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Village of Bloomville Seneca County 10 Beeghly Avenue Bloomville, Ohio 44818-9221

To the Village Council:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

May 2, 2011

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Village of Bloomville Seneca County 10 Beeghly Avenue Bloomville, Ohio 44818-9221

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Bloomville, Seneca County, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Village has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Village's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Village does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require villages to reformat their statements. The Village has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the

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second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Village as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, or its changes in financial position or cash flows, where applicable for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of the Village of Bloomville, Seneca County, as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The Village has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 2, 2011, on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

May 2, 2011

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

| | Governmental Fund Types | | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
| Cash Receipts: | | | |
| Property and Local Taxes | \$34,368 | \$12,212 | \$46,580 |
| Intergovernmental | 95,095 | 42,526 | 137,621 |
| Charges for Services | 105 | | 105 |
| Fines, Licenses and Permits | 19,378 | 340 | 19,718 |
| Earnings on Investments | 9,927 | 183 | 10,110 |
| Miscellaneous | 11,618 | 173 | 11,791 |
| Total Cash Receipts | 170,491 | 55,434 | 225,925 |
| Cash Disbursements: | | | |
| Current: | | | |
| Security of Persons and Property | | 56,291 | 56,291 |
| Public Health Services | 11,014 | | 11,014 |
| Leisure Time Activities | 1,634 | | 1,634 |
| Basic Utility Service | 7,881 | | 7,881 |
| Transportation | 24,975 | 19,629 | 44,604 |
| General Government | 43,842 | | 43,842 |
| Capital Outlay | | 41,586 | 41,586 |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 89,346 | 117,506 | 206,852 |
| Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements | 81,145 | (62,072) | 19,073 |
| Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements): | | | |
| Transfers-In | | 45,263 | 45,263 |
| Transfers-Out | (51,000) | (263) | (51,263) |
| Total Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements) | (51,000) | 45,000 | (6,000) |
| Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing | | | |
| Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements | | | |
| and Other Financing Disbursements | 30,145 | (17,072) | 13,073 |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | 149,343 | 120,738 | 270,081 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | \$179,488 | \$103,666 | \$283,154 |
| Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31 | \$1,313 | \$542 | \$1,855 |

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

| <u>-</u> | Proprietary Fund Type |
|---|--------------------------|
| | Enterprise |
| Operating Cash Receipts: | |
| Charges for Services | \$240,423 |
| Operating Cash Disbursements: | |
| Personal Services | 91,570 |
| Contractual Services | 44,783 |
| Supplies and Materials | 26,383 |
| Total Operating Cash Disbursements | 162,736 |
| Operating Income | 77,687 |
| Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Miscellaneous Receipts | 2,631 |
| Non-Operating Cash Disbursements: | |
| Capital Outlay | 233 |
| Redemption of Principal | 73,044 |
| Other Non-Operating Cash Disbursements | 1,720 |
| Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements | 74,997 |
| Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements | |
| Before Interfund Transfers | 5,321 |
| Transfers-In | 6,000 |
| Net Receipts Over Disbursements | 11,321 |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | 562,932 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | \$574,253 |
| Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31 | \$2,101 |

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

| | Governmental Fund Types | | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
| Cash Receipts: | | | |
| Property and Local Taxes | \$24,227 | \$10,598 | \$34,825 |
| Intergovernmental | 75,201 | 38,694 | 113,895 |
| Fines, Licenses and Permits | 7,704 | 110 | 7,814 |
| Earnings on Investments | 19,453 | 967 | 20,420 |
| Miscellaneous | 19,064 | | 19,064 |
| Total Cash Receipts | 145,649 | 50,369 | 196,018 |
| Cash Disbursements: | | | |
| Current: | | | |
| Security of Persons and Property | 10,000 | 47,990 | 57,990 |
| Public Health Services | 1,892 | | 1,892 |
| Leisure Time Activities | 1,245 | | 1,245 |
| Basic Utility Service | 7,623 | | 7,623 |
| Transportation | 27,412 | 19,007 | 46,419 |
| General Government | 52,345 | | 52,345 |
| Capital Outlay | 19,034 | | 19,034 |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 119,551 | 66,997 | 186,548 |
| Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements | 26,098 | (16,628) | 9,470 |
| Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements): | | | |
| Transfers-In | | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| Transfers-Out | (38,000) | | (38,000) |
| Total Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements) | (38,000) | 35,000 | (3,000) |
| Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements | | | |
| and Other Financing Disbursements | (11,902) | 18,372 | 6,470 |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | 161,245 | 102,366 | 263,611 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | \$149,343 | \$120,738 | \$270,081 |
| Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31 | \$1,118 | \$685 | \$1,803 |

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

| | Proprietary Fund Type |
|---|--------------------------|
| | Enterprise |
| Operating Cash Receipts: | |
| Charges for Services | \$231,124 |
| Miscellaneous | 920 |
| Total Operating Cash Receipts | 232,044 |
| Operating Cash Disbursements: | |
| Personal Services | 91,688 |
| Contractual Services | 46,526 |
| Supplies and Materials | 19,371 |
| Total Operating Cash Disbursements | 157,585 |
| Operating Income | 74,459 |
| Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Miscellaneous Receipts | 47,324 |
| Non-Operating Cash Disbursements: Capital Outlay Redemption of Principal Other Non-Operating Cash Disbursements | 20,326 73,044 |
| Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements | 95,360 |
| Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Interfund Transfers | 26,423 |
| Transfers-In | 3,000 |
| Net Receipts Over Disbursements | 29,423 |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | 533,509 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | \$562,932 |
| Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31 | \$1,185 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Village of Bloomville, Seneca County, (the Village) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected six-member Council directs the Village. The Village provides water and sewer utilities, park operations, and police services

The Village's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Village is financially accountable.

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Village recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements 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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Deposits and Investments

The Village's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The Village values certificates of deposit at cost. STAR Ohio is recorded at share values reported by the State Treasurer.

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 reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from private-purpose trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Village had the following significant special revenue funds:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 (Continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

<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>Police Fund</u> – This fund receives property tax for law enforcement services for the Village.

3. Enterprise Funds

These funds account for operations that are similar to private business enterprises, where management intends to recover the significant costs of providing certain goods or services 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 water service costs.

<u>Sewer Fund</u> - This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover sewer service costs.

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> - This fund receives charges for services from residents to retire debt for the waste water plant expansion. A utility surcharge recorded in this fund will repay this loan.

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 Village Council must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Village to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated. The Village did not encumber all commitments required by Ohio law.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 (Continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

A summary of 2010 and 2009 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The Village records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

2. Equity in Pooled Deposits and Investments

The Village maintains a deposit and investments pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits and investments at December 31 was as follows:

| | 2010 | 2009 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Cash on Hand | \$200 | \$200 |
| Demand deposits | 360,623 | 229,149 |
| Certificates of deposit | 335,920 | 443,173 |
| Total deposits | 696,743 | 672,522 |
| STAR Ohio | 160,664 | 160,491 |
| Total deposits and investments | \$857,407 | \$833,013 |

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Village.

Investments: Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2010 and 2009 follows:

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

| 2010 Baagetea vo. Notaal Neocipto | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | Budgeted | Actual | _ |
| Fund Type | Receipts | Receipts | Variance |
| General | \$144,200 | \$170,491 | \$26,291 |
| Special Revenue | 104,335 | 100,697 | (3,638) |
| Enterprise | 246,736 | 249,054 | 2,318 |
| Total | \$495,271 | \$520,242 | \$24,971 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 (Continued)

3. Budgetary Activity (Continued)

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

| | Appropriation | Budgetary | |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| Fund Type | Authority | Expenditures | Variance |
| General | \$195,883 | \$141,659 | \$54,224 |
| Special Revenue | 154,235 | 118,311 | 35,924 |
| Enterprise | 391,591 | 239,834 | 151,757 |
| Total | \$741,709 | \$499,804 | \$241,905 |

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

| | Budgeted | Actual | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Fund Type | Receipts | Receipts | Variance |
| General | \$158,360 | \$145,649 | (\$12,711) |
| Special Revenue | 113,610 | 85,369 | (28,241) |
| Enterprise | 258,141 | 282,368 | 24,227 |
| Total | \$530,111 | \$513,386 | (\$16,725) |

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

| | Appropriation | Budgetary | | |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|--|
| Fund Type | Authority | Expenditures | Variance | |
| General | \$216,703 | \$158,669 | \$58,034 | |
| Special Revenue | 142,831 | 67,682 | 75,149 | |
| Enterprise | 357,948 | 254,130 | 103,818 | |
| Total | \$717,482 | \$480,481 | \$237,001 | |

4. Property Tax

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Council adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, 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, 2010 AND 2009 (Continued)

5. Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2010 was as follows:

| | Principal | Interest Rate |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Ohio Water Development Authority Loan | \$1,205,233 | 0% |

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loan relates to a water and sewer plant expansion project the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency mandated. The OWDA approved up to \$1,460,877 in loans to the Village for this project. The Village will repay the loans in semiannual installments of \$36,522 over 20 years. The scheduled payment amount below assumes that \$1,460,877 will be borrowed. The OWDA will adjust scheduled payment to reflect any revisions in amounts the Village actually borrows. Water and sewer receipts collateralize the loan. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements.

Amortization of the above debt is scheduled as follows:

| Year ending December 31: | OWDA Loan |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | \$73,044 |
| 2012 | 73,044 |
| 2013 | 73,044 |
| 2014 | 73,044 |
| 2015 | 73,044 |
| 2016-2020 | 365,219 |
| 2021-2025 | 365,219 |
| 2026-2027 | 109,575 |
| Total | \$1,205,233 |

6. Retirement System

The Village employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2010 and 2009, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the Village contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2010.

7. Risk Pool Membership

Through December 31, 2008, the Village belonged to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the "Plan"), a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments ("Members"). The Plan was legally separate from its member governments.

On January 1, 2009, through an internal reorganization, the Plan created three separate non-profit corporations including:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 (Continued)

7. Risk Pool Membership (Continued)

- Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. (OPRM) formerly known as the Ohio Risk Management Plan:
- Ohio Plan Healthcare Consortium, Inc. (OPHC) formerly known as the Ohio Healthcare Consortium; and
- Ohio Plan, Inc. mirrors the oversight function previously performed by the Board of Directors.
 The Board of Trustees consists of eleven (11) members that include appointed and elected officials from member organizations.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages to its members sold through fourteen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio. These coverage programs, referred to as Ohio Plan Risk management ("OPRM"), are developed specific to each member's risk management needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria addressing the member's exposure to loss, except OPRM retain 17.5% (15% through October 31, 2009) of the premium and losses on the first \$250,000 casualty treaty and 10% of the first \$1,000,000 property treaty. Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member. OPRM had 725 members as of December 31, 2009. The Village participates in this coverage.

The Plan formed the Ohio Plan Healthcare Consortium ("OPHC"), as authorized by Section 9.833 of the Ohio Revised Code. The OPHC was established to provide cost effective employee benefit programs for Ohio political sub-divisions and is a self-funded, group purchasing consortium that offers medical, dental, vision and prescription drug coverage as well as life insurance for its members. The OPHC is sold through seventeen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio. Coverage programs are developed specific to each member's healthcare needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria. Variable plan options are available to members. These plans vary primarily by deductibles, coinsurance levels, office visit co-pays and out-of pocket maximums. OPHC had 60 members as of December 31, 2009. The Village does not participate in this coverage.

Plan members are responsible to notify the Plan of their intent to renew coverage by their renewal date. If a member chooses not to renew with the Plan, they have no other financial obligation to the Plan, but still need to promptly notify the Plan of any potential claims occurring during their membership period. The former member's covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of the Plan.

Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31: 2009 and 2008 (the latest information available), and include amounts for both OPRRM and OPHC:

| | 2009 OPRM | 2009 OPHC | 2009 |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Assets | \$11,176,186 | \$1,358,802 | \$12,534,988 |
| Liabilities | (4,852,485) | (1,253,617) | (6,106,102) |
| Members' Equity | <u>\$6,323,701</u> | <u>\$105,185</u> | <u>\$6,428,886</u> |

| 2008 | | |
|--------------------|--|--|
| \$10,471,114 | | |
| (5,286,781) | | |
| \$5,184,333 | | |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 (Continued)

7. Risk Pool Membership (Continued)

You can read the complete audited financial statements for OPRM and OPHC at the Plan's website, www.ohioplan.org.

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

Village of Bloomville Seneca County 10 Beeghly Avenue Bloomville, Ohio 44818-9221

To the Village Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the Village of Bloomville, Seneca County, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated May 2, 2011 wherein we noted the Village prepared its financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Therefore, we cannot assure that we have identified all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected. We consider findings 2010-002 and 2010-003 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be material weaknesses.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Village's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2010-001 and 2010-002.

We also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Village's management in a separate letter dated May 2, 2011.

The Village's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the Village's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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

Dave Yost Auditor of State

May 2, 2011

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

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

FINDING NUMBER 2010-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Revised Code § 5705.41(D)(1) states that no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any contract or give any order involving the expenditure of money unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision that the amount required for the order or contract has been lawfully appropriated for such purpose and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. Every such contract made without such a certificate shall be void, and no warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due thereon.

There are several exceptions to the requirement stated above that a fiscal officer's certificate must be obtained prior to a subdivision or taxing authority entering into a contract or order involving the expenditure of money. The <u>main</u> exceptions are: "then and now" certificates, blanket certificates, and super blanket certificates, each of which are provided for in sections 5705.41(D)(1) and 5705.41(D)(3), respectively, of the Ohio Revised Code.

1. "Then and Now" Certificate – If the fiscal officer can certify both at the time the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time the fiscal officer is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances, the Council can authorize the drawing of a warrant for the payment of the amount due. The Council has thirty days from the receipt of the "then and now" certificate to approve payment by ordinance or resolution.

Amounts less than \$3,000 may be paid by the fiscal officer without a resolution or ordinance upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by the Council.

- 2. Blanket Certificate Fiscal officers may prepare "blanket" certificates for a certain sum of money not in excess of an amount established by resolution or ordinance adopted by a majority of the members of the legislative authority against any specific line item account over a period not running beyond the end of the current fiscal year. The blanket certificates may, but need not, be limited to a specific vendor. Only one blanket certificate may be outstanding at one particular time for any one particular line item appropriation.
- 3. Super Blanket Certificate The Council may also make expenditures and contracts for any amount from a specific line-item appropriation account in a specified fund upon certification of the fiscal officer for most professional services, fuel, oil, food items, and any other specific recurring and reasonably predictable operating expense. This certification may, but need not, be limited to a specific vendor. This certification is not to extend beyond the current year. More than one super blanket certificate may be outstanding at a particular time for any line item appropriation.

Twenty-eight percent of the transactions tested were not certified by the Fiscal Officer at the time the commitment was incurred, and there was no evidence the Village followed the aforementioned exceptions. Failure to properly certify the availability of funds can result in overspending funds and negative cash fund balances.

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Certification is not only required by Ohio law but is a key control in the disbursements process to help assure purchase commitments receive prior approval, and help reduce the possibility of Village funds being over expended or exceeding budgetary spending limitations as set by the Council. To improve controls over disbursements, we recommend all Village disbursements receive prior certification of the Fiscal Officer and the Council periodically review the expenditures made to ensure they are within the appropriations adopted by the Council, certified by the Fiscal Officer and recorded against appropriations.

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Officials' Response:

The Fiscal Officer will correct these matters in the future.

FINDING NUMBER 2010-002

Noncompliance Citation – Material Weakness

Ohio Revised Code § 135.21 requires all interest to be credited to the Village's general fund aside from certain noted exceptions and Ohio Const., Article XII, Section5a and 1982 Op. Atty Gen. No. 82-031 requires that interest earned on the proceeds of a motor vehicle license tax or fuel tax be paid into the fund to which the principal belongs. During 2010 and 2009, the Village distributed \$8,953 and \$16,794 respectively, of interest to the Enterprise Fund which did not comply with these provisions. The accompanying financial statements and the Village's accounting records have been adjusted to reflect the interest revenue in the General Fund.

We recommend the Village review the requirements for interest distribution and comply with these requirements.

Officials' Response:

The Fiscal Officer will correct this matter in the future.

FINDING NUMBER 2010-003

Material Weakness

Financial Reporting

Errors were noted in the financial statements that required audit adjustments. In 2010, property tax revenue of \$10,639 was posted to the Police Fund rather than into the General Fund in accordance with the tax levy. In addition, adjustments from the prior audit of \$11,135 were recorded as 2009 current transactions rather than as an adjustment to the January 1, 2009 fund balances. The accompanying financial statements and the Village's accounting records have been adjusted to correct these errors.

Sound financial reporting is the responsibility of the Fiscal Officer and the Council and is essential to ensure the information provided to the readers of the financial statements is complete and accurate. To ensure the Village's financial statements and notes to the statements are complete and accurate, the Council should adopt policies and procedures, including a final review of the statements and notes by the Fiscal Officer and audit committee to identify and correct errors and omissions.

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Officials' Response:

The financial statements have been adjusted by the Fiscal Officer.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

| Finding Number | Finding Summary | Fully Corrected? | Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i> |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| 2008-001 | Ohio Revised Code § 5705.36(A)(2) and 5705.36(A)(4), a decreased amended certificate and reduced appropriation amendment were not obtained. | Yes | |
| 2008-002 | Ohio Revised Code § 5705.41(B), Expenditures exceeded appropriations. | Yes | |
| 2008-003 | Financial Reporting – Errors were noted in the financial statements that required material adjustments. | No | Repeated as finding #2010- 003 in this report. |



VILLAGE OF BLOOMVILLE

SENECA 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 MAY 17, 2011