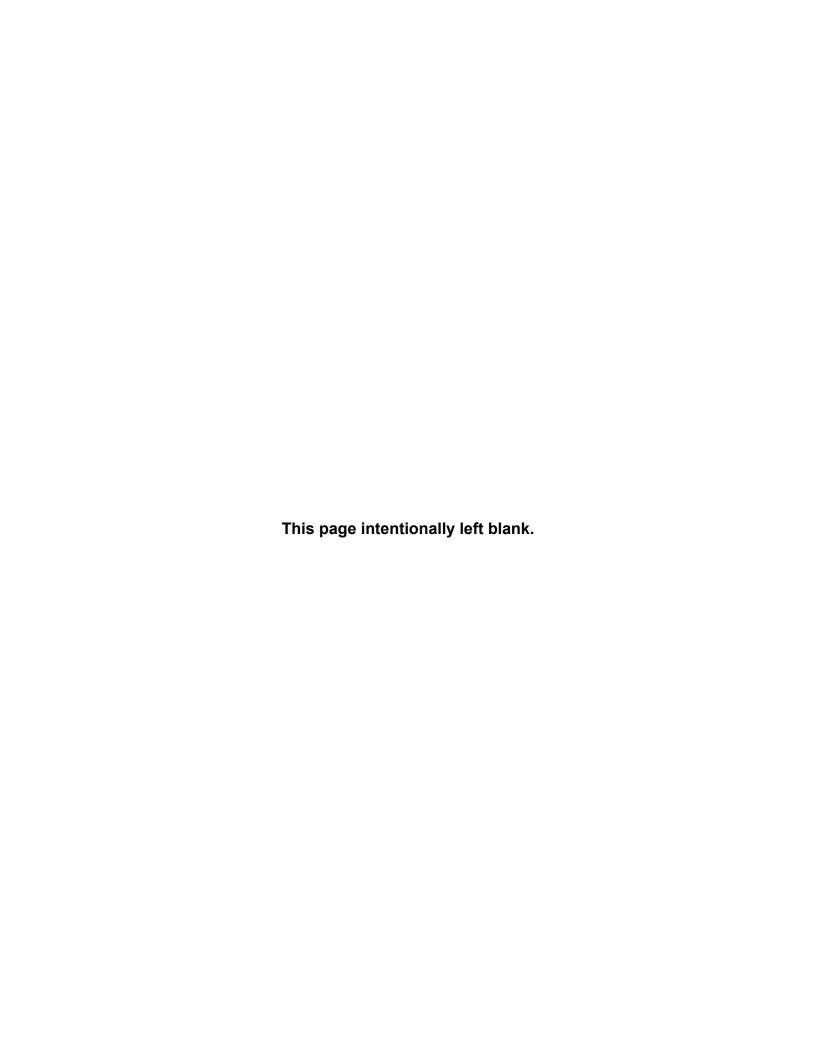




TABLE OF CONTENTS

TITLE	PAGE
Report of Independent Accountants	1
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances – All Governmental Fund Types – For the Year Ended December 31, 2001	3
Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balance – Fiduciary Fund Type – For the Year Ended December 31, 2001	4
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances – All Governmental Fund Types – For the Year Ended December 31, 2000	5
Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balance – Fiduciary Fund Type – For the Year Ended December 31, 2000	6
Notes to the Financial Statements	7
Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by Government Auditing Standards	13
Schedule of Findings	15
Schedule of Prior Audit Findings	17





743 East State Street Athens Mall Suite B Athens, Ohio 45701

Telephone 740-594-3300

800-441-1389

Facsimile 740-594-2110 www.auditor.state.oh.us

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Village of Lore City Guernsey County P.O. Box 157 Lore City, Ohio 43719

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Lore City, Guernsey County, Ohio (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Village's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

As discussed in Note 1, the Village prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of the Village of Lore City, Guernsey County, as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 16, 2002, on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Village of Lore City Guernsey County Report of Independent Accountants Page 2

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Village Council and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

May 16, 2002

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types				
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Cash Receipts:					
Property Tax and Other Local Taxes	\$10,699	\$10,401	\$	\$21,100	
Intergovernmental Receipts	16,246	28,395	131,972	176,613	
Charges for Services		7,920		7,920	
Earnings on Investments	181	130		311	
Miscellaneous	7,348	13,258		20,606	
Total Cash Receipts	34,474	60,104	131,972	226,550	
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
Security of Persons and Property	2,343	19,154		21,497	
Public Health Services	90			90	
Leisure Time Activities	1,432	1,478		2,910	
Transportation		14,487		14,487	
General Government	25,358	5,000	1,275	31,633	
Debt Service:					
Principal Payments	4,761			4,761	
Interest Payments	4,103			4,103	
Capital Outlay		40,734	190,665	231,399	
Total Cash Disbursements	38,087	80,853	191,940	310,880	
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(3,613)	(20,749)	(59,968)	(84,330)	
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):					
Sale of Bonds or Notes			16,174	16,174	
Other Financing Sources	14,433		12	14,445	
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	14,433	0	16,186	30,619	
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing					
Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements					
and Other Financing Disbursements	10,820	(20,749)	(43,782)	(53,711)	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	1,575	27,780	45,975	75,330	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$12,395	\$7,031	\$2,193	\$21,619	
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$383	\$367	\$0	\$750	

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	Fiduciary Fund Type	
	Agency	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	\$448	\$448
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	\$448	\$448
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$0_	\$0

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types				
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:					
Property Tax and Other Local Taxes	\$11,105	\$10,967	\$	\$	\$22,072
Intergovernmental Receipts	17,786	7,139		198,791	223,716
Charges for Services		9,110			9,110
Earnings on Investments	413	322			735
Miscellaneous	5,534	2,898	16,369		24,801
Total Cash Receipts	34,838	30,436	16,369	198,791	280,434
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
Security of Persons and Property	4,631	9,805			14,436
Public Health Services	90				90
Leisure Time Activities	1,404	788			2,192
Transportation		15,453			15,453
General Government	28,549			18,518	47,067
Debt Service:					
Principal Payments	3,558		16,000		19,558
Interest Payments	3,422	5.040	869	404.000	4,291
Capital Outlay		5,010		164,826	169,836
Total Cash Disbursements	41,654	31,056	16,869	183,344	272,923
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(6,816)	(620)	(500)	15,447	7,511
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):					
Sale of Bonds or Note		22,500			22,500
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	0	22,500	0	0	22,500
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements					
and Other Financing Disbursements	(6,816)	21,880	(500)	15,447	30,011
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	8,391	5,900	500	30,528	45,319
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$1,575	\$27,780	\$0	\$45,975	\$75,330
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$261	\$470	\$0	\$4,800	\$5,531

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	Fiduciary Fund Type	
	Agency	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	\$448	\$448
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	\$448	\$448
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$0	\$0

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Village of Lore City, Guernsey County (the Village), is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Village is directed by a publicly-elected six-member Council. The Village provides general government services, including maintenance of roads, street lighting, park operations (leisure time activities), and fire protection. The Village contracts with the Guernsey County Sheriff's department to provide security of persons and property.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

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

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

C. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

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

2. Special Revenue Fund

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

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

Park and Recreation Fund -This fund receives donations and General Fund transfers to fund construction of the Park.

Fire Levy Fund - This fund receives property tax revenues and proceeds from fire contracts to provide fire protection to Village residents and other political subdivisions.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Fund Accounting (Continued)

3. Debt Service Fund

These funds are used to accumulate resources for the payment of bonds and note indebtedness. The Village had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

General Note Retirement Fund – This fund is used for the retirement of the Village's note debt.

4. Capital Projects Funds

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

Hazard Mitigation Grant State Fund – This fund receives money from the Hazard Mitigation Grant, state portion. The grant monies are used to make capital acquisitions.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Federal Fund – This fund receives money from the Hazard Mitigation Grant, federal portion. The grant monies are used to make capital acquisitions.

5. Fiduciary Fund (Agency Fund)

Funds for which the Village is acting in an agency capacity are classified as agency funds. The Village had the following significant Fiduciary Fund:

Unclaimed Monies Fund – This fund was created to account for tap-fees for an anticipated sewer system for the Village that did not materialize and the donor either moved or can not be located.

D. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) be budgeted annually.

1. Appropriations

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 Council must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Budgetary Process (Continued)

2. Estimated Resources

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

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Village to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated. The Village did not encumber all commitments required by Ohio law.

A summary of 2001 and 2000 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

E. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

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

	2001	2000
Demand deposits	\$22,067	\$75,778
Total deposits	\$22,067	\$75,778

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, follows:

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts Budgeted Actual Receipts Receipts Fund Type Variance General \$39,733 \$48,907 \$9,174 Special Revenue 81,443 60,104 (21,339)(44.903)Capital Projects 193,061 148,158 \$314,237 \$257,169 (\$57,068)Total

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

3. **BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)**

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$39,460	\$38,470	\$990
Special Revenue	84,361	81,220	3,141
Capital Projects	239,035	191,940	47,095
Total	\$362,856	\$311,630	\$51,226

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$35,266	\$34,838	(\$428)
Special Revenue	57,640	52,936	(4,704)
Debt Service	16,412	16,369	(43)
Capital Projects	204,291	198,791	(5,500)
Total	\$313,609	\$302,934	(\$10,675)

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Appropriation	Budgetary	
Authority	Expenditures	Variance
\$43,520	\$41,915	\$1,605
63,465	31,526	31,939
16,912	16,869	43
194,339	188,144	6,195
\$318,236	\$278,454	\$39,782
	\$43,520 63,465 16,912 194,339	Authority Expenditures \$43,520 \$41,915 63,465 31,526 16,912 16,869 194,339 188,144

Contrary to Ohio law, budgetary expenditures exceeded appropriation at the legal level of control during 2001 in the General Fund, the following Special Revenue Fund types, Park Fund, State Grant – CDBG Fund, Fire Fund, and a Capital Project Fund type, FEMA Fund.

4. PROPERTY TAX

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

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2001, was as follows:

Principal	Interest Rate
\$7,641	5.90%
46,163	5.45%
15,207	7.00%
\$69,011	
	46,163 15,207

The Village signed a promissory note to purchase a 1984 Case backhoe. The note consists of five annual installment payments of \$2,841. The note is secured by the backhoe.

The Village signed a commercial mortgage note for the purchase of building and land. The note consists of 59 monthly payments of \$345 and last balloon payment of \$42,465 due May 14, 2004 resulting in total payments in 2004 of \$43,844. The mortgage is secured by the baseball field (land), community center (building) and assignments of rents for tenants of the community center.

The Village signed a commercial mortgage note for building improvements. The note consists of 59 regular monthly payments of \$188 and a last balloon payment of \$9,610 due February 10, 2006 resulting in total payments in 2006 of \$9,798. The mortgage is secured by the community center (building) and assignment of rents for tenants of the community center.

Amortization of the above debt, including interest is scheduled as follows:

	Promissory Note Backhoe	Promissory Note Building and Land	Promissory Note Building
Year ending December 31:			
2002	\$2,841	\$4,138	\$2,256
2003	2,841	4,138	2,256
2004	2,841	43,844	2,256
2005			2,256
2006			9,798
Total	\$8,523	\$52,120	\$18,822

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Village's full-time employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. These plans provide retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2001 and 2000, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their wages. The Village contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2001 and from January 1, 2000 through June 30, 2000. PERS temporarily reduced the employer contribution rate to 8.13%, effective July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Village has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- · Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.



743 East State Street Athens Mall Suite B Athens, Ohio 45701

Telephone 740-594-3300

800-441-1389

Facsimile 740-594-2110 www.auditor.state.oh.us

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

Village of Lore City Guernsey County P.O. Box 157 Lore City, Ohio 43719

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Lore City, Guernsey County, Ohio (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated May 16, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying Schedule Of Findings as items 2001-31030-001 and 2001-31030-002. We also noted certain immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated May 16, 2002.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated May 16, 2002.

Village of Lore City Guernsey County Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

This report is intended solely 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.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

May 16, 2002

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

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

FINDING NUMBER 2001-31030-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(D)(1) states that no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any contract or order any expenditure of money unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision that the amount required to meet the same has been lawfully appropriated for such purpose and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. Every such contract made without such a certificate shall be null and void and no warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due thereon.

This section also provides two "exceptions" to the above requirements:

- A. Then and Now Certificate This exception provides that, if the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made and at the time the certification is being completed, sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the members of Council may authorize the drawing of a warrant. The taxing authority has 30 days from the receipt of such certificate to approve payment by resolution or ordinance. If approval is not made within 30 days, there is no legal liability on the part of the Village.
- B. If the amount involved is less than one thousand dollars, the fiscal officer may authorize it to be paid without the affirmation of the members of Council.

The Village did not obtain the Clerk's prior certification for forty-two percent of the transactions tested in 2001 and twenty percent of the transactions tested in 2000, nor was there evidence of a "Then and Now" certificate being used by the Clerk in these instances.

We recommend the Village obtain the Clerk's prior certification for all disbursements.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

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

FINDING NUMBER 2001-31030-002

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) requires no subdivision or taxing authority to expend money unless it has been appropriated.

The Village legal level of control is at the object level. We noted the following funds which had actual expenditures which exceeded appropriations at the legal level of control at December 31 2001:

Fund	Appropriations	Expenditures	Variance
General Fund			
Repair and Maintenance	\$0	\$1,200	(\$1,200)
Special Revenue Funds			
Park Fund			
Other Contracted Services	25,810	28,010	(2,200)
Buildings	0	6,400	(6,400)
State Grant –CBDG Fund			
Contracted Services	0	5,000	(5,000)
Fire Fund			
Uniform and Clothing	0	8,000	(8,000)
Capital Project Fund			
FEMA Fund			
Salaries	15,000	27,500	(12,500)

We recommend the Village Clerk review the appropriation ledger periodically to ensure that expenditures do not exceed appropriations at the legal level of control.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i> :
1999-31030-001	Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D)(1), failure to certify funds	No	Citation reissued as finding 2001- 31030-001.
1999-31030-002	Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B), expenditures exceed appropriations	No	Citation reissued as finding 2001- 31030-002



88 East Broad Street P.O. Box 1140 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1140

Telephone 614-466-4514

800-282-0370

Facsimile 614-466-4490

VILLAGE OF LORE CITY

GUERNSEY COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JULY 25, 2002