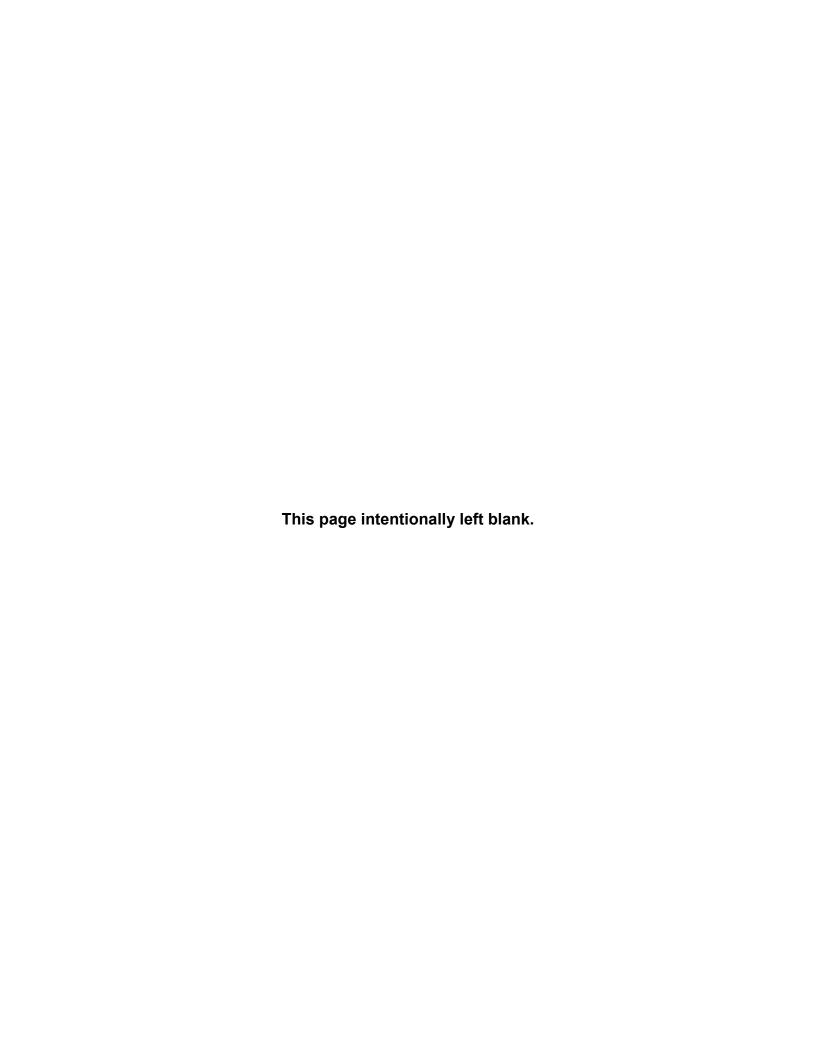




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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Village of Barnesville Belmont County 132 North Arch Street Barnesville, Ohio 43713

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Barnesville, Belmont County, Ohio (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002. 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 of Barnesville, Belmont County, as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, 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 June 23, 2004, 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

June 23, 2004

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, 2003

		Governmental	Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Property Tax and Other Local Taxes Municipal Income Taxes Intergovernmental Receipts Charges for Services Fines, Licenses, and Permits Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	\$107,333 197,547 120 49,052 61,841 6,283	\$14,490 571,406 171,155 193,991 20,226 7,469 13,590	4,000	\$ 440,373 26,088	\$11,514	\$133,337 571,406 809,075 194,111 69,278 69,310 49,961
Total Cash Receipts	422,176	992,327	4,000	466,461	11,514	1,896,478
Cash Disbursements: Current: Security of Persons and Property Public Health Services Leisure Time Activities Community Environment Transportation General Government Debt Service: Principal Payments Interest Payments Capital Outlay Total Cash Disbursements	519,467 13,016 6,256 1,183 26,757 128,698	55,468 50,691 133,435 233,710 43,622 37,526	414,794 145,524 560,318	888,404 888,404	42,126	617,061 63,707 139,691 1,183 260,467 172,320 414,794 145,524 925,930
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(273,201)	437,875	(556,318)	(421,943)	(30,612)	(844,199)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): Sale of Notes Sale of Assets Transfers-In Transfers-Out Other Financing Uses	55,560 142,312 (12,000)	200,944 (644,299)	106,628 530,770 (725)	195,690 7,100 270,442 (58,395) (10,683)	30,600	302,318 62,660 1,175,068 (715,419) (10,683)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	185,872	(443,355)	636,673	404,154	30,600	813,944
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements Fund Cash Balances, January 1	(87,329) 115,707	(5,480) 337,307	80,355 1,180	(17,789) 150,386	(12) 5,522	(30,255) 610,102
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$28.378	\$331.827	\$81.535	\$132.597	\$5.510	\$579.847
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$965	\$10,563	\$0	\$134,505	\$0	\$146,033

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	
	Enterprise	Nonexpendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Operating Cash Receipts: Charges for Services Fines, Licenses, and Permits Miscellaneous	\$1,136,979 2,139 24,496	\$2,250 150_	\$1,139,229 2,139 24,646
Total Operating Cash Receipts	1,163,614	2,400	1,166,014
Operating Cash Disbursements: Personal Services Contractual Services Supplies and Materials Capital Outlay	460,587 245,799 224,413 		460,587 245,799 224,413 29,000
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	959,799	0_	959,799
Operating Income	203,815	2,400	206,215
Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Earnings on Investments		40	40_
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	0	40	40
Excess of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements Before Interfund Transfers	203,815	2,440	206,255
Transfers-In Transfers-Out	59,120 (518,769)		59,120 (518,769)
Net Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(255,834)	2,440	(253,394)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	1,430,582	167,625	1,598,207
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$1.174.748</u>	\$170.065	\$1.344.813
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$24,820	\$0	\$24,820

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, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Tatala	
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Property Tax and Other Local Taxes Municipal Income Taxes Intergovernmental Receipts Charges for Services Fines, Licenses, and Permits Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	\$106,235 250,446 2,620 26,271 100,414 22,540	\$12,783 602,001 184,801 153,097 1,225 8,424 26,296	\$ 1,500	\$ 619,788 1,000	\$11,409	\$130,427 602,001 1,056,535 155,717 27,496 108,838 49,836
Total Cash Receipts	508,526	988,627	1,500	620,788	11,409	2,130,850
Cash Disbursements: Current: Security of Persons and Property Public Health Services Leisure Time Activities Community Environment Transportation General Government Debt Service: Principal Payments Interest Payments Capital Outlay	499,266 11,542 7,366 1,211 26,452 140,329	169,418 44,491 199,414 218,791 43,193	393,592 179,615	3,466,772	41,077	709,761 56,033 206,780 1,211 245,243 183,522 393,592 179,615 3,466,772
Total Cash Disbursements	686,166	675,307	573,207	3,466,772	41,077	5,442,529
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(177,640)	313,320	(571,707)	(2,845,984)	(29,668)	(3,311,679)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): Sale of Notes Sale of Assets Transfers-In Transfers-Out Other Financing Sources	154,961 3,052	48,000 128,238 163,923 (543,518) 2,006	166,557 330,189	2,669,860 91,600 (10,001) 16,567	31,036	2,884,417 128,238 771,709 (553,519) 21,625
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	158,013	(201,351)	496,746	2,768,026	31,036	3,252,470
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(19,627)	111,969	(74,961)	(77,958)	1,368	(59,209)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	135,334	225,338	76,141	228,344	4,154	669,311
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$115.707</u>	\$337.307	\$1.180	\$150.386	\$5.522	\$610.102
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$311	\$5,894	\$0	\$101,591	\$0	\$107,796

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

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	
	Enterprise	Nonexpendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Operating Cash Receipts: Charges for Services Fines, Licenses, and Permits Miscellaneous	\$1,156,346 6,048 15,609	\$2,030	\$1,158,376 6,048 15,609
Total Operating Cash Receipts	1,178,003	2,030	1,180,033
Operating Cash Disbursements: Personal Services Contractual Services Supplies and Materials Capital Outlay	414,455 289,775 237,746 165,363		414,455 289,775 237,746 165,363
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	1,107,339	0	1,107,339
Operating Income	70,664	2,030	72,694
Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Earnings on Investments Intergovernmental Receipts Special Assessments Other Non-Operating Receipts	43,000 3,625 2,387	26	26 43,000 3,625 2,387
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	49,012	26	49,038
Excess of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements Before Interfund Transfers	119,676	2,056	121,732
Transfers-In Transfers-Out	10,001 (228,191)		10,001 (228,191)
Net Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(98,514)	2,056	(96,458)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	1,529,096	165,569	1,694,665
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$1.430.582	\$167.625	\$1.598.207
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$51,464	\$0	\$51,464

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Village of Barnesville, Belmont 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 water and sewer utilities, park operations, fire protection, emergency medical services, cemetery maintenance 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

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.

Certificates of deposit, U.S. Agency securities and donated common stock are valued at cost or fair value when donated. The investment in STAROhio is recorded at share values 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 Funds

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

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

Park and Recreation Fund -This fund receives donations and distributions from income tax collections to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the Village Park.

Income Tax Fund -This fund receives receipts from Village income tax and distributes net collections for the operation of the Village and for capital improvements.

3. Debt Service Fund

These funds are used to accumulate resources for the payment of bonds and note indebtedness. The Village had the following significant Debt Service Funds:

Ohio Water Development Authority Loan Fund - This fund receives transfers from the sewer utility fund to retire outstanding debt related to a mandated utility construction project.

Downtown Streetscape Note Fund - This fund receives bond anticipation note proceeds to retire outstanding debt related to a downtown economic development project.

Water Plant Note Fund - This fund receives transfers from the water utility fund to retire outstanding debt related to construction of the Village water plant.

4. Capital Project 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 Project Funds:

Capital Improvement Fund - This fund receives grant funding from state and federal agencies and distributions from the Income Tax Fund for various Village capital projects.

Issue II – Water Plant Fund - This fund receives funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission and a Community Development Block Grant for construction of a new water treatment plant for the Village.

5. 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:

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

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

6. 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:

Police Pension Fund - This fund receives property tax revenue levied for payment of employer contributions for police disability and pension benefits.

Cemetery Endowment Fund - This fund receives interest from investments and perpetual care charges to finance the perpetual care of lots at the village 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. 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.

A summary of 2003 and 2002 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, 2003 AND 2002 (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:

	2003	2002
Demand deposits	\$120,456	\$57,326
Certificates of deposit	1,327,565	1,854,051
Total deposits	1,448,021	1,911,377
Federal Home Loan Bank Notes	350,000	
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Note	50,425	
STAROhio	29,362	250,080
Donated Common stock at cost	46,852	46,852
Total investments	476,639	296,932
Total deposits and investments	\$1,924,660	\$2,208,309

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

Investments: U.S. Agency securities are held in book-entry form by the applicable agency, in the name of the Village's financial institution. The financial institution maintains records identifying the Village as owner of these securities. Investments in STAROhio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. Donated stocks are valued at cost or value at the time of donation.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2003 and 2002, follows:

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

2003 Budgeted Vs. Actual Receipts					
	Budgeted	Actual			
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance		
General	\$632,648	\$620,048	(\$12,600)		
Special Revenue	1,118,040	1,193,271	75,231		
Debt Service	883,069	641,398	(241,671)		
Capital Projects	1,299,892	939,693	(360,199)		
Expendable Trust	39,990	42,114	2,124		
Enterprise	1,103,743	1,222,734	118,991		
Nonexpendable Trust	4,103	2,440	(1,663)		
Total	\$5,081,485	\$4,661,698	(\$419,787)		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

3. **BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)**

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$734,191	\$708,342	\$25,849
Special Revenue	1,270,882	1,209,314	61,568
Debt Service	811,034	561,043	249,991
Capital Projects	1,329,197	1,091,987	237,210
Expendable Trust	42,127	42,126	1
Enterprise	1,780,986	1,503,388	277,598
Nonexpendable Trust	20,000	0	20,000
Total	\$5,988,417	\$5,116,200	\$872,217

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$669,168	\$666,539	(\$2,629)
Special Revenue	1,173,240	1,330,794	157,554
Debt Service	738,249	498,246	(240,003)
Capital Projects	4,001,140	3,398,815	(602,325)
Expendable Trust	40,500	42,445	1,945
Enterprise	1,044,500	1,237,016	192,516
Nonexpendable Trust	3,100	2,056	(1,044)
Total	\$7,669,897	\$7,175,911	(\$493,986)

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$728,001	\$686,477	\$41,524
Special Revenue	1,259,096	1,224,719	34,377
Debt Service	804,944	573,207	231,737
Capital Projects	3,972,412	3,578,364	394,048
Expendable Trust	41,077	41,077	0
Enterprise	2,168,467	1,386,994	781,473
Nonexpendable Trust	20,000	0	20,000
Total	\$8,993,997	\$7,490,838	\$1,503,159

Contrary to Ohio law, total appropriations exceeded total estimated resources during 2003 in the Issue II – Sewer Rehabilitation Fund by \$134,325 and during 2002 in the Issue II – Water Plant fund by \$2,819,511.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (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.

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. LOCAL INCOME TAX

The Village levies a municipal income tax of one percent on substantially all earned income arising from employment, residency, or business activities within the Village as well as certain income of residents earned outside of the Village.

Employers within the Village withhold income tax on employee compensation and remit the tax to the Village either monthly or quarterly, as required. Corporations and other individual taxpayers pay estimated taxes quarterly and file a declaration annually.

6. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2003, was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Ohio Water Development Authority Loans	\$3,101,327	2 - 7%
Ohio Public Works Commission Loans	681,102	0 - 2%
General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes	348,230	2.8 - 5.95%
Total	\$4,130,659	

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loans relate to a utility construction project that was mandated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the construction of the Village water plant. The loans will be repaid in semiannual installments over 25 years. These loans are collateralized by water and sewer receipts. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements.

The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) loans relate to water and sewer improvement projects. These loans will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$20,343, including interest, over 20 years. These loans are collateralized by water and sewer receipts. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements.

The bond anticipation notes consist of four different issues consisting of the following: a downtown economic development project, fire truck, street sweeper and an emergency services van. The fire truck note is being paid from a fire levy, however all of these notes are backed by the full faith and credit of the Village.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

6. DEBT (Continued)

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

			Bond Anticipation
	OWDA Loans	OPWC Loans	Notes
Year ending December 31:			
2004	\$240,480	\$20,343	\$198,538
2005	241,359	40,687	70,033
2006	242,313	40,687	40,000
2007	243,348	40,687	40,000
2008	244,470	40,687	34,991
2009-2013	1,242,818	203,433	
2014-2018	592,950	203,433	
2019-2023	592,950	150,057	
2024-2027	415,065	1,471	
Total	\$4,055,753	\$741,485	\$383,562

7. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Village's law enforcement officers belong to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Funds (OP&F). The Village's other employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OP&F and OPERS 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 2003 and 2002, OP&F participants contributed 10% of their wages. The Village contributed an amount equal to 19.5% of police participant wages. For 2003 and 2002, OPERS members contributed 8.5% of their wages. The Village contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2003.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

9. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Village is defendant in several lawsuits. Although the outcome of these suits is not presently determinable, management believes that the resolution of these matters will not materially adversely affect the Village's financial condition.

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 Barnesville Belmont County 132 North Arch Street Barnesville, Ohio 43713

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Barnesville, Belmont County, Ohio (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated June 23, 2004. 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 described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as items 2003-001 through 2003-003. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated June 23, 2004.

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 June 23, 2004.

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Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

Betty Montgomery

June 23, 2004

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

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

FINDING NUMBER 2003-001

Finding for Recovery - Repaid Under Audit

Ohio Rev. Code Section 2949.091 states that the court, in which any person is convicted of or pleads guilty to any offense other than a traffic offense that is not a moving violation, shall impose the sum of fifteen dollars as costs in the case in addition to any other court costs that the court is required by law to impose upon the offender. All such moneys collected during a month shall be transmitted on or before the twentieth day of the following month by the clerk of the court to the treasurer of state and deposited by the treasurer of state into the general revenue fund. The court shall not waive the payment of the additional fifteen dollars court costs, unless the court determines that the offender is indigent and waives the payment of all court costs imposed upon the indigent offender.

Prior to September 26, 2003 the court costs noted above were \$11; however, they were raised to \$15 as a result of House Bill 95. The Mayor's Court was not aware the court costs had increased so it did not raise the court fee at any time during the audit period.

From September 26, 2003 to December 31, 2003, the Mayor's Court had 178 cases in which it only collected and paid to the Treasurer of State of Ohio the \$11 fee. Based on this, the Mayor's Court should have collected an additional \$712 that is due to the State of Ohio to be deposited by the Treasurer of State into the General Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the foregoing facts and pursuant to the Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.28, we hereby issue a Finding for Recovery, jointly and severally, against former Mayor Henry O. Gallagher and The Personal Service Insurance Company, his bonding company, in the amount of \$712 for public monies due but not collected, in favor of the State of Ohio, General Revenue Fund.

On June 1, 2004, Village Council passed Resolution No. 3191 to authorize the Village General Fund to pay the amount due to the State of Ohio. On June 2, 2004, check number 56853 was issued to the Treasurer of State of Ohio in the amount of \$712 and was paid from the Village of Barnesville General Fund.

FINDING NUMBER 2003-002

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 prohibits a subdivision from making appropriations from any fund in excess of the amount of available resources for that fund as certified by the Budget Commission.

During 2003, total appropriations exceeded total estimated resources at year end as follows:

	Estimated		
<u>Fund</u>	Resources	Appropriations	<u>Variance</u>
Issue II-Sewer Rehabilitation Fund	\$170,450	\$304,775	(\$134,325)

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

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

FINDING NUMBER 2003-002 (Continued)

Noncompliance Citation (Continued)

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 (Continued)

During 2002, total appropriations exceeded total estimated resources at year end as follows:

Estimated

Fund Resources Appropriations Variance State II - Water Plant Fund \$486,149 \$3,305,660 (\$2,819,511)

We recommend the Village closely monitor estimated resources and appropriations to ensure appropriations do not exceed estimated resources and obtain amended certificates or pass supplemental appropriation resolutions to reduce appropriations when needed.

FINDING NUMBER 2003-003

Noncompliance Citation

Barnesville, <u>Codified Ordinances</u>, Section 945.07 (1972) requires forty percent of cemetery lot sales to be allocated to perpetual care and the remaining sixty percent be allocated to the Cemetery Fund for general purposes.

For 2002, lot sales were \$5,075 and \$1,644 was allocated to the Cemetery Endowment Fund for perpetual care. Forty percent of 2002 lot sales is \$2,030. The difference of \$386 was posted to the Cemetery Fund instead of the Cemetery Endowment Fund.

We recommend the Village follow their Codified Ordinances when allocating the receipts for cemetery lot sales. The Village has made adjustments to the financial statements and accounting records to reflect the forty percent allocation to the Cemetery Endowment Fund for 2002 lot sales.



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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 22, 2004