REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999-1998



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VILLAGE OF HARROD

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Village of Harrod Allen County P.O. Box 129 Harrod, Ohio 45850

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Harrod, Allen County, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998. 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 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 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 of the Village as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, 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 18, 2000, 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.

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

May 18, 2000

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

	Governmental	T - 4 - 1 -	
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Property Tax and Other Local Taxes	\$20,928	\$0	\$20,928
Intergovernmental Receipts	46,654	25,394	72,048
Charges for Services	0	510	510
Fines, Licenses, and Permits	70	0	70
Earnings on Investments	4,060	1,622	5,682
Miscellaneous	636	23	659
Total Cash Receipts	72,348	27,549	99,897
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property	8,931	0	8,931
Public Health Services	751	0	751
Leisure Time Activities	582	0	582
Community Environment	0	800	800
Basic Utility Services	336	0	336
Transportation	9,041	15,248	24,289
General Government	18,712	0	18,712
Capital Outlay	1,048	0	1,048
Total Disbursements	39,401	16,048	55,449
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	32,947	11,501	44,448
Fund Cash Balances January 1	48,239	42,614	90,853
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$81,186	\$54,115	\$135,301

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

	Proprietary Fund Types
	Enterprise
Operating Cash Receipts: Charges for Services	\$60,329_
Total Operating Cash Receipts	60,329
Operating Cash Disbursements: Personal Services Fringe Benefits Contractual Services Supplies and Materials Miscellaneous Capital Outlay Total Operating Cash Disbursements Operating Income/(Loss)	8,786 1,565 25,381 2,016 225 2,358 40,331 19,998
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	19,998
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	18,421
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$38,419

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

	Governmenta			
	General	Totals (Memorandum Only)		
Cash Bassinta				
Cash Receipts: Property Tax and Other Local Taxes Intergovernmental Receipts Fines, Licenses, and Permits Earnings on Investments	\$18,468 33,027 65 12,452	\$0 26,291 0 776	\$18,468 59,318 65 13,228	
Miscellaneous	2,143	0	2,143	
Miscellaneous	2,140	0	2,140_	
Total Cash Receipts	66,155	27,067	93,222	
Cash Disbursements: Current:				
Security of Persons and Property	8,543	0	8,543	
Public Health Services	708	0	708	
Leisure Time Activities	1,986	0	1,986	
Community Environment	0	3,500	3,500	
Basic Utility Services	491	0	491	
Transportation	7,457	11,997	19,454	
General Government	19,984	537	20,521	
Capital Outlay	3,007	0	3,007	
Total Disbursements	42,176	16,034	58,210	
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	23,979	11,033	35,012	
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):				
Transfers-Out	(3,259)	0	(3,259)	
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(3,259)	0	(3,259)	
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	20,720	11,033	31,753	
Fund Cash Balances January 1	27,519	31,581	59,100	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$48,239	\$42,614	\$90,853	

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

	Proprietary Fund Types
	Enterprise
Operating Cash Receipts: Charges for Services	\$60,331
Total Operating Cash Receipts	60,331
Operating Cash Disbursements: Personal Services Fringe Benefits Contractual Services Supplies and Materials Capital Outlay Miscellaneous	9,382 2,393 37,999 2,475 8,699 450 61,398
Total Operating Cash Disbursements Operating Income/(Loss)	(1,067)
Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Other Non-Operating Receipts Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	<u> </u>
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements: Debt Service	(254,479)
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	(254,479)
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements Before Interfund Transfers	(254,196)
Transfers-In Transfers-Out	254,479 (251,220)
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(250,937)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	269,358
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$18,421

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Village of Harrod, Allen 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 and sewer utilities, 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 Fund:

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

3. 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:

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

Sewer Debt Service Fund - The debt service fund is used to make payments on sewer debt.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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. Appropriations lapse at year end.

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. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 1999 and 1998 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 at December 31 was as follows:

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Demand deposits	\$ 173,720	\$ 109,274

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998 (Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 1999 and 1998 follows:

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts								
Fund Type		Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts		Variance			
General Special Revenue Enterprise		\$	32,864 20,800 65,000	\$	72,348 27,549 60,329	\$	39,484 6,749 (4,671)	
	Total	\$	118,664	\$	160,226	\$	41,562	

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type		Appropriation Authority		Budgetary Expenditures		Variance	
General Special Revenue Enterprise		\$	81,773 63,414 82,071	\$	39,401 16,048 40,331	\$	42,372 47,366 41,740
	Total	\$	227,258	\$	95,780	\$	131,478

1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts Budgeted Actual Receipts Fund Type Receipts Variance General \$ 31,940 \$ 66,155 \$ 34,215 Special Revenue 23,157 27,067 3,910 Enterprise 341,308 316,160 (25,148) Total \$ 396,405 \$ 409,382 \$ 12,977

1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type		Appropriation Authority		Budgetary Expenditures		Variance	
General Special Revenue Enterprise		\$	59,413 51,581 609,316	\$	45,435 16,034 567,097	\$	13,978 35,547 42,219
	Total	\$	720,310	\$	628,566	\$	91,744

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998 (Continued)

4. **PROPERTY TAX** (Continued)

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.

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.

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Village officials and employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS 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.

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, 1999.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Village has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Vehicles
- Wrongful Acts
- Law Enforcement
- Inland Marine

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

7. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, based on prior experience, management believes such refunds, if any, would not be material.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Village Council contracted with a council member's son for several projects throughout the year. The Village paid \$12,987 in 1998 and \$7,824 in 1999 to the contractor.



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

Village of Harrod Allen County P.O. Box 129 Harrod, Ohio 45850

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Harrod, Allen County, (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated May 18, 2000. We conducted our audit 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 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*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated May 18, 2000.

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 that might be material 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 18, 2000.

Village of Harrod Allen 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 the management and Village Council, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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JIM PETRO Auditor of State

May 18, 2000



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ALLEN COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED JULY 25, 2000