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## VILLAGE OF BAIRDSTOWN WOOD COUNTY

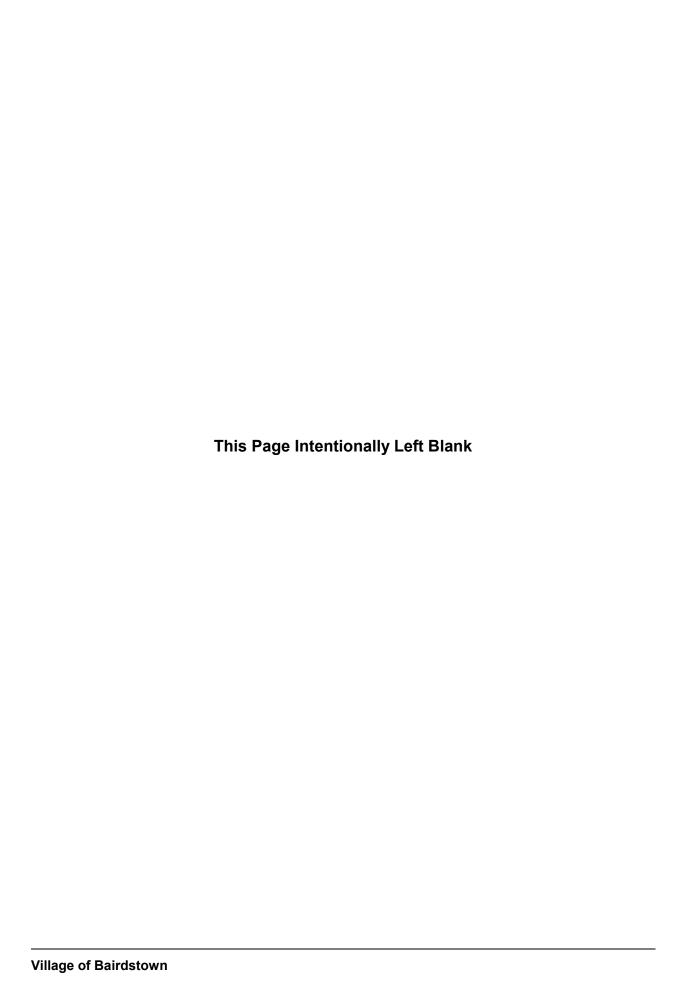
**REGULAR AUDIT** 

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998-1997



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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Village of Bairdstown Wood County 101½ West Main Street North Baltimore, Ohio 45872-9309

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Bairdstown, Wood County, Ohio, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997. 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 audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 audits 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 audits provide 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 of the Village as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, 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 December 21, 1999 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.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, 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

December 21, 1999

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

|  | Governmental Fund Types |   |                     |                                |
|--|-------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|
|  | General                 | Special<br>Revenue                                | Capital<br>Projects | Totals<br>(Memorandum<br>Only) |
| Cash Receipts:   |                         |   |                     |                                |
| Property Tax and Other Local Taxes   | \$1,371                 | \$2,895   |                     | \$4,266                        |
| Special Assessments  | , , -                   | 1,210   | \$1,210             | 2,420                          |
| Intergovernmental Receipts   | 8,662                   | ,   | . ,                 | 8,662                          |
| Charges for Services   | 20                      | 35  | 500                 | 555                            |
| Fines, Licenses, and Permits   | 23,519                  |   |                     | 23,519                         |
| Miscellaneous  | 9,622                   | 1,600   |                     | 11,222                         |
| Total Cash Receipts  | 43,194                  | 5,740   | 1,710               | 50,644                         |
| Cash Disbursements:  |                         |   |                     |                                |
| Current:   | 22 967                  |   |                     | 22.067                         |
| Security of Persons and Property Public Health Services                              | 22,867<br>34            |   |                     | 22,867<br>34                   |
| Leisure Time Activities  | 34                      | 1,330   |                     | 1,330                          |
| Basic Utility Services   | 18                      | 1,330   |                     | 1,330                          |
| Transportation   | 10                      | 2,695   |                     | 2,695                          |
| General Government   | 21,507                  | 2,093   |                     | 21,507                         |
| Capital Outlay   | 21,507                  | 1,713   | 104                 | 1,817                          |
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| Total Cash Disbursements   | 44,426                  | 5,738   | 104_                | 50,268                         |
| Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements  | (1,232)                 | 2   | 1,606               | 376_                           |
| Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):  |                         |   |                     |                                |
| Transfers-In   |                         | 425   |                     | 425                            |
| Transfers-Out  | (425)                   |   |                     | (425)                          |
| Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)                                       | (425)                   | 425   |                     |                                |
| Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements |                         |   |                     |                                |
| and Other Financing Disbursements  | (1,657)                 | 427   | 1,606               | 376                            |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1  | 6,478                   | 3,939   | 5,569               | 15,986                         |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31  | \$4,821                 | \$4,366   | \$7,175             | \$16,362                       |

# STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

|  | Proprietary<br>Fund Type |
|--|--------------------------|
|  | Enterprise               |
| Operating Cash Receipts: Charges for Services Miscellaneous  | \$20,931<br>539          |
| Total Operating Cash Receipts  | 21,470                   |
| Operating Cash Disbursements: Personal Services Contractual Services Supplies and Materials                                    | 4,360<br>9,595<br>692    |
| Total Operating Cash Disbursements   | 14,647                   |
| Operating Income   | 6,823                    |
| Non-Operating Cash Disbursements:  Debt Service Other Non-Operating Cash Disbursements  Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements | 2,670<br>128<br>2,798    |
| Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Interfund Transfers and Advances  | 4,025                    |
| Transfers-In<br>Transfers-Out  | 3,127<br>(3,127)         |
| Net Receipts Over Disbursements  | 4,025                    |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1  | 22,080                   |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31  | \$26,105                 |

## COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

|   | Govern  | Governmental Fund Types |                     |                                |
|---|---------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
|   | General | Special<br>Revenue      | Capital<br>Projects | Totals<br>(Memorandum<br>Only) |
| Cash Receipts:                            |         |                         |                     |                                |
| Property Tax and Other Local Taxes        | \$1,061 |                         |                     | \$1,061                        |
| Special Assessments                       | , ,     | \$1,614                 | \$1,612             | 3,226                          |
| Intergovernmental Receipts                | 7,821   | 1,508                   | 112,965             | 122,294                        |
| Charges for Services                      | 24,656  |                         | 500                 | 25,156                         |
| Fines, Licenses, and Permits              | 7,629   |                         |                     | 7,629                          |
| Miscellaneous                             | ·       | 1,130                   |                     | 1,130                          |
| Total Cash Receipts                       | 41,167  | 4,252                   | 115,077             | 160,496                        |
| Cash Disbursements:                       |         |                         |                     |                                |
| Current:                                  |         |                         |                     |                                |
| Security of Persons and Property          | 2,264   |                         |                     | 2,264                          |
| Public Health Services                    | 33      |                         |                     | 33                             |
| Leisure Time Activities                   |         | 1,927                   |                     | 1,927                          |
| Basic Utility Services                    | 9       |                         |                     | 9                              |
| Transportation                            | 11,690  | 653                     |                     | 12,343                         |
| General Government                        | 26,105  |                         |                     | 26,105                         |
| Capital Outlay                            |         | 1,822                   | 114,722             | 116,544                        |
| Total Cash Disbursements                  | 40,101  | 4,402                   | 114,722             | 159,225                        |
| Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements | 1,066   | (150)                   | 355                 | 1,271                          |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1             | 5,412   | 4,089                   | 5,214               | 14,715                         |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31           | \$6,478 | \$3,939                 | \$5,569             | \$15,986                       |

# STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

|   | Proprietary<br>Fund Type |
|---|--------------------------|
|   | Enterprise               |
| Operating Cash Receipts: Charges for Services Miscellaneous   | \$19,576<br>3,519        |
| Total Operating Cash Receipts   | 23,095                   |
| Operating Cash Disbursements: Personal Services Contractual Services Supplies and Materials                                   | 3,441<br>11,462<br>1,972 |
| Total Operating Cash Disbursements  | 16,875                   |
| Operating Income  | 6,220                    |
| Non-Operating Cash Disbursements: Debt Service Other Non-Operating Cash Disbursements  Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements | 2,700<br>322<br>3,022    |
| Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Interfund Transfers and Advances   | 3,198                    |
| Transfers-In<br>Transfers-Out   | 3,176<br>(3,176)         |
| Net Receipts Over Disbursements   | 3,198                    |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1   | 18,882                   |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31   | \$22,080                 |

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Description of the Entity

The Village of Bairdstown, Wood 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 governmental services, including water utility, park operations (leisure time activities) 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. 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:

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

<u>Street Light Operating Fund</u> - This fund receives special assessment tax money for the maintenance and operation of Village lights.

<u>Parks and Recreation Fund</u> - This fund receives donations, gifts and grant money, to provide leisure time activity to its residents.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### C. Fund Accounting (Continued)

#### 3. Capital Project Funds

Sewer Improvement Fund - This fund receives special assessment tax money for the construction, improvement, and maintenance of Village of sewer lines.

<u>Issue II Fund</u> - This fund receives Issue II monies from the Ohio Public Works Commission, which is used for the Sanitary Sewer project.

#### 4. Enterprise Funds

These funds account 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 significant Enterprise Funds:

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

#### D. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund 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.

#### 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 commitments are made. The Village did not properly utilize the encumbrance method of accounting for the fiscal years ending December 31, 1998 and 1997.

A summary of 1998 and 1997 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 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 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 was as follows:

|                 | <u> 1998</u> | 1997     |
|-----------------|--------------|----------|
| Demand deposits | \$42,467     | \$38,066 |

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

#### 3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 1998 and 1997 follows:

1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

| Fund Type       |       | Budgeted<br>Receipts | Actual<br>Receipts | Variance |
|-----------------|-------|----------------------|--------------------|----------|
| General         |       | \$33,215             | \$43,194           | \$9,979  |
| Special Revenue |       | 3,989                | 6,165              | 2,176    |
| Capital Project |       | 1,754                | 1,710              | (44)     |
| Enterprise      |       | 32,730               | 24,597             | (8,133)  |
|                 | Total | \$71,688             | \$75,666           | \$3,978  |

1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

| Fund Type       |       | Appropriation Authority | Budgetary<br>Expenditures | Variance |
|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| General         |       | \$44,692                | \$44,851                  | (\$159)  |
| Special Revenue |       | 7,927                   | 5,738                     | 2,189    |
| Capital Project |       | 7,027                   | 104                       | 6,923    |
| Enterprise      |       | 39,763                  | 20,572                    | 19,191   |
|                 | Total | \$99,409                | \$71,265                  | \$28,144 |

#### 3. **BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)**

1997 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

| Fund Type  |       | Budgeted<br>Receipts                 | Actual<br>Receipts                     | Variance                             |
|--|-------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| General<br>Special Revenue<br>Capital Projects<br>Enterprise |       | \$40,036<br>4,407<br>1,749<br>22,080 | \$41,167<br>4,252<br>115,077<br>26,271 | \$1,131<br>(155)<br>113,328<br>4,191 |
|  | Total | \$68,272                             | \$186,767                              | \$118,495                            |

1997 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

| Fund Type        |       | Appropriation<br>Authority | Budgetary<br>Expenditures | Variance   |
|------------------|-------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| General          |       | \$51,437                   | \$40,101                  | \$11,336   |
| Special Revenue  |       | 7,643                      | 4,402                     | 3,241      |
| Capital Projects |       | 6,900                      | 114,722                   | (107,822)  |
| Enterprise       |       | 36,366                     | 23,073                    | 13,293     |
|                  | Total | \$102,346                  | \$182,298                 | (\$79,952) |

The negative variance in the Capital Projects Fund Type is due to Issue II activity which was not budgeted.

General Fund appropriations exceeded estimated resources in the amount of \$4,999 during fiscal year 1998 and \$5,989 during fiscal year 1997.

#### 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.

#### 5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 1998 was as follows:

|   |       | Principal         | Interest<br>Rate |
|---|-------|-------------------|------------------|
| Mortgage Revenue Bonds<br>Business Loan |       | \$40,800<br>3,682 | 5%<br>8.50%      |
|   | Total | \$44,482          |                  |

The Mortgage Revenue Bonds relate to water and sewer lines that were constructed in order to provide water and sewer services to Village residents. The loan will be repaid in annual installments, as set forth on the face of the bond certificate, including interest, over 31 years.

The Business Loan relates to purchase of new police car. The loan is being repaid in monthly installments in accordance with the loan agreement.

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

| Year ending December 31: | Business<br>Loan | Mortgage<br>Revenue<br>Bonds |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 1999                     | \$2,768          | \$2,740                      |
| 2000                     | 3,922            | 2,705                        |
| 2001                     |                  | 2,670                        |
| 2002                     |                  | 2,735                        |
| 2003                     |                  | 2,695                        |
| Subsequent               |                  | 64,500                       |
| Total                    | \$6,690          | \$78,045                     |
|                          |                  |                              |

#### 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Village's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. This plan provide retirement benefits, including post retirement 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. PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Village contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 1998.

#### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Village is a member of the Ohio Municipal League Joint Self Insurance Pool (the Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Village's policy. The Pool may assess supplemental premiums. The following risks are covered by the Pool:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Vehicle.

#### 8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

During fiscal year 1999, the Village Council passed resolutions to dissolve the Village's Police Department. Historically, revenues generated by the Police Department in the form of fines, licences, and permits have accounted for approximately 50% of the General Fund total revenues.

#### 9. YEAR 2000 ISSUE

The year 2000 issue is the result of shortcomings in many electronic data processing systems and other electronic equipment that may adversely affect the government's operations as early as fiscal year 1999.

- Property tax collection for the Village is handled by the Wood County Auditor. The County is responsible for remediating this system, and is solely responsible for any costs associated with this project.
- The Village receives significant revenues from the State of Ohio in the form of various tax payments. The State is responsible for remediating their systems, and is solely responsible for any costs associated with this project.

Because of the unprecedented nature of the Year 2000 issue, its effects and the success of related remediation efforts will not be fully determinable until the year 2000 and thereafter. Management cannot assure that the Village is or will be Year 2000 ready, that the Village's remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with whom the Village does business will be year 2000 ready.



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

Village of Bairdstown Wood County 101½ West Main Street North Baltimore, Ohio 45872-9309

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Bairdstown, Wood County, Ohio, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, and have issued our report thereon dated December 21, 1999. We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 audits 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 1998-30187-001, 1998-30187-002, and 1998-30187-003. We also noted a certain immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated December 21, 1999.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered 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 a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated December 21, 1999.

Village of Bairdstown Wood County Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

This report is intended for the information and use of management and 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

December 21, 1999

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997

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

#### **FINDING NUMBER 1998-30187-001**

#### **Noncompliance Citation**

Ohio Revised Code § 5705.09(F) requires the establishment of a special fund for each class of revenues, derived from a source other than general property tax, which the law requires to be used for a particular purpose.

During fiscal year 1997, the Village received a grant for State Issue II monies in the amount of \$112,845. This activity was not recorded in the village books of entry. The financial statements have been adjusted to present the State Issue II activity in the Capital Projects Fund Type.

We recommend that all State Issue II activity be recorded on the Village books of entry. Further, we also recommend the Village officials review Auditor of State Audit Bulletin 97-012 for additional guidance on the recording of State grants or loans.

#### **FINDING NUMBER 1998-30187-002**

Ohio Revised Code § 5705.39 states that the total appropriations from each fund should not exceed the total estimated revenue. No appropriation measure is to become effective until the county auditor files a certificate that the total appropriations from each fund do not exceed the total official estimate or amended official estimate.

General Fund appropriations exceeded estimated resources in the amount of \$4,999 during fiscal year 1998 and \$5,989 during fiscal year 1997. Continuation of appropriating in excess of total estimated resources could result in negative fund balances.

We recommend the Village not approve appropriations which exceed the total estimated revenue.

#### **FINDING NUMBER 1998-30187-003**

Ohio Revised Code § 5705.41(D) states no subdivision shall make any contract or order any expenditure of money unless the certificate of the fiscal officer is attached. The fiscal officer must certify that the amount required to meet such a commitment has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrance.

This section also provides two exceptions to the above requirements:

A. If no certificate is furnished as required, upon receipt of the fiscal officer's certificate that a sufficient sum was appropriated and free of any previous encumbrances, the Village may authorize the issuance of a warrant in payment of the amount due upon such contract or order by resolution within 30 days from the receipt of such certificate (a then and now certificate), if such expenditure is otherwise valid.

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## FINDING NUMBER 1998-30187-003 (Continued)

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 Village.

Sixty-three percent of the transactions tested did not contain prior certification by the Village Clerk and were not certified until the time of payment. We recommend, where possible, the Village certify the availability of funds prior to expenditures being made. Where prior certification is not feasible, we encourage the Village to utilize then and now certificates or blanket certificates.



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# VILAGE OF BAIRDSTOWN WOOD 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
JANUARY 13, 2000