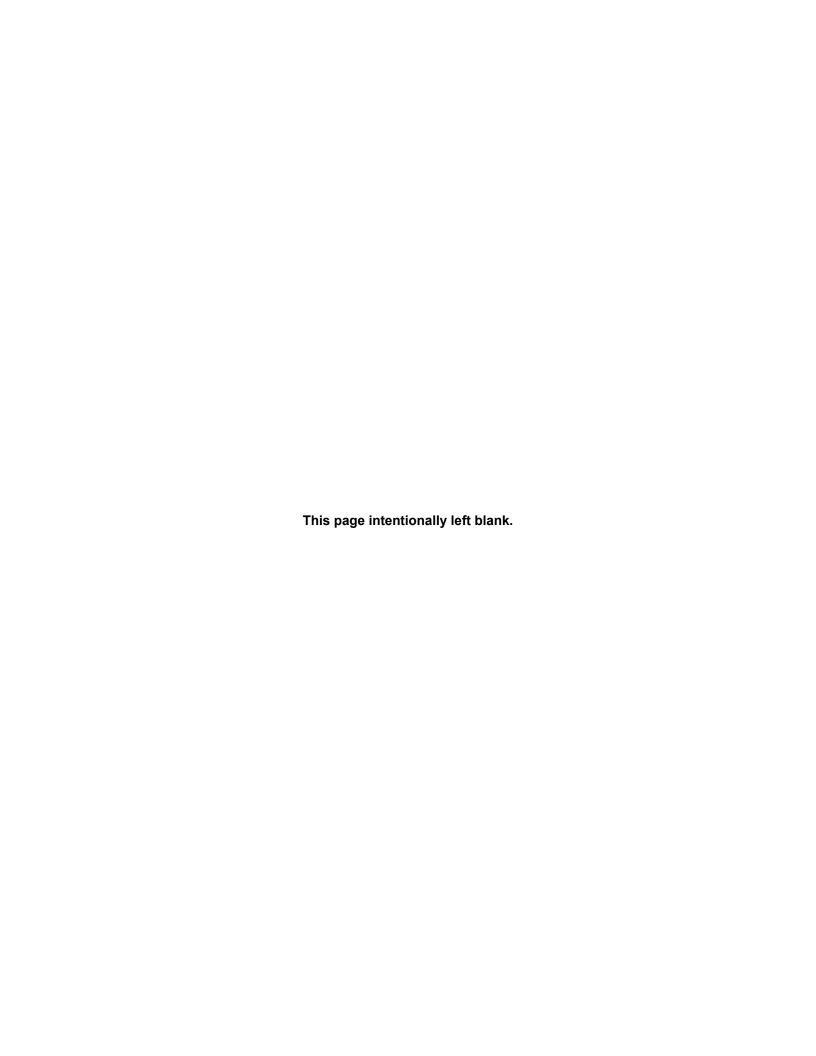




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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Village of Tremont City Clark County 26 E Main Street Tremont City, Ohio 45372

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Tremont City (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 audit 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 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 and reserves for encumbrances of the Village 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 our report dated September 17, 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.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the finance committee, 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

September 17, 2002

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				
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Cash Receipts: Property Tax and Other Local Taxes Intergovernmental Receipts Fines, Licenses, and Permits Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	\$18,615 4,049 33,800 1,773 2,475	\$5,063 63,803		\$23,678 67,852 33,800 1,773 2,475	
Total Cash Receipts	60,712	68,866		129,578	
Cash Disbursements: Current: Security of Persons and Property Public Health Services Transportation General Government	38,221 23,276	48,192 2,577 11,545		86,413 2,577 11,545 23,276	
Total Cash Disbursements	61,497	62,314		123,811	
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(785)	6,552		5,767	
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements): Advances-In Advances-Out Other Financing Sources Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	6,884 (6,884) 933 933	6,884 (6,884)		13,768 (13,768) 933 933	
	933			933	
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	148	6,552		6,700	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	85,269	45,120	\$17,616	148,005	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$85,417</u>	\$51,672	\$17,616	\$154,705	
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$260	\$39	\$0	\$299	

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGE IN FUND CASH BALANCE - FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	Fiduciary Fund Type
	Agency
Operating Cash Disbursements: Supplies and Materials	651
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	651
Operating Income/(Loss)	(651)
Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Other Non-operating receipts	42,070
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements: Payments to Village Payments to State	33,800 6,860
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	40,660
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	759
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	1,084
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	\$1,843
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$0</u>

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			
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Property Tax and Other Local Taxes Intergovernmental Receipts Fines, Licenses, and Permits Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	\$15,088 9,640 25,887 2,794 2,381	\$2,357 47,813 		\$17,445 57,453 25,887 2,794 2,529
Total Cash Receipts	55,790	50,318		106,108
Cash Disbursements: Current: Security of Persons and Property Public Health Services Basic Utility Services Transportation General Government	15,787 2,180 <u>30,995</u>	34,627 2,316 5,286 41		50,414 2,316 2,180 5,286 31,036
Total Cash Disbursements	48,962	42,270		91,232
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	6,828	8,048		14,876
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	78,441	37,072	\$17,616	133,129
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$85,269	\$45,120	\$17,616	\$148,005
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGE IN FUND CASH BALANCE - FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	Fiduciary Fund Type
	Agency
Operating Cash Disbursements: Supplies and Materials	646
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	646
Operating Income/(Loss)	(646)
Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Other non-operating receipts	27,052
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements: Payments to Village Payments to State	25,887 4,920
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	30,807
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(4,401)
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	5,485
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	\$1,084
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$0

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Village of Tremont City, Clark 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 six-member Council. The Village provides police services. The Village contracts with German Township to provide fire protection 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 Village maintained an interest bearing checking account.

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.

Federal Cops Grant Fund – This fund receives federal monies for police operations.

State Cops Grant Fund -This fund receives state monies for police operations.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. Capital Project Fund

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Village had the following significant capital project fund:

Sewer Fund – The proceeds are being held for the possible construction of a new sewer system.

4. Fiduciary Fund (Agency Fund)

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

Magistrate Court Fund – This fund accounts for the financial activity of the Mayor's Court.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) be budgeted annually.

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function, 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 commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated. The Village did not encumber all commitments required by Ohio law.

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.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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 \$156,548 \$149,089

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

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	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$42,920	\$68,529	\$25,609
Special Revenue	35,245	75,750	40,505
Capital Projects	806	0	(806)
Total	\$78,971	\$144,279	\$65,308

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$136,259	\$68,641	\$67,618
Special Revenue	106,757	69,237	37,520
Capital Projects	18,422	0	18,422
Total	\$261,438	\$137,878	\$123,560

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$50,090	\$55,790	\$5,700
Special Revenue	35,981	50,318	14,337
Capital Projects	805	0	(805)
Total	\$86,876	\$106,108	\$19,232

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$123,700	\$48,962	\$74,738
Special Revenue	61,542	42,270	19,272
Capital Projects	18,421	0	18,421
Total	\$203,663	\$91,232	\$112,431

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 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 Village's law enforcement officers belong to Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides 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. 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)

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Commercial Insurance

The Village has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- · Vehicles; and
- · General Liability.

B. Risk Pool Membership

The Village (effective July 30, 2001) is a member of the Ohio Municipal League Joint Self Insurance Pool (the Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Village of Tremont City's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty (including Police Professional);
- Public official's liability; and
- Vehicle:
- Property/Building Contents

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31, 2000 and 1999 (latest information available):

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Assets	\$2,958,827	\$4,151,450
Liabilities	3,863,373	3,461,914
Retained (Deficit) Earnings	(904,546)	689,536

7. NONCOMPLIANCE

The Village failed to comply with Ohio Revised Code requirements regarding filing of annual reports, disposition of mayor's court fees, certification of the availability of funds, allocation of interest among funds.

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

Village of Tremont City Clark County 26 E. Main Street Tremont City, Ohio 45372

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Tremont City (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated September 17, 2002. 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 *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 instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2001-30312-001 through 2001-30312-004. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated September 17, 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 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 September 17, 2002.

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Clark County
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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the finance committee, 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

September 17, 2002

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

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

FINDING NUMBER 2001-30312-001

Ohio Rev Code Section 117.38 states that each public office, other than a state agency, shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The auditor of state may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the auditor of state has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office.

The report shall be certified by the proper officer or board and filed with the auditor of state within sixty days after the close of the fiscal year, except that public offices reporting pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles shall file their reports within one hundred fifty days after the close of the fiscal year. The Auditor of State may extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. At the time the report is filed with the Auditor of State, the chief fiscal officer, except as otherwise provided in section 319.11 of the Revised Code, shall publish notice in a newspaper published in the political subdivision or taxing district. The notice shall state that the financial report has been completed by the public office and is available for public inspection at the office of the chief fiscal officer.

The report shall contain the following:

- Amount of collections and receipts, and accounts due from each source;
- Amount of expenditures for each purpose;
- Income of each public service industry owned or operated by a municipal corporation, and the cost of such ownership or operation; and
- Amount of public debt of each taxing district, the purpose for which each item of such debt was created, and the provision made for the payment thereof.

The Village did not file the 2000 annual report until September 2001 and the 2001 report was not filed until March of 2002. There were numerous errors in the reports filed including: line items not agreeing to the receipt and appropriation journals; posted amounts in the receipt and appropriation journals not agreeing with the cash journal; misclassification of line items; and duplicate postings of receipts. The accompanying financial statements have been corrected for these items. The Village did not publish notice until September 2001 for the 2000 annual report and in June 2002 for the 2001 report.

Due care should be taken to completely post transactions to the receipts, appropriations, and cash journals. A reconciliation should be performed among those records to provide that these journals agree. Further, the amount reflected on the annual report should trace to all three journals. Also, Council should review monthly financial information at their Council meetings, as well as the year-end report prior to submission to the Auditor of State.

FINDING NUMBER 2001-30312-002

Ohio Rev Code Section 733.40, regarding the disposition of fines and other moneys for mayor's court, requires that all moneys collected shall be paid by the mayor (clerk) into the municipality on the first Monday of each month and that all moneys collected during a month by the mayor in state cases are to be transmitted to the state treasury on the first business day of the succeeding month.

The Mayor's Court Clerk routinely distributed moneys collected to the Village and State later than the first Monday of each month. The Mayor's Court should develop and implement procedures to pay all monies owed to the Village and State by the dates due.

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

FINDING NUMBER 2001-30312-003

Ohio Rev Code Section 5705.41(D) states that no subdivision shall make any contract or order any expenditure of money unless the certificate of the fiscal officer is attached. The fiscal officer must certify that the amount required to meet such a commitment has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrance.

The above section provides the following exception to this requirement:

If no certificate is issued at the time the order or contract is entered into, the fiscal officer may later certify that there were funds properly appropriated and in the treasury or in the process of collection and such funds free from previous encumbrance both at the time the contract or order was entered into and at the time of payment. After certifying this, the fiscal officer may proceed to pay for such order or contract. If the amount involved is over \$1,000, the taxing authority must approve of such payment within thirty days of the date of the fiscal officer's certification.

The Village was in violation of the above provision and did not fulfill the requirements of the exception for 88% of expenditures tested. The Village should develop and implement procedures to provide for compliance with this section of the Code to prevent unauthorized obligations.

FINDING NUMBER 2001-30312-004

Ohio Rev Code Section 135.21 state that all interest earned must be credited to the general fund of the subdivision, with the following exceptions:

- Interest earned on money derived from a motor vehicle license or fuel tax must follow the principal. [Article XII, Section 5a, Ohio Const. and 1982 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 82-031].
- Interest earned on money received from the federal government may be due to the fund to which the principal belongs.

The Village inappropriately credited interest earnings of \$806 to the Sewer Capital Project Fund. The accompanying financial statements have been corrected to properly reflect this activity. The Village should institute procedures to determine the proper funds to which interest receipts are to be posted.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2001 and 2000

E. I.	F		Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action
Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
1999-30312-001	Filing of annual report	No	Partially corrected; the Village filed annual reports for 2000 and 2001 after the required time and did publish newspaper notices
1999-30312-002	Prior certification of funds	No	Not corrected; the Village failed to certify available funds for 88% of expenditures tested.
1999-30312-003	Magistrate Court must maintain a cashbook	Yes	·
1999-30312-004	Magistrate Court to pay into Village by 1 st Monday of month	No	Not Corrected
1999-30312-005	Magistrate Court to pay to State all of seatbelt fines collected	Yes	
1999-30312-006	Lapsing of insurance coverage	Yes	
1999-30312-007	Magistrate Court records material weakness	No	Partially corrected; Council has approved a fines schedule, an open items list is maintained, and checks issued in sequential order.



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VILLAGE OF TREMONT CITY

CLARK 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 OCTOBER 17, 2002