

**Village of Bridgeport**  
Belmont County, Ohio

**Regular Audit**

For the Years Ended December 31, 2000 - 1999





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We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Village of Bridgeport, Belmont County, prepared by Knox & Knox, CPAs, for the audit period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2000. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Village of Bridgeport is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

JIM PETRO  
Auditor of State

July 9, 2001

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BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO

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Accountants and Consultants

## Report of Independent Accountants

Bridgeport Village Council  
Village of Bridgeport  
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301 Main Street  
Bridgeport, Ohio 43912

To the Members of Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Bridgeport, Belmont County, Ohio, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 1999. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Village's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Village prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Village of Bridgeport, Belmont County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2000 and December 31, 1999, 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 June 29, 2001 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 *Governmental 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 management, the Village Council and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Knox & Knox

Orrville, Ohio  
June 29, 2001



VILLAGE OF BRIDGEPORT  
BELMONT COUNTY

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND  
CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary Fund	
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Type Expendable Trust	Total (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:						
Local Taxes	\$141,993	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 4,795	\$ 146,788
Intergovernmental	180,543	107,254	-0-	-0-	-0-	287,797
Charges for Services	153,593	6,505	-0-	-0-	19,344	179,442
Fines, License and Permits	38,401	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	38,401
Miscellaneous	<u>48,976</u>	<u>5,465</u>	<u>23,353</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>77,794</u>
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>563,506</b>	<b>119,224</b>	<b>23,353</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>24,139</b>	<b>730,222</b>
Cash Disbursements:						
Security of Persons and Property	321,099	-0-	-0-	-0-	30,940	352,039
Public Health	7,644	9,325	-0-	-0-	-0-	16,969
Leisure Time Activities	6,930	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	6,930
Basic Utility Services	103,494	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	103,494
Transportation	16,428	111,462	-0-	-0-	-0-	127,890
General Government	85,971	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	85,971
Capital Outlay	30,650	36,971	-0-	-0-	-0-	67,621
Debt Service	-0-	-0-	9,290	-0-	-0-	9,290
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b><u>572,216</u></b>	<b><u>157,758</u></b>	<b><u>9,290</u></b>	<b><u>-0-</u></b>	<b><u>30,940</u></b>	<b><u>770,204</u></b>
<b>Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>&lt; 8,710 &gt;</b>	<b>&lt; 38,534 &gt;</b>	<b>14,063</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>&lt; 6,801 &gt;</b>	<b>&lt; 39,982 &gt;</b>
Other Financing Receipts/Disbursements:						
Transfers-In	-0-	20,000	-0-	2,112	5,000	27,112
Transfers-Out	<u>&lt; 27,112 &gt;</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>&lt; 27,112 &gt;</u>
<b>Total Other Financing Receipts/ Disbursements:</b>	<b><u>&lt; 27,112 &gt;</u></b>	<b><u>20,000</u></b>	<b><u>-0-</u></b>	<b><u>2,112</u></b>	<b><u>5,000</u></b>	<b><u>-0-</u></b>
<b>Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements</b>	<b>&lt; 35,822 &gt;</b>	<b>&lt; 18,534 &gt;</b>	<b>14,063</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>&lt; 1,801 &gt;</b>	<b>&lt; 39,982 &gt;</b>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2000</b>	<b><u>366,613</u></b>	<b><u>65,421</u></b>	<b><u>105,152</u></b>	<b><u>-0-</u></b>	<b><u>5,160</u></b>	<b><u>542,346</u></b>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2000</b>	<b><u>\$ 330,791</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 46,887</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 119,215</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,112</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,359</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 502,364</u></b>

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

VILLAGE OF BRIDGEPORT  
BELMONT COUNTY

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH  
BALANCES - PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	Proprietary Fund Type Enterprise	Agency	Fiduciary Fund Type Non-Expendable Trust	Total (Memorandum Only)
Operating Cash Receipts:				
Charges for Services	\$ 421,096	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 421,096
Miscellaneous	<u>76,782</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>76,782</u>
Total Operating Cash Receipts	497,878	-0-	-0-	497,878
Operating Cash Disbursements:				
Personal Services	155,201	-0-	-0-	155,201
Contractual Services	42,093	-0-	-0-	42,093
Supplies and Materials	140,772	-0-	-0-	140,772
Capital Outlay	<u>88,080</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>88,080</u>
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	<u>426,146</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>426,146</u>
Operating Income/(Loss)	71,732	-0-	-0-	71,732
Non-Operating Cash Receipts:				
Other Operating Revenue	<u>-0-</u>	<u>47,824</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>47,824</u>
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	-0-	47,824	-0-	47,824
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements:				
Debt Service	72,750	-0-	-0-	72,750
Other Non-Operating Expenses	<u>3,250</u>	<u>47,824</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>51,074</u>
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	<u>76,000</u>	<u>47,824</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>123,824</u>
Excess of Non-Operating Receipts Over(Under) Non-Operating Disbursements	<u>&lt; 76,000 &gt;</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>&lt; 76,000 &gt;</u>
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	< 4,268 >	-0-	-0-	< 4,268 >
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2000	<u>108,053</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>29,338</u>	<u>137,391</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2000	<u>\$103,785</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 29,338</u>	<u>\$ 133,123</u>

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

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary Fund	
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Type Expendable Trust	Total (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:						
Local Taxes	\$150,209	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 5,030	\$ 155,239
Intergovernmental	189,541	82,262	-0-	-0-	-0-	271,803
Charges for Services	137,249	5,599	-0-	-0-	18,780	161,628
Fines, License and Permits	43,065	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	43,065
Miscellaneous	<u>83,729</u>	<u>1,547</u>	<u>47,584</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>132,860</u>
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>603,793</b>	<b>89,408</b>	<b>47,584</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>23,810</b>	<b>764,595</b>
Cash Disbursements:						
Security of Persons and Property	359,470	-0-	-0-	-0-	29,891	389,361
Public Health	7,954	9,451	-0-	-0-	-0-	17,405
Leisure Time Activities	7,024	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	7,024
Basic Utility Services	107,782	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	107,782
Transportation	16,484	102,411	-0-	-0-	-0-	118,895
General Government	97,143	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	97,143
Capital Outlay	-0-	5,463	-0-	-0-	-0-	5,463
Debt Service	-0-	-0-	<u>8,989</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>9,281</u>
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b><u>595,857</u></b>	<b><u>117,325</u></b>	<b><u>8,989</u></b>	<b><u>292</u></b>	<b><u>29,891</u></b>	<b><u>752,354</u></b>
<b>Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>7,936</b>	<b>&lt; 27,917 &gt;</b>	<b>38,595</b>	<b>&lt; 292 &gt;</b>	<b>&lt; 6,081 &gt;</b>	<b>12,241</b>
Other Financing Receipts/Disbursements:						
Transfers-In	-0-	25,000	-0-	-0-	10,000	35,000
Transfers-Out	< 35,000 >	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	< 35,000 >
Other Sources/(Uses)	<u>&lt; 11,000 &gt;</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>&lt; 11,000 &gt;</u>
<b>Total Other Financing Receipts/ Disbursements:</b>	<b><u>&lt; 46,000 &gt;</u></b>	<b><u>25,000</u></b>	<b><u>-0-</u></b>	<b><u>-0-</u></b>	<b><u>10,000</u></b>	<b><u>&lt; 11,000 &gt;</u></b>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements						
	<b>&lt; 38,064 &gt;</b>	<b>&lt; 2,917 &gt;</b>	<b>38,595</b>	<b>&lt; 292 &gt;</b>	<b>3,919</b>	<b>1,241</b>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 1999</b>	<b><u>404,677</u></b>	<b><u>68,338</u></b>	<b><u>66,557</u></b>	<b><u>292</u></b>	<b><u>1,241</u></b>	<b><u>541,105</u></b>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 1999</b>	<b><u>\$366,613</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 65,421</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 105,152</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -0-</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,160</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 542,346</u></b>

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

VILLAGE OF BRIDGEPORT  
BELMONT COUNTY

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

	Proprietary Fund Type Enterprise	Agency	Fiduciary Fund Type Non-Expendable Trust	Total (Memorandum Only)
Operating Cash Receipts:				
Charges for Services	\$ 422,166	\$ -0-	\$ 40	\$ 422,206
Miscellaneous	<u>862</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>862</u>
Total Operating Cash Receipts	423,028	-0-	40	423,068
Operating Cash Disbursements:				
Personal Services	164,996	-0-	-0-	164,996
Contractual Services	32,759	-0-	-0-	32,759
Supplies and Materials	123,637	-0-	-0-	123,637
Capital Outlay	<u>28,264</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>28,264</u>
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	<u>349,656</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>349,656</u>
Operating Income/(Loss)	73,372	-0-	40	73,412
Non-Operating Cash Receipts:				
Other Non-Operating Receipts	<u>11,000</u>	<u>51,819</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>62,819</u>
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	11,000	51,819	-0-	62,819
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements:				
Debt Service	74,150	-0-	-0-	74,150
Other Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	<u>3,166</u>	<u>51,819</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>54,985</u>
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	<u>77,316</u>	<u>51,819</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>129,135</u>
Excess of Non-Operating Receipts Over(Under) Non-Operating Disbursements	<u>&lt; 66,316 &gt;</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>&lt; 66,316 &gt;</u>
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	7,056	-0-	40	7,096
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 1999	<u>100,997</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>29,298</u>	<u>130,295</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 1999	<u>\$ 108,053</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 29,338</u>	<u>\$ 137,391</u>

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

VILLAGE OF BRIDGEPORT  
BELMONT COUNTY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of the Entity

The Village of Bridgeport, Belmont County, (The Village) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Village is directed by a publicly-elected six-member Council. The Village provides general governmental services, including water and sewer utilities, maintenance of Village roads and bridges (public works), park operations (leisure time activities), police services and fire protection (public safety).

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

Certificates of deposits are recorded 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:

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.

Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Village had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

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

Cemetery Fund - This fund receives revenues from services which are expended to operate and maintain the cemetery.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

Debt Service Fund

This fund is used to accumulate resources for the payment of note indebtedness.

Enterprise Fund

These funds account for operations that are similar to private business enterprises where management intends that the significant costs of providing certain goods or services will be recovered through user charges. The Village had the following significant Enterprise Funds:

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

Parking Fund - This fund receives revenues from charges for parking.

Fiduciary Funds (Trust Fund)

Trust funds are used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements. If the agreement requires the Village to maintain the corpus of the trust, the fund is classified as a non-expendable trust fund. Other funds are classified as expendable. The Village had the following significant Fiduciary Fund:

Police Pension Fund - This Expendable Trust Fund receives property tax revenues and interfund transfers to subsidize police pensions.

Fiduciary (Agency Fund)

Financial accountability for the Mayor's Court is that of an agent, acting in a fiduciary capacity for others. The court has no equity or ownership over the monies it controls. By virtue of Ohio law, the monies collected are distributed within a specified period of time to specific recipients. The records are kept on a cash basis.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

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.

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process (Continued)

Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Village to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations.

A summary of 2000 and 1999 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.

G. Unpaid Vacation and Sick Leave

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the cash basis of accounting used by the Village.

2. Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments

The Village maintains a cash 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:

	2000	1999
Dem and Deposits	\$286,957	\$333,279
Certificates of Deposit	<u>348,530</u>	<u>346,458</u>
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 635,487</u>	<u>\$679,737</u>

Deposits:

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

VILLAGE OF BRIDGEPORT  
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2000 and December 31, 1999 follows:

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 834,318	\$ 563,506	<\$270,812>
Special Revenue	178,635	139,224	< 39,411>
Debt Service	62,862	23,353	< 39,509>
Capital Projects	2,112	2,112	-0-
Enterprise	510,941	497,878	< 13,063>
Fiduciary	<u>110,397</u>	<u>76,963</u>	<u>&lt; 33,434 &gt;</u>
Total	<u>\$1,699,265</u>	<u>\$1,303,036</u>	<u>&lt;\$ 396,229&gt;</u>

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$671,791	\$599,328	\$ 72,463
Special Revenue	173,457	157,758	15,699
Debt Service	32,000	9,290	22,710
Capital Projects	2,112	-0-	2,112
Enterprise	552,549	502,146	50,403
Fiduciary	85,824	78,764	7,060
Total	<u>\$ 1,517,733</u>	<u>\$1,347,286</u>	<u>\$ 170,447</u>



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

3. Budgetary Activity (Continued)

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 883,551	\$ 603,793	<\$279,758>
Special Revenue	194,424	114,408	< 80,016>
Debt Service	109,059	47,584	< 61,475>
Capital Projects	292	-0-	< 292>
Enterprise	473,739	434,028	< 39,711>
Fiduciary	<u>119,954</u>	<u>85,669</u>	<u>&lt; 34,285&gt;</u>
Total	<u>\$1,781,019</u>	<u>\$1,285,482</u>	<u>&lt;\$ 495,537&gt;</u>

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$681,875	\$641,857	\$ 40,018
Special Revenue	161,896	117,325	44,571
Debt Service	62,000	8,989	53,011
Capital Projects	292	292	-0-
Enterprise	471,447	426,972	44,475
Fiduciary	<u>84,819</u>	<u>81,710</u>	<u>3,109</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,462,329</u>	<u>\$1,277,145</u>	<u>\$ 185,184</u>

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.

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.

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The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Village.

5. Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2000 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Mortgage Revenue Notes	\$ 867,000	5.0%

In April, 1978, the Village of Bridgeport issued notes totaling \$ 1,270,000 and used the proceeds to improve its water system. The notes are being amortized over 40 years with annual installments of principal and interest. The Village has pledged water receipts as security for the loan.

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

<u>Year ending December 31:</u>	<u>Mortgage Revenue Notes</u>
2001	\$ 70,350
2002	69,000
2003	67,650
2004	66,300
2005	64,950
Subsequent	<u>970,200</u>
Total	<u>\$1,308,450</u>

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6. Retirement Systems

The Village's law enforcement officers belong to the Police & Firemen's Disability & Pension Funds (PFDPF). Other full-time employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PFDPF and PERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. These plans provide retirement benefits, including post-retirement 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. For 2000 and 1999, members of PFDPF contributed 10% of their wages to the PFDPF. The Village contributed an amount equal to 19.5% of their wages. PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Village contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2000.

7. Risk Management

The Village maintains insurance coverage with private carriers for the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public officials' liability
- Vehicles

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

8. Contingent Liabilities

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

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Bridgeport Village Council  
Village of Bridgeport  
Belmont County  
301 Main Street  
Bridgeport, Ohio 43912

To the Members of Village Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the Village of Bridgeport, Belmont County, Ohio (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated June 29, 2001. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which would 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*.

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 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 we have reported to management of the Village, in a separate letter dated June 29, 2001.

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

KNOX & KNOX

Orrville, Ohio  
June 29, 2001





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**VILLAGE OF BRIDGEPORT**

**BELMONT COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
JULY 26, 2001**