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VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE FAIRFIELD COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Village of Rushville Fairfield County 8620 Main Street, Northeast Rushville, Ohio 43150

To the Council Members:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Village of Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and December 31, 1998. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Village's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Village of Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio as of December 31, 1999 and December 31, 1998, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 25, 2000 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.

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

JIM PETRO Auditor of State

May 25, 2000

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

	Governmental	Governmental Fund Types	
	General	Special Revenue	(Total Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Local Taxes	\$4,026	\$3,456	\$7,482
Intergovernmental	12,871	7,329	20,200
Interest	2,785	256	3,041
Miscellaneous	2,402	0	2,402
Total Cash Receipts	22,084	11,041	33,125
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property	57	0	57
Public Health Services	494	0	494
Community Environment	234	0	234
Basic Utility Service	660	0	7.000
Transportation	0	7,828	7,828
General Government	12,001	0	12,001
Total Cash Disbursements	13,446	7,828	21,274
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	8,638	3,213	11,851
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfers-In	578	0	578
Transfers-Out	(1,969)	0	(1,969)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(1,391)	0	(1,391)
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	7,247	3,213	10,460
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 1999	20,338	23,863	44,201
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 1999	\$27,585	\$27,076	\$54,661

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

	Proprietary Fund Type
	Enterprise
Operating Cash Receipts: Interest Charges for Services Interest	\$4,658 90,633 116
Total Operating Cash Receipts	95,407
Operating Cash Disbursements: Personal Services Employee Fringe Benefits Contractual Services Supplies and Materials	21,902 3,591 54,272 15,421
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	95,186
Operating Income/(Loss)	221_
Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Proceeds of Loans	40,000
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements: Debt Service - Principal Debt Service - Interest	(26,299) (11,263)
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	(37,562)
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements Before Interfund Transfers and Advances	2,659
Transfers-In Transfers-Out	1,969 (578)
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	4,050
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 1999	210,868
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 1999	\$214,918

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

	Governmental F		
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Cash Receipts:	#0.000	#0.440	00.004
Local taxes	\$3,839	\$3,142	\$6,981
Intergovernmental	12,294	7,385	19,679
Interest	1,944	406	2,350
Miscellaneous	3,033	0	3,033
Total Cash Receipts	21,110	10,933	32,043
Cash Disbursements: Current:			
Security of Persons and Property	58	0	58
Public Health Services	430	0	430
Basic Utility Service	6,600	_	6,600
Community Environment	270	0	270
Transportation	0	3,542	3,542
General government	11,401	0	11,401
Total Cash Disbursements	18,759	3,542	22,301
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	2,351	7,391	9,742
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers Out	(1,321)	0	(1,321)
Other Financing Sources	6,600	0	6,600
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	5,279	0	5,279
Total of Receipts and Other Sources Over			
(Under) Disbursements and Other Uses	7,630	7,391	15,021
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 1998	12,708	16,472	29,180
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 1998	\$20,338	\$23,863	\$44,201

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

	Proprietary Fund Type
	Enterprise
Operating Cash Receipts:	
Interest	\$6,067
Charges for Services	96,381
Other Miscellaneous	660
Total Operating Cash Receipts	103,108
Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Personal Service	15,523
Employee Fringe Benefits	2,344
Contractural Services	13,644
Supplies and Materials	6,532
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	38,043
Operating Income (Loss)	65,065
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Debt Service - Principal	(25,784)
Debt Service - Interest	(11,779)
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	(37,563)
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	
Before Interfund Transfers and Advances	27,502
Transfers-In	1,321
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	28,823
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 1998	182,045
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 1998	\$210,868

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Village of Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio, (the Village) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Village is directed by a publicly-elected six member Council. The Village provides general government services and sewer utilities.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

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

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

C. Cash and Investments

The Certificate of Deposit are valued at cost.

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. 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 Fund- This fund receives tax money and various other grant money to repair Village roads

Permissive Motor Vehicle License Fund- This fund receives tax money to repair Village roads.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

3. Proprietary Funds

Enterprise Fund

Sewer Operations Fund- This funds receives monies from user fees charged. The monies are used to operate the sewer system.

Sewer Debt Service Fund-This funds received monies from fees assessed sewer users. The monies are used to retire debt incurred to operate the sewer system.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

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

2. Estimated Resources

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

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Village to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over and need not be re-appropriated. The Village had no significant encumbrances as of December 31, 1999.

A summary of 1999 and 1998 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

G. Unpaid Vacation and Sick Leave

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998 (Continued)

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:

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Demand Deposits	\$209,579	\$205,069
Certificate of Deposit	60,000	50,000
Total deposits and investments	\$269,579	\$255,069

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Village.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 1999 and December 31, 1998 follows:

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

		Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type		Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General Special Revenue		\$19,252 9,728	\$22,084 11,041	\$2,832 1,313
Enterprise Fund		93,255	137,376	44,121
	Total	\$122,235	\$170,501	\$48,266

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type		Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General Special Revenue Enterprise		\$30,310 26,165 169,974	\$15,416 7,828 133,326	\$14,894 18,337 36,648
	Total	\$226,449	\$156,570	\$69,879

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998 (Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

		Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type		Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General		\$17,496	\$27,710	\$10,214
Special Revenue		9,678	10,933	1,255
Enterprise		92,704	104,429	11,725
	Total	\$119,878	\$143,072	\$23,194

1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

		Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type		Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General Special Revenue Enterprise Fund		\$30,099 25,304 120,929	\$20,080 3,542 75,606	\$10,019 21,762 45,323
	Total	\$176,332	\$99,228	\$77,104

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Board of Trustees. 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.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998 (Continued)

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 1999 was as follows:

Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA)		Interest
one water bevelopment nationly (evibyly	Principal	Rate
Sewer Project	\$526,933	2%
Sewer Plant Project Water Study and Design Total	49,940 \$576,873	0.00%

The OWDA sewer project loan was provided to the Village to perform sewer plant expansion which was mandated by the Ohio Environment Protection Agency. The Village has been approved for lending up to \$733,357 for this project. The loan will be repaid in semi-annual installment of \$18,781, including interest, over the next 19 years. As the Village draws additional monies, the semi-annual installments payable will be adjusted accordingly.

The monies loaned for the water study and design is a part of the commitment from OWDA..

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Village employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. It provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

PERS members contributed 8.50 % of their gross salaries. The Village contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 1999.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Village has obtained commercial insurance for the following risk:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Vehicles
- Errors and omissions

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

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

Village of Rushville Fairfield County 8620 Main Street, Northeast Rushville, Ohio 43150

To the Council Members:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Village of Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and December 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated May 25, 2000. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village 's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which 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 instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted an immaterial instance of noncompliance which we have reported to management of the Village in separate letter dated May 25, 2000.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered 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 internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated May 25, 2000.

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

JIM PETRO Auditor of State

May 25, 2000



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VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED AUGUST 1, 2000