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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Village of Convoy Van Wert County 201 Franklin Street PO Box 255 Convoy, OH 45832

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Convoy (the Village), Van Wert County, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002. 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 as of December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, 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 February 17, 2004 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.

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Village of Convoy Van Wert County Independent Accountants' Report Page 2

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This report is intended solely for the information and use 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.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

February 17, 2004

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

Governmental Fund Types		
General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
\$183.387	\$24.318	\$207,705
		97,183
	,	43,719
680		680
	111	3,941
4,273	4,904	9,177
291,252	71,153	362,405
105 500	18 //00	123,999
	10,409	5,747
•		1,674
· ·		845
	13.632	51,848
	.0,00=	82,874
34,513	3,000	37,513
269,459	35,041	304,500
21,793	36,112	57,905
(208)		(208)
21,585	36,112	57,697
467,963	136,557	604,520
\$489,548	\$172,669	\$662,217
	\$183,387 55,363 43,719 680 3,830 4,273 291,252 105,590 5,747 1,674 845 38,216 82,874 34,513 269,459 21,793 (208)	General Special Revenue \$183,387 \$24,318 55,363 41,820 43,719 680 3,830 111 4,273 4,904 291,252 71,153 105,590 18,409 5,747 1,674 845 38,216 13,632 82,874 34,513 3,000 269,459 35,041 21,793 36,112 (208) 21,585 36,112 467,963 136,557

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

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Proprietary Fund Type
	Enterprise
Operating Cash Receipts: Charges for Services	\$193,491
Operating Cash Disbursements: Personal Services Fringe Benefits Contractual Services Supplies and Materials Other operating cash disbursements Capital Outlay Total Operating Cash Disbursements	67,600 19,657 25,682 49,985 2,800 15,873
Operating Income	11,894
Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Sale of Fixed Assets Other Non-Operating Receipts Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	15,505 4,606 20,111
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements: Debt Service	40,211
Total Receipts (Under) Total Disbursements Before Interfund Transfers	(8,206)
Transfers-In	208
Net Receipts (Under) Disbursements	(7,998)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	251,805
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$243,807

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

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Property Tax and Other Local Taxes	\$173,043	\$23,482		\$196,525
Intergovernmental Receipts	69,355	48,471	205,951	323,777
Charges for Services	41,278	-,	,	41,278
Fines, Licenses, and Permits	645			645
Earnings on Investments	16,683	744		17,427
Miscellaneous	6,242	17,791		24,033
Total Cash Receipts	307,246	90,488	205,951	603,685
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property	87,442	19,425		106,867
Public Health Services	6,000			6,000
Community Environment	1,562			1,562
Basic Utility Services	1,200			1,200
Transportation	34,838	12,107		46,945
General Government	69,857			69,857
Capital Outlay	45,728	74,742	290,269	410,739
Total Cash Disbursements	246,627	106,274	290,269	643,170
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	60,619	(15,786)	(84,318)	(39,485)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):				
Sale of Bonds or Notes			84,318	84,318
Transfers-In		558		558
Transfers-Out	(1,546)			(1,546)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(1,546)	558	84,318	83,330
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements				
and Other Financing Disbursements	59,072	(15,228)		43,845
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	408,891	151,785	0	560,676
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$467,963	\$136,557	\$0	\$604,521

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

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	Proprietary Fund Type
	Enterprise
Operating Cash Receipts:	
Charges for Services	\$202,754
Miscellaneous	5,412
Total Operating Cash Receipts	208,166
Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Personal Services Fringe Benefits	59,599 15,868
Contractual Services	44,118
Supplies and Materials	48,250
Other operating cash disbursements	1,740
Capital Outlay	55,982
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	225,557
Operating (Loss)	(17,391)
Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Special Assessments	4,384
Special Assessments	4,304
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Debt Service	38,103
Total Receipts (Under) Total Disbursements	
Before Interfund Transfers	(51,110)
Transfers-In	144,045
Transfers-Out	(143,057)
Net Receipts (Under) Disbursements	(50,122)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	301,927
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$251,805
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$266
The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Village of Convoy (the Village), Van Wert County, 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 water and sewer utilities, fire services, 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 fund cash balances. 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 and repurchase agreements 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 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.

EMS Memorial Fund -This fund receives donations from citizens and organizations for the purchase of fire and/or EMS equipment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. 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:

Tully Street Project (2002 only) - This fund received Issue II monies for the payment of construction costs associated with the Tully Street project.

Sludge Press Project (2002 only) - This fund received monies from the sale of a note for the payment of construction costs associated with the Sludge Press 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:

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 the cost of providing this utility.

Ohio Water Development Authority Fund - This fund receives loan proceeds from the Ohio Water Development Authority to finance a utility plant expansion. This loan will be repaid from a utility surcharge, also accounted for in this fund.

E. 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 canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2003 and 2002 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. 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 and investments 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:

	2003	2002
Demand deposits	\$16,751	\$34,594
Certificates of deposit	590,886	488,485
Total deposits	607,637	523,079
Repurchase agreement	298,387	333,247
Total deposits and investments	\$906,024	\$856,326

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

Investments: The Village has a repurchase/security agreement with US Bank. This agreement allows the financial institution to invest excess funds in a repurchase agreement account. The Village's agent holds securities collateralizing repurchase agreements. The securities are not in the Village's name.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002 follows:

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

2003 Budgeted Vs. Actual Neceipts				
	Budgeted	Actual		
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance	
General	\$298,436	\$291,252	(\$7,184)	
Special Revenue	71,649	71,153	(496)	
Enterprise	213,000	213,810	810	
Total	\$583,085	\$576,215	(\$6,870)	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$422,000	\$269,667	\$152,333
Special Revenue	105,700	35,041	70,659
Enterprise	337,400	221,808	115,592
Total	\$865,100	\$526,516	\$338,584

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$294,332	\$307,246	\$12,914
Special Revenue	79,075	91,046	11,971
Capital Projects	286,551	290,269	3,718
Enterprise	348,123	356,595	8,472
Total	\$1,008,081	\$1,045,156	\$37,075

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Tune	Appropriation	Budgetary	Variance
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$400,000	\$248,173	\$151,827
Special Revenue	139,400	106,274	33,126
Capital Projects	286,551	290,269	(3,718)
Enterprise	589,957	406,983	182,974
Total	\$1,415,908	\$1,051,699	\$364,209

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.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

5. LOCAL INCOME TAX

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

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

6. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2003 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Ohio Water Development Authority Loan	\$241,530	7.65%
Ohio Public Works Commission Loan	82,210	0.00%
Total	\$323,740	

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loan relates to a water and sewer plant update project. The loans will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$19,051, including interest, over 25 years beginning in 1988. The loan is collateralized by sewer receipts. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements.

The Ohio Public Works Commission loan relates to the sludge press project. The loans will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$2,107.95, over 20 years beginning in 2004. The loan is collateralized by sewer receipts. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements.

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

	OWDA Loan	OPWC Loan
Year ending December 31:	_	
2004	\$38,103	\$4,216
2005	38,103	4,216
2006	38,103	4,216
2007	38,103	4,216
2008	38,103	4,216
2009– 2013	152,412	20,377
2014 - 2018	0	20,377
2019 - 2023	0	20,376
Total	\$342,927	\$82,210

7. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Village's 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

7. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2003 and 2002, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their wages. The Village contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2003. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2003.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Village belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the "Plan"), an unincorporated non-profit association with over 600 governmental entity members providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services.

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

The Plan uses conventional insurance coverages and reinsures these coverages 100%, rather than using a risk pool of member funds to pay individual and collective losses. Therefore, the individual members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts which vary from member to member.

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



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

Village of Convoy Van Wert County 201 Franklin Street PO Box 255 Convoy, OH 45832

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Convoy (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated February 17, 2004. 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, and contracts, 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 an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2003-001. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated February 17, 2004.

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 February 17, 2004.

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Village of Convoy Van Wert County Independent Accountants' Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

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Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

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February 17, 2004

VILLAGE OF CONVOY MERCER COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

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

FINDING NUMBER 2003-001

Finding For Recovery - Repaid Under Audit

The Village and the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) paid for services rendered by Shinn Brothers, Inc in the amount of \$122,200, however the contract totaled \$122,000, resulting in an overpayment to Shinn Brothers, Inc. of \$200.

In accordance with the foregoing facts, and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 117.28, a Finding for Recovery for public money illegally expended is hereby issued against Shinn Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$200 and in favor of the Village of Convoy Sewer Replacement Fund (\$62) and the OPWC (\$138).

This amount was repaid by Shinn Brothers, Inc. on February 12, 2004 per receipt number 42-2004.





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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 MARCH 25, 2004