VILLAGE OF MOUNT EATON

WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO

AUDIT REPORT

For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 & 2007

Charles E. Harris and Associates, Inc. Certified Public Accountants and Government Consultants



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Village Council Village of Mount Eaton PO Box 287 15958 East Main Street Mount Eaton, Ohio 44659

We have reviewed the *Report of Independent Accountants* of the Village of Mount Eaton, Wayne County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2007 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.

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

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

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Village of Mount Eaton Wayne County PO Box 287 15958 East Main Street Mount Eaton, Ohio 44659

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Mount Eaton, Wayne County, Ohio (the Village), as and for the years ended December 31, 2008 & 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Village's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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

Revisions to GAAP would require the Village to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the years ended December 31, 2008 & 2007 Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2008 & 2007, the revision requires presenting entity wide statements and also to present larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2008 & 2007. While the Village does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards require us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Village has elected not to reformat its statements. Since the Village does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2008 & 2007, do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Village as of December 31, 2008 & 2007, or its changes in financial position or cash flows for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Village of Mount Eaton, Wayne County as of December 31, 2008 & 2007, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Village to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the years ended December 31, 2008 & 2007. The Village has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 27, 2009, on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. April 27, 2009

VILLAGE OF MOUNT EATON WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Governmenta	al Fund Types	Total		
		Special	(Memorandum		
	General	Revenue	Only)		
Cash Receipts:					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 20,769	-	\$ 20,769		
Municipal Income Tax	76,907	-	76,907		
Intergovernmental	15,454	\$ 27,870	43,324		
Charges for Services	880	-	880		
Fines, Licenses and Permits	30,079	4,170	34,249		
Earnings on Investments	6,999	1,178	8,177		
Miscellaneous	1,693		1,693		
Total Cash Receipts	152,781	33,218	185,999		
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
Security of Persons & Property	79,762	-	79,762		
Public Health Service	3,368	-	3,368		
Leisure Time Activities	1,645	2,432	4,077		
Transportation	700	48,907	49,607		
General Government	47,919	3,166	51,085		
Total Cash Disbursements	133,394	54,505	187,899		
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under)					
Cash Disbursements	19,387	(21,287)	(1,900)		
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):					
Transfers In	-	18,000	18,000		
Transfers Out	(18,000)		(18,000)		
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(18,000)	18,000			
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Sources Over/					
(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Uses	1,387	(3,287)	(1,900)		
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2008	124,914	41,514	166,428		
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2008	\$ 126,301	\$ 38,227	\$ 164,528		

VILLAGE OF MOUNT EATON WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Governmenta	I Fund Types	Total	
		Special	(Memorandum	
	General	Revenue	Only)	
Cash Receipts:				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 28,157	-	\$ 28,157	
Municipal Income Tax	70,003	-	70,003	
Intergovernmental	15,465	\$ 25,902	41,367	
Charges for Services	960	40	1,000	
Fines, Licenses and Permits	32,715	4,350	37,065	
Earnings on Investments	12,888	2,205	15,093	
Miscellaneous	1,789		1,789	
Total Cash Receipts	161,977	32,497	194,474	
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
Security of Persons & Property	74,255	-	74,255	
Public Health Service	5,908	-	5,908	
Leisure Time Activities	1,595	2,015	3,610	
Transportation	-	37,692	37,692	
General Government	51,522	1,505	53,027	
Total Cash Disbursements	133,280	41,212	174,492	
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under)				
Cash Disbursements	28,697	(8,715)	19,982	
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):				
Transfers In	-	8,000	8,000	
Transfers Out	(8,000)		(8,000)	
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(8,000)	8,000		
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Sources Over/				
(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Uses	20,697	(715)	19,982	
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2007	104,217	42,229	146,446	
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2007	\$ 124,914	\$ 41,514	\$ 166,428	

VILLAGE OF MOUNT EATON WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Totals (Memorandu		
	Er	nterprise	Agency		(Memorandun Only)		
Operating Cash Receipts:		•		<u> </u>			
Charges for Services	\$	180,409		-	\$	180,409	
Fines, Licences, and Permits		-	\$	43,853		43,853	
Total Operating Cash Receipts		180,409		43,853		224,262	
Operating Cash Disbursements:							
Personal Services		19,151		-		19,151	
Employee Fringe Benefits		2,718		-		2,718	
Contractual Services		38,199		-		38,199	
Supplies and Materials		46,272		-		46,272	
Total Operating Cash Disbursements		106,340		-		106,340	
Operating Income/(Loss)		74,069		43,853		117,922	
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements) Debt Service							
Principal Payments		(11,000)		-		(11,000)	
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges		(42,795)		-		(42,795)	
Mayor's Court Distributions		-		(43,853)		(43,853)	
Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)		(53,795)		(43,853)		(97,648)	
Excess of Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash							
Disbursements		20,274		-		20,274	
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2008		359,352		-		359,352	
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2008	\$	379,626	\$	-	\$	379,626	

VILLAGE OF MOUNT EATON WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Proprietary Fund Types	Fiduciary Fund Types	Totals (Memorandum	
	Enterprise	Agency	Only)	
Operating Cash Receipts:				
Charges for Services	\$ 179,779	-	\$ 179,779	
Fines, Licences, and Permits	-	\$ 46,214	46,214	
Total Operating Cash Receipts	179,779	46,214	225,993	
Operating Cash Disbursements:				
Personal Services	17,257	-	17,257	
Employee Fringe Benefits	2,557	-	2,557	
Contractual Services	36,035	-	36,035	
Supplies and Materials	45,443		45,443	
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	101,292		101,292	
Operating Income/(Loss)	78,487	46,214	124,701	
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements) Debt Service				
Principal Payments	(10,600)	-	(10,600)	
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	(43,272)	-	(43,272)	
Mayor's Court Distributions	-	(46,214)	(46,214)	
Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	(53,872)	(46,214)	(100,086)	
Excess of Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash				
Disbursements	24,615	-	24,615	
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2007	334,737		334,737	
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2007	\$ 359,352	<u>\$</u> -	\$ 359,352	

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. <u>DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY</u>

The Village of Mount Easton, Wayne County, Ohio, (the Village) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Village is directed by a publicly elected six-member Council. The Village contracts with Paint Township to provide fire protection services.

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

B. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed by the Auditor of State.

C. <u>CASH AND INVESTMENTS</u>

The Village's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not report disbursements for investments purchases or receipts for investments sales. The Village reports gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The Village values certificates of deposits at cost.

D. FUND ACCOUNTING

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

1. <u>General Fund</u>

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

1. <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> - (continued)

D. <u>FUND ACCOUNTING</u> - (continued)

2. <u>Special Revenue Funds</u>

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

Street Construction, Maintenance, and Repair Fund – This fund receives gasoline and motor vehicle tax money for construction, maintenance and repairing of Village streets.

3. Enterprise Funds

These fund accounts for operations that are similar to private business enterprises where management intends that the significant costs of providing certain goods or services will be recovered through user charges. The Village has the following significant Enterprise Fund:

Wastewater Sewer Fund – This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover the cost of providing this utility.

4. Fiduciary Funds (Agency Fund)

This fund is used to account for resources for which the Village is acting in an agency capacity. The Village has the following significant Fiduciary Fund:

Mayor's Court Fund – This fund records the activity of the Village Mayor's Court.

E. <u>BUDGETARY PROCESS</u>

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

1. <u>Appropriations</u>

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Village Council must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations at year-end are carried over to the subsequent year.

1. <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> - (continued)

2. <u>Estimated Resources</u>

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

3. <u>Encumbrances</u>

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Village to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are cancelled.

F. <u>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</u>

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

G. ACCUMULATED LEAVE

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

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2008	2007		
Demand Deposits	\$ 534,154	\$	515,780	
Certificates of Deposit	 10,000		10,000	
Total	\$ 544,154	\$	525,780	

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation; (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Village or (3) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2008 & 2007 is as follows:

	<u>2008 E</u>	Budgeted vs				
	B	udgeted	Actual			
	R	eceipts	Receipts		Variance	
Fund Type						
General	\$	183,659	\$ 152,781	\$	(30,878)	
Special Revenue		49,732	51,218		1,486	
Enterprise		200,756	180,409		(20,347)	
Total	\$	434,147	\$ 384,408	\$	(49,739)	

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Арр	Total ropriations	Exc	Total xenditures	Variance
Fund Type		•	•		
General	\$	219,125	\$	151,394	\$ 67,731
Special Revenue		71,993		54,505	17,488
Enterprise		215,500		160,135	55,365
Total	\$	506,618	\$	366,034	\$ 140,584

	2007	Budgeted vs.				
	В	Budgeted		Actual		
	R	leceipts		Receipts	Variance	
<u>Fund Type</u>						
General	\$	173,454	\$	161,977	\$	(11,477)
Special Revenue		30,470		40,497		10,027
Enterprise		177,936		179,779		1,843
Total	\$	381,860	\$	382,253	\$	393

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures Total Total Expenditures Variance Appropriations Fund Type General \$ 212,547 \$ 141,280 \$ 71,267 **Special Revenue** 62,378 41,212 21,166 Enterprise 196,900 155,164 41,736 Total 471,825 \$ \$ 337,656 \$ 134,169

4. PROPERTY TAXES

Real property becomes a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Village Council. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payments, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Village. Tangible personal property tax is assessed on the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

The Wayne County Auditor is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Village.

5. LOCAL INCOME TAX

The Village levies a municipal income tax of 1 percent on substantially all earned income arising from employment, residency or business activities within the Village corporation limits as well as certain income of residents earned outside the Village corporate limits.

Employers within the Village withhold income tax on employee compensation and remit tax to the Village either monthly, quarterly or as required. Corporation and individual taxpayers pay estimated taxes quarterly and file a declaration annually.

6. <u>RISK MANAGEMENT</u>

The Village belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the "Plan"), a nonassessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to over 550 governments ("Members").

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

The Plan issues its own policies and reinsures the Plan with A- VII or better rated carriers, except the Plan retains the lesser of 15% or \$37,500 of casualty losses and the lesser of 10% or \$100,000 of property losses. Individual Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts which vary from Member to Member.

6. <u>RISK MANAGEMENT</u>- (continued)

Plan Members are responsible to notify the Plan of their intent to renew coverages by their renewal date. If a Member chooses not to renew with the Plan, they have no other financial obligation to the Plan, but still need to promptly notify the Plan of any potential claims occurring during their membership period. The former Member's covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of the Plan.

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the last three years. There have been significant reductions in insurance coverage from last year.

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

	 2007	2006		
Assets	\$ 11,136,455 \$	9,620,148		
Liabilities	 (4,273,553)	(3,329,620)		
Members' Equity	\$ 6,862,902 \$	6,290,528		

The Village also provides health insurance coverage to full-time employees through a private carrier.

7. <u>DEBT</u>

The Village's principal payments during the audit period and outstanding debt balance at December 31, 2008 were as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	1/1/2007	Redeemed		12 <i>/</i> 31/2008
Sewage System Mortgage				
Revenue Bonds, Series 2003				
(Loan 92-02) 4.50%	\$ 728,600	\$	16,300	\$ 712,300
Sewage System Improvement				
Bonds, Series 2003-A				
(Loan 92-04) 4.50%	135,900		3,100	132,800
Sewage System Improvement				
Bonds, Series 2003-B				
(Loan 92-07) 4.40%	97,100		2,200	94,900
Total	\$ 961,600	\$	21,600	\$ 940,000

7. <u>DEBT</u> – (continued)

The amortization of the above debt for the period of 2009 to 2043, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

Debt Amortization Schedule								
Year	Principal		nterest		Total			
2009	\$ 11,600	\$	42,300	\$	53,900			
2010	12,100		41,778		53,878			
2011	12,700		41,234		53,934			
2012-2016	71,800		197,343		269,143			
2017-2021	89,600		179,543		269,143			
2022-2026	111,900		157,457		269,357			
2027-2031	139,300		129,905		269,205			
2032-2036	173,500		95,654		269,154			
2037-2041	216,500		52,842		269,342			
2042-2043	101,000		6,867		107,867			
Total	\$ 940,000	\$	944,923	\$	1,884,923			

8. PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLAN

The employees of the Village of Mount Eaton are covered by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). The State of Ohio accounts for the activities of the retirement system and the amounts of this fund are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement Board. OPERS provides basic retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute per Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a standalone financial report.

The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for employee and employer contributions. The employee contribution rates are 9.5% for year of 2007 and 10% for year of 2008 of their gross salaries. For local government employer units, the rate was 13.85% of covered payroll for 2007 and 14% of covered payroll for 2008. The contribution rates are determined actuarially. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2008.

9. <u>CONTINGENT LIABILITIES</u>

Management believes there are no pending claims or lawsuits.

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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

Village of Mount Eaton Wayne County PO Box 287 15958 East Main Street Mount Eaton, Ohio 44659

To the Village Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the Village of Mount Eaton, Wayne County, Ohio (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated April 27, 2009, wherein we noted the Village followed accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State of Ohio. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial 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 Village's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State of Ohio such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Village's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Village'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 Village'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.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grants agreements and other matters, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated April 27, 2009.

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

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. April 27, 2009

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

The prior audit report, for the years ending December 31, 2006 and 2005, reported no material citations or recommendations.





VILLAGE OF MOUNT EATON

WAYNE 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.

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