

**VILLAGE OF MORRISTOWN
BELMONT COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

Village Council
Village of Morristown
P. O. Box 241
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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report* of the Village of Morristown, Belmont County, prepared by Knox & Knox, 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 *Independent Accountants' Report* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Independent Accountants' Report* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State permits.

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

Mary Taylor

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December 7, 2009

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BELMONT COUNTY

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Independent Accountants' Report

Village of Morristown
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P. O. Box 241
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Morristown, Belmont County, Ohio, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 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 *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, if any, 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 its 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 and 2007. In addition to the accompanying financial statements present for 2008 and 2007, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements. 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 GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Village has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph 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 and 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 and 2007, or its changes in financial position and 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 Morristown, Belmont County, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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 November 17, 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 and grant agreements and other matters. While we do not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that reports describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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Orrville Ohio
November 17, 2009

VILLAGE OF MORRISTOWN
BELMONT COUNTY

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	
CASH RECEIPTS:				
Property Taxes and Other Local Taxes	\$5,460	\$4,540		\$10,000
Intergovernmental Receipts	35,590	41,684		77,274
Charges for Services		40,852		40,852
Earnings on Investments	1,641	547		2,188
Miscellaneous	1,982	4,393		6,375
	<u>44,673</u>	<u>92,016</u>		<u>136,689</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property	12,839	25,289		38,128
Public Health Services	1,000			1,000
Leisure Time Activities		4,994		4,994
Community Environment	200			200
Transportation	651	22,382		23,033
General Government	28,065			28,065
Capital Outlay		122,281	\$249	122,530
Debt Service:				
Principal Payments		8,727		8,727
Interest Payments		26,568		26,568
	<u>42,755</u>	<u>210,241</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>253,245</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	1,918	(118,225)	(249)	(116,556)
OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS				
Debt Proceeds		128,000		128,000
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	1,918	9,775	(249)	11,444
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	3,166	89,172	64,841	157,179
FUND CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	<u>\$5,084</u>	<u>\$98,947</u>	<u>64,592</u>	<u>\$168,623</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

VILLAGE OF MORRISTOWN
BELMONT COUNTY

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>
	<u>Enterprise</u>
OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS:	
Charges for Services	\$121,246
Miscellaneous	<u>1,074</u>
Total Operating Cash Receipts	<u>122,320</u>
OPERATING CASH DISBURSEMENTS:	
Personal Services	21,707
Fringe Benefits	1,836
Contractual Services	83,757
Supplies and Materials	<u>3,640</u>
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	<u>110,940</u>
Operating Income/(Loss)	<u>11,380</u>
NON-OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS:	
Special Assessments	42,232
Miscellaneous	<u>2,872</u>
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	<u>45,104</u>
NON-OPERATING CASH DISBURSEMENTS:	
Debt Service:	
Redemption of Principal	<u>(95,512)</u>
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements)	<u>(95,512)</u>
Net Receipts over/(Under) Disbursements	(39,028)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>83,682</u>
FUND CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	<u><u>\$44,654</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

VILLAGE OF MORRISTOWN
BELMONT COUNTY

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	
CASH RECEIPTS:				
Property Taxes and Other Local Taxes	\$6,425	\$6,077		\$12,502
Intergovernmental Receipts	33,032	47,915	\$17,734	98,681
Charges for Services		10,647		10,647
Earnings on Investments	1,635	553		2,188
Miscellaneous		1,947		1,947
	<u>41,092</u>	<u>67,139</u>	<u>17,734</u>	<u>125,965</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property	11,145	25,187		36,332
Public Health Services	300			300
Leisure Time Activities		1,500		1,500
Community Environment	880			880
Transportation	2,904	17,901		20,805
General Government	27,548			27,548
Capital Outlay		20,634	40,199	60,833
Debt Service:				
Principal Payments		7,161		7,161
Interest Payments		22,623		22,623
	<u>42,777</u>	<u>95,006</u>	<u>40,199</u>	<u>177,982</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(1,685)	(27,867)	(22,465)	(52,017)
OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS				
Debt Proceeds		10,000		10,000
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(1,685)	(17,867)	(22,465)	(42,017)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	4,851	107,039	87,306	199,196
FUND CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	<u>\$3,166</u>	<u>\$89,172</u>	<u>64,841</u>	<u>\$157,179</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

VILLAGE OF MORRISTOWN
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COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>
	<u>Enterprise</u>
OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS:	
Charges for Services	\$139,638
Miscellaneous	<u>1,334</u>
Total Operating Cash Receipts	<u>140,972</u>
OPERATING CASH DISBURSEMENTS:	
Personal Services	13,994
Fringe Benefits	997
Contractual Services	70,591
Supplies and Materials	<u>2,218</u>
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	<u>87,800</u>
Operating Income/(Loss)	<u>53,172</u>
NON-OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS:	
Special Assessments	61,740
Miscellaneous	<u>4,002</u>
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	<u>65,742</u>
NON-OPERATING CASH DISBURSEMENTS:	
Debt Service:	
Redemption of Principal	<u>(129,072)</u>
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements)	<u>(129,072)</u>
Net Receipts over/(Under) Disbursements	(10,158)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>93,840</u>
FUND CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	<u><u>\$83,682</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

VILLAGE OF MORRISTOWN
BELMONT COUNTY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

The Village of Morristown, Belmont County, (the Village) is a body of 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 water and sewer utilities, fire protection, and police services.

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. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Investments are included in the fund cash balance. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

Certificates of deposit are valued 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. 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 Funds

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 Fund:

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. FUND ACCOUNTING (continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds (continued)

Fire Fund - This fund receives levy monies to provide fire service through a volunteer fire department.

Fire Truck and Equipment Fund - This fund receives levy monies designated for the purchase of fire trucks and firefighting equipment.

3. Capital Projects Fund

This fund is 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 Capital Projects Fund:

Capital Project - This fund receives grant and loan funds for wastewater plant facilities construction.

4. Enterprise Funds

This funds 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 had the following Enterprise Fund:

Water Fund - This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover the cost of providing this utility.

Sewer Fund - This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover wastewater service costs.

E. 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 office, department or division level of control, and within each the amount appropriated for personal services. 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. BUDGETARY PROCESS (continued)

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated Resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus 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 individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2008 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

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

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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, 2008 and 2007 was as follows:

	2008	2007
Demand deposits	\$200,251	\$229,391
Certificates of deposit	13,026	11,470
Total	\$213,277	\$240,861

Deposits: Deposits are either insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 follows:

Fund Type	2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts		
	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$62,247	\$44,673	(\$17,574)
Special Revenue	301,896	220,016	(81,880)
Enterprise	108,134	167,424	59,290
Total	\$472,277	\$432,113	(\$40,164)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (continued)

<u>2008 Budgeted vs Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures</u>			
<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$53,093	\$42,755	\$10,338
Special Revenue	379,538	210,241	169,297
Capital Projects	64,841	249	64,592
Enterprise	<u>191,965</u>	<u>206,452</u>	<u>(14,487)</u>
Total	<u>\$689,437</u>	<u>\$459,697</u>	<u>\$229,740</u>

<u>2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts</u>			
<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$60,434	\$41,092	(\$19,342)
Special Revenue	101,720	77,139	(24,581)
Capital Projects		17,734	17,734
Enterprise	<u>104,984</u>	<u>206,714</u>	<u>101,730</u>
Total	<u>\$267,138</u>	<u>\$342,679</u>	<u>\$75,541</u>

<u>2007 Budgeted vs Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures</u>			
<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$55,451	\$42,777	\$12,674
Special Revenue	232,774	95,006	137,768
Capital Projects	87,306	40,199	47,107
Enterprise	<u>199,271</u>	<u>216,872</u>	<u>(17,601)</u>
Special Revenue			
Total	<u>\$574,802</u>	<u>\$394,854</u>	<u>\$179,948</u>

Contrary to Ohio law, appropriations exceeded estimated resources in the Special Revenue and Enterprise Fund types during 2007 and the Enterprise Fund type in 2008.

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the 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 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 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2008 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Ohio Public Works Commission - Water Plant Expansion	\$2,760	0.00%
WesBanco Commercial Loan - Water Improvements	50,000	7.00%
Ohio Department of Commerce - Fire Truck	20,000	0.00%
Ohio Water Development Authority - Sewer Construction	617,889	5.54%
General Obligation Bonds - Fire Truck	71,399	4.25%
WesBanco Commercial Loan - Backhoe	21,985	5.08%
Huntington - Line of Credit	19,904	6.00%
Ohio Public Works Commission	9,452	0.00%
Water Construction	37,792	7.00%
Total	<u>\$851,181</u>	

The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) loan relates to a water plant expansion project that was mandated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency regulations. The loan will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$460, over a twenty year period. The loan is collateralized by water receipts.

The commercial loan was issued to finance a water improvement project.

The Ohio Department of Commerce loan relates to the purchase of a new fire truck. The loan will be repaid in quarterly payments of \$1,000 over a fifteen year period. This loan is collateralized solely by the Village's taxing authority.

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loan relates to the planning and construction of a wastewater facility. The OWDA has approved up to \$747,725 in loans to the Village. The loan is collateralized by wastewater rates. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements.

The general obligation bonds were issued to purchase a fire truck with related equipment. The Village's taxing authority collateralizes general obligation bonds.

In 2005, the Village borrowed \$52,164 to purchase a backhoe. The commercial loan will be repaid over sixty months with monthly payments of \$986.

The Village established a line of credit with Huntington National Bank.

The Village borrowed funds for work on the water system.

Amortization of the above debt follows:

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

5. DEBT (Continued)

For the year ending December 31	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2009	\$154,236	\$142,698	\$11,538
2010	79,591	74,389	5,202
2011	67,754	64,236	3,518
2012	66,834	64,492	2,342
2013	55,677	54,580	1,097
2014-2018	203,458	202,898	560
2019-2023	189,727	189,727	
2024-2028	58,162	58,162	
Total	<u>\$875,438</u>	<u>\$851,182</u>	<u>\$24,256</u>

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Village's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contributions rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2008 and 2007, OPERS members contributed 10% and 9.5%, respectively of their wages. The Village contributed an amount equal to 14% (2008) and 13.75% (2007) of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2008.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Village has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Commercial property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions

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

Village of Morristown
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To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Morristown, Belmont County, Ohio, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated November 17, 2009 wherein we note the Village prepared its financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in 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 its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Village's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Village's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

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 internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above. However, we noted other matters that we reported to the Village in a separate letter dated November 17, 2009.

COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance whether the Village of Morristown's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which is shown in the Schedule of Findings as finding 2008-01.

We did note a certain noncompliance that we reported to the Village' management in a separate letter dated November 17, 2009.

We intend this report for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and the Village Council. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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Orrville, Ohio
November 17, 2009

VILLAGE OF MORRISTOWN
BELMONT COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

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

FINDING NUMBER 2008-01

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 requires that total appropriations shall not exceed estimated resources. During 2007, appropriations exceeded total estimated resources in the Special Revenue Fund type.

The Village should monitor appropriations to ensure that these do not exceed estimated resources.

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Estimated Resources</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Special Revenue (2007)	\$232,774	\$208,759	(\$24,015)

Client Response: None



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

VILLAGE OF MORRISTOWN

BELMONT 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
DECEMBER 17, 2009**