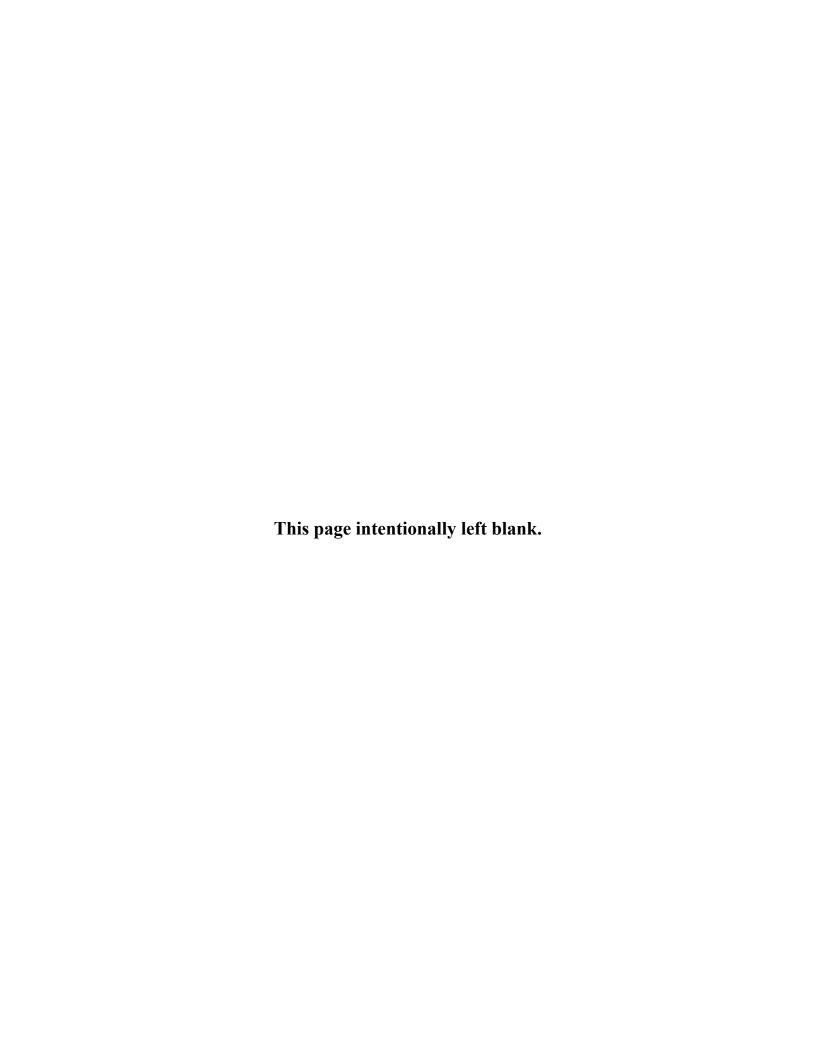




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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Village of Gilboa Putnam County 206 Main Street, P.O. Box 172 Ottawa, Ohio 45875-0172

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Gilboa, Putnam County, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 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.

The Village's financial transactions were processed using the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to conduct the audit of the Village because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and as requested, operates UAN. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code §117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code §§ 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to Audit Ohio Governments.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Village of Gilboa Putnam County Independent Accountants' Report Page 2

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, 2003 and 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 May 28, 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.

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

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May 28, 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)	
Cash Receipts							
Property Tax and Other Local Taxes Intergovernmental Receipts Fines, Licenses, and Permits	\$	7,210 41,222 385	\$	1,281 7,512	\$	8,491 48,734 385	
Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous		2,951 514		261 25		3,212 539	
Total Cash Receipts		52,282		9,079		61,361	
Cash Disbursements Current:							
Security of Persons and Property		12,589		900		13,489	
Leisure Time Activities		3,861				3,861	
Community Environment		284				284	
Basic Utility Services		6,561		5 00 6		6,561	
Transportation General Government		20.617		5,996		5,996	
Capital Outlay		20,617 4,042				20,617 4,042	
Capital Outlay		4,042				4,042	
Total Cash Disbursements		47,954		6,896		54,850	
Total Receipts Over Disbursements		4,328		2,183		6,511	
Other Financing Receipts							
Sale of Fixed Assets		100				100	
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over Cash Disbursements		4,428		2,183		6,611	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		126,020		55,910		181,930	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	130,448	\$	58,093	\$	188,541	

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

	Government			
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Cash Receipts Property Tax and Other Local Taxes Intergovernmental Receipts Fines, Licenses, and Permits Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	\$ 8,238 38,956 110 4,967 799	\$ 1,263 7,521 627	\$ 9,501 46,477 110 5,594 799	
Total Cash Receipts	53,070	9,411	62,481	
Cash Disbursements Current: Security of Persons and Property Leisure Time Activities Community Environment Basic Utility Services Transportation General Government Capital Outlay	11,941 2,520 50 5,978 19,141 1,625	3,302	13,204 2,520 50 5,978 3,302 19,141 1,625	
Total Cash Disbursements	41,255	4,565	45,820	
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	11,815	4,846	16,661	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	114,205	51,064	165,269	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 126,020	\$ 55,910	\$ 181,930	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Village of Gilboa, Putnam 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, park operations (leisure time and activities) and police services. The Village appropriates general fund money to support a volunteer fire department.

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 reported as assets. 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:

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

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:

<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.

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.

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

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

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	\$ 27,112	\$	23,355	
Certificates of deposit	 161,429		158,575	
Total deposits and investments	\$ 188,541	\$	181,930	

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.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

2000 2000 100000 100000 100000 100000									
B	Budgeted		Actual						
R	Receipts		eceipts	Variance					
\$	58,054	\$	52,382	\$	(5,672)				
	5,037		9,079		4,042				
\$	63,091	\$	61,461	\$	(1,630)				
	В	Budgeted Receipts \$ 58,054 5,037	Budgeted Receipts R \$ 58,054 \$ 5,037	Budgeted Actual Receipts Receipts \$ 58,054 \$ 52,382 5,037 9,079	Budgeted Actual Receipts Receipts V \$ 58,054 \$ 52,382 \$ 5,037 9,079 *				

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

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation		Budgetary				
Fund Type	Authority		Exp	enditures	Variance		
General	\$	183,074	\$	47,954	\$	135,120	
Special Revenue		58,035		6,896		51,139	
Total	\$	241,109	\$	54,850	\$	186,259	

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

				1			
	В	Budgeted		Actual			
Fund Type	R	Receipts		Leceipts	Variance		
General	\$	54,492	\$	53,070	\$	(1,422)	
Special Revenue		6,989		9,411		2,422	
Total	\$	61,481	\$	62,481	\$	1,000	

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

App	Appropriation		Budgetary			
A	Authority		Expenditures		Variance	
\$	168,696	\$	41,255	\$	127,441	
	54,709		4,565		50,144	
\$	223,405	\$	45,820	\$	177,585	
		Authority \$ 168,696 54,709	Authority Exp \$ 168,696 \$ 54,709	Authority Expenditures \$ 168,696 \$ 41,255 54,709 4,565	Authority Expenditures V \$ 168,696 \$ 41,255 \$ 54,709 4,565	

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 payments, 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.

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

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

The Village's employees and some officials 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.

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

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Village has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

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

Village of Gilboa Putnam County 206 Main Street, P.O. Box 172 Ottawa, Ohio 45875-0172

To the Village Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the Village of Gilboa, Putnam County, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated May 28, 2004 wherein we noted that the Village's financial transactions were processed using the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to conduct the audit of the Village because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed 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 28, 2004.

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Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated May 28, 2004.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and Village Council, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

Betty Montgomery

May 28, 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 JUNE 29, 2004