### **REGULAR AUDIT**

### FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011-2010



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Village of Carroll Fairfield County 65 Center Street Carroll, Ohio 43112

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 Village 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.

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July 26, 2012

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Village of Carroll Fairfield County 65 Center Street Carroll, Ohio 43112

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Carroll, Fairfield County, Ohio, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. 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. The Village processes its financial transactions with 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 audit 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(A) mandates the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. 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 second following paragraph.

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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, 2011 and 2010 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, 2011 and 2010, or its changes in financial position 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 as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 of the Village of Carroll, Fairfield County, Ohio, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

As described in Note 1, during 2011 the Village of Carroll adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 26, 2012, 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.

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Dave Yost Auditor of State

July 26, 2012

#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

Cook Doosiata		General		Special evenue		Capital Projects	(Me	Totals morandum Only)
Cash Receipts Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	15,229	\$	6,226	¢	_	\$	21,455
Municipal Income Tax	φ	136,978	φ	0,220	\$	-	φ	136,978
Intergovernmental		16,263		26,316		137,008		179,587
Charges for Services		14,667		- 20,010		-		14,667
Fines, Licenses and Permits		11,451		1,128		-		12,579
Earnings on Investments		17,349		1,284		-		18,633
Miscellaneous		6,646				-		6,646
Total Cash Receipts		218,583		34,954		137,008		390,545
Cash Disbursements								
Current:								
Security of Persons and Property		85,714		-		-		85,714
Public Health Services		1,989		-		-		1,989
Leisure Time Activities		5,264		-		-		5,264
Community Environment		7,973		-		-		7,973
Transportation General Government		40,844		33,246		5,680		79,770
Capital Outlay		74,942		-		-		74,942 142,043
Debt Service:		-		10,715		131,328		142,043
Principal Retirement		7,799		_		-		7,799
Interest and Fiscal Charges		164				-		164
Total Cash Disbursements		224,689		43,961		137,008		405,658
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(6,106)		(9,007)				(15,113)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)								
Transfers Out		(500)		-		-		(500)
Advances In		15,000		-		-		15,000
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)		14,500						14,500
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances		8,394		(9,007)		-		(613)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		168,173		48,359				216,532
Fund Cash Balances, December 31								
Restricted		-		39,352		-		39,352
Unassigned (Deficit)		176,567				-		176,567
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	176,567	\$	39,352	\$		\$	215,919

#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL PROPRIETARY AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	Proprietary Fund Type		Fiduciary Fund Type		Totals	
	En	terprise	Age	ncy	(Mei	morandum Only)
<b>Operating Cash Receipts</b> Charges for Services Fines, Licenses and Permits	\$	282,365	\$	- 11,505	\$	282,365 11,505
Total Operating Cash Receipts		282,365		11,505		293,870
<b>Operating Cash Disbursements</b> Personal Services Employee Fringe Benefits Contractual Services Supplies and Materials		38,518 4,435 153,901 17,907		-		38,518 4,435 153,901 17,907
Other		413		11,505	1	11,918
Total Operating Cash Disbursements		215,174		11,505		226,679
Operating Income		67,191		-		67,191
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements) Earnings on Investments Other Debt Proceeds Miscellaneous Receipts Capital Outlay Principal Retirement Interest and Other Fiscal Charges		93 9,165 666 (807) (60,713) (7,788)		- - - - -		93 9,165 666 (807) (60,713) (7,788)
Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)		(59,384)		-		(59,384)
Income before Transfers and Advances		7,807		-		7,807
Transfers In Transfers Out Advances Out		8,682 (8,182) (15,000)		- - -		8,682 (8,182) (15,000)
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances		(6,693)		-		(6,693)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		342,947		-		342,947
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	336,254	\$		\$	336,254

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

	(	General		pecial evenue	(Me	Totals morandum Only)
Cash Receipts:						
Property and Local Taxes	\$	15,136	\$	6,235	\$	21,371
Municipal Income Tax	Ψ	129,865	Ψ		Ŷ	129,865
Intergovernmental		17,184		29,533		46,717
Charges for Services		4,000		- 20,000		4,000
Fines, Licenses and Permits		13,096		1,622		14,718
Earnings on Investments		16,948		1,286		18,234
Miscellaneous		6,372		700		7,072
Total Cash Receipts		202,601		39,376		241,977
Cash Disbursements:						
Current:						
Security of Persons and Property		94,731		-		94,731
Public Health Services		1,987		-		1,987
Leisure Time Activities		5,435		-		5,435
Community Environment		5,894		-		5,894
Transportation		19,909		33,960		53,869
General Government		82,245		700		82,945
Debt Service:	•	7 540				7 540
Redemption of Principal		7,513		-		7,513
Interest and Fiscal Charges		469		-		469
Capital Outlay		-		1,000		1,000
Total Cash Disbursements		218,183		35,660		253,843
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements		(15,582)		3,716		(11,866)
Other Financing Disbursements:						
Transfers-Out		(500)				(500)
Total Other Financing Disbursements		(500)				(500)
Excess of Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements		(16,082)		3,716		(12,366)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		184,255		44,643		228,898
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	168,173	\$	48,359	\$	216,532

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

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	_
	Enterprise	Agency	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Operating Cash Receipts:			
Charges for Services	\$ 275,324	\$-	\$ 275,324
Fines, Licenses and Permits		15,010	15,010
Total Operating Cash Receipts	275,324	15,010	290,334
Operating Cash Disbursements:			
Personal Services	36,081	-	36,081
Employee Fringe Benefits	4,291	-	4,291
Contractual Services	163,796	-	163,796
Supplies and Materials	17,116	-	17,116
Other	227	15,010	15,237
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	221,511	15,010	236,521
Operating Income	53,813		53,813
Non-Operating Cash Receipts:			
Other Debt Proceeds	17,821	-	17,821
Miscellaneous Receipts	437		437
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	18,258		18,258
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements:			
Capital Outlay	25,486	-	25,486
Redemption of Principal	46,774	-	46,774
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	8,636		8,636
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	80,896		80,896
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements			
Before Interfund Transfers and Advances	(8,825)	-	(8,825)
Transfers-In	9,102	-	9,102
Transfers-Out	(8,602)		(8,602)
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(8,325)	-	(8,325)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	351,272		351,272
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 342,947	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 342,947

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

#### 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 Carroll, Fairfield County, Ohio, (the Village) as a body corporate and politic. A publiclyelected six-member Council directs the Village. The Village provides general government services, water and sewer utilities, and maintenance of Village roads and police services.

The Village participates in the Fairfield Regional Planning Commission, a jointly governed organization and the Public Entity Pool of Ohio public entity risk pool. Notes 8 and 9 to the financial statements provides additional information for these entities. These organizations are:

#### Jointly Governed Organization:

Fairfield Regional Planning Commission: The Village appoints a member of Council to represent the Village on the 48 member board of the Fairfield Regional Planning Commission.

#### Public Entity Risk Pool:

The Village belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local Governments. PEP provides property and casualty coverage for its members.

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.

#### 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.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010 (Continued)

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

#### 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 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.

#### 3. Capital Project Funds

These funds account for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Village had the following significant capital project fund:

<u>Other Capital Projects Fund</u> - This fund accounts for activity for the paving project for West Canal Street.

#### 4. 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 Operating Fund</u> – This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover water service costs.

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

<u>Sewer Replacement and Improvement Fund</u> – This fund receives charges for services from new residents to cover the sewer extension for Cemetery Road residents.

<u>Capital Improvement Charge Fund</u> – This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover the installment of the central sewage system.

#### 5. Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments which are not available to support the Village's own programs.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010 (Continued)

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

Agency funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to hold resources for individuals, organizations or other governments. The Village disburses these funds as directed by the individual, organization or other government. The Village had the following agency fund:

<u>Mayor's Court Fund</u> – This fund receives monies from the collections on fines imposed from tickets issued by the Village's police protection force. Funds are collected, in part, on behalf of the State of Ohio.

#### E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) 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. 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 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.

A summary of 2011 and 2010 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

#### F. Fund Balance

For December 31, 2011, fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Village must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

#### 1. Nonspendable

The Village classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010 (Continued)

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### F. Fund Balance (Continued)

#### 2. Restricted

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

#### 3. Committed

Council can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Village must adhere to these commitments unless the Council amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

#### 4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by Village Council or a Village official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

#### 5. Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Village applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

#### G. 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.

#### 2. Equity in Pooled Deposits

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 at December 31 was as follows:

	2011	2010
Demand deposits	\$552,173	\$559,479

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

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010 (Continued)

#### 3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2011 and 2010 follows:

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts				
	Budgeted	Actual		
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance	
General	\$205,537	\$218,583	\$13,046	
Special Revenue	40,900	34,953	(5,947)	
Capital Projects	137,008	137,008	0	
Enterprise	287,154	300,971	13,817	
Total	\$670,599	\$691,515	\$20,916	

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures					
	Appropriation	Budgetary			
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance		
General	\$348,511	\$225,189	\$123,322		
Special Revenue	73,697	43,961	29,736		
Capital Projects	137,008	137,008	0		
Enterprise	444,833	292,664	152,169		
Total	\$1,004,049	\$698,822	\$305,227		

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts				
	Budgeted	Actual		
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance	
General	\$214,394	\$202,601	(\$11,793)	
Special Revenue	56,648	39,376	(17,272)	
Enterprise	257,172	302,684	45,512	
Total	\$528,214	\$544,661	\$16,447	

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures				
	Appropriation	Budgetary		
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance	
General	\$348,217	\$218,683	\$129,534	
Special Revenue	85,391	35,660	49,731	
Enterprise	572,623	311,009	261,614	
Total	\$1,006,231	\$565,352	\$440,879	

#### 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.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010 (Continued)

#### 4. **Property Tax (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. Local Income Tax

The Village levies a municipal income tax of 0.75 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.

The income tax was collected by Oatney and Associates (the tax administrator through August 2011) and RITA (the tax administrator September through December 2011), and remitted to the Village. Income tax receipts are credited to the Village's General Fund.

#### 6. Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2011 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Ohio Public Works Commission Loan #CQ14L	\$379,654	0%
Ohio Water Development Authority Loan #4980	258,225	1%
Ohio Water Development Authority Loan #2633	205,392	2%
Total	\$843,271	

The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) loan CQ14L relates to the Gravity Interceptor Sewer Improvement project the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency mandated and was issued in July of 2009. The total amount of the Ioan was \$392,745. The Village will repay the Ioan in semiannual installments of \$6,546, over 30 years beginning July 1, 2011. Water and sewer receipts collateralize the Ioan. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OPWC debt service requirements.

The 2008 Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loan 4980, issued for \$258,621, relates to a sewer expansion project that was mandated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The loan will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$5,918, including interest, over 30 years. The loan is secured by capital improvement charge receipts. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements.

The 1992 Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loan 2633, issued for \$850,708, relates to a sewer expansion project that was mandated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The loan will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$21,787, including interest, over 25 years. The loan is secured by capital improvement charge receipts. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010 (Continued)

#### 6. Debt (Continued)

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

Year ending December 31:	OWDA Loan #4980	OWDA Loan #2633	OPWC Loan #CQ14L
2012	\$11,837	\$43,573	\$13,091
2013	11,837	43,573	13,091
2014	11,837	43,573	13,091
2015	11,837	43,573	13,091
2016	11,837	43,573	13,091
2017-2021	59,185	21,787	65,459
2022-2026	59,185	0	65,459
2027-2031	59,185	0	65,459
2032-2036	59,185	0	65,459
2037-2040	23,674	0	52,363
Total	\$319,599	\$239,652	\$379,654

#### 7. Retirement Systems

The Village's employees, including law enforcement, 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 2011 and 2010, law enforcement participants contributed 11.61 and 11.10 percent, respectively, of their wages. The Village contributed an amount equal to 18.10 and 17.87 percent of law enforcement wages, respectively. For 2011 and 2010, OPERS members contributed 10 percent 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, 2011.

#### 8. Risk Management

The Village is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The Village insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

The Village belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. PEP provides property and casualty coverage for its members. American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc. (ARPCO), a division of York Insurance Services Group, Inc. (York), functions as the administrator of PEP and provides underwriting, claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for PEP. PEP is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by ARPCO. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund PEP. PEP pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010 (Continued)

#### 8. Risk Management (Continued)

#### Casualty and Property Coverage

APEEP provides PEP with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, PEP retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2010, PEP retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$150,000 for property claims.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreement does not discharge PEP's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective village.

#### **Financial Position**

PEP's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2011 and 2010:

	2011	2010
Assets	\$33,362,404	\$34,952,010
Liabilities	(\$14,187,273)	(\$14,320,812)
Net Assets	\$19,175,131	\$20,631,198

At December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$12.9 million and \$14.1 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$12.1 million and \$12.4 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 455 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2011, the Village's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$12,180.

Based on discussions with PEP, the expected rates PEP charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to PEP for each year of membership.

Contributions to PEP		
2011	2010	
\$9,659	\$9,956	

After one year of membership, a member may withdraw on the anniversary of the date of joining PEP, if the member notifies PEP in writing 60 days prior to the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to PEP.

Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to the withdrawal.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010 (Continued)

#### 9. Jointly Governed Organization

*Fairfield Regional Planning Commission:* The Village appoints a member of Council to represent the Village on the 48 member board of the Fairfield Regional Planning Commission. The Village pays a small membership fee annually based on the per capita of the Village. In 2011 and 2010, the Village's membership amount was \$131 and \$98, respectively. There is no ongoing financial responsibility by the Village.

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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 Carroll Fairfield County 65 Center Street Carroll, Ohio 43112

To the Village Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the Village of Carroll, Fairfield County, Ohio, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated July 26, 2012, wherein we noted the Village followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We noted the Village adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. We also noted the Village processes its financial transactions with 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 audit 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 provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code § 117.11(A) mandates the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. 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.

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 combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Village's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

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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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Village's management in a separate letter dated July 26, 2012.

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

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July 26, 2012

#### SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2009-001	Financial Statement Presentation	No	Partially Corrected. Issued as a Management Letter Comment

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VILLAGE OF CARROLL

FAIRFIELD 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 Babbett

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

CERTIFIED AUGUST 28, 2012

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