

VILLAGE OF NORTH STAR

DAYTON REGION, DARKE COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

JANUARY 1, 2000 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001



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We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Village of North Star, Darke County, prepared by Vanderhorst & Manning CPAs, LLC for the audit period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

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JIM PETRO
Auditor of State

June 13, 2002

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**VILLAGE OF NORTH STAR
DARKE COUNTY**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS'

Village Council
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of North Star, Darke County, (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001, and 2000. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Village's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Village of North Star, Darke County, as of December 31, 2001, and 2000, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated April 23, 2002, on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, the Village council and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Vanderhorst & Manning CPAs, LLC
Dayton, Ohio

April 23, 2002

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**VILLAGE OF NORTH STAR
DARKE COUNTY**

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	
Cash Receipts:			
Taxes	\$ 3,420	\$ 0	\$ 3,420
Intergovernmental Receipts	42,289	9,570	51,859
Charges for Services	2,946	0	2,946
Interest	9,974	728	10,702
Miscellaneous	1,508	0	1,508
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 60,137	\$ 10,298	\$ 70,435
Cash Disbursements:			
Security of Persons and Property	\$ 4,368	\$ 0	\$ 4,368
Public Health Services	989	0	989
Leisure Time Activities	17,011	0	17,011
Basic Utility Services	3,500	0	3,500
Transportation	44	683	727
General Government	11,476	0	11,476
Capital Outlay	0	5,451	5,451
Total Cash Disbursements	\$ 37,388	\$ 6,134	\$ 43,522
Total Receipts Over/ (Under) Disbursements	\$ 22,749	\$ 4,164	\$ 26,913
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2001	158,948	76,339	235,287
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2001	\$ 181,697	\$ 80,503	\$ 262,200

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

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

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		Total
	General	Special Revenue	(Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Taxes	\$ 3,421	\$ 0	\$ 3,421
Intergovernmental Receipts	34,990	7,006	41,996
Charges for Services	2,880	0	2,880
Interest	5,000	0	5,000
Miscellaneous	1,149	0	1,149
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 47,440	\$ 7,006	\$ 54,446
Cash Disbursements:			
Security of Persons and Property	\$ 4,225	\$ 0	\$ 4,225
Public Health Services	964	0	964
Leisure Time Activities	7,833	0	7,833
Basic Utility Services	3,440	0	3,440
Transportation	1,017	2,345	3,362
General Government	10,793	0	10,793
Capital Outlay	487	0	487
Total Cash Disbursements	\$ 28,759	\$ 2,345	\$ 31,104
Total Receipts Over/ (Under) Disbursements	\$ 18,681	\$ 4,661	\$ 23,342
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2000	140,267	71,678	211,945
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2000	\$ 158,948	\$ 76,339	\$ 235,287

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**VILLAGE OF NORTH STAR
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Village of North Star of Darke County, (the Village) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Village is directed by a publicly-elected Mayor and six-member Council. The Village provides general governmental services, including water and sewer utilities, street maintenance, refuse service, park operations, leisure time activities, and police service.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when a payment is made rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

All Village funds are held in an interest bearing checking account and certificates of deposit. Certificates of Deposit are valued at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

The Village uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Village classifies its funds into the following types:

General Fund:

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required by law or contract to be restricted.

Special Revenue Funds:

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

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

State Highway Improvement Fund – This fund receives shared revenue from gasoline sales for constructing, maintaining, and repairing State Highways.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process

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

Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Village Council must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year end.

Estimated Resources

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

Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Village to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made.

A summary of 2001 and 2000 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Village maintains a cash and investments pool used by all funds. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments.

The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	2001	2000
Demand Deposits	\$ 37,200	\$ 160,287
Certificates of Deposit	<u>225,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 262,200</u>	<u>\$ 235,287</u>

Deposits:

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

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FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2001, and 2000 was as follows:

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$49,012	\$60,137	\$ 11,125
Special Revenue	<u>9,300</u>	<u>10,298</u>	<u>998</u>
Total	<u>\$58,312</u>	<u>\$70,435</u>	<u>\$ 12,123</u>

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$207,960	\$37,388	\$170,572
Special Revenue	<u>85,639</u>	<u>6,134</u>	<u>79,505</u>
Total	<u>\$293,599</u>	<u>\$43,522</u>	<u>\$250,077</u>

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$48,777	\$47,440	\$ (1,337)
Special Revenue	<u>9,300</u>	<u>7,006</u>	<u>(2,294)</u>
Total	<u>\$58,077</u>	<u>\$54,446</u>	<u>\$ (3,631)</u>

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$189,044	\$ 28,759	\$160,285
Special Revenue	<u>80,978</u>	<u>2,345</u>	<u>78,633</u>
Total	<u>\$270,022</u>	<u>\$ 31,104</u>	<u>\$238,918</u>

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Village Council. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payment, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Village.

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4. PROPERTY TAX (Continued)

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

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

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Mayor, Clerk/Treasurer, and one Council Member belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. These plans provide retirement benefits, including post-retirement health care, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2001 and 2000, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Village contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries through June 30, 2000 and for 2001. For the period July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000, PERS temporarily reduced the employer's contribution rate to 8.13% of participant's gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Village has obtained commercial insurance for the risks associated with general liability, property coverage and public officials liability.

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

Village Council
Village of North Star
P.O. Box 87
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We have audited the financial statements of the Village of North Star, Darke County (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001, and 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated April 23, 2002. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to the management of the Village in a separate letter dated April 23, 2002.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted immaterial instances of other matters involving internal control that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated April 23, 2002.

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

Vanderhorst & Manning CPAs, LLC
Dayton, Ohio

April 23, 2002



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VILLAGE OF NORTH STAR

DARKE 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 2, 2002**