

**CITY OF DEFIANCE
DEFIANCE COUNTY, OHIO**

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(AUDITED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2008

JOHN SEELE, FINANCE DIRECTOR



Mary Taylor, CPA

Auditor of State

Members of Council
City of Defiance
631 Perry Street
Defiance, Ohio 43512

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the City of Defiance, Defiance County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. 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 City of Defiance is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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July 9, 2009

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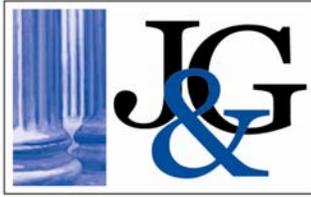
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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Independent Auditor's Report

Members of Council and Mayor
City of Defiance
631 Perry Street
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Defiance, Defiance County, Ohio, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the City of Defiance's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Defiance'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 obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the 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 opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Defiance, Defiance County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 24, 2009, on our consideration of the City of Defiance's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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The management's discussion and analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Julian & Grube, Inc.

Julian & Grube, Inc.
June 24, 2009

CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

The management's discussion and analysis of the City of Defiance's (the "City") financial performance provides an overall review of the City's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2008. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the City's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2008 are as follows:

- The total net assets of the City increased \$1,259,415. Net assets of governmental activities increased \$88,670 or 0.36% over 2007 and net assets of business-type activities increased \$1,170,745 or 7.67% over 2007.
- General revenues accounted for \$9,893,359, or 74.39%, of total governmental activities revenue. Program specific revenues accounted for \$3,405,327, or 25.61%, of total governmental activities revenue.
- The City had \$12,871,456 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$3,405,327 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. The remaining expenses of the governmental activities of \$9,466,129 were offset by general revenues (primarily property taxes, income taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$9,893,359.
- The City has two major governmental funds, the general fund and capital improvements fund. The general fund had revenues of \$9,164,262 in 2008. This represents a decrease of \$740,116 from 2007. The expenditures and other financing uses of the general fund which totaled \$9,969,599 in 2008, increased \$622,510 from 2007. The net decrease in fund balance for the general fund was \$805,337 or 18.32%.
- The capital improvements fund had revenues and other financing sources of \$2,285,730 in 2008. This represents an increase of \$450,250 from 2007 revenues. The expenditures of the capital improvements fund, which totaled \$1,897,499 in 2008, increased \$187,492 from 2007. The net increase in fund balance for the capital improvements fund was \$388,231 or 41.09%.
- Net assets for the business-type activities, which are made up of the Water, Sewer, Refuse and Utility Deposit enterprise funds, increased in 2008 by \$1,170,745.
- In the general fund, the actual revenues came in \$412,030 lower than they were in the final budget and actual expenditures and other financing uses were \$1,228,105 lower than the amount in the final budget. Budgeted revenues increased \$64,243 from the original to the final budget. Budgeted expenditures and other financing uses increased \$762,459 from the original to the final budget due primarily to an increase in the cost of general government and security of persons and property expenditures.

Using this Annual Financial Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to these statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the City as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The statement of net assets and statement of activities provide information about the activities of the City as a whole, presenting both an aggregate view of the City's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the City's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Reporting the City as a Whole

Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains a large number of funds used by the City to provide programs and activities, the view of the City as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2008?" The statement of net assets and the statement of activities answer this question. These statements include all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the City's net *assets* and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader that, for the City as a whole, the financial position of the City has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the City's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required community programs and other factors.

In the statement of net assets and the statement of activities, the City is divided into two distinct kinds of activities:

Governmental activities - Most of the City's programs and services are reported here including police, fire and rescue, street maintenance, capital improvements and general administration. These services are funded primarily by property and income taxes and intergovernmental revenues including federal and state grants and other shared revenues.

Business-type activities - These services are provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all or a significant portion of the expenses of the goods or services provided. The City's water, sewer, refuse and utility deposits operations are reported here.

Reporting the City's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the City's major funds. The City uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focuses on the City's most significant funds. The analysis of the City's major governmental and proprietary funds begins on page 10.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

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Because the focus of the governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, the readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The City maintains a multitude of individual governmental funds. The City has segregated these funds into major funds and nonmajor funds. The City's major governmental funds are the general fund and capital improvements fund. Information for major funds is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 20-24 of this report.

Proprietary Funds

The City maintains two different types of proprietary funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses enterprise funds to account for its water, sewer, refuse and utility deposits management functions. The City's major enterprise funds are the water and sewer funds. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the City's various functions. The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 25-28 of this report.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the City. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are not available to support the City's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. Agency funds are the City's only fiduciary fund type. The basic fiduciary fund financial statement can be found on page 29 of this report.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 30-63 of this report.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The table below provides a summary of the City's net assets at December 31, 2008 and 2007:

	Net Assets					
	Governmental	Business-type	Governmental	Business-type	2008	2007
	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Total	Total
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Assets</u>						
Current and other assets	\$ 12,768,453	\$ 5,199,248	\$ 12,866,397	\$ 5,201,409	\$ 17,967,701	\$ 18,067,806
Capital assets	<u>14,382,825</u>	<u>50,778,123</u>	<u>14,517,782</u>	<u>43,583,935</u>	<u>65,160,948</u>	<u>58,101,717</u>
Total assets	<u>27,151,278</u>	<u>55,977,371</u>	<u>27,384,179</u>	<u>48,785,344</u>	<u>83,128,649</u>	<u>76,169,523</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Long-term liabilities outstanding	917,916	38,481,829	1,154,702	32,259,798	39,399,745	33,414,500
Other liabilities	<u>1,520,384</u>	<u>1,056,485</u>	<u>1,605,169</u>	<u>1,257,234</u>	<u>2,576,869</u>	<u>2,862,403</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,438,300</u>	<u>39,538,314</u>	<u>2,759,871</u>	<u>33,517,032</u>	<u>41,976,614</u>	<u>36,276,903</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	14,021,819	12,651,704	13,799,408	11,696,962	26,673,523	25,496,370
Restricted	6,750,730	-	5,998,386	-	6,750,730	5,998,386
Unrestricted	<u>3,940,429</u>	<u>3,787,353</u>	<u>4,826,514</u>	<u>3,571,350</u>	<u>7,727,782</u>	<u>8,397,864</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 24,712,978</u>	<u>\$ 16,439,057</u>	<u>\$ 24,624,308</u>	<u>\$ 15,268,312</u>	<u>\$ 41,152,035</u>	<u>\$ 39,892,620</u>

Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At December 31, 2008, the City's assets exceeded liabilities by \$41,152,035. At year-end, net assets were \$24,712,978 and \$16,439,057 for the governmental activities and the business-type activities, respectively.

Capital assets reported on the government-wide statements represent the largest portion of the City's net assets. At year-end, capital assets represented 78.38% of total assets. Capital assets include land, construction in progress, buildings and improvements, improvements other than buildings, equipment, vehicles and infrastructure. Capital assets, net of related debt to acquire the assets at December 31, 2008, were \$14,021,819 and \$12,651,704 in the governmental activities and business-type activities, respectively. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens and are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

As of December 31, 2008, the City is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net assets, both for the government as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental and business-type activities.

A portion of the City's net assets, \$6,750,730, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. In the governmental activities, the remaining balance of unrestricted net assets of \$3,940,429 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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The table below shows the changes in net assets for 2008 and 2007.

	Change in Net Assets					
	Governmental	Business-type	Governmental	Business-type	2008	2007
	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Total	Total
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>		
Revenues						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 1,903,156	\$ 9,157,069	\$ 1,927,921	\$ 8,851,036	\$ 11,060,225	\$ 10,778,957
Operating grants and contributions	1,331,141	-	1,409,456	23,077	1,331,141	1,432,533
Capital grants and contributions	<u>171,030</u>	<u>313,087</u>	<u>201,996</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>484,117</u>	<u>201,996</u>
Total program revenues	<u>3,405,327</u>	<u>9,470,156</u>	<u>3,539,373</u>	<u>8,874,113</u>	<u>12,875,483</u>	<u>12,413,486</u>
General revenues:						
Property taxes	943,271	-	1,028,633	-	943,271	1,028,633
Income taxes	7,473,238	-	8,168,968	-	7,473,238	8,168,968
Unrestricted grants and entitlements	1,089,930	-	949,213	-	1,089,930	949,213
Investment earnings	155,049	69,086	404,382	229,311	224,135	633,693
Miscellaneous	<u>231,871</u>	<u>296,270</u>	<u>208,359</u>	<u>327,942</u>	<u>528,141</u>	<u>536,301</u>
Total general revenues	<u>9,893,359</u>	<u>365,356</u>	<u>10,759,555</u>	<u>557,253</u>	<u>10,258,715</u>	<u>11,316,808</u>
Total revenues	<u>13,298,686</u>	<u>9,835,512</u>	<u>14,298,928</u>	<u>9,431,366</u>	<u>23,134,198</u>	<u>23,730,294</u>
Expenses:						
General government	2,700,947	-	3,438,927	-	2,700,947	3,438,927
Security of persons and property	5,718,266	-	5,559,839	-	5,718,266	5,559,839
Public health and welfare	288,007	-	253,008	-	288,007	253,008
Transportation	2,463,188	-	2,149,203	-	2,463,188	2,149,203
Community environment	586,847	-	523,893	-	586,847	523,893
Leisure time activity	995,983	-	961,329	-	995,983	961,329
Economic development	84,009	-	275,686	-	84,009	275,686
Other	4,913	-	4,908	-	4,913	4,908
Interest and fiscal charges	29,296	-	48,348	-	29,296	48,348
Water	-	4,282,755	-	3,827,063	4,282,755	3,827,063
Sewer	-	3,993,639	-	4,193,689	3,993,639	4,193,689
Other enterprise fund	<u>-</u>	<u>726,933</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>630,422</u>	<u>726,933</u>	<u>630,422</u>
Total expenses	<u>12,871,456</u>	<u>9,003,327</u>	<u>13,215,141</u>	<u>8,651,174</u>	<u>21,874,783</u>	<u>21,866,315</u>
Transfers	<u>(338,560)</u>	<u>338,560</u>	<u>(56,712)</u>	<u>56,712</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net assets	88,670	1,170,745	1,027,075	836,904	1,259,415	1,863,979
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>24,624,308</u>	<u>15,268,312</u>	<u>23,597,233</u>	<u>14,431,408</u>	<u>39,892,620</u>	<u>38,028,641</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 24,712,978</u>	<u>\$ 16,439,057</u>	<u>\$ 24,624,308</u>	<u>\$ 15,268,312</u>	<u>\$ 41,152,035</u>	<u>\$ 39,892,620</u>

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Governmental Activities

Governmental activities net assets increased \$88,670 in 2008.

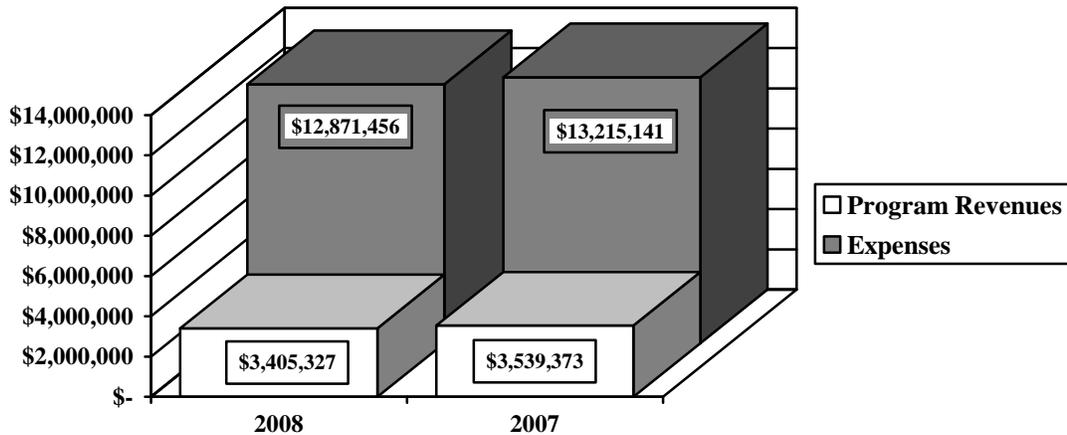
Security of persons and property, which primarily supports the operations of the police and fire departments accounted for \$5,718,266 of the total expenses of the City. These expenses were partially funded by \$1,247,379 in direct charges to users of the services. Transportation expenses totaled \$2,463,188. Transportation expenses were partially funded by \$905,850 in operating grants and contributions.

The state and federal government contributed to the City a total of \$1,331,141 in operating grants and contributions. These revenues are restricted to a particular program or purpose. Of the total operating grants and contributions, \$268,395 subsidized general government programs.

General revenues totaled \$9,893,359, and amounted to 74.39% of total governmental revenues. These revenues primarily consist of property and income tax revenue of \$8,416,509. The other primary source of general revenues is grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs, including local government and local government revenue assistance, making up \$1,089,930.

The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State grants and entitlements. As can be seen in the graph below, the City is highly dependent upon property and income taxes as well as unrestricted grants and entitlements to support its governmental activities.

Governmental Activities - Program Revenues vs. Total Expenses



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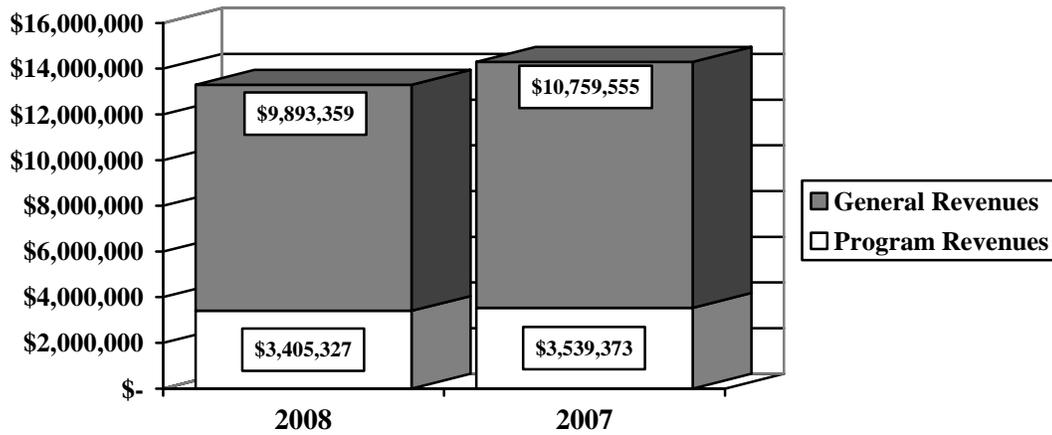
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Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services <u>2008</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2008</u>	Total Cost of Services <u>2007</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2007</u>
Program Expenses:				
General government	\$ 2,700,947	\$ 2,036,837	\$ 3,438,927	\$ 2,541,883
Security of persons and property	5,718,266	4,382,139	5,559,839	4,292,029
Public health and welfare	288,007	229,233	253,008	186,303
Transportation	2,463,188	1,386,308	2,149,203	1,132,065
Community environment	586,847	411,214	523,893	344,559
Leisure time activity	995,983	970,821	961,329	924,188
Economic development	84,009	15,368	275,686	201,485
Other	4,913	4,913	4,908	4,908
Interest and fiscal charges	29,296	29,296	48,348	48,348
Total	\$ <u>12,871,456</u>	\$ <u>9,466,129</u>	\$ <u>13,215,141</u>	\$ <u>9,675,768</u>

The dependence upon general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, with 73.54% of expenses supported through taxes and other general revenues.

Governmental Activities - General and Program Revenues



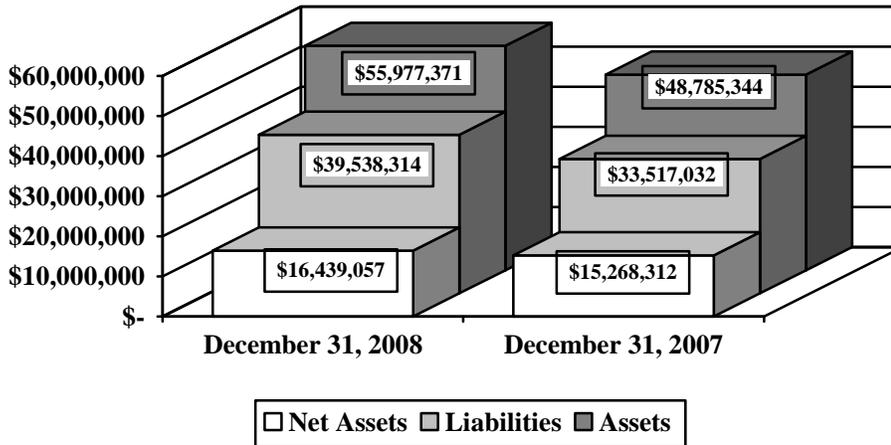
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Business-type Activities

Business-type activities include the water, sewer, refuse and utility deposit enterprise funds. These programs had program revenues of \$9,470,156, general revenues of \$365,356, transfers in of \$338,560 and expenses of \$9,003,327 for 2008. The graph below shows the business-type activities assets, liabilities and net assets at year-end.

Net Assets in Business - Type Activities



Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the City's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the City's net resources available for spending at year-end.

The City's governmental funds (as presented on the balance sheet on page 20) reported a combined fund balance of \$9,753,097 which is \$146,637 below last year's total of \$9,899,734. The schedule below indicates the fund balances and the total change in fund balances as of December 31, 2008 for all major and nonmajor governmental funds.

	Fund Balances <u>12/31/08</u>	Fund Balances <u>12/31/07</u>	Increase/ <u>(Decrease)</u>
Major funds:			
General	\$ 3,590,580	\$ 4,395,917	\$ (805,337)
Capital improvements	1,333,056	944,825	388,231
Other nonmajor governmental funds	<u>4,829,461</u>	<u>4,558,992</u>	<u>270,469</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,753,097</u>	<u>\$ 9,899,734</u>	<u>\$ (146,637)</u>

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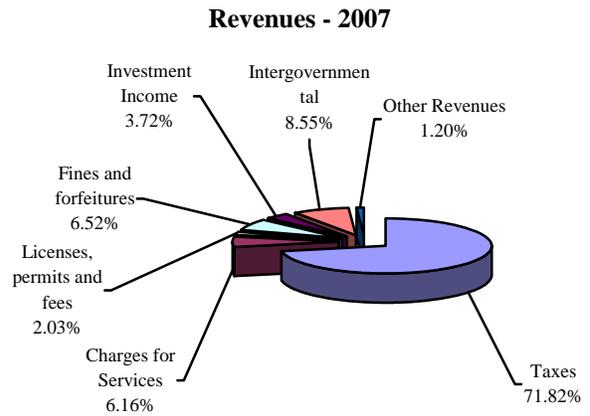
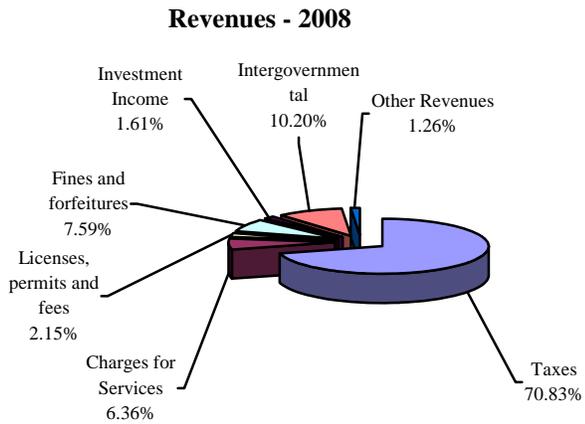
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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General Fund

The City's general fund balance decreased \$805,337. The table that follows assists in illustrating the revenues of the general fund.

	<u>2008</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2007</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 6,490,643	\$ 7,110,749	\$ (620,106)	(8.72) %
Charges for services	582,514	610,120	(27,606)	(4.52) %
Licenses, permits and fees	196,679	200,697	(4,018)	(2.00) %
Fines and forfeitures	696,244	645,114	51,130	7.93 %
Investment income	147,434	368,532	(221,098)	(59.99) %
Intergovernmental	935,381	846,329	89,052	10.52 %
Other	<u>115,367</u>	<u>118,366</u>	<u>(2,999)</u>	(2.53) %
Total	<u>\$ 9,164,262</u>	<u>\$ 9,899,907</u>	<u>\$ (735,645)</u>	(7.43) %

Tax revenue represents 70.83% of all general fund revenue. Tax revenue decreased by \$620,106 or 8.72% from the prior year. This decrease is due mainly to decreased collections of income taxes. The increase of \$89,052 or 10.52% in the area of intergovernmental revenues can be attributed to an increase in estate taxes being available for advance at year end. The decrease in investment income is a reduction in investments held by the City during the year. All other revenue remained comparable to 2007.



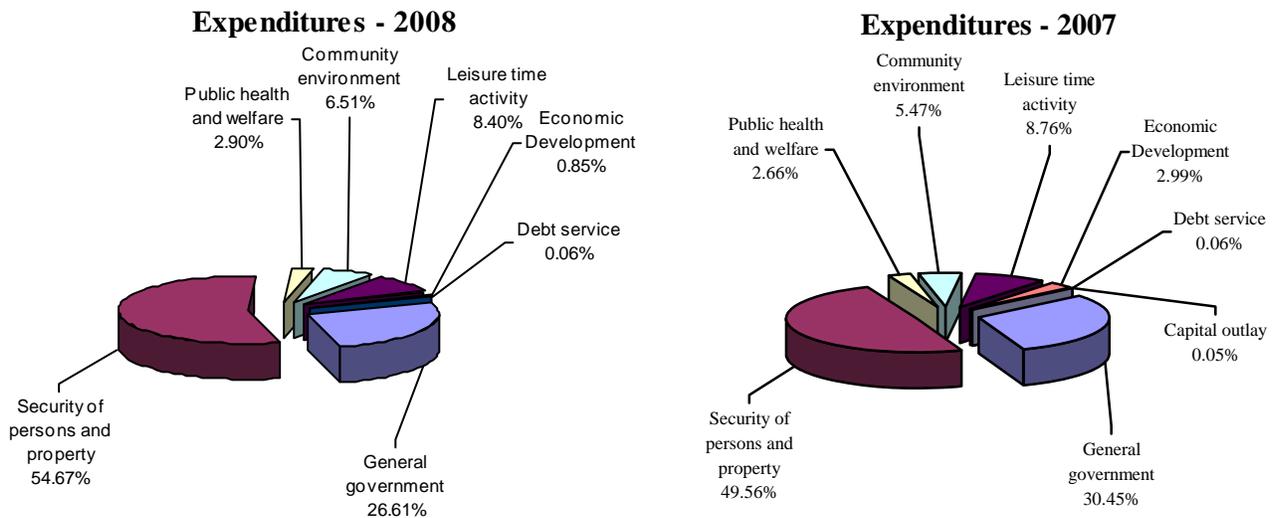
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The table that follows assists in illustrating the expenditures of the general fund.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
General government	\$ 2,357,843	\$ 2,726,528	\$ (368,685)	(13.52) %
Security of persons and property	4,844,303	4,437,296	407,007	9.17 %
Public health and welfare	256,613	237,907	18,706	7.86 %
Community environment	577,079	489,268	87,811	17.95 %
Leisure time activity	744,411	783,809	(39,398)	(5.03) %
Economic development	75,574	267,381	(191,807)	(71.74) %
Capital outlay	-	4,471	(4,471)	(100.00) %
Debt service	5,539	5,429	110	2.03 %
Total	<u>\$ 8,861,362</u>	<u>\$ 8,952,089</u>	<u>\$ (90,727)</u>	(1.01) %

Expenditures of the general fund decreased \$90,727 or 1.01%. The largest expenditure of the City, security of persons and property, increased \$407,007 or 9.17%. This increase is primarily due to an increase in wages and benefits paid by the City to police and fire. General government expenditures decreased \$368,685 or 13.52%. The decrease in capital outlay is a result of a capital lease transaction in 2007. All other expenditures remained comparable to 2007.



Capital Improvements Fund

The capital improvements fund had revenues and other financing sources of \$2,285,730 in 2008. This represents an increase of \$450,250 from 2007 revenues. The expenditures of the capital improvements fund, which totaled \$1,897,499 in 2008, increased \$187,492 from 2007. The net increase in fund balance for the capital improvements fund was \$388,231 or 41.09%.

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Budgeting Highlights

The City's budgeting process is prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Essentially the budget is the City's appropriations which are restricted by the amounts of anticipated revenues certified by the Budget Commission in accordance with the ORC. Therefore, the City's plans or desires cannot be totally reflected in the original budget. If budgeted revenues are adjusted due to actual activity then the appropriations can be adjusted accordingly.

Budgetary information is presented for the general fund. In the general fund, the actual revenues were \$9,108,913 which was \$412,030 lower than the final budgeted revenues of \$9,520,943. Original budgeted revenues were \$9,456,700, \$347,787 higher than the actual revenues. Actual expenditures were \$10,444,855, which was \$1,228,105 lower than the final budget of \$11,672,960. Original budgeted expenditures were \$10,910,501, \$465,646 higher than the actual expenditures.

Proprietary Funds

The City's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements for business-type activities, except in more detail. The only difference between the amounts reported as business-type activities and the amounts reported in the proprietary fund statements are interfund eliminations between proprietary funds and internal balances due to governmental activities for internal service activities. The only interfund activity reported in the government wide statements are those between business-type activities and governmental activities (reported as internal balances and transfers) whereas interfund amounts between various enterprise funds, are reported in the proprietary fund statements.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At December 31, 2008, the City had \$65,160,948 (net of accumulated depreciation) invested in land, buildings and improvements, improvements other than buildings (IOTB), equipment, vehicles, infrastructure and construction in progress. Of this total, \$14,382,825 was reported in governmental activities and \$50,778,123 was reported in business-type activities. The following table shows December 31, 2008 capital assets compared to December 31, 2007:

**Capital Assets at December 31
(Net of Depreciation)**

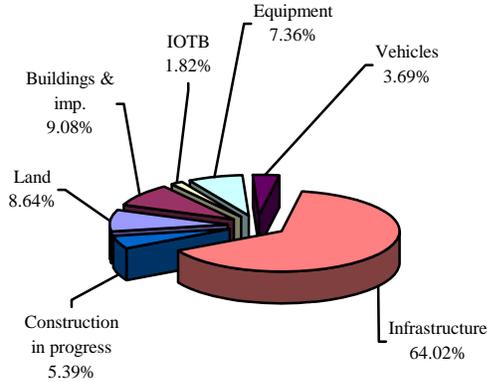
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Land	\$ 1,243,358	\$ 1,243,358	\$ 280,171	\$ 267,100	\$ 1,523,529	\$ 1,510,458
IOTB	261,381	291,140	461,377	503,592	722,758	794,732
Buildings and improvements	1,305,454	1,393,045	19,892,545	20,525,050	21,197,999	21,918,095
Equipment	1,059,253	1,109,585	372,722	331,383	1,431,975	1,440,968
Vehicles	530,643	548,738	276,246	96,451	806,889	645,189
Infrastructure	9,208,070	9,372,844	16,961,543	10,714,581	26,169,613	20,087,425
Construction in progress	<u>774,666</u>	<u>559,072</u>	<u>12,533,519</u>	<u>11,145,778</u>	<u>13,308,185</u>	<u>11,704,850</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 14,382,825</u>	<u>\$ 14,517,782</u>	<u>\$ 50,778,123</u>	<u>\$ 43,583,935</u>	<u>\$ 65,160,948</u>	<u>\$ 58,101,717</u>

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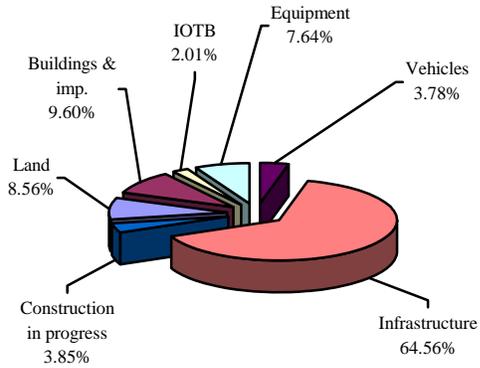
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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The following graphs show the breakdown of governmental capital assets by category for 2008 and 2007.

Capital Assets - Governmental Activities 2008



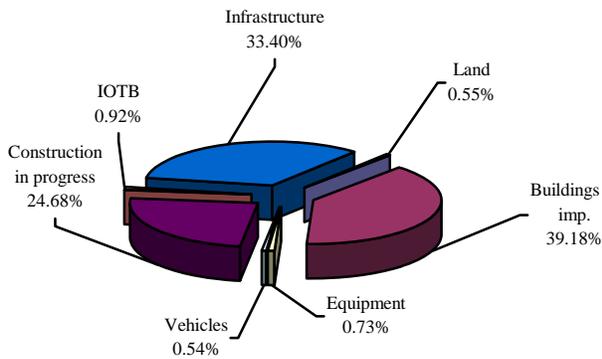
Capital Assets - Governmental Activities 2007



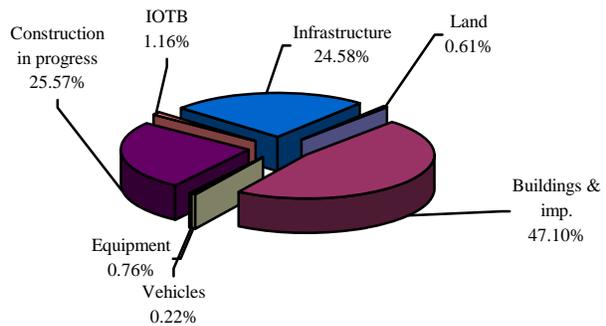
The capital asset category infrastructure includes roads, bridges, culverts, sidewalks and curbs. These items are immovable and of value only to the City, however, the annual cost of purchasing these items is quite significant. The net book value of the City's infrastructure (cost less accumulated depreciation) represents approximately 64.02% of the City's total governmental capital assets.

The following graphs show the breakdown of business-type capital assets by category for 2008 and 2007.

Capital Assets - Business-Type Activities 2008



Capital Assets - Business-Type Activities 2007



The City's second largest business-type capital asset category is infrastructure that primarily includes water and sewer lines. These items play a vital role in the income producing ability of the business-type activities. The net book value of the City's infrastructure (cost less accumulated depreciation) represents approximately 33.40% of the City's total business-type capital assets.

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Debt Administration

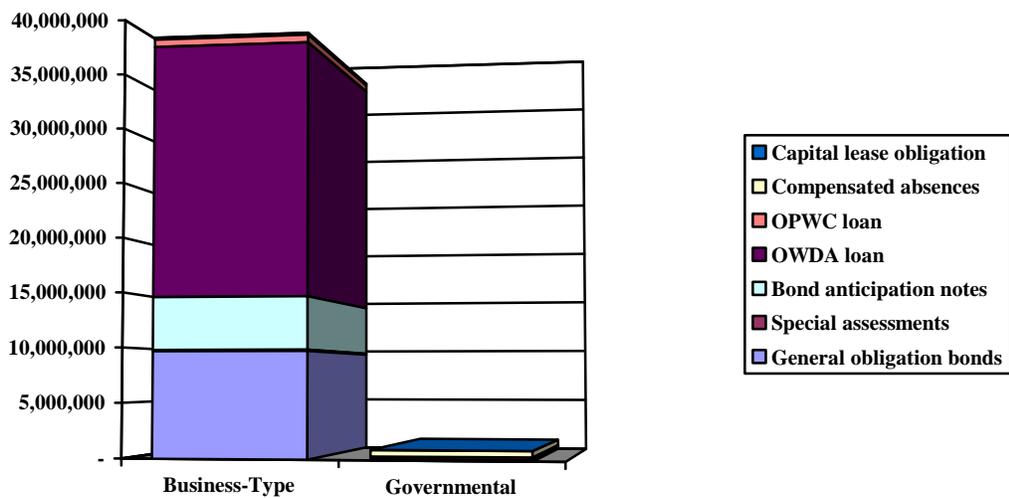
The City had the following long-term obligations outstanding at December 31, 2008 and 2007:

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Compensated absences	\$ 556,910	\$ 661,328
General obligation bonds	120,000	160,000
Special assessment bonds	229,316	317,284
Capital lease obligation	<u>11,690</u>	<u>16,090</u>
Total long-term obligations	<u>\$ 917,916</u>	<u>\$ 1,154,702</u>

	Business-type Activities	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
General obligation bonds	\$ 9,660,000	\$ 10,155,000
Special assessment bonds	107,483	113,596
OWDA loan	22,892,250	16,026,896
OPWC loan	683,429	757,486
Bond anticipation notes	4,774,000	4,819,000
Capital lease obligation	9,257	14,996
Compensated absences	<u>174,089</u>	<u>177,966</u>
Total long-term obligations	<u>\$ 38,300,508</u>	<u>\$ 32,064,940</u>

A comparison of the long-term obligations by category is depicted in the chart below.

Long-term obligations



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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Economic Conditions and Outlook

Defiance is conveniently located within one hour of Toledo, Ohio and Fort Wayne, Indiana. Its strategic location also provides excellent access to Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit and Chicago. The transportation needs of the community are met with state routes 18, 15, 66, 281, 424, and 111 but more importantly the City is about to embark upon the benefits of the improvements of state route 24. This project will create double lane highway access from Toledo to Fort Wayne.

Ranked in the Top 100 U.S. Small Towns according to "Site Selection" magazine, the City of Defiance has taken a proactive approach to developing new industry. The City and the County have broken the barriers of political isolationism and partnered on several projects to develop a strong community. Both entities' have supported each other on roadway improvements and installation of waterlines. Additionally, the City and the County continue to attract interest for business by introducing incentives through tax increment financing, enterprise zone agreements and revolving loan agreements.

Currently, both political subdivisions will participate in the expansion of the North 66 interchange; the improvements will enhance the roadway from a 2 lane bridge to a 5 lane bridge. The ODOT project will cost approximately 11 to 12 million dollars.

The economic stress facing the city of Defiance is unprecedented: first, because of the global recession and second, because of the growth in the unemployment rate. Manufacturing has been hit hard especially in Michigan and Ohio. The City government continues to take steps to ensure its future economic growth by staying in touch with the economic realities of today's environment. The City has taken steps to present the community with balanced budgets and more importantly it has met the challenges of adjusting to the harsh economic environment.

Contacting the City's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact: Mr. John Seele, Finance Director, City of Defiance, 631 Perry Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

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CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Business-type</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,625,437	\$ 4,043,160	\$ 11,668,597
Investments	196,654	-	196,654
Cash with escrow agent	-	148,116	148,116
Receivables (net of allowances for uncollectibles):			
Income taxes	938,036	-	938,036
Property and other local taxes	808,943	-	808,943
Accounts	275,207	409,251	684,458
Loans	1,450,586	-	1,450,586
Special assessments	312,391	91,099	403,490
Due from other governments	982,674	253	982,927
Prepayments	135,000	-	135,000
Materials and supplies inventory	35,940	71,046	106,986
Internal balance	7,585	(7,585)	-
Unamortized bond issuance costs	-	181,321	181,321
Restricted assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	-	262,587	262,587
Capital assets:			
Land and construction-in-progress	2,018,024	12,813,690	14,831,714
Depreciable capital assets, net	12,364,801	37,964,433	50,329,234
Total capital assets	<u>14,382,825</u>	<u>50,778,123</u>	<u>65,160,948</u>
 Total assets	 <u>27,151,278</u>	 <u>55,977,371</u>	 <u>83,128,649</u>
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	207,536	149,794	357,330
Contracts payable	171,102	218,940	390,042
Accrued wages and benefits	156,901	65,871	222,772
Retainage payable	-	148,116	148,116
Due to other governments	294,441	76,721	371,162
Due to claimants	28,690	-	28,690
Accrued interest payable	1,914	134,456	136,370
Payable from restricted assets:			
Refunded deposits	-	262,587	262,587
Unearned revenue	659,800	-	659,800
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	373,788	6,505,262	6,879,050
Due in more than one year	544,128	31,976,567	32,520,695
 Total liabilities	 <u>2,438,300</u>	 <u>39,538,314</u>	 <u>41,976,614</u>
Net assets:			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	14,021,819	12,651,704	26,673,523
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	1,392,724	-	1,392,724
Debt service	1,212,716	-	1,212,716
Transportation projects	745,459	-	745,459
Safety projects	492,417	-	492,417
Special projects	621,966	-	621,966
Community environment projects	125,358	-	125,358
Economic development projects	1,921,779	-	1,921,779
Health projects	7,718	-	7,718
Parks and recreations projects	34,995	-	34,995
Other purposes	195,598	-	195,598
Unrestricted	<u>3,940,429</u>	<u>3,787,353</u>	<u>7,727,782</u>
 Total net assets	 <u>\$ 24,712,978</u>	 <u>\$ 16,439,057</u>	 <u>\$ 41,152,035</u>

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CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>
Governmental Activities:				
General government	\$ 2,700,947	\$ 395,715	\$ 268,395	\$ -
Security of persons and property	5,718,266	1,247,379	88,748	-
Public health and welfare	288,007	58,774	-	-
Transportation	2,463,188	-	905,850	171,030
Community environment	586,847	175,633	-	-
Leisure time activity	995,983	25,162	-	-
Economic development	84,009	493	68,148	-
Other	4,913	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	29,296	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>12,871,456</u>	<u>1,903,156</u>	<u>1,331,141</u>	<u>171,030</u>
Business-type Activities:				
Water	4,282,755	4,090,704	-	12,421
Sewer	3,993,639	4,301,484	-	300,666
Refuse	<u>726,933</u>	<u>764,881</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>9,003,327</u>	<u>9,157,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>313,087</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 21,874,783</u>	<u>\$ 11,060,225</u>	<u>\$ 1,331,141</u>	<u>\$ 484,117</u>

General Revenues:

Income taxes levied for:	
General purposes	
Special purposes	
Capital purposes	
Property taxes levied for:	
General purposes	
Special purposes	
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs	
Investment earnings	
Miscellaneous	
Total general revenues	
Transfers	
Change in net assets	
Net assets at beginning of year	
Net assets at end of year	

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Net Revenue (Expense) and Changes in Net Assets

Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
\$ (2,036,837)	\$ -	\$ (2,036,837)
(4,382,139)	-	(4,382,139)
(229,233)	-	(229,233)
(1,386,308)	-	(1,386,308)
(411,214)	-	(411,214)
(970,821)	-	(970,821)
(15,368)	-	(15,368)
(4,913)	-	(4,913)
(29,296)	-	(29,296)
<u>(9,466,129)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,466,129)</u>
-	(179,630)	(179,630)
-	608,511	608,511
-	37,948	37,948
<u>-</u>	<u>466,829</u>	<u>466,829</u>
(9,466,129)	466,829	(8,999,300)
5,933,088	-	5,933,088
25,248	-	25,248
1,514,902	-	1,514,902
602,325	-	602,325
340,946	-	340,946
1,089,930	-	1,089,930
155,049	69,086	224,135
231,871	296,270	528,141
<u>9,893,359</u>	<u>365,356</u>	<u>10,258,715</u>
<u>(338,560)</u>	<u>338,560</u>	<u>-</u>
88,670	1,170,745	1,259,415
24,624,308	15,268,312	39,892,620
<u>\$ 24,712,978</u>	<u>\$ 16,439,057</u>	<u>\$ 41,152,035</u>

CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Improvements</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents.	\$ 2,672,531	\$ 1,324,376	\$ 3,220,619	\$ 7,217,526
Investments	196,654	-	-	196,654
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):				
Income taxes.	717,959	216,470	3,607	938,036
Property and other local taxes.	598,240	-	210,703	808,943
Accounts.	212,085	-	63,122	275,207
Loans	-	-	1,450,586	1,450,586
Special assessments	-	-	312,391	312,391
Due from other governments.	561,364	-	411,507	972,871
Prepayments	135,000	-	-	135,000
Materials and supplies inventory.	-	-	35,940	35,940
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,093,833</u>	<u>\$ 1,540,846</u>	<u>\$ 5,708,475</u>	<u>\$ 12,343,154</u>
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable.	\$ 136,888	\$ 13,510	\$ 57,138	\$ 207,536
Contracts payable	-	134,612	36,490	171,102
Accrued wages and benefits	141,810	-	15,091	156,901
Compensated absences payable.	7,207	-	-	7,207
Due to other governments	253,857	-	40,584	294,441
Due to claimants	28,690	-	-	28,690
Deferred revenue.	413,801	59,668	590,911	1,064,380
Unearned revenue.	521,000	-	138,800	659,800
Total liabilities	<u>1,503,253</u>	<u>207,790</u>	<u>879,014</u>	<u>2,590,057</u>
Fund balances:				
Reserved for encumbrances	239,798	890,295	428,397	1,558,490
Reserved for prepayments	135,000	-	-	135,000
Reserved for materials and supplies inventory.	-	-	35,940	35,940
Reserved for loans	-	-	1,450,586	1,450,586
Reserved for debt service	-	-	902,239	902,239
Reserved for noncurrent investments	196,654	-	-	196,654
Unreserved undesignated, reported in:				
General fund	3,019,128	-	-	3,019,128
Special revenue funds.	-	-	2,012,299	2,012,299
Capital projects funds.	-	442,761	-	442,761
Total fund balances.	<u>3,590,580</u>	<u>1,333,056</u>	<u>4,829,461</u>	<u>9,753,097</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 5,093,833</u>	<u>\$ 1,540,846</u>	<u>\$ 5,708,475</u>	<u>\$ 12,343,154</u>

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CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES
TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 31, 2008

Total governmental fund balances	\$	9,753,097
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities on the statement of net assets are different because:</i>		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		14,382,825
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.		
Income taxes receivable	\$ 179,032	
Property and other local taxes receivable	77,240	
Special assessments receivable	312,391	
Intergovernmental revenue receivable	495,717	
Total		1,064,380
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of health care to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund is included in governmental activities on the statement of net assets. The net assets of the internal service fund, including an internal balance of \$7,585, are:		425,299
Accrued interest payable on long-term bonds is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the funds.		(1,914)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, compensated absences, and capital lease obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
General obligation bonds payable	(120,000)	
Special assessment bonds payable	(229,316)	
Compensated absences payable	(549,703)	
Capital lease obligation payable	(11,690)	
Total		(910,709)
Net assets of governmental activities	\$	24,712,978

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CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Improvements</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:				
Income taxes	\$ 5,889,938	\$ 1,477,913	\$ 24,632	\$ 7,392,483
Property and other local taxes	600,705	-	340,946	941,651
Charges for services	582,514	-	493	583,007
Licenses, permits and fees	196,679	-	165,845	362,524
Fines and forfeitures	696,244	-	261,381	957,625
Intergovernmental	935,381	171,030	1,200,292	2,306,703
Special assessments	-	-	128,763	128,763
Investment income	147,434	-	76,331	223,765
Donations	21,402	-	1,102	22,504
Other	93,965	9,550	128,356	231,871
Total revenues.	<u>9,164,262</u>	<u>1,658,493</u>	<u>2,328,141</u>	<u>13,150,896</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	2,357,843	-	250,410	2,608,253
Security of persons and property.	4,844,303	-	720,743	5,565,046
Public health and welfare	256,613	-	-	256,613
Transportation	-	-	924,908	924,908
Community environment.	577,079	-	-	577,079
Leisure time activity	744,411	-	-	744,411
Economic development and assistance	75,574	-	8,435	84,009
Other	-	-	4,913	4,913
Capital outlay.	-	1,894,550	469,244	2,363,794
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	4,400	-	127,968	132,368
Interest and fiscal charges	1,139	2,949	25,938	30,026
Total expenditures	<u>8,861,362</u>	<u>1,897,499</u>	<u>2,532,559</u>	<u>13,291,420</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>302,900</u>	<u>(239,006)</u>	<u>(204,418)</u>	<u>(140,524)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	-	627,237	481,000	1,108,237
Transfers out	<u>(1,108,237)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,113)</u>	<u>(1,114,350)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(1,108,237)</u>	<u>627,237</u>	<u>474,887</u>	<u>(6,113)</u>
Net change in fund balances	(805,337)	388,231	270,469	(146,637)
Fund balances at beginning of year	4,395,917	944,825	4,558,992	9,899,734
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 3,590,580</u>	<u>\$ 1,333,056</u>	<u>\$ 4,829,461</u>	<u>\$ 9,753,097</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ (146,637)

*Amounts reported for governmental activities
in the statement of activities are different because:*

Government funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the costs of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation expense in the current period.

Capital asset additions	\$	1,123,330	
Current year depreciation		(910,121)	
Total			213,209

Governmental funds only report the disposal of capital assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. (15,719)

Transfers of capital assets to business-type activities are reported in the statement of activities. (332,447)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.

Income taxes		80,755	
Property and other local taxes		1,620	
Special assessments		(26,573)	
Intergovernmental		74,570	
Total			130,372

Repayment of bonds, notes, and capital lease obligations are expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayments reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net assets. Principal payments during the year were:

General obligation bonds		40,000	
Special assessment bonds		87,968	
Capital lease obligations		4,400	
Total			132,368

In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due. 730

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. 111,625

The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of health care to individual funds is not reported in the statement of activities. Governmental fund expenditures and the related internal service fund revenues are eliminated. The net revenue (expense) of the internal service fund, including the consolidation of internal service fund activity related to enterprise funds of \$5,422, is allocated among the governmental activities. (4,831)

Change in net assets of governmental activities \$ 88,670

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CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
 GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Income taxes	\$ 6,431,309	\$ 6,475,000	\$ 5,976,402	\$ (498,598)
Property and other local taxes	625,650	629,900	603,742	(26,158)
Charges for services	629,325	633,600	602,538	(31,062)
Licenses, permits and fees	171,336	172,500	196,679	24,179
Fines and forfeitures	601,712	605,800	688,092	82,292
Intergovernmental	637,767	642,100	787,315	145,215
Investment income	273,144	275,000	147,430	(127,570)
Donations	19,612	19,745	21,402	1,657
Other	66,845	67,298	85,313	18,015
Total revenues	<u>9,456,700</u>	<u>9,520,943</u>	<u>9,108,913</u>	<u>(412,030)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	2,863,177	3,063,264	2,740,980	322,284
Security of persons and property	5,124,482	5,482,597	4,905,777	576,820
Public health and welfare	269,974	288,841	258,452	30,389
Community environment	607,886	650,367	581,942	68,425
Leisure time activity	804,427	860,643	770,095	90,548
Economic development and assistance	82,911	88,705	79,372	9,333
Total expenditures	<u>9,752,857</u>	<u>10,434,417</u>	<u>9,336,618</u>	<u>1,097,799</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>(296,157)</u>	<u>(913,474)</u>	<u>(227,705)</u>	<u>685,769</u>
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	<u>(1,157,644)</u>	<u>(1,238,543)</u>	<u>(1,108,237)</u>	<u>130,306</u>
Total other financing uses	<u>(1,157,644)</u>	<u>(1,238,543)</u>	<u>(1,108,237)</u>	<u>130,306</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,453,801)	(2,152,017)	(1,335,942)	816,075
Fund balance at beginning of year	3,448,640	3,448,640	3,448,640	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	<u>446,350</u>	<u>446,350</u>	<u>446,350</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 2,441,189</u>	<u>\$ 1,742,973</u>	<u>\$ 2,559,048</u>	<u>\$ 816,075</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental
	Water	Sewer	Nonmajor	Total	Activities - Internal Fund
Assets:					
Current assets:					
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 591,777	\$ 3,012,795	\$ 438,588	\$ 4,043,160	\$ 407,911
Cash with escrow agent	-	148,116	-	148,116	-
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):					
Accounts	169,101	205,504	34,646	409,251	-
Special assessments	79,616	11,483	-	91,099	-
Materials and supplies inventory	65,811	5,235	-	71,046	-
Due from other governments	171	82	-	253	9,803
Total current assets	<u>906,476</u>	<u>3,383,215</u>	<u>473,234</u>	<u>4,762,925</u>	<u>417,714</u>
Noncurrent assets:					
Restricted equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents.	-	-	262,587	262,587	-
Unamortized bond issuance costs	181,321	-	-	181,321	-
Capital assets:					
Land and construction-in-progress	1,367,314	11,446,376	-	12,813,690	-
Depreciable capital assets, net	23,486,945	14,477,488	-	37,964,433	-
Total capital assets	<u>24,854,259</u>	<u>25,923,864</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,778,123</u>	<u>-</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>25,035,580</u>	<u>25,923,864</u>	<u>262,587</u>	<u>51,222,031</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>25,942,056</u>	<u>29,307,079</u>	<u>735,821</u>	<u>55,984,956</u>	<u>417,714</u>
Liabilities:					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	135,537	14,257	-	149,794	-
Contracts payable	598	218,342	-	218,940	-
Accrued wages and benefits	41,166	24,705	-	65,871	-
Retainage payable	-	148,116	-	148,116	-
Due to other governments	45,299	31,422	-	76,721	-
Bond anticipation notes payable	63,000	4,711,000	-	4,774,000	-
Accrued interest payable	35,235	99,221	-	134,456	-
Compensated absences -current	80,188	33,442	-	113,630	-
General obligation bonds payable - current	525,000	-	-	525,000	-
Special assessment bonds payable - current	-	6,465	-	6,465	-
OPWC loans payable - current	64,856	10,710	-	75,566	-
OWDA loans payable - current	-	1,004,385	-	1,004,385	-
Capital lease obligation - current	3,893	2,323	-	6,216	-
Total current liabilities	<u>994,772</u>	<u>6,304,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,299,160</u>	<u>-</u>
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets:					
Refundable deposit	-	-	262,587	262,587	-
Noncurrent liabilities:					
Compensated absences	29,512	30,947	-	60,459	-
General obligation bonds payable (net of unamortized premium and deferred amount on refunding)	9,316,321	-	-	9,316,321	-
Special assessment bonds payable	-	101,018	-	101,018	-
OPWC loans payable	495,414	112,449	-	607,863	-
OWDA loans payable	7,168,768	14,719,097	-	21,887,865	-
Capital lease obligation	2,225	816	-	3,041	-
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>17,012,240</u>	<u>14,964,327</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,976,567</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>18,007,012</u>	<u>21,268,715</u>	<u>262,587</u>	<u>39,538,314</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets:					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	7,396,103	5,255,601	-	12,651,704	-
Unrestricted	538,941	2,782,763	473,234	3,794,938	417,714
Total net assets	<u>\$ 7,935,044</u>	<u>\$ 8,038,364</u>	<u>\$ 473,234</u>	<u>16,446,642</u>	<u>\$ 417,714</u>
Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of the internal service fund activity related to enterprise funds				(7,585)	
Net assets of business-type activities				<u>\$ 16,439,057</u>	

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CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds</u>				Governmental
	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Nonmajor</u>	<u>Total</u>	Activities - Internal Service Fund
Operating revenues:					
Charges for services	\$ 4,048,317	\$ 4,301,484	\$ 764,881	\$ 9,114,682	\$ 1,838,938
Tap-in fees	42,387	-	-	42,387	-
Other	761	246,960	-	247,721	-
Total operating revenues	<u>4,091,465</u>	<u>4,548,444</u>	<u>764,881</u>	<u>9,404,790</u>	<u>1,838,938</u>
Operating expenses:					
Personal services	1,622,642	1,313,121	-	2,935,763	-
Contractual services	210,249	1,054,186	-	1,264,435	-
Materials and supplies	678,385	206,028	-	884,413	-
Administrative costs	10,674	15,121	-	25,795	-
Utilities	287,646	317,919	726,933	1,332,498	-
Claims	-	-	-	-	1,866,609
Depreciation	657,694	539,982	-	1,197,676	-
Other	5,702	1,749	-	7,451	-
Total operating expenses	<u>3,472,992</u>	<u>3,448,106</u>	<u>726,933</u>	<u>7,648,031</u>	<u>1,866,609</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>618,473</u>	<u>1,100,338</u>	<u>37,948</u>	<u>1,756,759</u>	<u>(27,671)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):					
Interest revenue	18,558	50,528	-	69,086	7,615
Interest and fiscal charges	(806,793)	(543,081)	-	(1,349,874)	-
Intergovernmental	12,421	300,666	-	313,087	9,803
Other nonoperating revenue	48,549	-	-	48,549	-
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(727,265)</u>	<u>(191,887)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(919,152)</u>	<u>17,418</u>
Net income (loss) before transfers and capital contributions	(108,792)	908,451	37,948	837,607	(10,253)
Transfers in	-	6,113	-	6,113	-
Capital contributions	332,447	-	-	332,447	-
Changes in net assets	223,655	914,564	37,948	1,176,167	(10,253)
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>7,711,389</u>	<u>7,123,800</u>	<u>435,286</u>		<u>427,967</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 7,935,044</u>	<u>\$ 8,038,364</u>	<u>\$ 473,234</u>		<u>\$ 417,714</u>
Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of the internal service fund activity related to enterprise funds				(5,422)	
Change in net assets of business-type activities				<u>\$ 1,170,745</u>	

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CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental
	Water	Sewer	Nonmajor	Total	Activities - Internal Service Fund
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Cash received from charges for services	\$ 4,044,383	\$ 4,320,728	\$ 793,997	\$ 9,159,108	\$ 1,838,938
Cash received from tap-in fees	42,387	-	-	42,387	-
Cash received from other operations	590	246,878	-	247,468	-
Cash payments for personal services	(1,587,938)	(1,313,269)	-	(2,901,207)	-
Cash payments for contractual services	(206,040)	(1,054,563)	-	(1,260,603)	-
Cash payments for administrative costs	(11,681)	(15,121)	-	(26,802)	-
Cash payments for materials and supplies.	(635,201)	(207,492)	-	(842,693)	-
Cash payments for claims	-	-	-	-	(1,866,609)
Cash payments for utilities	(285,732)	(314,429)	(726,933)	(1,327,094)	-
Cash payments for other operations	(5,702)	(1,749)	(4,604)	(12,055)	-
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities . .	1,355,066	1,660,983	62,460	3,078,509	(27,671)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:					
Cash received from nonoperating revenues	48,549	-	-	48,549	-
Cash received from transfers in	-	6,113	-	6,113	-
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities. .	48,549	6,113	-	54,662	-
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:					
Cash payments for the acquisition of capital assets . . .	(1,456,151)	(6,905,781)	-	(8,361,932)	-
Cash received from grants.	12,421	301,121	-	313,542	-
Cash received from premium on notes	216	14,524	-	14,740	-
Cash received from issuance of loans	1,313,580	6,595,093	-	7,908,673	-
Cash received from issuance of notes	63,000	4,711,000	-	4,774,000	-
Cash payments for principal retirement.	(775,487)	(5,667,741)	-	(6,443,228)	-
Cash payments for interest and fiscal charges	(810,164)	(599,902)	-	(1,410,066)	-
Net cash (used in) capital and related financing activities	(1,652,585)	(1,551,686)	-	(3,204,271)	-
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Cash received from interest earned.	18,558	50,528	-	69,086	7,615
Net cash provided by investing activities.	18,558	50,528	-	69,086	7,615
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents. . . .	(230,412)	165,938	62,460	(2,014)	(20,056)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	822,189	2,994,973	638,715	4,455,877	427,967
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year.	\$ 591,777	\$ 3,160,911	\$ 701,175	\$ 4,453,863	\$ 407,911

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CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS (CONTINUED)
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
	Water	Sewer	Nonmajor	Total	
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:					
Operating income (loss)	\$ 618,473	\$ 1,100,338	\$ 37,948	\$ 1,756,759	\$ (27,671)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:					
Depreciation.	657,694	539,982	-	1,197,676	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:					
(Increase) in accounts receivable	(9,241)	(16,276)	(798)	(26,315)	-
Decrease in special assessments receivable	5,307	35,520	-	40,827	-
(Increase) decrease in materials and supplies inventory.	(37,403)	3,876	-	(33,527)	-
(Increase) in due from other governments.	(171)	(82)	-	(253)	-
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable.	85,748	(2,194)	-	83,554	-
Increase in accrued wages and benefits	17,339	7,702	-	25,041	-
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences payable	7,916	(11,793)	-	(3,877)	-
Increase in due to other governments	9,404	3,910	-	13,314	-
Increase in utility deposits payable	-	-	25,310	25,310	-
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities.	<u>\$ 1,355,066</u>	<u>\$ 1,660,983</u>	<u>\$ 62,460</u>	<u>\$ 3,078,509</u>	<u>\$ (27,671)</u>

Non-cash capital transactions:

At December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the water fund purchased \$598 and \$0 in capital assets on account, respectively
 At December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the sewer fund purchased \$368,899 and \$672,012 in capital assets on account, respectively
 During 2008, the water fund received \$332,447 in capital contributions from other funds

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUND
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<u>Agency</u>
Assets:	
Cash in segregated accounts	\$ 17,530
Total assets	<u>\$ 17,530</u>
Liabilities:	
Due to other governments.	\$ 17,530
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 17,530</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY

The City of Defiance, Ohio (the "City"), located in Defiance County, is a politic and corporate body established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio and its charter. The City operates under a Council/Mayor form of government and provides the following services to its residents: public safety, highways and streets, water, sewer, health and social services, culture-recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning and general administrative services.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements (BFS) of the City have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to local governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial principles. The City also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its governmental and business-type activities and to its proprietary funds provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The City has the option to also apply FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989 to its business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The City has elected not to apply these FASB Statements and Interpretations. The most significant of the City's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the City's BFS include all funds, agencies, boards, commissions, and departments for which the City is financially accountable. Financial accountability, as defined by the GASB, exists if the City appoints a voting majority of an organization's Governing Board and is either able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific burdens on, the City. The City may also be financially accountable for governmental organizations with a separately elected Governing Board, a Governing Board appointed by another government, or a jointly appointed Board that is fiscally dependent on the City. The City also took into consideration other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the City are such that exclusion would cause the City's basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Based upon the foregoing criteria, the City has no component units.

The primary government consists of all funds, agencies, departments and offices that are not legally separate from the City. The primary government includes the City departments and agencies that provide the following services: police protection, fire fighting and prevention, emergency medical services, street maintenance and repair, parks and recreation, water, sanitary sewer, public service and planning and zoning.

The following organizations are described due to its relationship with the City.

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) - The City is a member of MVPO, which is a jointly governed organization between Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding and Williams Counties and the respective townships and municipalities in each of those counties. The purpose of MVPO is to act as a joint regional planning commission to write and administer Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and help with housing rehabilitation in the area.

CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

MVPO is governed by a Board consisting of fifteen members. The Board is made up of one County Commissioner from each member County, as well as one township representative and one municipal representative for each of the five member counties. The main sources of revenue are fees charged by MVPO to administer CDBG grants and a per capita amount from each City.

The City provides resources to the Executive Council based on a membership fee and services provided to the City. The MVPO exercises total control over the operation of MVPO including budgeting, contracting and designating management. The City has no ongoing financial interest or responsibility for the MVPO. In 2008, the City contributed \$62,941 for the MVPO's operations. Information can be obtained from Nancy J. Yackee, Fulton County Auditor, 152 South Fulton Avenue, Suite 165, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

Noble Township - City of Defiance Joint Economic Development District - The City and Noble Township agreed to create a joint economic development district (District). The District is wholly situated within Noble Township, Defiance County. The purpose of the District is to facilitate economic development to create and preserve employment opportunities within the District.

The District is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of five members. The Board is made up of one representative appointed by the City, Noble Township, the District business owners' association, the District employee's association and one "at-large member". The main source of revenue is a tax levied upon the income earned by persons working in the District and the net profits of businesses located in the District. The tax is at rates equal to those levied upon earned income and profits by the City.

JOINT VENTURES WITHOUT EQUITY INTEREST

Multi-Area Narcotics Task Force (MANTF) - The City is a member of the MANTF, which is a joint venture between Defiance, Paulding and Putnam Counties and the Cities of Defiance and Bryan. The purpose of the drug task force is to act as a joint task force in the fight against narcotics. The MANTF is jointly controlled by the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of each respective entity.

The main source of revenue for the MANTF is from federal grants and local matching shares by the entities. The City has no ongoing financial responsibility to the MANTF. The City has indirect access to the net resources of the MANTF since the City is able to influence the MANTF to use its surplus resources to undertake projects of interest to the City's residents. This access to the net resources of the Board has not been explicitly defined, nor is it currently measurable. In 2008, the City contributed \$25,000 to the MANTF which represents 20% of total contributions. Complete financial statements for the MANTF can be obtained through the Defiance County Sheriff's Office located at 113 Biede Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County (Corporation) - The Corporation shall be exercised, conducted, and controlled by the Board of Trustees and the Board shall name a minimum of nine and a maximum of fifteen trustees with forty percent of the Trustees to be elected officials. Further, each shall be a Member of the Corporation and all of whom shall be citizens of the United States. Defiance County, City of Defiance and the villages and townships of Defiance County participate in the operation of the Corporation. The Corporation duties are to advance, encourage and promote the industrial, economic, commercial and civic development.

CITY OF DEFIANCE, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The Defiance County Economic Development Employment Agreement between the Board of Trustees of the Corporation and the Defiance County Director of Economic Development states that the County's Director of Economic Development may serve as Executive Director of the Corporation, as such the Corporation has agreed to furnish the County with the funds needed to pay his salary. The City of Defiance partially funds the Corporation to pay the salary of the Director of the Defiance County Economic Development. The City's degree of control over the Board is limited to its representation on the Board. The City made \$50,020 in payments to the Corporation in 2008. Information can be obtained from Jerry Hayes, Executive Director, 1300 East Second Street, Suite 201, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

RELATED ORGANIZATION

Defiance Public Library (Library) - The Defiance Public Library is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio created under Chapter 3375 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Library is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by City Council. The Board of Trustees possesses its own contracting and budgeting authority, hires and fires personnel, and does not depend on the City for operational subsidies. Although the City does serve as the taxing authority and may issue tax related debt on behalf of the Library, its role is limited to a ministerial function. The determination to request approval of a tax, the rate and the purpose are discretionary decisions made solely by the Board of Trustees. Financial information can be obtained from the Defiance Public Library, Mary Kay Reineke, Clerk/Treasurer, at 320 Fort Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The City's basic financial statements (BFS) consist of government-wide 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 City as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The activities of the internal service fund are eliminated to avoid "doubling up" revenues and expenses. The statements distinguish between those activities of the City that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

The statement of net assets presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities of the City at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the City's governmental activities and for the business-type activities of the City. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the City, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental functions are self-financing or draw from the general revenues of the City.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements - During the year, the City segregates transactions related to certain City functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the City 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. The internal service fund is presented in a single column on the face of the proprietary fund financial statements. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

C. Fund Accounting

The City uses funds 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. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the City's major governmental funds:

General fund - The general fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Capital Improvements fund - The capital improvements fund accounts for resources used to purchase equipment and construct capital assets.

Other governmental funds of the City are used to account for (a) the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs; (b) financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities other than those financed by proprietary funds; and (c) for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

Proprietary Funds - Proprietary fund reporting focuses on changes in net assets, financial position and cash flows. Proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise or internal service.

Enterprise Funds - The enterprise funds may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. The following are the City's major enterprise funds:

Water fund - This fund accounts for the provision of water treatment and distribution to its residential and commercial users located within the City.

Sewer fund - This fund accounts for the provision of sanitary sewer service to the residents and commercial users located within the City.

Other enterprise funds of the City are used to account for refuse collection and utility deposits. These funds are nonmajor funds whose activity has been aggregated and presented in a single column in the BFS.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Internal Service fund - The internal service fund accounts for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the City on a cost-reimbursement basis. The City's internal service fund is used to account for employee health insurance.

Fiduciary Funds - Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net assets. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the City under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the City's own programs. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The City's only fiduciary fund is an agency fund which accounts for the municipal court.

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Government-wide Financial Statements - The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the City are included on the statement of net assets.

Fund Financial Statements - All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the financial statements for governmental funds.

Like the government-wide statements, all proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of changes in fund net assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the City finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operation. The principal operating revenues of the City's proprietary funds are charges for services. Operating expenses from the enterprise funds include personnel and other expenses related to sewer, water, refuse, and utility deposits and operating expenses for the internal service fund include claims and administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Agency funds do not report a measurement focus as they do not report operations.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

E. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary and agency funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues - Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions - Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For the City, available means expected to be received within sixty days of year-end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the City receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include income taxes, property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from income taxes is recognized in the period in which the income is earned (See Note 7). Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 6). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the City must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the City on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year-end: income tax, State-levied locally shared taxes (including gasoline tax, local government funds and permissive tax), fines and forfeitures, fees and special assessments.

Unearned Revenue and Deferred Revenue - Unearned revenue and deferred revenue arise when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2008, but which were levied to finance year 2009 operations, and other revenues received in advance of the year for which they were intended to finance, have been recorded as unearned revenue. Income taxes and special assessments not received within the available period, grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met, and delinquent property taxes due at December 31, 2008, are recorded as deferred revenue on the governmental fund financial statements.

On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have been reported as deferred revenue.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

F. Budgetary Data

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations ordinance are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund, department and object level. Budgetary modifications may only be made by resolution of the City Council at the legal level of control.

Tax Budget - During the first Council meeting in July, the Mayor presents the following year's annual operating budget to City Council for consideration and passage. The adopted budget is submitted to the County Auditor, as Secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20 of each year, for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year.

Estimated Resources - The County Budget Commission determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy all or part of previously authorized taxes and reviews estimated revenue. The Commission certifies its actions to the City by September 1. As part of this certification, the City receives the official certificate of estimated resources, which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to December 31, the City must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount available as stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriations measure. On or about January 1, the certificate of estimated resources is amended to include encumbered cash balances at December 31 of the preceding year. The certificate of estimated resources may be further amended during the year if the Finance Director determines and the Budget Commission agrees that an estimate needs to be either increased or decreased. The amounts reported on the budgetary statement reflect the amounts in the original and final amended official certificate of estimated resources issued during 2008.

Appropriations - A temporary appropriation ordinance to control expenditures may be passed on or about January 1 of each year for the period January 1 to March 31. An annual appropriation ordinance must be passed by April 1 of each year for the period January 1 to December 31. The appropriation ordinance fixes spending authority at the fund, department and object level. The appropriation ordinance may be amended during the year as new information becomes available, provided that total fund appropriations do not exceed current estimated resources, as certified. The appropriations for a fund may only be modified during the year by an ordinance of Council. The amounts on the budgetary statement reflect the original and final appropriation amounts, including all amendments and modifications legally enacted by Council.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Lapsing of Appropriations - At the close of each year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. Encumbrances are carried forward and are not reappropriated as part of the subsequent year appropriations.

G. Health Care

The Comprehensive Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) of 1986 required the City to offer and provide terminated or retired employees continued participation in the City's employee health care benefits program, provided that the employees pay the rate established by the plan administrator. The City incurred no expenditures or revenues in providing these services. The participating former employees make premium payments directly to the City's Insurance Provider and the Provider is responsible for all claims.

H. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the City other than cash with escrow agent and cash in segregated accounts, is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the City's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" and "investments" on the financial statements.

During 2008, investments were limited to the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio), U.S. government money market mutual funds and the City's own bonds. These investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices.

The City has invested funds in STAR Ohio during 2008. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's shares price which is the price the investment could be sold for on December 31, 2008.

Following Ohio Statutes, the Council has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue earned and credited to the general fund during 2008 amounted to \$147,434, which included \$86,686 assigned from other funds of the City.

The City has segregated bank accounts for monies held separate from the City's central bank account. These monies are held for the municipal court operations and retainage. These interest bearing depository accounts for the municipal court operations and retainage are presented on the financial statements as "cash in segregated accounts" and "cash with escrow agent", respectively, since they are not required to be deposited into the City treasury.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows and for presentation on the financial statements, investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the City are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

An analysis of the City’s investment account at year-end is provided in Note 4.

I. Restricted Assets

Customer deposits are classified as restricted assets because these funds are being held for specified purposes.

J. Inventories of Materials and Supplies

On government-wide financial statements, purchased inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market. Inventories are recorded on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used.

On fund financial statements, inventories of governmental funds are stated at cost while inventories of proprietary funds are stated at the lower of cost or market. For all funds, cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventory in governmental funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost of inventory items is recorded as an expenditure in the governmental funds when consumed. Inventories of the proprietary funds are expensed when used. Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption.

K. Capital Assets

Governmental capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets, but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the proprietary funds are reported both in the business-type activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets and in the respective funds.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and disposals during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The City maintains a capitalization threshold at \$2,500. The City’s infrastructure consists of roads, bridges, culverts, and sanitary sewers. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset’s life are not capitalized. Interest incurred during the construction of capital assets is also capitalized for the business-type activities.

All reported capital assets are depreciated except for land and construction in progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the City’s historical records of necessary improvements and replacements. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Estimated Lives</u>	<u>Business-type Activities Estimated Lives</u>
Improvements other than buildings	15 - 30 years	N/A
Land improvements	N/A	15 - 30 years
Buildings and improvements	15 - 45 years	30 - 50 years
Furniture and equipment	10 - 30 years	10 - 30 years
Infrastructure	30 years	50 years
Vehicles	6 - 15 years	6 - 15 years

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

L. Compensated Absences

Compensated absences of the City consist of vacation leave and sick leave to the extent that payment to the employee for these absences are attributable to services already rendered and are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the City and the employee.

In conformity with GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences", vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the City will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability is based on the sick leave accumulated at December 31 by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination payments and by those employees for whom it is probable they will become eligible to receive termination benefits in the future.

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and non-bargaining employees with a minimum of ten years of service are paid one day for every two days sick leave for the first 120 days of accumulated sick time and one day for every seven days for accumulated sick time in excess of 120 days upon retirement. International Union of Police Associations (IUPA) bargaining unit individuals employed for ten years or more as of December 31, 1991, shall be eligible for sick leave conversion upon retirement at one day for each two days accumulation without limit. Beginning January 1, 1992, an IUPA bargaining unit individual with twenty-two or more years of service, who resigns shall be eligible for payment for one day's pay for every two days of accumulated, but unused sick leave, not to exceed 120 days. International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) bargaining unit individuals with ten or more years of service, shall upon retirement under provision of the Police & Firefighters Pension Fund be eligible for payment of one-half of the employee's accrued, but unused sick leave earned up to a maximum payment for 50 twenty-four hour days. An IAFF bargaining unit individual with twenty-two or more years of service, who retires or resigned from the City shall be eligible for payment for one-half of accrued, but unused sick leave up to a maximum payment for 50 twenty-four hour days.

The total liability for vacation and sick leave payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at the balance sheet date, and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus applicable additional salary related payments. City employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts. In the event of termination, an employee is reimbursed for accumulated vacation and sick leave at various rates.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

On governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures to the extent payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported. For proprietary funds, the entire amount of compensated absences is reported as a fund liability.

M. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements, and all payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations payable from proprietary funds are reported on the proprietary fund financial statements.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year.

N. Prepayments

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2008, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method by recording a current asset for the prepaid amount and reflecting the expenditure/expense in the year in which services are consumed.

O. Interfund Activity

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

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods 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 revenues/expenses in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the BFS.

P. Fund Balance Reserves

Reserved fund balances indicate that portion of fund equity which is not available for current appropriation or use. The unreserved portions of fund equity reflected in the governmental funds are available for use within the specific purposes of the funds.

The City reports a reservation of fund balance for amounts representing encumbrances outstanding, prepayments, materials and supplies inventory, loans, debt service and noncurrent investments in the governmental fund financial statements.

Q. Estimates

The preparation of the BFS in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the BFS and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

R. Contributions of Capital

Contributions of capital in proprietary fund financial statements arise from outside contributions of capital assets, tap-in fees to the extent they exceed the cost of the connection to the system, or from grants or outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction. Capital contributions are reported as revenue in the proprietary fund financial statements. The water fund received \$332,447 in capital contributions from governmental funds during 2008.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

S. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

The City applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

T. 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 City Administration and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. During 2008, the City did not have any transactions that would be classified as either a special item or an extraordinary item.

U. Unamortized Issuance Costs/Bond Premium and Discount/Accounting Gain or Loss

On government-wide financial statements and in the enterprise funds, issuance costs are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method. Issuance costs are recorded as deferred charges on the statement of net assets.

Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. Bond premiums are presented as an addition to the face amount of the bonds and bond discounts are presented as a reduction to the face amount of the bonds.

For advance refundings resulting in the defeasance of debt reported in the government-wide financial statements and enterprise funds, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is deferred and amortized as a component of interest expense. This accounting gain or loss is amortized over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter, and is presented as an addition to or reduction from the face amount of the new debt.

On the governmental fund financial statements, issuance costs and bond premiums and discounts are recognized in the current period. The reconciliation between the bonds face value and the amount reported on the statement of net assets is presented in Note 13.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Change in Accounting Principles

For 2008, the City has implemented GASB Statement No. 45, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions", GASB Statement No. 49, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations" and GASB Statement No. 50, "Pension Disclosures".

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY - (Continued)

GASB Statement No. 45 establishes uniform standards of financial reporting for other postemployment benefits and increases the usefulness and improves the faithfulness of representations in the financial reports. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 45 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City; however, certain disclosures related to postemployment benefits (see Note 16) have been modified to conform to the new reporting requirements.

GASB Statement No. 49 addresses accounting and financial reporting standards for pollution remediation obligations, which are obligations to address the current or potential detrimental effects of existing pollution by participating in pollution remediation activities such as site assessments and cleanups. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 49 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

GASB Statement No. 50 establishes standards that more closely align the financial reporting requirements for pensions with those of other postemployment benefits. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 50 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

B. Deficit Fund Balances

The following funds had deficit fund balances as of December 31, 2008:

<u>Nonmajor governmental fund</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
Downtown grant	\$ 17,401

This fund complied with State law, which does not permit a cash basis deficit at year-end. The general fund is liable for any deficits in this fund and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balance resulted from adjustments for accrued liabilities.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the City into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the City 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 the City 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 may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, 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;

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities 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 that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
7. Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one-hundred-eighty days from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and,
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

The City may also invest any monies not required to be used for a period of six months or more in the following:

1. Bonds of the State of Ohio;
2. Bonds of any municipal corporation, village, county, township, or other political subdivision of this State, as to which there is no default of principal, interest or coupons; and,
3. Obligations of the City.

Protection of the City's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the Finance Director by the financial institution or by a single 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 City, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. 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 City, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

A. Cash on Hand

At year-end, the City had \$2,150 in undeposited cash on hand which is included on the financial statements of the City as part of “equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents”.

B. Cash in Segregated Accounts

At year-end, the City had \$17,530 in cash in segregated accounts held for the Municipal Court which is included on the financial statements of the City as an agency fund. This amount is included in the “deposits with financial institutions” below.

C. Cash with Escrow Agent

At year-end, the City had \$148,116 on deposit with financial institutions for a retainage escrow account. This amount is included in the “deposits with financial institutions” below.

D. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At December 31, 2008, the carrying amount of all City deposits was \$2,829,507. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, “Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures”, as of December 31, 2008, \$2,609,299 of the City’s bank balance of \$3,256,202 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$646,903 was covered by the FDIC.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the City’s deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the City. The City has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions’ trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the City to a successful claim by the FDIC.

E. Investments

As of December 31, 2008, the City had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u>				
		<u>6 months or less</u>	<u>7 to 12 months</u>	<u>13 to 18 months</u>	<u>19 to 24 months</u>	<u>Greater than 24 months</u>
STAR Ohio	\$ 3,626,844	\$ 3,626,844	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. Government money market mutual fund	5,638,329	5,638,329	-	-	-	-
City owned bonds	196,654	-	24,433	-	21,376	150,845
Total	<u>\$ 9,461,827</u>	<u>\$ 9,265,173</u>	<u>\$ 24,433</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 21,376</u>	<u>\$ 150,845</u>

The weighted average maturity of investments is 0.03 years.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Interest Rate Risk: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the City's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less except for investments in City owned bonds which extend beyond five years.

Credit Risk: The City's investments in U.S. Government money market mutual funds are invested in securities which are rated AAA and Aaa by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. Standard & Poor's has assigned STAR Ohio an AAAM money market rating.

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City's investment policy does not specifically address custodial credit risk beyond the adherence to all relevant Sections of the Ohio Revised Code.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The City places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the City at December 31, 2008:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
STAR Ohio	\$ 3,626,844	38.33
U.S. Government money market mutual fund	5,638,329	59.59
City owned bonds	<u>196,654</u>	<u>2.08</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,461,827</u>	<u>100.00</u>

F. Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to the Statement of Net Assets

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net assets as of December 31, 2008:

<u>Cash and investments per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 2,829,507
Investments	9,461,827
Cash on hand	<u>2,150</u>
Total	<u>\$ 12,293,484</u>
<u>Cash and investments per statement of net assets</u>	
Governmental activities	\$ 7,822,091
Business-type activities	4,453,863
Agency funds	<u>17,530</u>
Total	<u>\$ 12,293,484</u>

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NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS

For 2008, interfund transfers consisted of the following, as reported in the fund statements:

Transfers from general fund to:	
Nonmajor governmental funds	\$ 1,108,237
Transfers from nonmajor governmental fund to:	
Sewer	<u>6,113</u>
Total transfers	<u>\$ 1,114,350</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

The \$6,113 transfer between the nonmajor governmental funds and the sewer fund represents the transfer of debt service payments to the fund that reports the liability.

Transfers between governmental funds are eliminated for reporting on the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between enterprise funds are eliminated for reporting on the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between governmental activities and business-type activities are reported as transfers on the statement of activities.

All transfers made were in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16.

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible personal property located in the City. Taxes collected from real property taxes (other than public utility) in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on the assessed value as of January 1 of that preceding year, the lien date. Assessed values are established by the County Auditor at 35 percent of appraised market value. All property is required to be revaluated every six years. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes collected in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values determined as of December 31 of the second year preceding the tax collection year, the lien date. Public utility tangible personal property is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2008 public utility property taxes became a lien December 31, 2007, are levied after October 1, 2008, and are collected in 2009 with real property taxes. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property taxes described previously.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

Tangible personal property tax revenues received in 2008 (other than public utility property) represent the collection of 2008 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in 2008 were levied after October 1, 2007, on the true value as of December 31, 2007. Tangible personal property tax is being phased out - the assessment percentage for property, including inventory, is 6.25% for 2008. This percentage will be reduced to zero for 2009. 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.

House Bill No. 66 was signed into law on June 30, 2005. House Bill No. 66 phases out the tax on tangible personal property of general businesses, telephone and telecommunications companies, and railroads. The tax on general business and railroad property will be eliminated by calendar year 2009, and the tax on telephone and telecommunications property will be eliminated by calendar year 2011. The tax is phased out by reducing the assessment rate on the property each year. The bill replaces the revenue lost by the City due to the phasing out of the tax. In calendar years 2008-2010, the City will be fully reimbursed for the lost revenue. In calendar years 2011-2017, the reimbursements will be phased out.

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County, including the City of Defiance. The County Auditor periodically remits to the City its portion of the taxes collected. Property taxes receivable represents real and tangible personal property taxes, public utility taxes and outstanding delinquencies which are measurable as of December 31, 2008 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. In the governmental funds, the current portion receivable has been offset by unearned revenue since the current taxes were not levied to finance 2008 operations and the collection of delinquent taxes has been offset by deferred revenue since the collection of the taxes during the available period is not subject to reasonable estimation. On a full accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue.

The full tax rate for all City operations for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$10.59 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real and tangible personal property upon which 2008 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

<u>Real property</u>	
Residential/agricultural	\$ 186,777,220
Commercial/industrial/mineral	76,529,100
<u>Public utility</u>	
Real	35,160
Personal	<u>10,445,570</u>
Total assessed value	<u>\$273,787,050</u>

NOTE 7 - LOCAL INCOME TAX

This locally levied tax of 1.3 percent is applied to gross salaries, wages and other personal service compensation earned by residents both in and out of the City, and to earnings of nonresidents (except certain transients) earned in the City. It also applies to net income of for-profit organizations conducting business within the City. Income tax revenues are reported to the extent that it was measurable and available to finance current operations at December 31. Income tax revenue for 2008 was \$7,392,483 on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

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NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at December 31, 2008, consisted of income and property taxes, accounts (billings for user charged services), special assessments, loans and intergovernmental receivables arising from grants, entitlements, and shared revenue. All intergovernmental receivables have been classified as “due from other governments” on the financial statements. Receivables have been recorded to the extent that they are measurable at December 31, 2008.

A summary of the principal items of receivables reported on the statement of net assets follows:

Governmental activities:

Income taxes	\$ 938,036
Property and other local taxes	808,943
Accounts	275,207
Loans	1,450,586
Special assessments	312,391
Due from other governments	982,674

Business-type activities:

Accounts	409,251
Special assessments	91,099
Due from other governments	253

Receivables have been disaggregated on the face of the BFS. The only receivables not expected to be collected within the subsequent year are the special assessments which are collected over the life of the assessment and loans which are collected over the term of the loan.

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NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS

The following activity occurred in the City's governmental activities and business-type activities capital assets during 2008:

<u>Governmental activities:</u>	<u>Balance</u>			<u>Balance</u>
	<u>12/31/07</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>12/31/08</u>
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 1,243,358	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,243,358
Construction in progress	<u>559,072</u>	<u>915,414</u>	<u>(699,820)</u>	<u>774,666</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>1,802,430</u>	<u>915,414</u>	<u>(699,820)</u>	<u>2,018,024</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings	4,517,325	3,234	-	4,520,559
Improvements other than buildings	1,027,934	-	-	1,027,934
Equipment	2,239,381	111,128	(149,501)	2,201,008
Vehicles	2,351,149	93,554	(110,434)	2,334,269
Infrastructure	<u>15,597,030</u>	<u>367,373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,964,403</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>25,732,819</u>	<u>575,289</u>	<u>(259,935)</u>	<u>26,048,173</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Buildings	(3,124,280)	(90,825)	-	(3,215,105)
Improvements other than buildings	(736,794)	(29,759)	-	(766,553)
Equipment	(1,129,796)	(145,741)	133,782	(1,141,755)
Vehicles	(1,802,411)	(111,649)	110,434	(1,803,626)
Infrastructure	<u>(6,224,186)</u>	<u>(532,147)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,756,333)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(13,017,467)</u>	<u>(910,121)</u>	<u>244,216</u>	<u>(13,683,372)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>12,715,352</u>	<u>(334,832)</u>	<u>(15,719)</u>	<u>12,364,801</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 14,517,782</u>	<u>\$ 580,582</u>	<u>\$ (715,539)</u>	<u>\$ 14,382,825</u>

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NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS - (Continued)

<u>Business-type activities:</u>	<u>Balance</u>		<u>Balance</u>
	<u>12/31/07</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>12/31/08</u>
		<u>Disposals</u>	
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>			
Land	\$ 267,100	\$ 13,071	\$ -
Construction in progress	<u>11,145,778</u>	<u>7,725,959</u>	<u>(6,338,218)</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>11,412,878</u>	<u>7,739,030</u>	<u>(6,338,218)</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>			
Land improvements	965,930	-	-
Buildings and improvements	29,481,170	-	-
Equipment	2,471,172	114,437	-
Vehicles	787,511	205,950	-
Infrastructure	<u>20,631,851</u>	<u>6,670,665</u>	<u>-</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>54,337,634</u>	<u>6,991,052</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>			
Land improvements	(462,338)	(42,215)	-
Buildings and improvements	(8,956,120)	(632,505)	-
Equipment	(2,139,789)	(73,098)	-
Vehicles	(691,060)	(26,155)	-
Infrastructure	<u>(9,917,270)</u>	<u>(423,703)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(22,166,577)</u>	<u>(1,197,676)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>32,171,057</u>	<u>5,793,376</u>	<u>-</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 43,583,935</u>	<u>\$ 13,532,406</u>	<u>\$ (6,338,218)</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the City as follows:

Governmental activities:

General government	\$ 46,414
Security of persons and property	141,742
Public health and welfare	10,048
Community environment	13,028
Leisure time activity	99,043
Transportation	<u>599,846</u>
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	<u>\$ 910,121</u>

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NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS - (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to the enterprise funds of the City as follows:

Business-type activities:

Water	\$ 657,694
Sewer	<u>539,982</u>
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	<u>\$1,197,676</u>

NOTE 10 - OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Compensated Absences

Accumulated Unpaid Vacation

City employees earn vacation leave at varying rates based upon length of service. In the case of death or retirement, an employee (or his estate) is paid for his unused vacation leave. The total obligation for vacation leave for the City as a whole amounted to \$347,883 at December 31, 2008. Amounts are recorded as a fund liability and/or on the government-wide financial statements, as applicable.

Accumulated Unpaid Sick Leave

City employees earn sick leave at varying rates based upon length of service. Upon retirement an employee is paid a percentage of his accumulated sick leave within various limits. The total obligation for sick leave accrual for the City as a whole amounted to \$383,116 at December 31, 2008. Amounts are recorded as a fund liability and/or on the government-wide financial statements, as applicable.

NOTE 11 - CAPITAL LEASES

In 2007, the City entered into capital lease agreements for the acquisition of copier equipment. In a prior year, the City entered into capital leases agreements for the acquisition of copier equipment. Capital assets consisting of copier equipment were capitalized in the general fund and the water and sewer enterprise funds. These lease agreements meet the criteria of a capital lease as defined by FASB Statement No. 13 "Accounting for Leases", which defines a capital lease as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. The amount of the \$50,377 represents the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. As of December 31, 2008 accumulated depreciation was \$14,997, resulting in a net carrying value of \$35,380. A corresponding liability has been recorded in the governmental activities and the water and sewer enterprise funds. Principal payments in 2008 were \$4,400 in the general fund, \$3,595 in the water fund and \$2,144 in the sewer fund.

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NOTE 11 - CAPITAL LEASES - (Continued)

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2008:

Year Ending <u>December 31,</u>	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities- Enterprise Funds		Total
	General	Water	Sewer	
2009	\$ 5,540	\$ 4,242	\$ 2,490	\$ 12,272
2010	5,538	2,292	830	8,660
2011	<u>1,806</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,806</u>
Total	12,884	6,534	3,320	22,738
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(1,194)</u>	<u>(416)</u>	<u>(181)</u>	<u>(1,791)</u>
Present value of net minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 11,690</u>	<u>\$ 6,118</u>	<u>\$ 3,139</u>	<u>\$ 20,947</u>

NOTE 12 - NOTES PAYABLE

The City had the following short-term governmental bond anticipation notes activity during 2008:

	Issue	Maturity	Balance		Balance	
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>12/31/07</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>12/31/08</u>
Governmental activities:						
General obligation bond anticipation notes:						
Capital improvements fund - 2007 - 4.125%	4/26/07	4/26/08	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ (225,000)	\$ -
Total capital improvements			<u>\$ 225,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (225,000)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The bond anticipation notes were recorded as a liability of capital improvements fund, the fund which received the initial proceeds. The bond anticipation notes were repaid on April 17, 2008.

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NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

A. Governmental Activities Long-Term Obligations

The City's long-term obligations for the governmental activities at year-end consist of the following:

<u>Governmental activities:</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/07</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/08</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Due in</u> <u>One Year</u>
Compensated absences payable	\$ 661,328	\$ 179,903	\$ (284,321)	\$ 556,910	\$ 266,065
General obligation bonds payable	160,000	-	(40,000)	120,000	40,000
Special assessment bonds payable	317,284	-	(87,968)	229,316	62,958
Capital lease obligation	<u>16,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,400)</u>	<u>11,690</u>	<u>4,765</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,154,702</u>	<u>\$ 179,903</u>	<u>\$ (416,689)</u>	<u>\$ 917,916</u>	<u>\$ 373,788</u>

Special assessment debt with governmental commitment and debt issued for governmental purposes of the City is retired from the debt service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). General obligation bonds are secured by the City's ability to levy a voted or unvoted property tax within limitations of Ohio law. Special assessment bonds are secured by an unvoted property tax levy (special assessment), however, the bond indentures provide for principal and interest to be paid from use charges.

The City's capital lease obligation is described in Note 11 to the financial statements. Compensated absences consisting of sick leave (severance) and vacation benefits will be paid from the fund from which the employee is paid which, for the City is the general fund and the street construction, maintenance and repair fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

The following is a summary of the City's future annual debt service requirements for the governmental activities long-term obligations:

<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>			<u>Special Assessment Bonds</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009	\$ 40,000	\$ 8,348	\$ 48,348	\$ 62,958	\$ 15,007	\$ 77,965
2010	40,000	5,560	45,560	59,543	10,843	70,386
2011	40,000	2,388	42,388	64,543	6,924	71,467
2012	-	-	-	14,543	2,437	16,980
2013	-	-	-	14,686	1,640	16,326
2014	-	-	-	<u>13,043</u>	<u>770</u>	<u>13,813</u>
Total	<u>\$ 120,000</u>	<u>\$ 16,296</u>	<u>\$ 136,296</u>	<u>\$ 229,316</u>	<u>\$ 37,621</u>	<u>\$ 266,937</u>

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NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

B. Business-Type Activities Long-Term Obligations

The following activity occurred in the business type activities long-term obligations during 2008:

<u>Business-type activities:</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Balance</u>			<u>Balance</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>12/31/07</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>12/31/08</u>	<u>in One Year</u>
<u>General obligation bonds:</u>						
Waterworks - series 2005 refunding	4.00-5.00%	\$ 4,160,000	\$ -	\$ (240,000)	\$ 3,920,000	\$ 250,000
Waterworks - series 1998	Various	255,000	-	(255,000)	-	-
Waterworks - series 2007 refunding	4.50-5.25%	<u>5,740,000</u>	-	-	<u>5,740,000</u>	<u>275,000</u>
Total general obligation bonds		<u>10,155,000</u>	-	<u>(495,000)</u>	<u>9,660,000</u>	<u>525,000</u>
<u>Special assessment bonds</u>						
Sewer street improvements - Series 2000	5.75%	<u>113,596</u>	-	<u>(6,113)</u>	<u>107,483</u>	<u>6,465</u>
<u>Notes payable</u>						
Water - 2007 bond anticipation note	4.25%	77,500	-	(77,500)	-	-
Water - 2008 bond anticipation note	4.50%	-	63,000	-	63,000	63,000
Sewer - 2007 bond anticipation note	4.125%	1,324,000	-	(1,324,000)	-	-
Sewer - 2007 bond anticipation note	4.25%	3,417,500	-	(3,417,500)	-	-
Sewer - 2008 bond anticipation note	4.50%	-	4,711,000	-	4,711,000	4,711,000
		<u>4,819,000</u>	<u>4,774,000</u>	<u>(4,819,000)</u>	<u>4,774,000</u>	<u>4,774,000</u>
<u>Other long-term obligations</u>						
OWDA loans	3.20-7.65%	16,026,896	7,908,673	(1,043,319)	22,892,250	1,004,385
OPWC loans	0-4.00%	757,486	-	(74,057)	683,429	75,566
Capital leases		14,996	-	(5,739)	9,257	6,216
Compensated absences payable		<u>177,966</u>	<u>101,264</u>	<u>(105,141)</u>	<u>174,089</u>	<u>113,630</u>
Total other long-term obligations		<u>16,977,344</u>	<u>8,009,937</u>	<u>(1,228,256)</u>	<u>23,759,025</u>	<u>1,199,797</u>
Total business-type activities long-term liabilities		<u>\$ 32,064,940</u>	<u>\$ 12,783,937</u>	<u>\$ (6,548,369)</u>	38,300,508	<u>\$ 6,505,262</u>
Less: Unamortized deferred charge on refunding					(415,224)	
Add: Unamortized bond premium					<u>596,545</u>	
Total on statement of net assets					<u>\$ 38,481,829</u>	

General obligation bonds are expected to be retired with revenues of the enterprise funds. General obligation bonds are secured by the City's ability to levy a voted or unvoted property tax within limitations of Ohio law.

On July 6, 2005, the City issued \$4,805,000 in Series 2005 Waterworks System improvement refunding bonds to advance refund all the outstanding 1994 Waterworks System improvement bonds (principal \$4,805,000; interest rate 6.10%). The refunded debt is considered defeased (in-substance) and accordingly, has been removed from the statement of net assets.

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NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

The Series 2005 Waterworks System improvement refunding bonds issue is comprised of current interest bonds, par value \$4,805,000, with an annual interest rate ranging from 4.00%-5.00%. The re-acquisition price exceeded the net carrying amount of the old debt by \$143,106. This amount is being netted against the new debt and amortized over the remaining life of the refunded debt, which is equal to the life of new debt issued.

The 2007 Waterworks System improvement refunding bonds issue is comprised of current interest bonds, par value \$5,860,000, with an annual interest rate ranging from 4.50%-5.25%. The re-acquisition price exceeded the net carrying amount of the old debt by \$329,282. This amount is being netted against the new debt and amortized over the remaining life of the refunded debt, which is equal to the life of new debt issued.

On April 16, 2008, the City issued a water improvement note payable in the amount of \$63,000. This note bears an interest rate of 2.50% and matures April 16, 2009.

On April 16, 2008, the City issued a sewer improvement note payable in the amount of \$4,711,000. This note bears an interest rate of 2.50% and matures April 18, 2009.

On May 11, 2001, the City issued \$145,434 in special assessment bonds to finance the costs of sewer improvements to South Jefferson Street. These bonds bear an interest rate of 5.75% and mature December 1, 2020. During 2008, the City retired \$6,113 of these bonds, leaving an outstanding balance of \$107,483 at December 31, 2008.

The City constructed a wastewater treatment facility in 1990. The Project was financed through expenditure by the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA). In 1999, the City began making major improvements to its wastewater treatment facility, which was also partially financed by OWDA. During 2008, the City borrowed money through the OWDA to finance water reservoir construction and sewer design construction. All OWDA loans with the exception of the wastewater facility and wastewater facility improvement loans are currently "open" meaning that final disbursements have not been made from the OWDA; therefore, future debt service requirements have not been finalized and are not presented in the schedule of future debt service requirements below.

At December 31, 2008, the City had the following OWDA loans outstanding:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Balance Outstanding 12/31/08</u>
Wastewater facility	7.65%	1/1/2013	\$ 2,801,881
Wastewater facility improvements	3.91%	7/1/2020	5,390,349
Group 4 sewer design	3.25%	1/29/2029	666,732
Group 6 sewer planning	3.25%	7/1/2029	3,868,282
Group 2 express sewer	3.36%	1/1/2030	251,676
Group 6 sewer design	3.25%	1/1/2030	1,935,233
Group 4 sewer separation	3.53%	1/1/2031	129,357
Sewer design groups 1 & 2	3.20%	7/1/2014	679,972
Water reservoir construction	4.09%	7/1/2037	<u>7,168,768</u>
Total			<u>\$ 22,892,250</u>

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NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

Improvements to the City's water treatment facilities were financed through expenditures by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). At December 31, 2008, the City has the following four loans outstanding with OPWC:

	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Maturity</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Outstanding</u> <u>12/31/08</u>
OPWC loan	4.00%	1/1/2014	\$ 115,124
OPWC loan	3.00%	7/1/2017	249,160
OPWC loan	0.00%	7/1/2019	195,986
OPWC loan	0.00%	7/1/2020	<u>123,159</u>
 Total			 <u>\$ 683,429</u>

The loans are payable in semi-annual installments of principal and interest (if applicable).

The following is a summary of the City's future annual debt service principal and interest requirements for the business-type activities:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>December 31,</u>	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>			<u>Sewer Special Assessment Bonds</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009	\$ 525,000	\$ 439,462	\$ 964,462	\$ 6,465	\$ 6,180	\$ 12,645
2010	540,000	435,438	975,438	6,836	5,809	12,645
2011	575,000	426,788	1,001,788	7,230	5,415	12,645
2012	595,000	401,038	996,038	7,645	5,000	12,645
2013	630,000	374,388	1,004,388	8,085	4,560	12,645
2014 - 2018	3,595,000	1,362,890	4,957,890	47,956	15,269	63,225
2019 - 2023	<u>3,200,000</u>	<u>439,332</u>	<u>3,639,332</u>	<u>23,266</u>	<u>2,024</u>	<u>25,290</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 9,660,000</u>	 <u>\$ 3,879,336</u>	 <u>\$ 13,539,336</u>	 <u>\$ 107,483</u>	 <u>\$ 44,257</u>	 <u>\$ 151,740</u>

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>December 31,</u>	<u>OWDA Loans Payable</u>			<u>OPWC Loans Payable</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009	\$ 1,004,385	\$ 314,262	\$ 1,318,647	\$ 75,566	\$ 11,696	\$ 87,262
2010	1,067,177	358,641	1,425,818	77,128	10,134	87,262
2011	1,134,216	291,601	1,425,817	78,745	8,516	87,261
2012	1,205,883	219,937	1,425,820	80,419	6,842	87,261
2013	442,938	143,532	586,470	82,154	5,108	87,262
2014 - 2018	2,491,234	441,116	2,932,350	273,357	6,945	280,302
2019 - 2020	<u>846,397</u>	<u>33,308</u>	<u>879,705</u>	<u>16,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,060</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 8,192,230</u>	 <u>\$ 1,802,397</u>	 <u>\$ 9,994,627</u>	 <u>\$ 683,429</u>	 <u>\$ 49,241</u>	 <u>\$ 732,670</u>

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NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The City participates with other cities in the Buckeye Ohio Risk Management Agency, Inc. (BORMA, Inc.), in jointly funded risk financing programs administered by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. BORMA, Inc. includes two separate pools which provide separate and distinct coverages.

The first pool provides comprehensive automobile liability, automobile physical damage, comprehensive general liability, crime and property liability, and public officials' liability coverage up to specific limits. The pool includes the following municipalities: Archbold, Bowling Green, Defiance, Huron, Napoleon, Sandusky and Willard. Member contributions are calculated annually to produce a sufficient sum of money within the pool to fund administrative expenses and to create reserves for claims. As of December 31, 2008, the pool had cash reserves of \$2,333,541, which in the opinion of management is adequate for any claims against the pool. The amount of risk retained with the pool is \$300,000 per claim.

Claims in excess of the \$300,000 up to \$10,000,000 are covered by various insurance carriers.

The second pool is for employee benefits and includes life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, health insurance and prescription drug insurance. Each member has an option on the coverage it has elected to provide for its employees. Defiance provides to its employees all available options offered by the pool. The employee benefits pool includes the following municipalities: Archbold, Bowling Green, Carey, Clyde, Defiance, Fayette, Hicksville, Napoleon, Oberlin, Sandusky, Upper Sandusky and Willard. As of December 31, 2008, the pool had cash reserves of \$5,077,622 which, in the opinion of management, is adequate for any claims against the pool.

Premiums are paid to the employee benefits pool at a cost of \$1,138 for family coverage, \$877 for two-party coverage and \$403 for single party coverage. Life insurance monthly premiums are \$4.65 for family and two party coverage and \$2.55 for single party coverage. During 2008, the City paid \$184,989 into the pool for coverage. The cost of coverage is paid by the fund that pays the salary of the individual employees. The amount of the risk retained within the employee is \$75,000 per individual with excess claims coverage provided by the Lloyds Company.

BORMA, Inc. has the ability to require the member cities to make supplemental payments in the event reserves are not adequate to cover claims. The probability of this occurring is considered remote due to the adequacy of the pool reserves and premium levels, therefore, no amount have been reserved in the financial statements. Audited financial statements are maintained separately by BORMA, Inc.

Workers' Compensation claims are covered through the City's participation in the State of Ohio's program. The City pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based upon a rate per \$100 of payroll plus administrative costs. The rate is determined based on accident history of the North Central Ohio Municipal Finance Officers Association, of which the City is a member. The City also pays unemployment claims to the State of Ohio as incurred.

There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverages from coverages in the prior year. In addition, settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance converge in any of the past three years.

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NOTE 15 - PENSION PLANS

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The City participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The Traditional Pension 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% 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 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 Pension Plan benefit. Member contributions, whose investment is self-directed by the member, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan. While members in the State and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement (generally sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and township police) and public safety divisions exist only within the traditional pension plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the Traditional Pension and the 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, Attention: Finance Director, 277 E. Town St., Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. For 2008, member and contribution rates were consistent across all three plans. While members in the State and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the Traditional Plan. The 2008 member contribution rates were 10.00% for members in State and local classifications. Public safety and law enforcement members contributed 10.10%.

The City's contribution rate for 2008 was 14.00%, except for those plan members in law enforcement or public safety, for whom the City's contribution was 17.40% of covered payroll. For 2008, a portion equal to 7.00% of covered payroll was allocated to fund the post-employment health care plan.

The City's contribution rate for pension benefits for 2008 was 7.00%, except for those plan members in law enforcement and public safety. For those classifications, the City's pension contributions were 10.40% of covered payroll. The City's required contributions for pension obligations to the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$310,697, \$343,477 and \$351,701, respectively; 91.95% has been contributed for 2008 and 100% has been contributed for 2007 and 2006.

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NOTE 15 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

B. Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Plan Description - The City contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. OP&F provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by the Ohio State Legislature and are codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code. OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan. That report may be obtained by writing to the OP&F, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10.0% of their annual covered salary, while the City is required to contribute 19.50% and 24.00% for police officers and firefighters, respectively. Contribution rates are established by State statute. For 2008, the portion of the City's contributions to fund pension obligations was 12.75% for police officers and 17.25% for firefighters. The City's required contributions for pension obligations to OP&F for police officers and firefighters were \$210,943 and \$236,046 for the year ended December 31, 2008, \$192,789 and \$199,535 for the year ended December 31, 2007 and \$167,258 and \$168,157, for the year ended December 31, 2006. The full amount has been contributed for 2007 and 2006. 91.53% has been contributed for police and firefighters for 2008.

NOTE 16 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - OPERS maintains a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan, which includes a medical plan, prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, to qualifying members of both the Traditional Pension and the Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care coverage.

To qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have ten years or more of qualifying Ohio service credit. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide OPEB benefits to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the healthcare plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report which may be obtained by writing to OPERS, Attention: Finance Director, 277 E. Town St., Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

Funding Policy - The post-employment healthcare plan was established under, and is administrated in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code Section 401(h). State statute requires that public employers fund post-employment healthcare through contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to the Traditional or Combined Plans is set aside for the funding of post-employment health care.

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NOTE 16 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS - (Continued)

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active employees. In 2008, local government employers contributed 14.00% of covered payroll (17.40% for public safety and law enforcement). Each year the OPERS Retirement Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for the funding of the postemployment health care benefits. The amount of the employer contributions which was allocated to fund post-employment healthcare for 2008 was 7.00% of covered payroll.

The OPERS Retirement Board is also authorized to establish rules for the payment of a portion of the health care benefits provided, by the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. Active members do not make contributions to the post-employment healthcare plan.

The City's contributions allocated to fund post-employment health care benefits for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$310,697, \$226,243 and \$172,028, respectively; 91.95% has been contributed for 2008 and 100% has been contributed for 2007 and 2006.

The Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) adopted by the OPERS Board of Trustees on September 9, 2004, was effective January 1, 2007. Member and employer contribution rates increased as of January 1, 2006, January 1, 2007 and January 1, 2008, which allowed additional funds to be allocated to the health care plan.

B. Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Plan Description - The City contributes to the OP&F Pension Fund sponsored health care program, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined postemployment health care plan administered by OP&F. OP&F provides healthcare benefits including coverage for medical, prescription drugs, dental, vision, Medicare Part B Premium and long term care to retirees, qualifying benefit recipients and their eligible dependents.

OP&F provides access to post-employment health care coverage to any person who receives or is eligible to receive a monthly service, disability or survivor benefit check or is a spouse or eligible dependent child of such person.

The Ohio Revised Code allows, but does not mandate OP&F to provide OPEB benefits. Authority for the OP&F Board of Trustees to provide health care coverage to eligible participants and to establish and amend benefits is codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code.

OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan. That report may be obtained by writing to the OP&F, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

Funding Policy - The OP&F's post-employment healthcare plan was established and is administered as an Internal Revenue Code 401(h) account within the defined benefit pension plan, under the authority granted by the Ohio Revised Code to the OP&F Board of Trustees. The Ohio Revised Code sets the contribution rates for participating employers and for plan members to the OP&F. Participating employers are required to contribute to the pension plan at rates expressed as of the payroll of active pension plan members, currently, 19.50% and 24.00% of covered payroll for police and fire employers, respectively.

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NOTE 16 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS - (Continued)

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions made into the pension plan into the Section 115 trust and the Section 401(h) account as the employer contribution for retiree health care benefits. For the year ended December 31, 2008, the employer contribution allocated to the health care plan was 6.75% of covered payroll. The amount of employer contributions allocated to the health care plan each year is subject to the Trustees' primary responsibility to ensure that the pension benefits are adequately funded and is limited by the provisions of Sections 115 and 401(h).

The OP&F Board of Trustees also is authorized to establish requirements for contributions to the health care plan by retirees and their eligible dependents, or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

The City's contributions to OP&F which were allocated to fund post-employment healthcare benefits for police officers and firefighters were \$111,675 and \$92,366 for the year ended December 31, 2008, \$101,995 and \$77,983 for the year ended December 31, 2007 and \$110,119 and \$80,229, for the year ended December 31, 2006. The full amount has been contributed for 2007 and 2006. 91.53% has been contributed for police and for firefighters for 2008.

NOTE 17 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While the City is reporting financial position, results of operations and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - budget and actual (non-GAAP budgetary basis) presented for the general fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are as follows:

1. Revenues and other financing sources are recorded when received in cash (budget) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP);
2. Expenditures/expenses and other financing uses are recorded when paid in cash (budget) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP); and,
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (GAAP).

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NOTE 17 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - (Continued)

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements (as reported in the fund financial statements) to the budgetary basis statements for all governmental funds for which a budgetary basis statement is presented.

Net Change in Fund Balances	
	<u>General</u>
Budget basis	\$ (1,335,942)
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	55,349
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	165,119
Adjustment for encumbrances	<u>310,137</u>
GAAP basis	<u><u>\$ (805,337)</u></u>

NOTE 18 - LOANS RECEIVABLE

Loans receivable represent low interest loans made by the City for development projects and businesses under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. A summary of the loan activity is as follows:

	Balance Outstanding <u>12/31/07</u>	Loans Disbursed	Principal Received	Balance Outstanding <u>12/31/08</u>
CDBG loans	<u>\$ 1,454,768</u>	<u>\$ 181,299</u>	<u>\$ (185,481)</u>	<u>\$ 1,450,586</u>

The CDBG loans are reported in the nonmajor governmental funds. Fund balance has been reserved for the outstanding balance due at year-end.

NOTE 19 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The City receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on any of the financial statements of the individual fund types included herein or on the overall financial position of the City at December 31, 2008.

B. Litigation

Several claims and lawsuits are pending against the City. In the opinion of the City Law Director, any potential liability would not have a material effect on the Basic Financial Statements.

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NOTE 20 - SIGNIFICANT SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On April 14, 2009, the City retired \$4,774,000 in general obligation bond anticipation notes and issued \$4,347,000 in new notes with an interest rate of 2.25% and a maturity date of April 14, 2010. The following table summarizes the activity.

<u>Note Issuance</u>	<u>Original Issue Date</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Issued</u>
Sewer	04/16/08	\$ 4,711,000	\$ 4,291,000
Water	04/16/08	<u>63,000</u>	<u>56,000</u>
<i>Total notes</i>		<u>\$ 4,774,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,347,000</u>

The difference between the amount of the new notes issued and the amount of the old notes retired represent resources of the City used to repay the notes or new money issued to finance various projects.



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**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance
and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed
in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards***

Members of Council and Mayor
City of Defiance
631 Perry Street
Defiance, OH 43512

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 City of Defiance, Defiance County, Ohio, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the City of Defiance's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2009. 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 *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 City of Defiance'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 City of Defiance's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Defiance'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 City of Defiance's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the City of Defiance's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the City of Defiance'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 City of Defiance's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the 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 any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Members of Council and Mayor
City of Defiance

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Defiance'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 tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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



Julian & Grube, Inc.
June 24, 2009



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

CITY OF DEFIANCE

DEFIANCE 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 Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JULY 21, 2009**