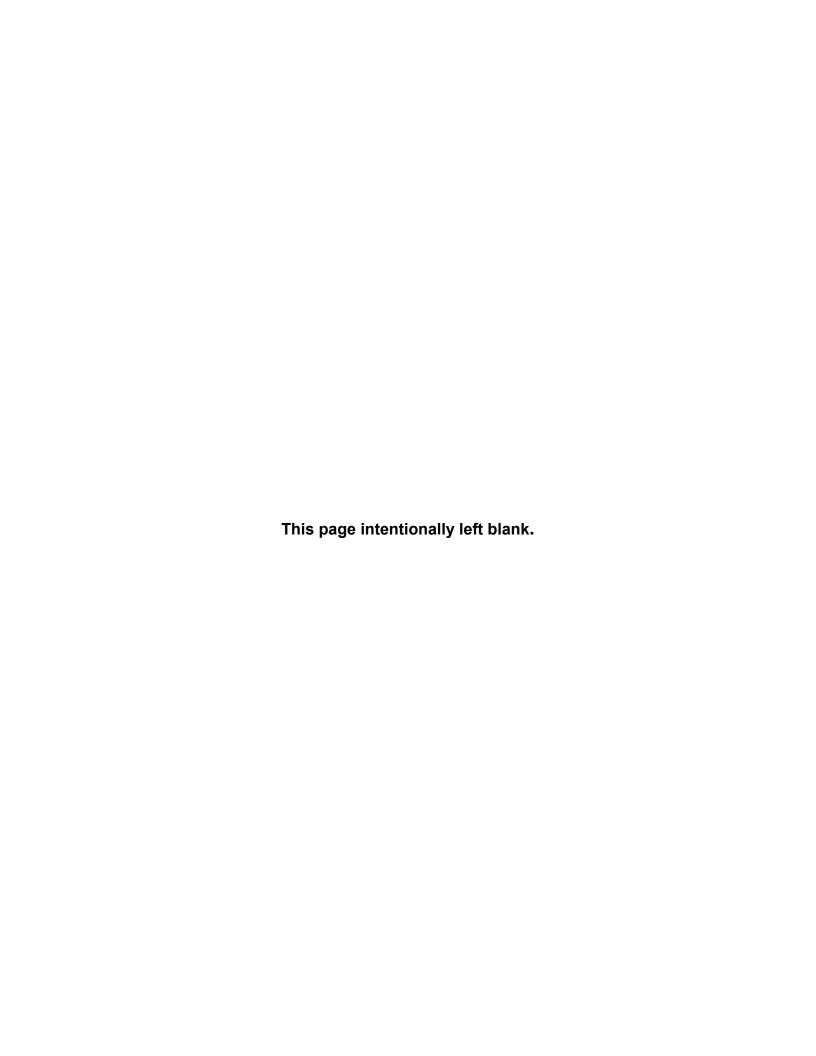




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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Village of Rarden Scioto County P.O. Box 24 Rarden, Ohio 45671

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Rarden, Scioto County, Ohio (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. 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 of the Village of Rarden, Scioto County, as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, 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 July 30, 2003 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 management, 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.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

July 30, 2003

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

| | Governmental Fund Types | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Debt Service | Capital Projects | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
| Cash Receipts: | | | | | |
| Local Taxes | \$979 | \$8,720 | \$ | \$ | \$9,699 |
| Intergovernmental | 5,948 | 14,224 | • | • | 20.172 |
| Rental Income | 9,500 | ,== . | | | 9,500 |
| Charges for Services | 362 | 28,104 | | | 28,466 |
| Donations/Contributions | 174 | 3,142 | | 13,971 | 17,287 |
| Other Revenue | 19,503 | | | 5,793 | 25,296 |
| Total Cash Receipts | 36,466 | 54,190 | 0 | 19,764 | 110,420 |
| Cash Disbursements: | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | |
| General Government | 18,077 | 147 | | | 18,224 |
| Security of Persons and Property | | 39,839 | | | 39,839 |
| Transportation | | 6,719 | | | 6,719 |
| Health | 627 | | | | 627 |
| Leisure Time Activities | | 611 | | | 611 |
| Miscellaneous Debt Service: | 9,439 | | | | 9,439 |
| Redemption of Principal | | | 6,498 | | 6,498 |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges | | | 2,502 | | 2,502 |
| Capital Outlay | | | | 17,959 | 17,959 |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 28,143 | 47,316 | 9,000 | 17,959 | 102,418 |
| Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements | 8,323 | 6,874 | (9,000) | 1,805 | 8,002 |
| Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): | | | | | |
| Insurance Proceeds | | | | 3,100 | 3,100 |
| Transfers-In | 303 | | 9,000 | | 9,303 |
| Transfers-Out | (9,000) | (303) | | | (9,303) |
| Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements) | (8,697) | (303) | 9,000 | 3,100 | 3,100 |
| Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing | | | | | |
| Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements | | | | | |
| and Other Financing Disbursements | (374) | 6,571 | 0 | 4,905 | 11,102 |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | 26,192 | 50,141 | 750 | (3,870) | 73,213 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | \$25,818 | \$56,712 | \$750 | \$1,035 | \$84,315 |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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 | Debt Service | Capital Projects | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
| Cash Receipts: | | | | | |
| Local Taxes | \$1,187 | \$9,864 | \$ | \$ | \$11,051 |
| Intergovernmental | 2,055 | 31,989 | | | 34,044 |
| Rental Income | 10,216 | | | | 10,216 |
| Charges for Services | | 32,350 | | | 32,350 |
| Donations/Contributions | 2,118 | | | | 2,118 |
| Other Revenue | 8,687 | 80 | | 184 | 8,951 |
| Total Cash Receipts | 24,263 | 74,283 | 0 | 184 | 98,730 |
| Cash Disbursements: Current: | | | | | |
| General Government | 36,151 | 265 | | | 36,416 |
| Security of Persons and Property | 00,.0. | 38,587 | | | 38,587 |
| Transportation | | 856 | | | 856 |
| Health | 631 | | | | 631 |
| Basic Utility Services | | 3,993 | | | 3,993 |
| Debt Service: | | -, | | | -, |
| Redemption of Principal | 9,245 | | 7,241 | | 16,486 |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges | | | 1,009 | | 1,009 |
| Capital Outlay | 9,462 | | | 4,554 | 14,016 |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 55,489 | 43,701 | 8,250 | 4,554 | 111,994 |
| Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements | (31,226) | 30,582 | (8,250) | (4,370) | (13,264) |
| Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): | | | | | |
| Proceeds of Notes | 34,650 | | | | 34,650 |
| Insurance Proceeds | 0 1,000 | 5,455 | | | 5,455 |
| Transfers-In | 23,926 | 3, .55 | 8,250 | 500 | 32,676 |
| Advances-In | 20,020 | 100 | 0,200 | 300 | 100 |
| Transfers-Out | (8,750) | (23,926) | | | (32,676) |
| Advances-Out | (100) | (- / / | | | (100) |
| Other Financing Sources | 9,826 | | | | 9,826 |
| Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements) | 59,552 | (18,371) | 8,250 | 500 | 49,931 |
| Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing | | | | | |
| Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements | | | | | |
| and Other Financing Disbursements | 28,326 | 12,211 | 0 | (3,870) | 36,667 |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | (2,134) | 37,930 | 750 | 0 | 36,546 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | \$26,192 | \$50,141 | \$750 | (\$3,870) | \$73,213 |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Village of Rarden, Scioto 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 road and bridge maintenance and security of persons and property services which include fire protection and ambulance protection.

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.

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

C. Cash and Investments

The Village has one demand deposit account and no investments.

D. Fund Accounting

The Village uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is 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:

Volunteer Fire Fund – This fund receives property tax money to operate a volunteer fire department.

Ambulance Fund – This fund receives property tax money to operate a volunteer ambulance service.

Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) Fund – This fund receives federal monies for Hazard Mitigation to relocate property owners.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

3. Debt Service Funds

These funds account for the accumulation of resources for the payment of note indebtedness. The Village had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

General Obligation Fund – This fund is utilized to repay outstanding debt for the paving and culvert improvement projects.

4. Capital Projects Funds

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 Projects Fund:

Capital Improvement Fund – This fund is used to account for monies for the park improvement project.

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.

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. The Village did not encumber all commitments required by Ohio law.

A summary of 2002 and 2001 budgetary activity appears in Note 4.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

The Village maintains a cash pool used by all funds. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash at December 31 follows:

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Demand Deposits | \$84,315 | \$73,213 |

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

3. RESTATEMENT OF BEGINNING BALANCE

The January 1, 2001 balances were restated as follows: General Fund from \$6,880 to (\$2,134), a decrease of \$9,014; Special Revenue Fund Type from \$35,740 to \$37,930, and increase of \$2,190; and Capital Projects Fund Type from (\$6,998) to \$0, an increase of \$6,998. This was due to misposting of disbursements in 2000.

4. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2002 and 2001 follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

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|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|--|--|
| | Budgeted | Actual | | | |
| Fund Type | Receipts | Receipts | Variance | | |
| General | \$5,123 | \$36,769 | \$31,646 | | |
| Special Revenue | 57,400 | 54,190 | (3,210) | | |
| Debt Service | 9,000 | 9,000 | 0 | | |
| Capital Projects | 13,000 | 22,864 | 9,864 | | |
| Total | \$84,523 | \$122,823 | \$38,300 | | |

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

| | Appropriation | Budgetary | |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| Fund Type | Authority | Expenditures | Variance |
| General | \$30,000 | \$37,143 | (\$7,143) |
| Special Revenue | 86,690 | 47,619 | 39,071 |
| Debt Service | 9,000 | 9,000 | 0 |
| Capital Projects | 21,730 | 17,959 | 3,771 |
| Total | \$147,420 | \$111,721 | \$35,699 |
| | | | |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

4. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

| | Budgeted | Actual | |
|------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Fund Type | Receipts | Receipts | Variance |
| General | \$4,063 | \$92,665 | \$88,602 |
| Special Revenue | 48,000 | 79,838 | 31,838 |
| Debt Service | 9,000 | 8,250 | (750) |
| Capital Projects | 5,000 | 684 | (4,316) |
| Total | \$66,063 | \$181,437 | \$115,374 |

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

| | <u> </u> | | |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| | Appropriation | Budgetary | |
| Fund Type | Authority | Expenditures | Variance |
| General | \$15,965 | \$64,339 | (\$48,374) |
| Special Revenue | 73,720 | 67,627 | 6,093 |
| Debt Service | 9,000 | 8,250 | 750 |
| Capital Projects | 6,000 | 4,554 | 1,446 |
| Total | \$104,685 | \$144,770 | (\$40,085) |
| | | | |

The Village had expenditures exceeding appropriations in the General Fund, Ambulance Fund, Fire Fund, and FEMA Fund in 2002 and General Fund, Ambulance Fund, Fire Fund, Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund, FEMA Fund, and Capital Improvement Fund in 2001 contrary to Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41 (B).

5. 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

6. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2002 was as follows:

| | Principal | Interest Rate |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| General Obligation Note | \$27,129 | 6.875% |

The general obligation note was for paving and culvert improvement. The original loan was for \$34,650 with monthly installments in the amount of \$692.45 which includes principal and interest. The note is uncollateralized.

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

| | General Obligation Note |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Year ending December 31: | |
| 2003 | \$8,309 |
| 2004 | 8,309 |
| 2005 | 8,309 |
| 2006 | 6,327 |
| Total | \$31,254 |

7. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) is a state operated, cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system. OPERS provides retirement benefits to vested employees who are eligible to retire based upon years of service. OPERS also provides survivor and disability benefits to vested employees.

Contribution rates are prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. The Village's OPERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. For 2002, the Village did not remit the employer share and employee withholdings to the Public Employees Retirement System.

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by a State Retirement System have an option to choose Social Security or the appropriate state system. As of December 31, 2002 and 2001, all elected officials have elected Social Security.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Village has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Vehicles.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

9. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Village did not remit withholdings for both employer and employee share for the Public Employees Retirement System totaling approximately \$179 and Social Security System totaling approximately \$166 for 2002. Also, the Village did not remit withholdings for Federal Taxes totaling approximately \$42, State Taxes totaling approximately \$24, and Medicare Taxes totaling approximately \$51 for 2002.

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, based on prior experience, management believes such refunds, if any, would not be material.



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

Village of Rarden Scioto County P.O. Box 24 Rarden, Ohio 45671

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Rarden, Scioto County, Ohio (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated July 30, 2003. 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* which are included in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as items 2002-001 through 2002-002. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated July 30, 2003.

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. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Village's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable conditions are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as items 2002-003 through 2002-004.

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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. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe none of the reportable conditions described above are material weaknesses. We also 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 Village in a separate letter dated July 30, 2003.

This report is intended solely 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.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

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July 30, 2003

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

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

FINDING NUMBER 2002-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41 (B) states that no subdivision or taxing unit it to expend money unless it has bee appropriated.

Testing at December 31, 2001 revealed that expenditures exceeded appropriations in the General Fund by \$48,374 (303%) and FEMA Fund by \$23,926 (100%) and at the legal level of control in the General Fund- Supplies and Materials by \$14,642 (586%); Ambulance Fund- Supplies by \$8,097 (116%); Fire Fund -Supplies by \$18,367 (612%); Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund by \$2,710 (542%); FEMA Fund - Transfer by \$14,132 (100%); and the Capital Improvement Fund-Capital Outlay by \$9,148 (305%). Testing at December 31, 2002 revealed that expenditures exceeded appropriations in the General Fund by \$7,142 (24%) and the FEMA Fund by \$303 (100%) and at the legal level of control in the General Fund- Supplies and Materials by \$7,947 (318%); Ambulance Fund-Supplies by \$1,511 (22%); and the Fire Fund- Supplies by \$14,049 (468%).

The Clerk should deny payment requests exceeding appropriations. The Clerk may request Council to approve increased expenditure levels by increasing appropriations and amending estimated resources, if necessary.

FINDING NUMBER 2002-002

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41 (D) states that no orders or contracts involving the expenditure of money are to be made unless there is a certificate of the fiscal officer that the amount required for the order or contract has been lawfully appropriated and is the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances.

The following exceptions to this basic requirement are provided by statute:

Then and Now Certificate: This exception provides that, if the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made and at the time he is completing his certification, sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the taxing authority can authorize the drawing of a warrant. The taxing authority has 30 days from the receipt of such certificate to approve payment by resolution or ordinance. If approval is not made within 30 days, there is no legal liability on the part of the subdivision or taxing district.

If the amount involved is less than \$1,000 (which was increased to \$3,000 on April 7, 2003), the fiscal officer may authorize it to be paid without affirmation of the taxing authority, upon completion of the then and now certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by the taxing authority.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

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

FINDING NUMBER 2002-002 (Continued)

Noncompliance Citation - Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41 (D) (Continued)

In 2001, 39% of the disbursements tested were not properly certified. In 2002, 25% of the disbursements tested were not properly certified.

We recommend the Village utilize purchase orders at the time of commitment, when possible, and properly certify commitments and record the encumbrance of funds in the appropriations ledger. This will enable the Village to better monitor its budgetary position throughout the year and ensure that expenditures do no exceed appropriations.

FINDING NUMBER 2002-003

Reportable Condition

Estimated receipts exceeded actual receipts at December 31, 2001 in the following funds: Ambulance Fund by \$2,708 (16%); Debt Service Fund by \$750 (9%); and Capital Improvement Fund by \$4,316 (631%). Estimated receipts exceeded actual receipts at December 31, 2002 in the following funds: Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund by \$283 (6%) and FEMA Fund by \$9,697 (3200%). This could result in overspending if not monitored.

We recommend the Clerk monitor estimated versus actual receipts throughout the year. If it becomes apparent that the Village is not going to receive what was estimated, the Clerk should request a reduced amended certificate of estimated resources from the County Auditor.

FINDING NUMBER 2002-004

Reportable Condition

In 2001 and 2002, the Village Clerk posted receipts from rental income, Senior Citizens' Building food booth, pop sales commission, donations for Christmas decorations, and donations for the Senior Citizens' Building to the Capital Improvement Fund. Also, disbursements for utilities for the Senior Citizens Building and Christmas decorations for the Village were made from the Capital Improvement Fund. There were also transfers out of the Capital Improvement Fund to the Debt Service Fund for the monthly loan payments. Per Village resolution, the rental income is to be used for payment of the Village's debt.

The Capital Improvement Fund, a Capital Projects Fund, should be limited to recording receipts and disbursements for capital acquisitions or construction activities such as the revenues and disbursements for the improvements to the Village park.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

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

FINDING NUMBER 2002-004 (Continued)

Reportable Condition (Continued)

We recommend all activity for the Senior Citizens' Building, pop sales commission, rental income, donations for Christmas decorations, and donations for the Senior Citizens' Building be accounted for in the General Fund. In addition, all disbursements for the Senior Citizens' Building and Christmas decorations should also be accounted for in the General Fund. Furthermore, transfers to the Debt Service Fund for the monthly loan payments should be made from the General Fund since the rental income receipts are to be recorded in the General Fund. Receipts and disbursements for the improvement of the Village park should remain in the Capital Improvement Fund.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

| Finding Number | Finding Summary | Fully Corrected? | Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i> : |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|--|
| 2000-30773-001 | Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41 (D) – funds were not certified by Clerk. | No. | Not Corrected. Reissued as Finding 2002-002. |
| 2000-30773-002 | Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41 (B) – expenditures exceeded appropriations | No. | Not Corrected. Reissued as Finding 2002-001. |
| 2000-30773-003 | Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 – appropriations exceeded estimated resources. | No. | Partially Corrected. Reissued as a noncompliance citation in the management letter. |
| 2000-30773-004 | Bank balances were not correctly reconciled to the cashbook balances | Yes. | |



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VILLAGE OF RARDEN

SCIOTO 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2003