

**VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

*Financial Statements
(Audited)*

For The Year Ended
December 31, 2000

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We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Village of Buckeye Lake, Licking County, prepared by Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2000 to 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 Buckeye Lake is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

JIM PETRO
Auditor of State

May 23, 2001

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Independent Auditor's Report

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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Buckeye Lake, Licking County, Ohio as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Village of Buckeye Lake'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 2, the Village of Buckeye Lake prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by 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 cash balances and fund balances of the Village of Buckeye Lake, as of December 31, 2000, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements, combined budgeted and actual receipts and budgeted and actual disbursements for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 2.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated March 9, 2001, on our consideration of the Village of Buckeye Lake's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Village of Buckeye Lake's management 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.

Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc.
March 9, 2001

**VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FUND BALANCES
ALL FUND TYPES
DECEMBER 31, 2000

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>	<u>2000</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 580,769</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u><u>\$ 580,769</u></u>
 <u>Fund Balances</u>	
<u>Governmental Fund Types:</u>	
General Fund	\$ 382,672
Special Revenue Funds	194,595
Capital Projects Fund	<u>1,413</u>
Total Governmental Fund Types	<u>578,680</u>
 <u>Fiduciary Fund:</u>	
Agency Fund	<u>2,089</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u><u>\$ 580,769</u></u>

THE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

**VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

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

	Governmental Fund Types			Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	
Cash receipts:				
Local taxes	\$ 171,974	\$ 158,957	\$ -	\$ 330,931
Intergovernmental	140,922	124,304	-	265,226
Charges for services	-	8,500	-	8,500
Rents	21,034	-	-	21,034
Fines, licenses, and permits	64,492	-	-	64,492
Interest	20,108	3,628	-	23,736
Miscellaneous	12,232	1,675	-	13,907
Total cash receipts	<u>430,762</u>	<u>297,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>727,826</u>
Cash disbursements:				
Current:				
Security of persons and property	169,256	107,238	-	276,494
Leisure time activities	4,844	-	-	4,844
Community environment	18,918	3,934	-	22,852
Basic utility services	-	471	4,800	5,271
Transportation	-	115,185	-	115,185
General government	113,008	-	-	113,008
Capital outlay	24,688	127,536	-	152,224
Debt service				
Principal retirement	10,000	25,000	14,500	49,500
Interest charges	-	5,649	-	5,649
Total cash disbursements	<u>340,714</u>	<u>385,013</u>	<u>19,300</u>	<u>745,027</u>
Total cash receipts over/(under) cash disbursements	<u>90,048</u>	<u>(87,949)</u>	<u>(19,300)</u>	<u>(17,201)</u>
Other financing receipts/(disbursements):				
Operating transfers in	-	4,338	16,800	21,138
Operating transfers out	(21,138)	-	-	(21,138)
Total other financing receipts/(disbursements)	<u>(21,138)</u>	<u>4,338</u>	<u>16,800</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of cash receipts and other financing receipts over/(under) cash disbursements and other financing disbursements	68,910	(83,611)	(2,500)	(17,201)
Cash fund balances, January 1, 2000	<u>313,762</u>	<u>278,206</u>	<u>3,913</u>	<u>595,881</u>
Cash fund balances, December 31, 2000	<u>\$ 382,672</u>	<u>\$ 194,595</u>	<u>\$ 1,413</u>	<u>\$ 578,680</u>

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**VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH FUND BALANCE - FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	Fiduciary Fund Type
	Agency
Nonoperating cash receipts/(disbursements):	
Fines collected	\$ 38,519
Fines distributed	(38,938)
Net (loss)	(419)
Cash fund balance, January 1, 2000	2,508
Cash fund balance, December 31, 2000	\$ 2,089

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**VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS,
AND ENCUMBRANCES COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURE
AUTHORITY - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

Fund Types	Receipts				Disbursements					Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
	County Certified Unencumbered Cash	Budget	Total Estimated Resources	Actual 2000 Receipts	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Prior Year Carryover Appropriations	2000 Appropriations	Total	Actual 2000 Disbursements		Encumbrances Outstanding at 12/31/00
Governmental:											
General	\$ 313,645	\$ 374,747	\$ 688,392	\$ 430,762	\$ 56,015	\$ -	\$ 427,742	\$ 427,742	\$ 361,852	\$ -	\$ 65,890
Special Revenue	278,199	351,120	629,319	301,402	(49,718)	-	370,674	370,674	385,013	-	(14,339)
Capital Projects	1,413	-	1,413	16,800	16,800	-	55,296	55,296	19,300	-	35,996
Total	\$ 593,257	\$ 725,867	\$ 1,319,124	\$ 748,964	\$ 23,097	\$ -	\$ 853,712	\$ 853,712	\$ 766,165	\$ -	\$ 87,547

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VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

The Village of Buckeye Lake (“the Village”) is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio.

The Village operates under a council-mayor form of government and provides the following services: fire and police protection, mayor’s court, street maintenance and repair, as well as other general government services.

Management believes the financial statements included in this report represent all of the funds of the Village over which the Village officials have direct operating control.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The most significant of the Village’s accounting policies are described below.

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION - FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the Village are maintained on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. The following fund types are used by the Village.

General Fund

The general fund is used to account for all activities of the Village not required to be included in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Village for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditure for specific purposes.

VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The Village had the following significant special revenue funds:

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

Permissive Tax Fund - This fund receives license tax for transportation expenses such as street maintenance and repairs.

Fire Levy Fund - This fund receives monies from a fire levy for the purpose of providing fire protection to the citizens of the Village.

Street Lights - This fund receives property tax monies to maintain the Village street lights.

Capital Projects Funds

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects. The Village had the following significant capital projects fund:

Water Study Fund - This fund received loan proceeds from the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) in prior years. The proceeds were used to design and conduct a study for water facilities and to retire related debt.

Fiduciary Funds (Agency Funds)

Funds for which the Village is acting in an agency capacity are classified as agency funds. The Village had the following significant agency fund:

Mayor's Court - This fund receives monies from 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

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. BUDGETARY PROCESS

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriation resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified. All funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The primary level of budgetary control is at the item level within each fund. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Village's Council.

Tax Budget:

A budget of estimated cash receipts and disbursements is submitted to the County Auditor, as secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20 of each year, for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year. All funds are legally required to be budgeted. The expressed purpose of the tax budget is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Estimated Resources:

The County Budget Commission determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy the full amount of authorized property tax rates and reviews receipt estimates. The County Budget Commission certifies its actions to the Village by September 1. As part of this certification, the Village receives the official certificate of estimated resources, which states the projected receipts of each fund. On or about January 1, the certificate is amended to include unencumbered fund balances at December 31 of the preceding year. Further amendments may be made during the year if the Village determines that receipts collected will be greater than or less than the prior estimates, and the Budget Commission finds the revised estimates to be reasonable. Prior to December 31, the Village must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from a fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure.

Appropriations:

A temporary appropriation measure to control cash disbursements may be passed on or about January 1 of each year for the period January to March 31. An annual appropriation measure must be passed by April 1 of each year for the period January 1 to December 31. The appropriations measure may be amended or supplemented during the year as new information becomes available. Appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Village legally adopted several supplemental appropriations during the year.

Encumbrances:

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve the portion of the applicable appropriation.

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. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated. The Village had no outstanding encumbrances at December 31, 2000.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

D. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For reporting purposes, the Village considers "Cash and Cash Equivalents" to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and all investments held by the Village with a maturity date less than or equal to three months from the date of purchase. Interest earned on investments held by the treasurer is credited to its respective funds. Interest income earned and received by the Village totaled \$23,736 for the year ended December 31, 2000.

E. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Fixed assets are not capitalized in any of the Village's funds. Instead, capital acquisition and construction costs are reflected as expenditures in the fund in the year expended. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs are also expended, along with improvements. Depreciation is not recorded.

F. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

Intergovernmental revenues, such as entitlements and grants awarded on a non-reimbursable basis are recorded when received in accordance with the Village's cash basis method of accounting.

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 basis of accounting used by the Village.

H. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

During the course of normal operations, the Village had transactions between funds. The most significant include:

Transfers of resources from one fund to another fund. The resources transferred are to be expended for operations by the receiving fund and are recorded as operating transfers.

VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

I. TOTAL COLUMNS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Total columns on the financial statements are captioned "Total (Memorandum Only)" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Interfund-type eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 3 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

Moneys held by the Village are classified by State statute into two categories. Active moneys are public moneys determined to be necessary to meet current demand upon the Village treasury. Active moneys must be maintained either as cash in the Village treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Protection of the Village's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the treasurer by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public moneys deposited with the institution.

Moneys held by the Village which are not considered active are classified as inactive. Inactive moneys may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;

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NOTE 3 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH - (Continued)

3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).

The Village may also invest any monies not required to be used for a period of six months or more in the following:

- A. Bonds of the State of Ohio;
- B. Bonds of any municipal corporation, village, county, township, or other political subdivision of this State, as to which there is no default of principal, interest or coupons;
- C. Obligations to the Village.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Village, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

NOTE 3 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH - (Continued)

DEPOSITS

For the year ended December 31, 2000, the carrying amount of the Village's deposit, was \$580,769, respectively, and the bank balance was \$596,825, respectively. Of the bank balance:

1. \$200,000 was covered by federal depository insurance.
2. \$396,825 was covered by collateral held by third party trustees pursuant to Section 135.181, Revised Code, in collateral pools securing all public funds on deposit with specific depository institutions.

Ohio Revised Code Chapter 135, Uniform Depository Act, authorizes pledging of pooled securities in lieu of pledging specific securities. Specifically, a designated public depository may pledge a single pool of eligible securities to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution, provided that at all times the total value of the securities so pledged is at least equal to 110% of the total amount of all public deposits secured by the pool, including the portion of such deposits covered by any federal deposit insurance.

NOTE 4 - COMPLIANCE

- A. The following funds had expenditures in excess of appropriations for the year ended December 31, 2000, in noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B):

<u>Fund Type/Fund</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Excess</u>
<u>Special Revenue Funds:</u>			
COPS Fast	\$ 0	\$ 5	\$ (5)
Fire	160,075	193,048	(32,973)

Disclosure is presented at the fund level, rather than at the department and item level within the fund due to the practicality of determining these values.

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NOTE 4 - COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

B. The following funds had appropriations in excess of estimated resources for the year ended December 31, 2000 in noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39:

<u>Fund Type/Fund</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Excess</u>
<u>Special Revenue Fund:</u>			
Law Enforcement Block Grant	\$2,641	\$12,300	\$ (9,659)
<u>Capital Projects Fund:</u>			
Water Study	1,413	55,296	(53,883)

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

The following is a summarized breakdown of the Village's operating transfers for 2000:

	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>
General Fund		\$21,138
<u>Special Revenue Funds:</u>		
Law Enforcement Block Grant	\$ 264	
State Grants	<u>4,074</u>	
Total Special Revenue	<u>4,338</u>	
<u>Capital Projects Fund:</u>		
Water Study	<u>16,800</u>	<u> </u>
Totals	<u>\$21,138</u>	<u>\$21,138</u>

VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
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NOTE 6 - DEBT OBLIGATIONS

At December 31, 2000, debt obligations consisted of the following issuances:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance at December 31, 2000</u>
1999 National City Bank Note for the purpose of purchasing a Fire truck, due in annual payments on May 15 through 2003 of varying amounts, bearing interest at 4.96%.	\$ 75,000
1997 OWDA Note for a water study, due in annual payments on July 1 through 2006, in the amount of \$2,500, bearing interest at 0.00%.	15,000
1997 Mortgage Note with a private individual for property, due in annual payments on August 5 through 2003, in the amount of \$10,000, bearing interest at 0.00%.	30,000
1995 Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Note for a water study, due in monthly payments on the fifth day of each month on a 5 year extension agreement, in the amount of \$1,500, bearing interest at 0.0%.	<u>289,007</u>
Total debt obligations at December 31, 2000	<u>\$409,007</u>

VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
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NOTE 6 - DEBT OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

Transactions for the year ended December 31, 2000, are summarized as follows:

	<u>Balance at December 31, 1999</u>	<u>Proceeds</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance at December 31, 2000</u>
Note - National City Bank 1999	\$100,000	\$ ---	\$25,000	\$ 75,000
Note - OWDA 1997	17,500	---	2,500	15,000
Note - Mortgage 1997	40,000	---	10,000	30,000
Note - OWDA 1995	<u>301,007</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>289,007</u>
Total Notes	<u>\$458,507</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$49,500</u>	<u>\$409,007</u>

The principal and interest requirements to retire the debt obligations outstanding at December 31, 2000, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Fire Truck 1999</u>		<u>OWDA 1997</u>	<u>Mortgage 1997</u>	<u>OWDA 1995</u>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Principal</u>
2001	\$25,000	\$3,720	\$ 2,500	\$10,000	\$289,007
2002	25,000	2,480	2,500	10,000	
2003	25,000	1,240	2,500	10,000	
2004			2,500		
2005			2,500		
2006	_____	_____	<u>2,500</u>	_____	_____
TOTALS	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$7,440</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$289,007</u>

NOTE 7 - PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the Village Council. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates from 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. Payments are due to the County Auditor annually. However, if the property owner elects, payments may be made semiannually.

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 taxes, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Village.

VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 8 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Village's law enforcement officers belong to the Police & Firemen's Disability & Pension Funds (PFDPF). Other 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, respectively, 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. As of December 31, 2000, the Village's unpaid portion of PFDF for 2000 was \$5,295. As of December 31, 2000, the Village has paid all contributions required for PERS for 2000.

NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Village is a member of the Ohio Municipal League Joint Self Insurance Pool (the Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Village's policy. The Pool may assess supplemental premiums. The following risks are covered by the Pool:

- General liability and casualty
- Police professional and public official's liability
- Automobile
- Marine

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

NOTE 10 - CONTINGENT LIABILITY

LITIGATION

The Village is currently involved in litigation for wrongful termination as a defendant. The outcome of the case can not be determined as of the date of this report.

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

Members of Council and Mayor
Village of Buckeye Lake
5192 Walnut Rd.
Buckeye Lake, OH 43008

We have audited the financial statements of the Village of Buckeye Lake as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated March 9, 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 of Buckeye Lake's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2000-VBL-001 and 2000-VBL-002. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Village of Buckeye Lake in a separate letter dated March 9, 2001.

Members of Council and Mayor
Village of Buckeye Lake

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Village of Buckeye Lake's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to the management of the Village of Buckeye Lake in a separate letter dated March 9, 2001.

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

Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc.
March 9, 2001

**VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
DECEMBER 31, 2000**

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

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

Finding Number	2000-VBL-001
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Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B) requires that no subdivision is to expend money unless it has been appropriated.

It was noted during the audit that the Village had expenditures exceeding appropriations in the following funds:

<u>Fund Type/Fund</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Excess</u>
<u>Special Revenue Funds:</u>			
COPS Fast	\$ 0	\$ 5	\$ (5)
Fire	160,075	193,048	(32,973)

Disclosure is presented at the fund level, rather than at the department and item level within the fund due to the practicality of determining these values.

With expenditures exceeding appropriations, the Village is unlawfully expending monies that have not been appropriated.

We recommend that the Village comply with the Ohio Revised Code and the Auditor of State Bulletin 97-010 by monitoring their expenditures so they do not exceed lawful appropriations and amending the budget prior to year end. This may be achieved by monitoring the budget more closely on a continual basis.

**VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
DECEMBER 31, 2000**

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

**1. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS - (Continued)**

Finding Number	2000-VBL-002
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Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39 requires that no subdivision is to appropriate more monies than estimated resources.

It was noted during the audit that the Village had expenditures exceeding appropriations in the following funds:

<u>Fund Type/Fund</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Excess</u>
<u>Special Revenue Fund:</u>			
Law Enforcement Block Grant	\$2,641	\$12,300	\$(9,659)
<u>Capital Projects Fund:</u>			
Water Study	1,413	55,296	(53,883)

With appropriations exceeding resources, the Village is spending monies that are not lawfully appropriated for those purposes and thus could result in a fund deficit.

We recommend that the Village comply with the Ohio Revised Code and Auditor of State Bulletin 97-010 by keeping more accurate appropriations versus estimated resources records and amending the budget prior to year end. If it is determined that estimated revenues will be greater than initially anticipated, the Village should amend its official estimate in order to provide for any additional appropriations; however, appropriations should not exceed estimated resources.



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VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE

LICKING 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
MAY 31, 2001**