountability and Compliance

## A. Accountability

No deficit fund balances/net assets.

## B. Compliance

The Village did not properly encumber certain Village disbursements as required by Ohio Revised Code.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (continued)

## 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 difference(s) between the budgetary basis and the cash basis is (are) outstanding year-end encumbrances are treated as cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (cash basis) (and outstanding year-end advances are treated as an other financing source or use (budgetary basis) rather than as an inter-fund receivable or payable (cash basis)). There were no outstanding encumbrances at year-end and no outstanding advances.

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2004 follows:

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts				
	Budgeted	Actual		
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance	
General	\$25,849	\$23,656	(\$2,193)	
Special Revenue	5,535	7,176	1,641	
Total	\$31,384	\$30,832	(\$552)	

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures				
	Appropriation Budgetary			
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance	
General	\$43,769	\$33,742	\$10,027	
Special Revenue	6,232	4,703	1,529	
Total	\$50,001	\$38,445	\$11,556	

## Note 5 – 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.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (continued)

## <u>Note 5 – Deposits and Investments</u> (Continued)

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;
- 2. 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 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).

Protection of the Village's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by collateral pledged to the Village by the financial institution, or by a collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

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.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (continued)

## Note 5 – Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Village or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

The following information classifies deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined in GASB Statement No. 3, "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements".

At year- end, the Village had no undeposited cash on hand which is included as part of "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents". The total amount of Village's deposits at 2005 year end was \$35,281 and 2004 was \$26,305, covered by FDIC.

The Village's investments are required to be categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Village at year-end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the Village or its agent in the Village's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments, which are held by the counterparty's, trust department or agent in the Village's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments which are held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Village's name. Investments in STAR Ohio and the money market mutual fund are not classified since they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. All investments are Certificates of Deposit.

At year-end, the Village had \$0.00 in undeposited cash on hand which is included as part of "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

## **Deposits**

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 deposits being secured.

#### Investments

The Village invests in three certificates of deposit. They are insured by FDIC and their investment is based on the maturity date. They are not a high risk, or high yield investment.

As of December 31, 2005, the Village had the following investments:

	Carrying Value	
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Certificates of Deposit	\$16,902	\$16,796

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (continued)

## <u>Note 6 – Income Taxes</u>

The Village levies a 0 percent income tax whose proceeds are placed into the General Fund. The Village does not levy or collect the tax on all income earned within the Village as well as on incomes of residents earned outside the Village.

## <u>Note 7 – Property Taxes</u>

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 represent the collection of 2004 taxes. Real property taxes received in 2005 were levied after October 1, 2004, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2004, 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 annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax receipts received in 2005 represent the collection of 2004 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in 2004 became a lien on December 31, 2003, were levied after October 1, 2004, 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 (other than public utility property) represent the collection of 2005 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in 2005 were levied after October 1, 2004, on the true value as of December 31, 2004. 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; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20.

## <u>Note 8 – Risk Management</u>

The Village has insurance protection by Westfield Insurance.

## <u>Note 9 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans</u>

## A. 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.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (continued)

## Note 9 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

#### A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (Continued)

The combined plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a 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, 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. Members participating in the traditional plan who were in law enforcement contributed 10.1 percent of their annual covered salary; members in public safety contributed 9 percent. The Village's contribution rate for pension benefits for 2005 was 9.55 percent, except for those plan members in law enforcement or public safety. For those classifications, the Village's pension contributions were 12.7 percent of covered payroll. 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, 2005, 2004, and 2003 were \$1,639.56, \$1,164.89, and \$1,903.84 respectively. The full amount has been contributed for 2005, 2004 and 2003. Contributions to the member-directed plan for 2005 were \$1,007.53 made by the Village and \$632.03 made by the plan members.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (continued)

## Note 10 - Postemployment Benefits

#### A. 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 Postemployment 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 2005 local government employer contribution rate was 13.55 percent of covered payroll (16.7 percent for public safety and law enforcement); 4.00 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, 2004, include a rate of return on investments of 8.00 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 6.3 percent based on additional annual pay increases. Health care premiums were assumed to increase between 1.00 and 6.00 percent annually for the next eight years and 4.00 percent annually after eight years.

All investments are carried at market. 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.

The number of active contributing participants in the traditional and combined plans was 369,885. Actual employer contributions for 2005, which were used to fund postemployment benefits, were \$210,421. The actual contribution and the actuarially required contribution amounts are the same. OPERS's net assets available for payment of benefits at December 31, 2004, (the latest information available) were \$10.5 billion. The actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability were \$26.9 billion and \$16.4 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.

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

December 6, 2006

Village of Leesville Carroll County P.O. Box 204 Leesville, OH 44639

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of Village Council:

We have audited the financial statements of Village of Leesville, Carroll County, (the Village) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated December 6, 2006, wherein we noted the financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2004 the Village followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, we have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Village of Leesville, Carroll County, (the Village) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the Village 's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 6, 2006. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Village 's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures in order to express our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses.

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## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Village 's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed two instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2005-001 and 2005-002.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

**Perry and Associates** Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004

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

## FINDING NUMBER 2005-001

**Ohio Revised Code § 733.31(A)** states that unless otherwise provided by law, vacancies arising in appointive and elective offices of villages shall be filled by appointment by the mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term, provided that:

- (1) Vacancies in the office of mayor shall be filled in the manner provided by **Ohio Revised Code §** 733.25; and
- (2) Vacancies in the membership of the legislative authority shall be filled in the manner provided by **Ohio Revised Code § 731.43**.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of village clerk/treasurer, the mayor may appoint a person to serve as an acting officer to perform the duties of the office until a permanent officer is appointed to fill the vacancy.

**Ohio Revised Code § 733.25** states that when a mayor is absent from the village, or is unable for any cause to perform his duties, the president pro tempore of the legislative authority shall be acting mayor until a successor is elected and qualified to fill the unexpired term.

**Ohio Revised Code § 731.43** (A)(1) provides that except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, when the office of a member of the legislative authority of a village becomes vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by election by the legislative authority for unexpired term. If the legislative authority fails within thirty days to fill such vacancy, the mayor shall fill it by appointment.

All members of the Village's legislative authority, the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer have been appointed to their respective positions and have remained in the positions through at least one general election but were not elected to the positions for the current term.

The Village officials should register with the Board of Elections as current office holders and should register to be on the ballot in the next general election.

## Management's Response – Management chose not to respond.

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004

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

## FINDING NUMBER 2005-002

## **Noncompliance Citation**

**Ohio Revised Code § 5705.41(D)(1)** prohibits a subdivision or taxing entity from making any contract or ordering any expenditure of money unless a certificate signed by the fiscal officer is attached thereto. The fiscal officer must certify that the amount required to meet any such contract or expenditure has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury, or is in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrance.

There are several exceptions to the standard requirement stated above that a fiscal officer's certificate must be obtained prior to a subdivision or taxing authority entering into a contract or order involving the expenditure of money. The main exceptions are: "then and now" certificates, blanket certificates, and super blanket certificates, which are provided for in sections 5705.41(D)(1) and 5705.41(D)(3), respectively, of the Ohio Revised Code.

- 1. "Then and Now" certificate If the fiscal officer (Clerk) can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the fiscal officer is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the taxing authority (Village Council) can authorize the drawing of a warrant for the payment of the amount due. The taxing authority has thirty days from the receipt of the "then and now" certificate to approve payment by ordinance or resolution. Amounts of less than \$1,000 (which was increased to \$3,000 on April 7, 2003) may be paid by the fiscal officer without a resolution or ordinance upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by the Village.
- 2. Blanket Certificate Fiscal officers may prepare "blanket" certificates not exceeding \$5,000 against any specific line item account over a period not exceeding three months or running beyond the current year. The blanket certificates may, but need not, be limited to a specific vendor. Only one blanket certificate may be outstanding at one particular time for any one particular line item appropriation. Effective September 26, 2003, certificates may not exceed an amount established by resolution or ordinance of the legislative authority, and cannot extend beyond the end of the fiscal year. Blanket certificates cannot be issued unless there has been an amount approved by the legislative authority for the blanket.
- **3.** Super Blanket Certificate The Village may also make expenditures and contracts for any amount from a specific line-item appropriation account in a specified fund upon certification of the fiscal officer for most professional services, fuel, oil, food items, and any other specific recurring and reasonably predictable operating expense. This certification is not to extend beyond the current year. More than one super blanket certificate may be outstanding at a particular time for any line-item appropriation.

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004

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

## FINDING NUMBER 2005-002 (Continued)

## Ohio Revised Code § 5705.41(D)(1) (Continued)

The Village did not properly certify the availability of funds prior to purchase commitment for 60% of the expenditures tested during 2005 and 38% of expenditures tested during 2004 and there was no evidence that the Village followed the aforementioned exceptions. Without these certifications, the management of the Village lost budgetary control over expenditures.

Unless the exceptions noted above are used, prior certification is not only required by statute but is a key control in the disbursement process to assure that purchase commitments receive prior approval. To improve controls over disbursements and to help reduce the possibility of the Village's funds exceeding budgetary spending limitations, we recommend that the Clerk certify that the funds are or will be available prior to an obligation being incurred by the Village. When prior certification is not possible, "then and now" certification should be used.

## Management's Response – Management chose not to respond.

## SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2003-001	ORC § 733.31 (A) – Village Officials not elected	No	Repeated as finding 2005-001
2003-002	ORC § 5705.41(D) – not properly certifying funds	No	Repeated as finding 2005-002





VILLAGE OF LEESVILLE

CARROLL 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 FEBRUARY 22, 2007

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