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**CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

City of Olmsted Falls
Cuyahoga County
26100 Bagley Road
Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138

To the City Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Olmsted Falls, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the City), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Olmsted Falls, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 27, 2011, on our consideration of the City'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.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *Management's discussion and analysis*, as listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any other assurance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "Y" and "O".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State

May 27, 2011

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

The management's discussion and analysis of the City of Olmsted Falls (the "City") financial performance provides an overall review of the City's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2008. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the City's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2008 are as follows:

- The total net assets of the City increased \$1,887,381 or 13.14% compared to 2007.
- General revenues account for \$5,752,976 or 69.21% of total governmental activities revenue. Program specific revenues accounted for \$2,558,802 or 30.79% of total governmental activities revenue.
- The City had \$6,424,397 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$2,558,802 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. A portion of the remaining expenses of the governmental activities were offset by general revenues (primarily property taxes, income taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$3,865,595.
- The City's major governmental funds are the general fund, general bond retirement fund, sewer debt project 2 fund, capital improvement fund, and project 4 sewer fund. The general fund had revenues of \$4,134,087 in 2008. The general fund had expenditures of \$3,948,344. The net increase in fund balance for the general fund was \$185,743 or 12.72%.
- The general bond retirement fund had revenues and note proceeds of \$1,496,694 in 2008. The expenditures of the general bond retirement fund, totaled \$1,889,367 in 2008. The net decrease in fund balance for the general bond retirement fund was \$392,673 or 63.38%.
- The sewer debt project 2 fund had revenues of \$143,756 in 2008. The expenditures of the sewer debt project 2 fund, totaled \$172,634 in 2008. The net decrease in fund balance for the sewer debt project 2 fund was \$28,878 or 10.57%.
- The capital improvement fund had revenues and other financing sources of \$2,331,622 in 2008. The expenditures of the capital improvement fund, totaled \$2,244,524 in 2008. The net increase in fund balance for the capital project fund was \$87,098 or 20%.
- The project 4 sewer fund had revenues and other financing sources of \$1,172,615 in 2008. The expenditures of the project 4 sewer fund, totaled \$1,160,240 in 2008. The net increase in fund balance for the capital project fund was \$12,375.
- In the general fund, the actual revenues and other financing sources came in \$32,881 higher than they were in the final budget and actual expenditures and other financing uses were \$243,995 less than the amount in the final budget.

Using this Annual Financial Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to these statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the City as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

The statement of net assets and statement of activities provide information about the activities of the City as a whole, presenting both an aggregate view of the City's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the City's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column.

Reporting the City as a Whole

Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains a large number of funds used by the City to provide programs and activities, the view of the City as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2008?" The statement of net assets and statement of activities answer this question. These statements include all non-fiduciary assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the City's net assets and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader that, for the City as a whole, the financial position of the City has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the City's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenues growth, facility conditions, required community programs and other factors.

In the statement of net assets and statement of activities, the governmental activities include the City's programs and services, including police, fire and rescue, street maintenance, capital improvements and general administration. These services are funded primarily by property and income taxes and intergovernmental revenues including federal and state grants and other shared revenues.

Reporting the City's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City can be divided into two categories: governmental funds, and fiduciary funds.

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the City's major funds. The City uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focuses on the City's most significant funds. The analysis of the City's major governmental funds, which includes the general fund, begins on page 10.

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Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of the governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental fund with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, the readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and change in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The City maintains a multitude of individual governmental funds. The City has segregated these funds into major funds and nonmajor funds. The City's major governmental funds are the general fund, general bond retirement fund, sewer debt project 2 fund, capital improvement fund and project 4 sewer fund. Information for major funds is presented separately in governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 17-21 of this report.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the City. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the City's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. Agency funds are the City's only fiduciary fund type. The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on page 22 of this report.

Notes to the Basic financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 23-48 of this report.

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Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The statement of net assets provides the perspective of the City as a whole. The table below provides a summary of the City's net assets for 2008 compared to 2007.

	Net Assets	
	Governmental Activities 2008	Governmental Activities 2007
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 12,492,810	\$ 12,793,028
Capital assets, net	14,645,627	11,376,566
Total assets	<u>27,138,437</u>	<u>24,169,594</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Long-term liabilities outstanding	8,463,426	7,521,535
Other liabilities	2,427,965	2,288,394
Total liabilities	<u>10,891,391</u>	<u>9,809,929</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	6,540,928	4,165,975
Restricted	7,675,405	8,863,256
Unrestricted	2,030,713	1,330,434
Total net assets	<u>\$ 16,247,046</u>	<u>\$ 14,359,665</u>

Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At December 31, 2008, the City's assets exceeded liabilities by \$16,247,046.

Capital assets reported on the government-wide statements represent the largest portion of the City's net assets. At year-end, capital assets represented 53.96% of total assets. Capital assets include land, construction in progress, buildings, improvements other than building, machinery, equipment & vehicles and infrastructure. Capital assets, net of related debt to acquire the assets at December 31, 2008, were \$6,540,928 in the governmental activities. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens and are not available for future spending.

Although the City's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate the liabilities.

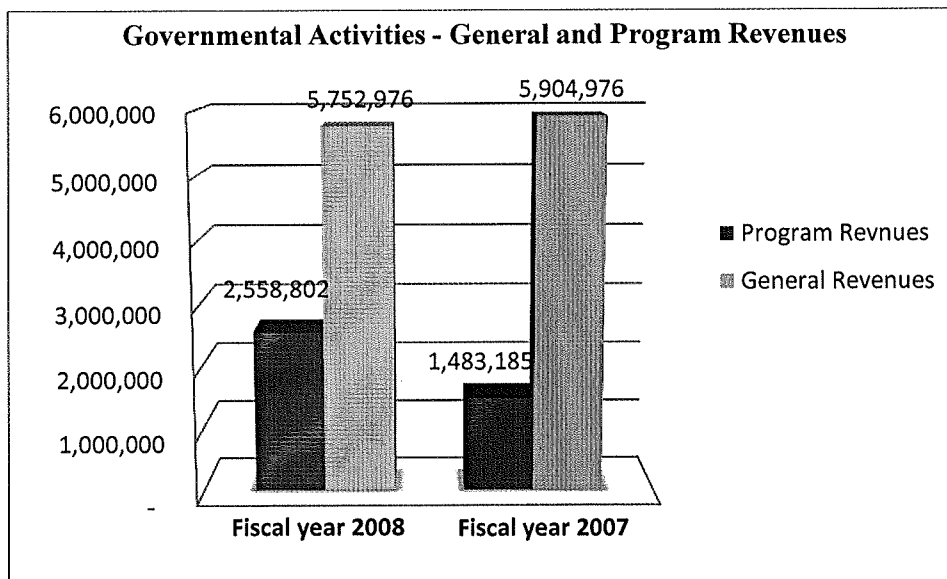
A portion of the City's net assets, \$7,675,405, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. In the governmental activities, the remaining balance of unrestricted net assets of \$2,030,713 may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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The table below shows the changes in net assets for the fiscal years 2008 and 2007.

	Change in Net Assets	
	Governmental Activities 2008	Governmental Activities 2007
Revenues		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 690,826	\$ 736,008
Operating grants and contributions	408,967	413,031
Capital grants and contributions	1,459,009	334,146
Total program revenues	2,558,802	1,483,185
General revenues		
Property and other local taxes	1,938,978	2,039,027
Income taxes	2,647,440	2,716,719
Unrestricted grants and entitlements	888,495	940,915
Investment earnings	180,682	196,945
Miscellaneous	97,381	11,370
Total general revenues	5,752,976	5,904,976
Total revenues	8,311,778	7,388,161



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	Change in Net Assets	
	Governmental Activities 2008	Governmental Activities 2007
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Expenses		
General government	\$ 1,131,981	\$ 1,248,756
Security of persons and property	2,916,051	2,530,816
Physical environment	341,115	258,523
Transportation	1,030,400	917,017
Economic environment	381,282	358,261
Public health and welfare	89,510	138,619
Culture and recreation	211,966	185,372
Interest and fiscal charges	322,092	315,354
Total expenses	<u>6,424,397</u>	<u>5,952,718</u>
Change in net assets	<u>1,887,381</u>	<u>1,435,443</u>
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>14,359,665</u>	<u>12,924,222</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 16,247,046</u>	<u>\$ 14,359,665</u>

Governmental Activities

Governmental activities net assets increased \$1,887,381 in 2008. This income is a result of the spending level being set below the sources of income revenue.

Security of persons and property, which primarily supports the operations of the police and fire departments accounted for \$2,916,051 of the total expenses of the City. These expenses were partially funded by \$301,210 in direct charges to users of the services. Transportation expenses totaled \$1,030,400. Transportation expenses were partially funded by \$13,443 in direct charges to users of these services, \$407,687 in operating grants and contributions and \$153,135 in capital grants and contributions.

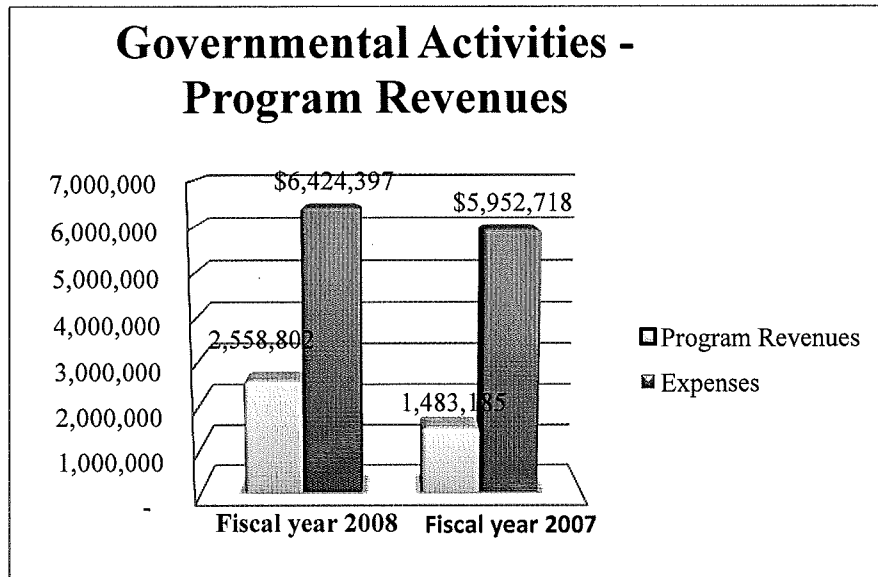
The state and federal government contributed to the City a total of \$408,967 in operating grants and contributions and \$1,459,009 in capital grant and contributions. These revenues are restricted to a particular program or purpose.

General revenues totaled \$5,752,976, and amounted to 69.21% of total governmental revenues. These revenues primarily consist of property and income tax revenue of \$4,586,418. The other primary source of general revenues is grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs, including local government and local government revenue assistance, making up \$888,495.

The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State grants and entitlements. As can be seen in the graph below, the City is highly dependent upon property and income taxes as well as unrestricted grants and entitlements to support its governmental activities.

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	Governmental Activities			
	2008	2008	2007	2007
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Program Expenses				
General government	\$ 1,131,981	\$ 1,118,085	\$ 1,248,756	\$ 1,230,895
Security of persons and property	2,916,051	2,613,561	2,530,816	2,183,584
Physical environment	341,115	(1,219,394)	258,523	(108,489)
Transportation	1,030,400	456,135	917,017	293,865
Economic environment	381,282	316,164	358,261	249,696
Public health and welfare	89,510	65,444	138,619	138,619
Culture and recreation	211,966	193,508	185,372	166,009
Interest and fiscal charges	322,092	322,092	315,354	315,354
Total	\$ 6,424,397	\$ 3,865,595	\$ 5,952,718	\$ 4,469,533

The dependence upon general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, with 60.17% of expenses supported through taxes and other general revenues.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds.

As noted earlier, the City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the City's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financial requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balances may serve as a useful measure of the City's net resources available for spending at year-end.

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The City's governmental funds (as presented on the balance sheet on page 15) reported a combined fund balance of \$5,933,686 which is \$55,248 lower than last year's total of \$5,988,934. The schedule below indicates the fund balances and the total change in fund balances as of December 31, 2008 for all major and non major governmental funds.

	Fund Balances <u>12/31/2008</u>	Fund Balances <u>12/31/2007</u>	Increase (Decrease)
Major funds:			
General	\$ 1,646,390	\$ 1,460,647	\$ 185,743
General bond retirement	226,918	619,591	(392,673)
Sewer debt project 2	244,365	273,243	(28,878)
Capital improvement	522,575	435,477	87,098
Project 4 sewer	12,375	0	12,375
Other nonmajor governmental funds	<u>3,281,063</u>	<u>3,199,976</u>	<u>81,087</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,933,686</u>	<u>\$ 5,988,934</u>	<u>\$ (55,248)</u>

General Fund

The City's general fund balances increased \$185,743. The table that follows assists in illustrating the revenues of the general fund. While the City did see a decrease in revenue and an increase in expenditures in 2008, the City still was able to keep expenditures lower than revenues received.

	<u>2008</u> Amount	<u>2007</u> Amount	Percentage Change
<u>Revenues</u>			
Municipal income taxes	\$ 2,358,414	\$ 2,262,943	4%
Property and other taxes	536,521	662,145	-19%
Licenses and permits	66,610	91,777	-27%
Intergovernmental	645,836	740,031	-13%
Charges for services	185,524	188,884	-2%
Fines and forfeitures	143,539	166,546	-14%
Investment income	169,464	187,204	-9%
Other	<u>28,179</u>	<u>9,313</u>	203%
Total	<u>\$ 4,134,087</u>	<u>\$ 4,308,843</u>	-4%

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The table that follows assists in illustrating the expenditures of the general fund.

	2008 Amount	2007 Amount	Percentage Change
<u>Expenditures</u>			
General government	\$ 1,065,967	\$ 1,188,147	-10%
Security of persons and property	2,022,806	1,846,384	10%
Physical environment	17,668	3,758	370%
Transportation	457,410	432,100	6%
Economic environment	293,404	303,256	-3%
Public health and welfare	38,984	38,675	1%
Culture and recreation	17,360	6,204	180%
Capital Outlay	34,745	-	
Total	<u>\$ 3,948,344</u>	<u>\$ 3,818,524</u>	3%

Budgeting Highlights

The City's budgeting process is prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Essentially the budget is the City's appropriations which are restricted by the amounts of anticipated resources certified the by the Budget Commission in accordance with the ORC. Therefore, the City's plans or desires cannot be totally reflected in the original budget. If budgeted revenues are adjusted due to activity then appropriations can be adjusted accordingly.

In the general fund, the actual revenues and other financing sources came in \$32,881 higher than they were in the final budget and actual expenditures and other financing uses were \$243,995 less than the amount in the final budget. Budgeted expenditures and other financing uses increased \$126,785 from the original to the final budget.

General Bond Retirement Fund

The general bond retirement fund had revenues and note proceeds of \$1,496,694 in 2008. The expenditures of the general bond retirement fund, totaled \$1,889,367 in 2008. The net decrease in fund balances for the general bond retirement was \$392,673 or 63.38%. The decrease is due to the City making a large debt payment in 2008.

Sewer Debt Project 2 Fund

The sewer debt project 2 fund has revenues and of \$143,756 in 2008. The expenditures of the sewer debt project 2 fund, totaled \$172,634 in 2008. The net decrease in fund balance for the sewer debt project 2 fund was \$28,878 or 10.57%. The decrease is due to the debt payment being larger than the special assessment revenue received in 2008.

Capital Improvement Fund

The capital improvement fund had revenues and note proceeds of \$2,331,622 in 2008. The expenditures and other financing uses of the capital improvement fund, totaled \$2,244,524 in 2008. The net increase in fund balance for the capital improvement fund was \$87,098 or 20%. The increase is due to more income tax revenue received in 2008 and a decrease in the debt principal and interest paid from this fund.

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Project 4 Sewer Fund

The project 4 sewer fund had revenues and proceeds from OPWC of \$1,172,615 in 2008. The expenditures of the project 4 sewer fund, totaled \$1,160,240 in 2008. The net increase in fund balance for the project 4 sewer fund was \$12,375.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2008, the City had \$14,645,627 (net of accumulated depreciation) invested in land, construction in progress, buildings, improvements other than buildings, machinery, equipment, vehicles and infrastructure. The following table shows fiscal 2008 balances compared to 2007:

	Capital Assets at December 31	
	(Net of Depreciation)	
	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Land	\$ 1,113,096	\$ 1,113,096
Construction in progress	4,752,135	2,309,467
Buildings	5,082,962	5,158,275
Improvements other than buildings	40,485	41,767
Machinery, equipment & vehicles	2,540,949	1,607,210
Infrastructure	<u>1,116,000</u>	<u>1,146,752</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,645,627</u>	<u>\$ 11,376,567</u>

Refer to Note 7 for additional information on the City's capital assets.

Debt Administration

The City had the following long-term obligations outstanding at December 31, 2008 and 2007:

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
W&SRC loan	\$ 396,075	\$ 396,075
OWDA loans	3,697,818	2,954,517
Capital lease	835,807	0
Notes payable	<u>3,175,000</u>	<u>3,860,000</u>
Total long-term obligations	<u>\$ 8,104,700</u>	<u>\$ 7,210,592</u>

Refer to Note 8 for additional information on the City's long-term obligations.

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Contacting the City's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives, spends, or invests. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Ms. Kimberly Sperling, Director of Finance, City of Olmsted Falls, 26100 Bagley Rd., Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138-1897.

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CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$5,267,649
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectables):	
Income taxes	1,074,270
Property and other taxes	2,337,850
Accounts	183,845
Special Assessments	2,856,204
Intergovernment	661,822
Prepayments	103,698
Materials and supplies inventory	7,472
Capital Assets:	
Land	1,113,096
Construction in progress	4,752,135
Depreciable capital assets, net	8,780,396
Total capital assets, net	14,645,627
<i>Total Assets</i>	27,138,437
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	45,676
Accrued wages and benefits	36,863
Accrued interest payable	26,789
Due to other governments	173,435
Deferred Revenue	2,145,202
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year	524,846
Due in more than one year	7,938,580
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	10,891,391
Net assets:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	6,540,928
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	1,021,819
Debt service	3,446,769
Other purposes	3,206,817
Unrestricted	2,030,713
Total net assets	\$16,247,046

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	Revenues and Changes in Net Assets
Governmental Activities:				
General government	\$1,131,981	\$13,896	\$0	(\$1,118,085)
Security of persons and property	2,916,051	301,210	1,280	(2,613,561)
Physical environment	341,115	254,635	0	1,219,394
Transportation	1,030,400	13,443	407,687	(456,135)
Economic development	381,282	65,118	0	(316,164)
Public health and welfare	89,510	24,066	0	(65,444)
Culture and recreation	211,966	18,458	0	(193,508)
Interest and fiscal charges	322,092	0	0	(322,092)
Total Governmental Activities	\$6,424,397	\$690,826	\$408,967	\$1,459,009

General Revenues

Property Taxes Levied for:

General purposes	539,723
Special revenue	1,065,238
Debt services	334,017

Income Tax Levied for:

General purposes	2,341,987
Capital projects	305,453
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs	888,495
Investment earnings	180,682
Miscellaneous	97,381

Total general revenues 5,752,976

Change in net assets 1,887,381

Net assets beginning of year 14,359,665

Net assets end of year \$16,247,046

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

	General	General Bond Retirement	Sewer Debt Project 2	Capital Improvement	Project 4 Sewer	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets							
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$952,333	\$226,918	\$244,365	\$483,737	\$0	\$3,360,296	\$5,267,649
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectables):							
Income taxes	945,358	0	0	107,427	0	21,485	1,074,270
Property and other taxes	672,402	403,514	0	0	0	1,261,934	2,337,850
Accounts	105,019	0	0	0	0	78,826	183,845
Special Assessments	0	0	1,340,753	0	0	1,515,151	2,855,904
Intergovernmental	317,600	25,455	0	0	12,375	306,392	661,822
Interfund loans	108,894	0	0	0	0	0	108,894
Prepayments	103,698	0	0	0	0	0	103,698
Due from other funds	50,059	0	0	0	0	0	50,059
Materials and supplies inventory	747	0	0	0	0	6,725	7,472
Total Assets	\$3,256,110	\$655,887	\$1,585,118	\$591,164	\$12,375	\$6,550,809	\$12,651,463
Liabilities							
Accounts Payable	\$29,466	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,210	\$45,676
Accrued wages and benefits	35,215	0	0	0	0	1,648	36,863
Interfund loan payable	0	0	0	0	0	108,894	108,894
Due to other funds	0	0	0	0	0	50,059	50,059
Due to other governments	92,385	0	0	0	0	81,050	173,435
Deferred Revenue	1,452,654	428,969	1,340,753	68,589	0	3,011,885	6,302,850
Total Liabilities	1,609,720	428,969	1,340,753	68,589	0	3,269,746	6,717,777
Fund Balances							
Reserved for Encumbrances	77,094	0	0	271,379	0	492,533	841,006
Reserved for prepayments	103,698	0	0	0	0	0	103,698
Reserved for materials and supplies inventory	747	0	0	0	0	6,725	7,472
Unreserved, undesignated, reported in:							
General fund	1,464,851	0	0	0	0	0	1,464,851
Special revenue funds	0	0	0	0	0	2,492,871	2,492,871
Debt service funds	0	226,918	244,365	0	0	19,281	490,564
Capital projects funds	0	0	0	251,196	12,375	269,653	533,224
Total Fund Balances	1,646,390	226,918	244,365	522,575	12,375	3,281,063	5,933,686
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$3,256,110	\$655,887	\$1,585,118	\$591,164	\$12,375	\$6,550,809	\$12,651,463

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 31, 2008

Total Governmental Funds Balances'		\$5,933,686
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because</i>		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		14,645,627
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.		
Property and other taxes receivable	\$ 193,657	
Income taxes receivable	673,252	
Special assessments receivable	2,856,204	
Intergovernmental receivable	328,869	
Accounts receivable	<u>105,966</u>	
Total		4,157,948
In the statement of activities interest is accrued on notes payable, whereas in governmental funds, interest expenditures are reported when due.		(26,789)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. The long-term liabilities are as follows:		
OWDA loans payable	\$ (3,697,818)	
Loans payable	(396,075)	
Notes payable	(3,175,000)	
Capital leases payable	(835,807)	
Compensated absences payable	<u>(358,726)</u>	
Total		<u>(8,463,426)</u>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities		<u><u>\$16,247,046</u></u>

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CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	General	Bond Retirement	Sewer Debt Project 2	Capital Improvement	Project 4 Sewer	Other Governmental	Total Governmental
Revenues							
Income Taxes	\$2,358,414	\$340,006	\$0	\$256,622	\$0	\$51,324	\$ 3,006,366
Property Taxes	536,521	0	0	0	0	1,084,181	1,620,702
Licenses and permits	66,610	0	0	0	0	0	66,610
Intergovernmental	645,836	56,688	0	0	1,119,781	766,860	2,589,165
Charges for services	185,524	0	0	0	0	263,259	448,783
Fines and forfeitures	143,539	0	0	0	0	8,183	151,722
Special assessments	0	0	143,756	0	0	338,561	482,317
Investment income	169,464	0	0	0	0	11,218	180,682
Miscellaneous income	28,179	0	0	0	0	62,760	90,939
Total revenues	4,134,087	396,694	143,756	256,622	1,119,781	2,586,346	8,637,286
Expenditures							
Current operations and maintenance:							
General government	1,065,967	0	0	5,913	0	6,357	1,078,237
Security of persons and property	2,022,806	0	0	0	0	696,310	2,719,116
Physical environment	17,668	0	0	0	0	323,891	341,559
Transportation	457,410	0	0	0	0	385,121	842,531
Economic development	293,404	0	0	0	0	79,310	372,714
Public health	38,984	0	0	0	0	50,526	89,510
Cultural and recreation	17,360	0	0	0	0	190,337	207,697
Capital outlay	34,745	0	0	132,307	1,160,240	2,345,228	3,672,520
Debt Service:							
Principal retirement	0	1,765,000	108,703	2,095,000	0	204,898	4,173,601
Interest and fiscal charges	0	124,367	63,931	11,304	0	122,436	322,038
Total expenditures	3,948,344	1,889,367	172,634	2,244,524	1,160,240	4,404,414	13,819,523
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	185,743	(1,492,673)	(28,878)	(1,987,902)	(40,459)	(1,818,068)	(5,182,237)
Other financing sources (uses)							
Proceeds from Sale of Debt	0	1,100,000	0	2,075,000	0	0	3,175,000
Proceeds from OPWC	0	0	0	0	52,834	1,035,484	1,088,318
Inception of Capital Lease	0	0	0	0	0	857,226	857,226
Sale of Capital Assets	0	0	0	0	0	6,445	6,445
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	1,100,000	0	2,075,000	52,834	1,899,155	5,126,989
Net change in fund balances	185,743	(392,673)	(28,878)	87,098	12,375	81,087	(55,248)
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,460,647	619,591	273,243	435,477	0	3,199,976	5,988,934
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 1,646,390	\$ 226,918	\$ 244,365	\$ 522,575	\$ 12,375	\$ 3,281,063	\$ 5,933,686

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO
 RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
 IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	(55,248)
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because</i>		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.		
Capital asset additions	3,529,857	
Current year depreciation	<u>(244,293)</u>	
Total		3,285,564
Governmental funds only report the disposal of capital assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal.		
		(16,503)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
Property Taxes	(21,730)	
Income Tax	(18,919)	
Special Assessments	(349,058)	
Intergovernmental revenues	(18,788)	
Charges for Services	<u>23,708</u>	
Total		(384,787)
Issuance of the capital leases in the governmental funds increased the long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.		
		(857,226)
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.		
		4,173,601
Proceeds of notes are recognized as revenue in the governmental funds, however, on the statement of activities, they are not reported as revenues as they increase liabilities in the statement of net assets.		
		(4,210,484)
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on notes payable, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.		
		(54)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
		<u>(47,482)</u>
<i>Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,887,381</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget Positive/(Negative)
Revenues				
Income Taxes	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 2,368,252	\$ 68,252
Property Taxes	586,011	586,011	536,521	(49,490)
Licenses and permits	68,500	68,500	65,118	(3,382)
Intergovernmental	518,022	518,022	595,246	77,224
Charges for services	228,905	228,905	199,707	(29,198)
Fines and forfeitures	158,800	158,800	143,539	(15,261)
Special assessments	1,100	1,100	359	(741)
Investment income	159,782	159,782	169,464	9,682
Miscellaneous income	33,880	33,880	27,820	(6,060)
Total revenues	4,055,000	4,055,000	4,106,026	51,026
Expenditures				
Current operations and maintenance:				
General government	1,198,402	1,145,179	1,119,410	25,769
Security of persons and property	2,195,715	2,187,888	2,043,486	144,402
Physical environment	36,733	58,854	37,663	21,191
Transportation	440,835	492,983	474,661	18,322
Economic development	335,105	320,305	294,500	25,805
Public health	35,000	46,000	43,803	2,197
Cultural and recreation	13,287	20,349	17,640	2,709
Capital outlay	0	34,745	34,745	0
Debt Service:				
Principal retirement	3,600	3,600	0	3,600
Interest and fiscal charges	0	0	0	0
Total expenditures	4,258,677	4,309,903	4,065,908	243,995
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(203,677)	(254,903)	40,118	295,021
Other financing sources (uses)				
Advances In	45,000	45,000	26,855	(18,145)
Advances Out	0	(75,559)	(75,559)	0
Total other financing sources (uses)	45,000	(30,559)	(48,704)	(18,145)
Net change in fund balances	(158,677)	(285,462)	(8,586)	276,876
Fund balance at beginning of year	890,066	890,066	890,066	0
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	56,733	56,733	56,733	0
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 788,122	\$ 661,337	\$ 938,213	\$ 276,876

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>Agency</u>
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 75,926</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 75,926</u></u>
Liabilities	
Deposits held and due to others	<u>\$ 75,926</u>
Total liabilities	<u><u>\$ 75,926</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Note 1 – DESCRIPTION OF CITY AND REPORTING ENTITY

The City of Olmsted Falls, Cuyahoga County, (the City) 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 City was incorporated in 1851 and became a city in 1972. Under the City Charter adopted in July 1972, the City has an elected mayor-council form of government. Council is composed of seven members, three at large and one for each of the City's four wards, all elected for terms of two years. The Director of Law, Director of Finance, Safety Director, Service Director and Economic Development Director are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council.

Reporting Entity

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading.

The City as a primary government consists of all funds and the departments, which are not legally separate from the City. They include a police force, a fire fighting force, a mayor's court, a street maintenance force, planning and zoning departments, a park and recreation system and a staff to provide essential support to these service providers. The operation of each of these activities is directly controlled by the City Council through the budgetary process and is therefore included as part of the reporting entity. Included in the determination of the City's reporting entity is the Mayor's Court of Olmsted Falls (Court). The territorial jurisdiction of the Court is in the boundaries of the City and has been included in the City's financial statements as an agency fund. The mayor is an elected official who has fiduciary responsibility for the collection and distribution of the court fees and fines.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the City is financially accountable. The City is financially accountable for an organization if the City appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the City is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the City is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the City is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance deficits of, or provide financial support to the organization; or the City is obligated for the debt of the organizations. Component units may also include organizations for which the City authorizes the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes, or determines the budget. There are no component units included as part of this report.

The City is associated with five jointly governed organizations, the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, Chestnut Grove Union Cemetery, Joint Economic Development District, Southwest Council of Governments, and the Southwest General Health Center. A jointly governed organization is managed by representatives from each of the governments that create the organization, but there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility on the part of the participating governments. These organizations are presented in Note 11.

The Olmsted Falls City School and the Berea City School Districts service the boundaries of the City. Both are distinct political subdivisions of the State of Ohio and each is operated under an elected school board possessing its own budgetary and taxing authority. Accordingly, the school districts are not considered part of the City and their operations are not included within the accompanying financial statements.

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Note 1: The Reporting Entity (continued)

The Cuyahoga County Public Library (the Library), located within the boundaries of the City, is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the supervision of the Cuyahoga County Public Library District. The Library is not a component unit of the reporting entity and is not reflected within the accompanying financial statements.

Each year, the residents of Olmsted Falls are assessed, through a tax levy, for a portion of the general operating expenses of the Chestnut Grove Union Cemeteries. For 2008, the amount paid to the Chestnut Grove Union Cemetery amounted to \$43,924. The residents are also assessed, through a tax levy, for a portion of the operating expenses of Southwest General Hospital. The amount paid in 2008 to Southwest General Hospital amounted to \$44,547. Both of these organizations exercise their own budgetary and financial management authority. Therefore they are not considered part of the City and their operations are not reflected in the City's financial statements.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the City of Olmsted Falls have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to local governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial principles. The City also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations issued before November 30, 1989 to its governmental activities provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The most significant of the City's accounting policies are described below.

A. Basis of Presentation

The City's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements - The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the City as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The statement of net assets presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the City at year end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the City's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the City, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the City.

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

A. Basis of Presentation (continued)

Fund Financial Statements- During the year, the City segregates transactions related to certain City functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the City at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-Major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

B. Fund Accounting

The City uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: Governmental, Proprietary and Fiduciary. The City does not have proprietary funds.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purpose for which they may or must be used. The current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the City's major governmental funds:

General Fund – The general fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the City for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the Charter of the City of Olmsted Falls and/or the general laws of Ohio.

Bond Retirement Fund – This fund is used to account for debt service payments.

Sewer Debt Project 2 Fund – This fund is used to account for special assessments and transfers that are utilized for the repayment of OWDA loans for a sewer project.

Capital Improvement Fund – This fund is used to account for the financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

Project 4 Sewer Fund – This fund is used to account for the financial resources to be used for the construction of the Westlawn/Lindberg Sewer Project.

The other governmental funds of the City account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

B. Fund Accounting

Fiduciary Funds -Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net assets. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the City under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the City's own programs. The City has no trust funds. Agency funds are used to account for assets held by the City in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and other governments. Agency funds are purely custodial (assets equal liabilities) and thus do not involve measurement of results of operations.

C. Measurement Focus

Government-Wide Financial Statements - The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the City are included on the Statement of Net Assets.

Fund Financial Statements - All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting; fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenues – Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions - Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. Available period for the City is sixty days after year-end.

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Basis of Accounting (continued)

Non-exchange transactions, in which the City receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include income taxes, property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from income taxes is recognized in the period in which the income is earned. Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the year for which the taxes are levied (see Note 6). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the City must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the City on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year-end: income tax, state-levied locally shared taxes (including gasoline tax), fines and forfeitures, licenses and permits, interest, grants and fees.

Deferred Revenue - Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2008, but which were levied to finance year 2009 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue. Special assessments not received within the available period and grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as deferred revenue. On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have also been reported as deferred revenue.

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

E. 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 ordinance, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. All funds, other than the agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund and personal services level for all funds. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the City Council. The Director of Finance is authorized to transfer appropriations between line items within a function or object of any department.

Tax Budget - At the last Council meeting in May, the Mayor presents the annual operating budget for the following year to City Council for consideration and passage. The adopted budget is submitted to the County Auditor, as Secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20th of each year, for the period January 1st to December 31st of the following year.

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

E. Budgetary Process (continued)

Estimated Resources - The County Budget Commission determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy all or part of previously authorized taxes and reviews estimated revenue. The Commission certifies its actions to the City by September 1. As part of this certification, the City receives the official certificate of estimated resources, which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to December 31st, the City must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount available as stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriations ordinance. On or about January 1st, the certificate of estimated resources is amended to include unencumbered fund balances at December 31st of the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if the Finance Director determines, and the Budget Commission agrees, that an estimate needs to be either increased or decreased. The amounts reported as the budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect when the original and final appropriations were passed by Council.

Appropriations - A temporary appropriation ordinance to control expenditures may be passed on or about January 1 of each year for the period January 1st to March 31st. An annual appropriation ordinance must be passed by April 1st of each year for the period January 1st to December 31st. The appropriation ordinance fixes spending authority at the fund level for all funds. The appropriation ordinance may be amended during the year as new information becomes available, provided that total fund appropriations may not exceed current estimated resources, as certified. During the year, several supplemental appropriation measures were passed. The amounts reported as the budgeted amounts represent the original and final appropriation amounts passed by Council during the year.

Encumbrances - As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded as the equivalent of expenditures on the non-GAAP budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. The Ohio Revised Code prohibits expenditures plus encumbrances from exceeding appropriations. On the GAAP basis, encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reported as reservations of fund balances for subsequent-year expenditures for governmental funds.

Lapsing of Appropriations - At the close of each 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 year and is not reappropriated.

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, cash received by the City is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the City's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents."

During 2008, the City's investments were limited to non-negotiable certificates of deposits and the STAROhio. Investments are reported at fair value, except for non-negotiable certificates of deposits, which are reported at cost.

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents (continued)

STAROhio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAROhio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAROhio are valued at STAROhio's share price, which is the price the investment could be sold for on December 31, 2008.

The provisions of the Ohio Revised Code restrict investment procedures. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during 2008 amounted to \$169,464 which includes \$137,263 assigned from other funds. Investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and investments of the cash management pool are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents.

G. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2008, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method by recording a current asset for the prepaid amount at the time of purchase and reflecting the expenditure in the year in which the services are consumed.

H. Inventory

Inventories are presented at cost on a first-in, first-out basis and are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds when used. Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption.

I. Capital Assets

General capital assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The City maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The City's infrastructure consists of streets, sanitary sewers, bridges and traffic signals. Traffic signals acquired prior to January 1, 2002 are not reported. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not. Retro to December 31, 2004, the City has implemented a bridge infrastructure accounting of all bridges greater than a ten foot span.

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

I. Capital Assets (continued)

All capital assets are depreciated except for land and construction in progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the City's historical records of necessary improvements and replacement. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings	40-110 years
Improvements other than Buildings	50 years
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	10-75 years
Infrastructure	50-100 years

J. Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, outstanding interfund loans and unpaid amounts for interfund services are reported as "interfund receivables/payables". Loans resulting from negative cash balances are reported as "due to /from other funds." Interfund balance amounts are eliminated in the statement of net assets.

K. Compensated Absences

Holiday, personal, vacations and other leave balances are a use it or lose it policy. Individual exceptions are allowed to carry forward certain unused amounts into the next year. Generally, such requests are infrequent.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The financial reporting policy for recognition of compensated absences of sick time is based upon all employees considered vested after one year of employment and eligible for termination cash out. Or, it is assumed that all hired employees will terminate employment from the city and be eligible for cash out of unused sick time based upon the allocation ratio in effect at the fiscal year-end.

L. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments, and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Bonds, capital leases and long-term loans are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

M. Fund Reserves and Designations

The City reserves those portions of fund balance which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent expendable resources and therefore are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Fund balance reserves have been established for encumbrances, prepayments and materials and supplies inventory.

N. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the City or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

The City applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

O. Interfund Activity

Transfers between governmental activities on the government-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements

P. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the City Administration and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. The City had neither type of transaction during 2008.

Q. Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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Note 3: Accountability

A. Deficit GAAP Fund Balances

The following funds had a deficit fund balance at December 31, 2008:

	<u>Deficit</u>
<u>Nonmajor governmental funds</u>	
Community Development Block Grant Fund	\$17,642
Sewer Debt Project 4 Fund	\$75,559

These deficits resulted from the recognition of accrued liabilities. The general fund is responsible to cover deficit fund balances by means of a transfer. However, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

Note 4: Deposits and Investments

State statutes classify monies held by the City into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the City treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts. Inactive deposits are monies identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that Council has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Interim monies 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 and 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;
- 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;

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Note 4: Deposits and Investments (continued)

- 4 Investment grade obligations of state and local governments, and public authorities;
- 5 No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions; and,
- 6 The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio).

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 City, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Protection of the City'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 City by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

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.

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At December 31, 2008, the carrying amount of the City's deposits was \$1,778,018 and the bank balance was \$1,934,907. Of the bank balance \$1,734,907 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below and \$200,000 was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Although the securities were held by the pledging institution's trust department and all statutory requirements for the investment of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the City to a successful claim by the FDIC.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the City will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside entity. As permitted by Ohio Revised Code, the City's deposits are collateralized by a pool of eligible securities deposited with Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the Federal Reserve System, in the name of the depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all public deposits held by the depository whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of all deposits being secured.

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Note 4: Deposits and Investments (continued)

B. Investments

Investments are reported at fair value. As of December 31, 2008, the City had the following investments:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities 6 months or less</u>
STAR Ohio	\$ 3,565,557	\$3,565,557

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The City’s investment policy addresses interest rate risk requiring that the City’s investment portfolio be structured so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and/or long-term debt payments, thereby avoiding that need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity and by investing operating funds primarily in short-term investments. The City investment policy also limits security purchases to those that mature five years unless specifically matched to a specific cash flow. To date, no investments have been purchased with a life greater than two years.

Credit Risk -The City’s investment policy addresses credit risk by requiring that all investments are authorized by Ohio Revised Code and that portfolio be diversified both by types of investment and issuer. All investments of the City are registered and carry a rating AAA by Standard & Poor’s.

Concentration of Credit Risk- The City places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the City at December 31, 2008:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
STAR Ohio	\$ 3,565,557	100%

Reconciliation of Cash and Investment to the Statement of Net Assets – The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net assets as of December 31, 2008.

Cash and Investments

Carrying amount of deposits	\$1,778,018
Investments	<u>3,565,557</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,343,575</u>

Cash and Investments per Statement of Net Assets

Governmental Activities	\$ 5,267,649
Fiduciary Funds	<u>75,926</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,343,575</u>

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Note 5: Interfund Transfers

- A. Interfund loans consisted of the following “interfund loans receivable/payable” at December 31, 2008, as reported on the fund financial statements.

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Nonmajor governmental	\$108,894

Interfund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements; therefore, no internal balances as December 31, 2008 are reported on the statement of net assets.

- B. Interfund loans consisted of the following amounts “due to/from other funds” at December 31, 2008, as reported on the fund financial statements.

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Nonmajor governmental	\$50,059

Interfund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements; therefore, no internal balances at December 31, 2008 are reported on the statement of net assets.

Note 6: Receivables

Receivables at December 31, 2008, consisted of municipal income taxes, property taxes, accounts, due from other governments, and special assessments. All receivables are considered fully collectible.

A. Property Taxes

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible personal property located in the City. Property tax revenue received during 2008 for real and public utility property taxes represents collections of the 2007 taxes. Property tax payments received during 2008 for tangible personal property (other than public utility property) are for 2008 taxes.

The 2008 real property taxes are levied after October 1, 2008, on the assessed value as of January 1, 2008, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. 2008 real property taxes are collected in and intended to finance 2009.

Public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2008 public utility property taxes which became a lien December 31, 2007, are levied after October 1, 2008, and are collected in 2008 with real property taxes.

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Note 6: Receivables (continued)

A. Property Taxes (continued)

Tangible personal property tax revenues received in 2008 (other than public utility property) represent the collection of 2008 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in 2008 were levied after October 1, 2007, on the true value as of January 1, 2007. In prior years, tangible personal property assessments were twenty-five percent of true value for capital assets and twenty-three percent of true value for inventory. Tangible personal property tax is being phased out – the assessment percentage for property, including inventory, is 6.25% for 2008. This percentage will be to zero for 2009. Amounts paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semiannually. If paid annually, the first payment is due April 30; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20.

House Bill No. 66 was signed into law on June 30, 2005. House Bill No. 66 phases out the tax on tangible personal property of general businesses, telephone and telecommunications companies, and railroads. The tax on general business and railroad property will be eliminated by calendar year 2011. The tax is phased out by reducing the assessment rate on the property each year. The bill replaces the revenue lost by the City due to the phasing out of the tax. In calendar year 2006-2010, the City will be fully reimbursed for the lost revenue. In calendar years 2011-2017, the reimbursements will be phased out.

The full tax rate applied to real property for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 was \$15.70 for \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The assessed values of real and tangible personal property, upon which 2008 property tax receipts were based, are as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Real Property	\$ 211,440,160
Public Utility Tangible	3,234,580
Tangible Personal	770,418
Total	<u>\$ 215,445,158</u>

Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, Ohio Revised Code permits later payment dates to be established.

Tangible personal property taxes paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable at September 20.

The Cuyahoga County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County, including the City. The County Auditor periodically remits to the City its portion of the taxes. Property taxes receivable represents real and tangible personal property taxes, public utility taxes and outstanding delinquencies which are measurable as of December 31, 2008 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. In the governmental funds, the entire receivable has been offset by deferred revenue since current taxes were not levied to finance 2008 operations and the collection of delinquent taxes during the available period is not subject to reasonable estimation. On a full accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue while on the modified accrual basis the revenue is deferred.

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A. Income Taxes

The City levies an income tax of 1.50% on substantially all income earned within the City. In addition, residents of the City are required to pay City income tax on income earned outside the City; however, a 50% credit up to .75% is allowed for income taxes paid to other municipalities. Employers within the City are required to withhold income tax on employee earnings and remit the tax at least quarterly to the Regional Income Tax Agency, who administers the City's income tax collections. Corporations and other individual taxpayers are also required to pay their estimated tax at least quarterly and file a final return annually.

By City Ordinance, income taxes shall be deposited in the General Fund, except that ten percent and two percent of such balance shall be deposited annually in the Capital Improvement General Improvements Fund and the Capital Improvement Service Equipment Fund, respectively.

C. Intergovernmental Receivable

A summary of intergovernmental receivables as of December 31, 2008, follows:

Governmental Activities:	<u>Amount</u>
Local Government and Local Government Revenue Assistance	\$ 115,703
Homestead and Rollback	145,844
Estate Tax	159,071
Gasoline and Excise Tax	92,781
Auto Registration Tax	29,938
Cents Gallon Tax	44,756
State Government	12,375
Other	664
Ohio Department of Transportation	<u>60,690</u>
Total	<u>\$ 661,822</u>

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Note 7: Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for Governmental Activities for the year ended December 31, 2008:

	Balance 1/1/2008	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2008
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
<i>Capital Assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$1,113,096	\$0	\$0	\$1,113,096
Construction in Progress	2,309,467	2,442,668	0	4,752,135
<i>Total Capital Assets, not being Depreciated</i>	<u>3,422,563</u>	<u>2,442,668</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,865,231</u>
<i>Capital Assets, being Depreciated:</i>				
Buildings and Improvements	5,507,138	0	0	5,507,138
Improvements other than buildings	51,275	0	0	51,275
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	2,551,446	1,087,189	(68,733)	3,569,902
Infrastructure				
Traffic Signals	100,251	0	0	100,251
Bridges	536,406	0	0	536,406
Roads	482,909	0	0	482,909
Sanitary Sewers	164,379	0	0	164,379
<i>Total Capital Assets, being Depreciated</i>	<u>9,393,804</u>	<u>1,087,189</u>	<u>(68,733)</u>	<u>10,412,260</u>
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation:</i>				
Buildings	(348,865)	(75,313)	0	(424,178)
Improvements other than buildings	(9,508)	(1,282)	0	(10,790)
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	(944,235)	(134,370)	49,654	(1,028,951)
Infrastructure				
Traffic signals	(9,615)	(2,005)	0	(11,620)
Bridges	(81,131)	(4,986)	2,576	(83,541)
Roads	(42,063)	(24,145)	0	(66,208)
Sanitary sewers	(4,384)	(2,192)	0	(6,576)
<i>Total Accumulated Depreciation</i>	<u>(1,439,801)</u>	<u>(244,293)</u>	<u>52,230</u>	<u>(1,631,864)</u>
Total Capital Assets, being Depreciated, net	<u>7,954,003</u>	<u>842,896</u>	<u>(16,503)</u>	<u>8,780,396</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$11,376,566</u>	<u>\$3,285,564</u>	<u>\$(16,503)</u>	<u>\$14,645,627</u>

*Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

General government	\$50,538
Security persons & property	100,097
Physical environment	2,192
Transportation	83,810
Economic environment	3,387
Cultural & recreation	4,269
Total	<u>\$244,293</u>

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Note 8: Long-Term Obligations

The City had the following activity in long-term obligations during 2008:

	Balance 1/01/2008	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/2008	Due Within One Year
1998 Ohio Water and Sewer Rotary Commission Loan	\$396,075	\$ -	\$ -	\$396,075	\$ -
Ohio Water Development Authority Loans (OWDA):					
1989 Sanitary Sewer 7.51%	238,562	-	(62,293)	176,269	66,971
1991 Water Mains 7.45%	171,891	-	(26,473)	145,418	28,445
1995 Water Mains 6.56%	499,718	-	(32,406)	467,312	34,532
1995 Sanitary Sewers 4.35%	1,496,566	-	(108,703)	1,387,863	113,483
2002 Sanitary Sewer 3.95%	470,519	-	(19,574)	450,945	20,667
2002 Storm Sewers 5.70%	76,960	-	(2,781)	74,179	2,942
2008 Sanitary Sewers 3.25%	-	1,035,484	(39,652)	995,832	81,247
Subtotal OWDA:	<u>2,954,216</u>	<u>1,035,484</u>	<u>(291,882)</u>	<u>3,697,818</u>	<u>348,287</u>
2008 Fire Station Improvement Notes	1,700,000	1,100,000	(1,700,000)	1,100,000	-
2008 Building Improvement Notes	1,820,000	1,755,000	(1,820,000)	1,755,000	-
2008 Various Purpose Notes	340,000	320,000	(340,000)	320,000	-
Capital Leases	0	906,826	(71,019)	835,807	128,882
Compensated Absence	311,244	59,950	(12,468)	358,726	47,677
Total Governmental Activities Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$7,521,535</u>	<u>\$5,177,260</u>	<u>(\$4,235,369)</u>	<u>\$8,463,426</u>	<u>\$524,846</u>

Ohio Water and Sewer Rotary Commission (W&SRC) -The City obtained resources from the Ohio Water and Sewer Rotary Commission during fiscal year 1998 to pay for the cost of improvements contained within an Agricultural District within the City. The collections of special assessments within an agricultural district are exempt under the terms of Ohio Revised Code Section 929.03. The full amount of the assessment for the portion of the property, for which the use has changed, pursuant to the Revised Code, is due within ten days and must be repaid by the City regardless of whether the City has collected the full amount from property owners at that time. No part of the Ohio Water and Sewer Rotary Commission debt is due until use has changed per the requirements of the law.

The amount of filing and unbilled special assessments for the improvements within the Agricultural District was \$396,075. There was no change in the status of the parcels for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

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Note 8: Long-Term Obligations (continued)

Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) - The City has obtained loans from OWDA for water and sewer line extension in fiscal years 1989, 1991, 1995 and 2008. The sewer projects have been mandated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. These loans will be paid from the debt service funds using special assessments levied against benefited property owners. In the event that a property owner would fail to pay the assessment, the City would make payment. These loans are paid for from various debt service funds.

During fiscal year 2002, the City obtained two loans from OWDA. One loan is for the construction of storm sewer lines. The second loan is for the construction of sanitary sewer lines, the dismantling of a primary treatment plant and conversion to a pump station. These loans have been finalized, and as a result a repayment schedule is included in the schedule of debt service requirements and the outstanding loan amounts. These loans are paid for from the Capital Improvements Fund.

Notes Payable – The notes payable have been reported on the governmental activities statement of net assets. The notes are backed by the full faith and credit of the City. The building improvement notes and various purpose notes are paid from the general bond retirement fund. The liability for the fire station improvement notes are paid from the general bond retirement fund.

Compensated Absences - Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employee’s salary is paid.

The City’s overall legal debt margin was \$23,112,306 and an unvoted debt margin of \$11,849,484 at December 31, 2008.

Note 9: Capital Leases

In 2008, the City entered into a lease agreement for a fire truck with a down payment of \$49,600 and a service truck. The City’s lease obligations meet the criteria of a capital lease as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13, “Accounting for Leases”.

The capital assets acquired by the leases has been capitalized and depreciated as follows as of December 31, 2008:

	Governmental Activities
Capital Leases, being depreciated	
Vehicles	\$906,826
Total Capital Leases, being depreciated	906,826
Less Accumulated Depreciation	
Vehicles	(4,025)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(4,025)
Capital Leases, Net	\$902,801

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the capital leases and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2008.

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Note 9: Capital Leases (continued)

Future long-term minimum lease payments:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
2009	\$148,034
2010	148,034
2011	148,034
2012	148,034
2013	126,615
2014-2015	<u>253,230</u>
Total	971,979
Less: Amount Representing Interest	<u>(136,174)</u>
Present Value of Net Minimum Lease Payments	<u><u>\$835,807</u></u>

Note 10: Risk Management

The City of Olmsted Falls is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and injuries to employees. During 2008, the City contracted through the Municipal Insurance Alliance Agency of Ohio for various types of insurance as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
HCC Insurance Company	Building and Property	\$ 7,324,113
	General Liability	3,000,000
	Public Officials Liability	1,000,000
	Law Enforcement Liability	1,000,000
	Crime Coverage	25,000
	Employee Dishonesty	50,000
	Automobile Liability	1,000,000
	Umbrella Liability	10,000,000
Travelers Property Casualty	Boiler/Machinery	7,180,504

The City carries commercial insurance coverage for all risks. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years and there were no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year. Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State. The City pays the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

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Note 11: Jointly Governed Organizations

A. Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC)

The City is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC). NOPEC is a regional council of governments formed under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. NOPEC was formed to serve as a vehicle for communities wishing to proceed jointly with an aggregation program for the purchase of electricity. NOPEC is currently comprised of over 100 communities who have been authorized by ballot to purchase electricity on behalf of their citizens. The intent of NOPEC is to provide electricity at the lowest possible rates while at the same time insuring stability in prices by entering into long-term contracts with suppliers to provide electricity to the citizens of its member communities.

NOPEC is governed by a General Assembly made up of one representative from each member community. The representatives from each county then elect one person to serve on the eight-member NOPEC Board of Directors. The Board oversees and manages the operation of the aggregation program. The degree of control exercised by any participating government is limited to its representation in the General Assembly and on the Board. The City of Olmsted Falls did not contribute to NOPEC during 2008. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Joseph Migliorini, Board Chairman, 31320 Solon Rd, Suite 20, Solon, Ohio 44139.

B. Chestnut Grove Union Cemetery

The Chestnut Grove Union Cemetery (The Cemetery) 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 Cemetery provides burial grounds and burial services to the public. The Cemetery is a jointly governed organization between the City of Olmsted Falls and Olmsted Township.

A joint council consisting of the council members of Olmsted Falls and the Trustees of Olmsted Township governs the Cemetery. The joint council elects and appoints the members of the Board of Trustees. The members of the Board of Trustees consist of the following: one elected member of the legislative body from each of the political subdivisions and one appointed resident from either of the political subdivisions who is not a member of the legislative body. The joint council exercises control over the operation of the Cemetery through budgeting, appropriating and contracting. The Board of Trustees control daily operations of the Cemetery. During 2008, the City contributed \$43,924 to the Chestnut Grove Union Cemetery.

C. Joint Economic Development District

The City of Olmsted Falls and Olmsted Township, in an effort to promote growth and economic development, and in accordance with state law, entered into a contract to create the Olmsted Joint Economic Development District (JEDD). The legislative authorities of the City and Township each authorized and directed authorization to enter into a contract for the JEDD. The JEDD was incorporated on September 7, 2001 and JEDD activities initiated December 15, 2001.

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Note 11: Jointly Governed Organizations (continued)

C. Joint Economic Development District (continued)

A Board of Directors governs the JEDD. The Board is composed of the following members: (a) one member representing the City, appointed by the Mayor and approval of the City Council; (b) one member representing the Township, appointed by the Township Trustees; and (c) one member selected by the two members listed. The Board exercises control over the operation of JEDD through budgeting, appropriations, contracting and designating management. The control by the city and township is limited to the representation on the board. During 2008, the City did not contribute to the JEDD.

D. Southwest Council of Governments

The Southwest Council of Governments helps foster cooperation between municipalities in areas affecting health, safety, welfare, education, economic conditions and regional development. The Council's Board is comprised of one member from each of the nineteen participating entities. The Board exercises total control over the operation of the Council, which includes budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. The Board adopts an annual budget. Each City's degree of control is limited to its representation on the Board.

The Council has established two subsidiary organizations, the Hazardous Material Response Team ("HAZMAT"), which provides hazardous material protection and assistance, and the Southwest Enforcement Bureau, which provides extra assistance to cities in the form of a SWAT team. During 2008, the City contributed \$7,500 to the Council. The Council's financial reports may be obtained by contacting Dana Kavender, Secretary-Treasurer, 11 Berea Commons, Berea, Ohio 44017.

E. Southwest General Health Center

The Southwest General Health Center is an Ohio non-profit corporation providing health services among the communities of Berea, Brook Park, Columbia Township, Middleburg Heights, Olmsted Falls and Strongsville.

The Health Center is governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of the following: one member of the legislative body from each of the member political subdivisions, one resident from each of the member political subdivisions who is not a member of the legislative body, three persons who are residents of any of the member political subdivisions, the president and the vice president of the corporations, and the president and the vice president of the medical staff. The legislative body of each political subdivision elects their own member to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Health Center.

The Board exercises total control over the operations of the Health Center, including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designating management. Each City's control is limited to its representation on the Board. During 2008, the City contributed \$44,547 to the Health Center.

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Note 12: Pension Plans

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The City participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20% per year). Under the member directed plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of the member and vested employer contributions plus any investment earnings.

The combined plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and a defined contribution plan. Under the combined plan, employer contributions are invested by the retirement system to provide a formula retirement benefit similar to the traditional plan benefit. Member contributions, whose investment is self-directed by the member, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the member directed plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Members of the member-directed plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. The authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report which may be obtained by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (800) 222-7377.

For the year ended December 31, 2008, the members of all three plans, except those in law enforcement or public safety participating in the traditional plan, were required to contribute 10.0 percent of their annual covered salaries. The contribution rate of the City for pension benefits for 2008 was 14 percent except for those plan members in law enforcement or public safety. For 2008, a portion of the City's contribution equal to 7% of covered payroll was allocated to fund the post-employment health care plan. Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The City's required contributions for pension obligations to the traditional and combined plans for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$91,869, \$107,075 and \$113,800, respectively; 99% has been contributed for 2008 and 100% for 2007 and 2006. The unpaid contribution to fund pension obligations for 2008, in the amount of \$2,594 is recorded as a liability.

B. Ohio Police and Pension Fund

The City contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit plan. OP&F provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by the Ohio State Legislature and are codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code. The OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information for the plan. That report may be obtained by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Note 12: Pension Plans (continued)

B. Ohio Police and Pension Fund (continued)

Police and firefighter plan members are required to contribute 10 % of their annual covered salary to fund pension obligations and the City is required to contribute 19.50% for police officers and 24% for firefighters. Contributions are authorized by State statute. For 2008, a portion of the City's contribution equal to 6.75% of covered payroll was allocated to fund the post-employment health care plan. The City's required contributions to the OP&F for police and firefighters were \$82,207 and \$87,586 for the year ended December 31, 2008, \$77,938 and \$84,904 for the year ended December 31, 2006, and \$72,369 and \$75,098 for the year ended December 31, 2006. 99% for the police department and 99% for the fire department has been contributed for 2008. The unpaid contribution to fund pension obligations for police and fire, in the amount of \$541 and \$1,586, respectively, is recorded as a liability. The full amount has been contributed for 2007 and 2006.

Note 13: Postemployment Benefit Plans

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care plan for qualifying members of both the traditional and combined plans. Members of the member-directed plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care. The plan includes a medical plan, a prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement.

To qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age and service retirees under the traditional and combined plans must have ten or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, OPERS to provide health care benefits to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report which may be obtained by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642 or by calling 614-222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

The post-employment health care plan was established under, and is administered in accordance with, Internal Code 401(h). State statute requires that public employers fund post-employment health care through contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to the traditional or combined plans is set aside for the funding of post-retirement health care.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active members. In 2008, state and local government employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of covered payroll (17.4 percent for public safety and law enforcement). Each year, the OPERS Retirement Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for funding post-employment health care benefits. For 2008, the amount of the employer contributions which was allocated to fund post-employment health care was 7.0 percent of covered payroll.

The OPERS Retirement Board is also authorized to establish rules for the payment of a portion of the health care benefits by the retirees or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amount vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Note 13: Postemployment Benefit Plans

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (continued)

All investments are carried at market. For actuarial valuation purposes, a smoothed market approach is used. Assets are adjusted to reflect 25 percent of unrealized market appreciation or depreciation on investment assets annually.

The City's contributions allocated to fund post-employment health care benefits for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$91,869. 99% has been contributed for 2008 and 100% for 2007 and 2006.

On September 9, 2004 the OPERS Retirement Board adopted a Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) with an effective date of January 1, 2007. The HCPP restructures OPERS' health care coverage to improve the financial solvency of the fund in response to skyrocketing health care costs. Member and employer contribution rates increased as of January 1, 2006, January 1, 2007 and January 1, 2008, which will allow additional funds to be allocated to the health care plan.

B. Ohio Police and Pension Fund

The City contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F) sponsored health care program, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined post-employment healthcare plan administered by OP&F. OP&F provides health care benefits including coverage for medical, prescription drugs, dental, vision, Medicare B Premium reimbursement and long term care to retirees, qualifying benefit recipients and their eligible dependents.

OP&F provides access to post-retirement health care coverage for any person who receives or is eligible to receive a monthly service, disability, or survivor benefit check or is a spouse or eligible dependent child of such person.

The Ohio Revised Code allows, but does not mandate, OP&F to provide OPEB benefits. Authority for the OP&F Board of Trustees to provide health care coverage to eligible participants and to establish and amend benefits is codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code.

OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information for the plan. That report may be obtained by writing to OP&F, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

OP&F's post-employment health care plan was established and is administered as an Internal Revenue Code 401(h) account within the defined benefit plan, under the authority granted by the Ohio Revised Code to the OP&F Board of Trustees. The Ohio Revised Code sets the contribution rates for participating employers and for plan members to the OP&F. Participating employers are required to contribute to the pension plan at rates expressed as percentages of the payroll of active pension plan members, currently, 19.5 percent and 24 percent of covered payroll for police and fire employers, respectively.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contribution made to the pension plan to the 401(h) account as the employer contribution for retiree health care benefits. For the year ended December 31, 2008, the employer contribution allocated to the health care plan was 6.75 percent of covered payroll. The amount of employer contributions allocated to the health care plan each year is subject to the Trustees' primary responsibility to ensure that pension benefits are adequately funded and is limited by provisions of Section 401(h).

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 13: Postemployment Benefit Plans (continued)

B. Ohio Police and Pension Fund (continued)

The City's actual contributions for 2008 that were used to fund postemployment benefits were \$43,521 for police and \$34,273 for fire. 99.6% for the police department and 98.9% for the fire department has been contributed for 2008. The unpaid contribution to fund pension obligations for police and fire, in the amount of \$270 and \$449, respectively, is recorded as a liability. The full amount has been contributed for 2006 and 2005.

Note 14: Contingencies

A. Grants

The City received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and may be subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the City at December 31, 2008.

B. Litigation

The City of Olmsted Falls is a party to legal proceedings seeking damages. The City management is of the opinion that ultimate disposition of these claims and legal proceedings will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the City.

Note 15: Budgetary Basis of Accounting

While the City is reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP basis), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget and to demonstrate compliance with State statute. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are:

- 1 Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
- 2 Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
- 3 Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (GAAP basis).

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Note 15: Budgetary Basis of Accounting (continued)

The following tables summarize the adjustments necessary to reconcile budget basis statement to the GAAP basis statement for the general fund.

	<u>General Fund</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	
Budget basis	\$ (8,586)
Net adjustment for revenues	28,061
Net adjustment for expenditures	117,564
Net adjustment for other financing sources/uses	<u>48,704</u>
GAAP Basis	<u>\$ 185,743</u>



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

City of Olmsted Falls
Cuyahoga County
26100 Bagley Road
Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138

To the City Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Olmsted Falls, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 27, 2011. 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 City's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the City'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 City'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.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the City'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 an instance of noncompliance or other matter we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2008-001.

We also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the City's management in a separate letter dated May 27, 2011.

The City's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the City's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

May 27, 2011

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS
CUYAHOGA COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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<i>Finding Number</i>	2008-001
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NONCOMPLIANCE

Finding for Recovery – Repaid Under Audit

On September 4, 2008, Mayor Robert Blomquist, was overpaid \$421.76 due to an error in the payroll system. In accordance with the foregoing facts and pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.28, a Finding for Recovery for public money illegally expended is hereby issued against Robert Blomquist in the amount of \$421, and in favor of the City's General Fund.

On May 17, 2011, Mayor Robert Blomquist reimbursed the City \$421.76 for the prior overpayment.

The City should ensure pay rates and overtime hours are properly inputted into the accounting system and employee's wages are properly calculated.

Officials' Response:

Mayor Blomquist was unaware of the payroll error until he was notified on May 15, 2011 by the City's finance director. The City has corrected the error in the payroll system that caused the miscalculation.

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CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS

CUYAHOGA 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 5, 2011