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GEAUGA COUNTY

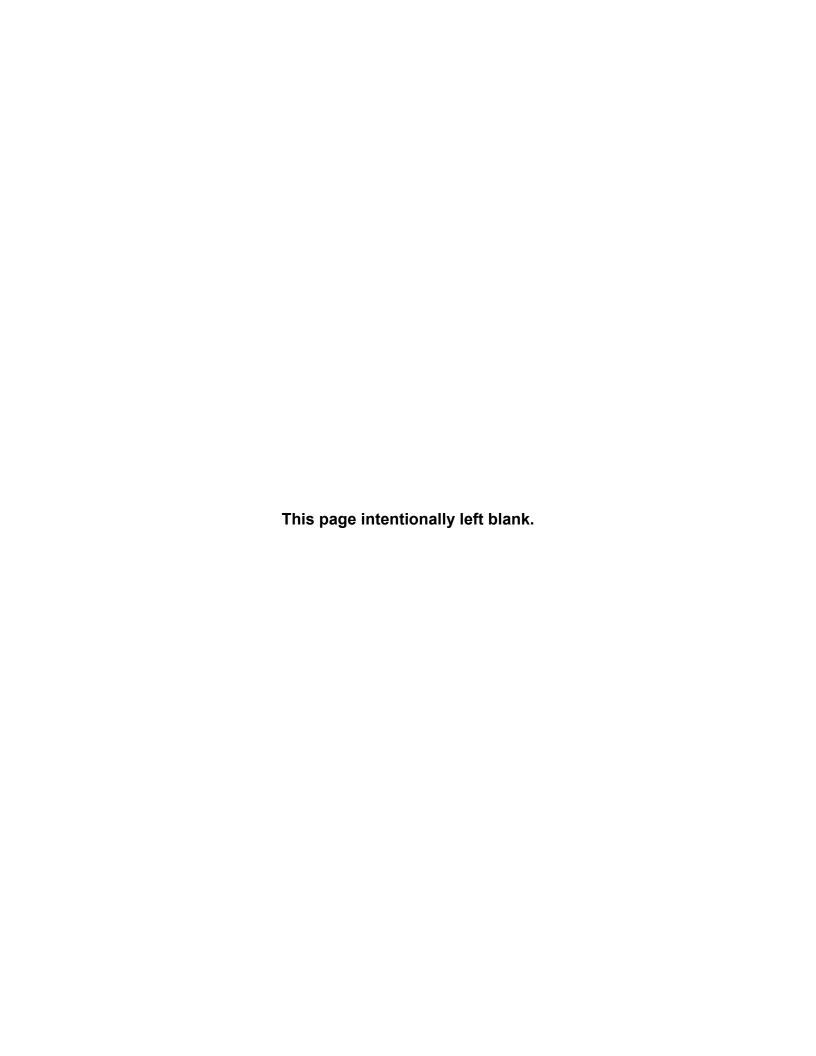
REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000-2001



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Village of Burton Geauga County 14588 West Park Street Burton. Ohio 44021

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Burton, Geauga County, Ohio, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and December 31, 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 audits.

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 audits 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 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 Burton, Geauga County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2001 and December 31, 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 our report dated May 31, 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 audits.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, 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 31, 2002

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

_	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	
_	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Property Tax and Other Local Taxes Special Assessment Intergovernmental Receipts Charges for Services Fines, Licenses, and Permits Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	\$413,711 119,001 10,695 3,795 17,436 1,885	\$121,711 \$25,545 94,504 7,335 9,627 5,977 11,024	\$553,600 118		\$1,089,022 25,545 213,505 18,030 13,422 23,413 13,027
Total Cash Receipts	566,523	275,723	553,718	\$0	1,395,964
Cash Disbursements: Current: Security of Persons and Property Public Health Services Leisure Time Activities Community Environment Transportation General Government Debt Service: Principal Payments Capital Outlay	11,454 12,105 105,309	258,769 14,074 7,843 122,825 2,199 6,537	13,878 818,424		258,769 14,074 11,454 19,948 122,825 107,508 13,878 824,961
Total Cash Disbursements	128,868	412,247	832,302	0	1,373,417
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	437,655	(136,524)	(278,584)	0	22,547
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursement Transfers-In Transfers-Out Other Uses	s): (352,290)	203,846 (27,547)	214,710	(2,226)	418,556 (379,837) (2,226)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursemer_	(352,290)	176,299	214,710	(2,226)	36,493
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	85,365	39,775	(63,874)	(2,226)	59,040
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2001	287,296	146,763	144,254	2,226	580,539
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2001	\$372,661	\$186,538	\$80,380	\$0	\$639,579

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

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	
	Enterprise	Nonexpendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Operating Cash Receipts: Charges for Services Miscellaneous	\$474,343 48,267		\$474,343 48,267
Total Operating Cash Receipts	522,610	\$0_	522,610
Operating Cash Disbursements: Personal Services Travel Transportation Contractual Services Supplies and Materials Capital Outlay	121,142 399 151,582 14,293 29,291	400	121,142 399 151,982 14,293 29,291
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	316,707	400	317,107
Operating Income/(Loss)	205,903	(400)	205,503
Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Miscellaneous	24,919	534	25,453
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	24,919	534	25,453
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements: Debt Service Other Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	112,935 2,250		112,935 2,250
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	115,185	0	115,185
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursement Before Interfund Transfers and Advances	ts 115,637	134	115,771
Transfers-In Transfers-Out	136,700 (175,419)		136,700 (175,419)
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	76,918	134	77,052
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2001	556,901	23,210	580,111
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2001	\$633,819	\$23,344	\$657,163

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

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:					
Property Tax and Other Local Taxes	\$402,029	\$79,103			\$481,132
Special Assessments		46			46
Intergovernmental Receipts	70,118	78,142			148,260
Charges for Services	76	10,739		\$1,688	12,503
Fines, Licenses, and Permits	3,386	9,117			12,503
Earnings on Investments	26,632	40.040			26,632
Miscellaneous	18,823	10,949			29,772
Total Cash Receipts	521,064	188,096	\$0	1,688	710,848
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:		240 702			240 702
Security of Persons and Property Public Health Services	2,112	219,783 10,225			219,783 12,337
Leisure Time Activities	11,723	10,225			12,337
Community Environment	9,335			1,312	10,647
Transportation	3,333	139,574		1,512	139,574
General Government	104,572	100,074			104,572
Debt Service:	101,012				101,012
Principal Payments			5.628		5.628
Capital Outlay		28,608	160,871		189,479
Total Cash Disbursements	127,742	398,190	166,499	1,312	693,743
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	393,322	(210,094)	(166,499)	376_	17,105
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):					
Sale of Fixed Assets			4,613		4,613
Transfers-In		254,500	227,000		481,500
Advances-In	500			500	1,000
Transfers-Out	(390,500)	(27,000)			(417,500)
Advances-Out	(500)			(500)	(1,000)
Other Uses	(107)	(10,425)			(10,532)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(390,607)	217,075	231,613	0	58,081
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing					
Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements					
and Other Financing Disbursements	2,715	6,981	65,114	376	75,186
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2000	284,581	139,782	79,138	1,850	505,351
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2000	\$287,296	\$146,763	\$144,252	\$2,226	\$580,537

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

<u>-</u>	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Tatala	
-	Enterprise	Nonexpendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Operating Cash Receipts: Charges for Services Miscellaneous	\$489,820 33,295		\$489,820 33,295	
Total Operating Cash Receipts	523,115	\$0	523,115	
Operating Cash Disbursements: Personal Services Fringe Benefits Contractual Services Supplies and Materials Capital Outlay	115,371 292 175,435 17,311 27,123		115,371 292 175,435 17,311 27,123	
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	335,532	0	335,532	
Operating Income/(Loss)	187,583	0	187,583	
Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Miscellaneous	32,976	786	33,762	
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	32,976	786	33,762	
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements: Debt Service Other Non-Operating Cash Disbursements Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	111,260 2,250 113,510		111,260 2,250 113,510	
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements Before Interfund Transfers and Advances	107,049	786	107,835	
Transfers-In Transfers-Out	152,840 (216,841)		152,840 (216,841)	
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	43,048	786	43,834	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2000	513,853	22,424	536,277	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2000	\$556,901	\$23,210	\$580,111	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Village of Burton, Geauga 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 and Mayor. The Village provides general governmental services, including water and sewer, park operations (recreation), and police services.

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 repurchase agreements are valued at cost. The investment in STAR Ohio (the State Treasurer's investment pool) is valued at amounts reported by the State Treasurer.

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 Fund

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

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

Police Department Fund – This fund is used to account for property taxes and transfers from the General Fund which is used to pay for the police department obligations.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

3. Capital Project Funds

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

Goodwin/Peckham/Hickox Project Issue II Fund - This fund is used to pay for water, sanitary & storm sewer line improvements.

Street Capitalization Fund - This fund is used to pay for street repair projects within the Village.

4. Enterprise Funds

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

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

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

5. Fiduciary Funds (Trust Funds)

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

Umberfied Subdivision/Shannon Court Subdivision/Indian Ridge Subdivision Funds – These funds are used to hold deposits from persons, firms or corporations to cover the costs incurred by the Village to review any proposals and perform inspections.

Ford Memorial Endowment Fund - This fund is for maintenance of the Cemetery.

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 or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Council must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year end.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process (Continued)

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus 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 commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

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.

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Village's basis of accounting.

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	\$145,834	\$31,056
Total deposits	145,834	31,056
STAR Ohio	750,049	720,205
Repurchase agreement	400,859	409,387
Total investments	1,150,908	1,129,592
Total deposits and investments	\$1,296,742	\$1,160,648

Deposits: Deposits are either insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

Investments: Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The Sweep Account is held in book-entry form by the Federal Reserve, in the name of the Village's financial institution. The financial institution maintains records identifying the Village as owner of these securities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000 follows:

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Budgeted	Actual	
Receipts	Receipts	Variance
\$483,081	\$566,523	\$83,442
555,915	479,569	(76,346)
906,050	768,428	(137,622)
696,300	684,229	(12,071)
650	534	(116)
\$2,641,996	\$2,499,283	(142,713)
	Receipts \$483,081 555,915 906,050 696,300 650	Receipts Receipts \$483,081 \$566,523 555,915 479,569 906,050 768,428 696,300 684,229 650 534

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

-	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$668,191	\$481,158	\$187,033
Special Revenue	627,467	439,794	187,673
Capital Projects	1,030,400	832,302	198,098
Expendable Trust	2,228	2,226	2
Enterprise	985,600	607,311	378,289
Nonexpendable Trust	1,000	400	600
Total	\$3,314,886	\$2,363,191	\$951,695

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Budgeted	Actual	
Receipts	Receipts	Variance
\$478,261	\$521,064	\$42,803
495,050	442,596	(52,454)
712,100	231,613	(480,487)
8,000	1,688	(6,312)
680,800	708,931	28,131
650	786	136
\$2,374,861	\$1,906,678	(\$468,183)
	Receipts \$478,261 495,050 712,100 8,000 680,800 650	Receipts Receipts \$478,261 \$521,064 495,050 442,596 712,100 231,613 8,000 1,688 680,800 708,931 650 786

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$697,975	\$518,349	\$179,626
Special Revenue	584,063	435,615	148,448
Capital Projects	764,295	166,499	597,796
Expendable Trust	9,851	1,312	8,539
Enterprise	1,038,400	665,883	372,517
Nonexpendable Trust	700	0	700
Total	\$3,095,284	\$1,787,658	\$1,307,626

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

4. PROPERTY TAX

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

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

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property with 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. LOCAL INCOME TAX

The Village levies an income tax of 1% on gross salaries, wages and other personal service compensation earned by residents of the Village and on the earnings of nonresidents working within the Village. The tax applies to the net income of businesses operating within the Village.

6. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2001 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Mortgage Revenue Bonds - Water E6A	\$210,000	7.13%
Mortgage Revenue Bonds - Sewer E6B	184,000	5.00%
Special Assessment Bonds	265,000	5.25 & 6.15%
Ohio Public Works Issue II Loan - D7	11,154	0%
Ohio Public Works Issue II Loan - D8	16,883	0%
Ohio Public Works Issue II Loan - D9	156,750	0%
Total	\$843,787	

The Mortgage Revenue Bonds – Water, relate to a water construction project in 1987. The bonds were issued in the amount of \$550,000 and will be repaid in annual varying principal installments plus interest over 20 years.

The Mortgage Revenue Bonds – Sewer, relate to a sewer construction project in 1976. The bonds were issued in the amount of \$296,000 and will be repaid in annual varying principal installments plus interest over 40 years.

The Special Assessment Bonds relate to a water main construction project. The special Assessment Bonds were issued in the amount of \$323,000. The Bonds will be repaid in annual varying principal installments plus interest over 15 years.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

6. DEBT (Continued)

The Ohio Public Works Issue II Loan – D7, relate to ammonia and phosphorous treatments for the water treatment plant. This no interest loan was issued in 1996 in the amount of \$83,650 and will be repaid in annual installments of \$11,153 over 7 years.

The Ohio Public Works Issue II Loan - D8, relate to water main replacement and road repaving construction project. This no interest loan was issued in 1995 in the amount of \$59,463 and had an initial payment of \$8,814 and the remaining amount will be repaid in annual installments of \$5,628 over 9 years. This debt is being paid from a Capital Projects Fund.

The Ohio Public Works Issue II Loan – D9, relate to water, sanitary & storm sewer line improvements. This no interest loan was issued in 2001 in the amount of \$165,000 and will be repaid in semi-annual installments of \$8,250 over 10 years.

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

						Ohio
	Mortgage	Mortgage				Public
	Revenue	Revenue	Special	Ohio Public	Ohio Public	Works
	Bonds-	Bonds-Sewer	Assessement	Works Issue	Works Issue	Issue II
	Water	System	Bonds	II Loan -D7	II Loan -D8	Loan -D9
Year ending December 31:						
2002	\$49,963	\$18,200	\$33,913	\$11,154	\$5,628	\$16,500
2003	52,469	17,750	32,863		5,628	16,500
2004	49,619	17,300	33,838		5,627	16,500
2005	51,769	17,850	32,608		0	16,500
2006	53,563	17,350	31,378		0	16,500
Subsequent	0	177,450	170,055		0	74,250
Total	\$257,383	\$265,900	\$334,655	\$11,154	\$16,883	\$156,750

7. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Village's full time law enforcement officers belong to Ohio Police and Fire Pension Funds (OP&F). Other full-time employees and part-time law enforcement officers belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. OP&F and PERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. These plans provide retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2001 and 2000, members of OP&F contributed 10% of their wages to the OP&F. The Village contributed an amount equal to 19.5% of their wages to OP&F. PERS members contributed 8.5% of their wages. The Village contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2001 and from January 1, 2000 through June 30, 2000. PERS temporarily reduced the employer contribution rate to 8.13%, effective July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Village has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

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

9. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Village is defendant in a lawsuit. Although the outcome of this suit is not presently determinable, management believes that the resolution of this matter will not materially adversely affect the Village's financial condition.

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

Village of Burton Geauga County 14588 West Park Street Burton, Ohio 44021

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Burton, Geauga County, Ohio (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated May 31, 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 management of the Village in a separate letter dated May 31, 2002.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits, 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 internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated May 31, 2002.

Village of Burton Geauga County Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

This report is intended solely 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.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

May 31, 2002



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VILLAGE OF BURTON

GEAUGA 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 JULY 30, 2002