AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Village Council Village of West Union P. O. Box 395 West Union, Ohio 45693

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of the Village of West Union, Adams County, prepared by Bastin & Company, LLC, for the audit period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

The financial statements in the attached report are presented in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State. Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Independent Auditors' Report* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Independent Auditors' Report* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State permits.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Village of West Union is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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September 14, 2007

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Bastin & Company, LLC

Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Honorable Members of Village Council Village of West Union 923 Sunrise Avenue West Union, Ohio 45693

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of West Union, Adams County, Ohio, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005. 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 described more fully in Note 1, the Village has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Village to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2006 and 2005, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2006 and 2005. While the Village does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards require us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require, governmental units to reformat their statements. The Village has elected not to reformat its statements. Since the Village does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Village as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, or their changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Village as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Village to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005. The Village has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 30, 2007, on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Bastin & Company, L & C

Cincinnati, Ohio April 30, 2007

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Governmental Fund Types				
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:					
Property Taxes	\$ 119,990	\$ 180,563	\$ 37,199	\$ -	\$ 337,752
Municipal Income Tax	332,294	-	-	-	332,294
Intergovernmental Revenues	59,968	124,779	2,780	-	187,527
Charges for Services	35,604	20,567	-	-	56,171
Fines, Licenses and Permits	95,215	5,476	-	-	100,691
Earnings on Investments	9,088	-	-	-	9,088
Miscellaneous	30,454	22,526			52,980
Total Cash Receipts	682,613	353,911	39,979		1,076,503
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
Security of Persons and Property	304,210	88,476	1,113	-	393,799
Public Health Services	4,692	12,496	-	-	17,188
Transportation	25,047	220,276	-	-	245,323
Community Environment	2,877	16,000	-	-	18,877
General Government	253,775	6,200	-	-	259,975
Capital Outlay	220,914	-	-	5,000	225,914
Debt Service:					
Principal	-	-	48,000	-	48,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges			5,192		5,192
Total Cash Disbursements	811,515	343,448	54,305	5,000	1,214,268
Total Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(128,902)	10,463	(14,326)	(5,000)	(137,765)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):					
Advances-In	-	6,200	-	-	6,200
Advances-Out	(6,200)	-	-	-	(6,200)
Other Uses	(27,881)				(27,881)
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	(34,081)	6,200			(27,881)
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing					
Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements					
and Other Financing Disbursements	(162,983)	16,663	(14,326)	(5,000)	(165,646)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	324,849	98,956	49,501	5,000	478,306
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 161,866	\$ 115,619	\$ 35,175	<u>\$</u> -	\$ 312,660

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, 2006

	Proprietary Fund Types	Fiduciary Fund Types	Totals (Memorandum
	Enterprise	Agency	Only)
Operating Cash Receipts:			
Charges for Services	\$ 1,190,453	\$ -	\$ 1,190,453
Total Operating Cash Receipts	1,190,453		1,190,453
Operating Cash Disbursements:			
Personal Services	229,304	-	229,304
Fringe Benefits	100,963	-	100,963
Contractual Services	91,938	-	91,938
Supplies and Materials	134,466	-	134,466
Purchased Water	330,583		330,583
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	887,254		887,254
Operating Income	303,199		303,199
Non-Operating Cash Receipts:			
Earnings on Investments	3,241	-	3,241
Other Non-Operating Receipts	31,002	103,410	134,412
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	34,243	103,410	137,653
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements:			
Debt Service-Principal	(170,456)	-	(170,456)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(179,434)	-	(179,434)
Other Non-Operating Cash Disbursements		(103,410)	(103,410)
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	(349,890)	(103,410)	(453,300)
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements			
Before Interfund Transfers	(12,448)	-	(12,448)
Transfers-In	345,532	-	345,532
Transfers-Out	(345,532)		(345,532)
Net Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(12,448)	-	(12,448)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	187,096		187,096
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 174,648	\$ -	\$ 174,648

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Cash Receipts:						
Property Taxes	\$ 116,973	\$ 178,262	\$ 56,409	\$ -	\$ 351,644	
Municipal Income Tax	309,057	-	-	-	309,057	
Intergovernmental Revenues	63,106	120,630	6,383	188,958	379,077	
Charges for Services	36,535	17,621	-	-	54,156	
Fines, Licenses and Permits	88,520	858	-	-	89,378	
Earnings on Investments	23,863	-	-	-	23,863	
Miscellaneous	18,222				18,222	
Total Cash Receipts	656,276	317,371	62,792	188,958	1,225,397	
Cash Disbursements:						
Current:						
Security of Persons and Property	285,521	72,780	1,770	-	360,071	
Public Health Services	10,105	16,868	-	-	26,973	
Transportation	20,995	210,513	-	-	231,508	
Community Environment	5,781	2,365	-	-	8,146	
General Government	228,852	-	-	-	228,852	
Capital Outlay	526,620	-	-	191,808	718,428	
Debt Service:			1 4 9 9 9		4 4 9 9 9	
Principal	-	-	46,000	-	46,000	
Interest and Fiscal Charges			7,956		7,956	
Total Cash Disbursements	1,077,874	302,526	55,726	191,808	1,627,934	
Total Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(421,598)	14,845	7,066	(2,850)	(402,537)	
Other Financing Disbursements:						
Other Uses	(20,404)				(20,404)	
Total Other Financing Disbursements	(20,404)				(20,404)	
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other						
Financing Disbursements	(442,002)	14,845	7,066	(2,850)	(422,941)	
Thanking Disburschichts	(442,002)	14,045	7,000	(2,050)	(+22,9+1)	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	766,851	84,111	42,435	7,850	901,247	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 324,849	\$ 98,956	\$ 49,501	\$ 5,000	\$ 478,306	

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, 2005

	Proprietary Fund Types	Fiduciary Fund Types	Totals (Memorandum
	Enterprise	Agency	Only)
Operating Cash Receipts:			
Charges for Services	\$ 1,136,918	\$ -	\$ 1,136,918
Total Operating Cash Receipts	1,136,918		1,136,918
Operating Cash Disbursements:			
Personal Services	218,156	-	218,156
Fringe Benefits	96,813	-	96,813
Contractual Services	82,846	-	82,846
Supplies and Materials	147,873	-	147,873
Purchased Water	320,606		320,606
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	866,294		866,294
Operating Income	270,624		270,624
Non-Operating Cash Receipts:			
Earnings on Investments	5,210	-	5,210
Other Non-Operating Receipts	7,034	90,422	97,456
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	12,244	90,422	102,666
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements:			
Debt Service-Principal	(162,060)	-	(162,060)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(189,784)	-	(189,784)
Capital Outlay	(34,905)	-	(34,905)
Other Non-Operating Cash Disbursements		(90,422)	(90,422)
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements	(386,749)	(90,422)	(477,171)
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements Before Interfund Transfers	(103,881)	-	(103,881)
	(100,000)		(
Transfers-In	352,145	-	352,145
Transfers-Out	(352,145)		(352,145)
Net Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(103,881)	-	(103,881)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	290,977		290,977
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 187,096	\$	\$ 187,096

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Village of West Union, Adams County, Ohio (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 operates under a council-mayor form of government and provides the following services: water and sewer utilities, police and fire protection, park operations, street lighting, road maintenance and general government 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, if owned by the Village, are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

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

2. Special Revenue Funds

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

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

Street Improvement Levy Fund - This fund receives property tax monies from a specific tax levy for constructing, maintaining and repairing Village streets.

Fire Levy Fund - This fund receives local taxes and revenues from contracts with other political subdivisions to provide fire protection services.

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 fund:

Fire Bond - This fund receives tax monies collected for the retirement of loans related to fire equipment.

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 project funds.

Walnut Street Construction Grant Fund - This fund receives grant monies for a road construction project.

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.

6. Fiduciary Funds (Trust and Agency Funds)

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

Mayors Court Agency Fund - This fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of Mayor's Court fines, fees and bonds.

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 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 2006 and 2005 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

The Village records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

H. Total Columns on Financial Statements

Total columns on the financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. This data is not comparable to a consolidation. Interfund type eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

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:

	2006	2005
Demand deposits	\$378,690	\$260,025
Certificates of Deposit	108,618	405,377
Total Deposits	\$487,308	\$665,402

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2006 and 2005 follows:

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts						
		Budgeted		Actual		
Fund Type		Receipts		Receipts		Variance
General	\$	625,850	\$	682,613	\$	56,763
Special Revenue		328,050		360,111		32,061
Debt Service		41,250		39,979		(1,271)
Capital Project		-		-		-
Enterprise		1,590,133		1,570,228		(19,905)
Total	\$	2,585,283	\$	2,652,931	\$	67,648

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures	S
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	Aţ	opropriation]	Budgetary			
Fund Type		Authority		Authority		xpenditures	 /ariance
General	\$	762,670	\$	845,596	\$ (82,926)		
Special Revenue		365,689		343,448	22,241		
Debt Service		55,260		54,305	955		
Capital Project		5,000		5,000	-		
Enterprise		1,649,691		1,582,676	67,015		
Total	\$	2,838,310	\$	2,831,025	\$ 7,285		
			-				

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts							
		Budgeted		Actual			
Fund Type	Receipts		Receipts		V	Variance	
General	\$	678,800	\$	656,276	\$	(22,524)	
Special Revenue		288,590		317,371		28,781	
Debt Service		57,300		62,792		5,492	
Capital Project		188,958		188,958		-	
Enterprise		1,510,406		1,501,307		(9,099)	
Total	\$	2,724,054	\$	2,726,704	\$	2,650	

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Ap	propriation	I	Budgetary		
Authority		E	xpenditures	V	Variance
\$	1,137,637	\$	1,098,278	\$	39,359
	324,365		302,526		21,839
	56,479		55,726		753
	193,958		191,808		2,150
	1,685,229		1,605,188		80,041
\$	3,397,668	\$	3,253,526	\$	144,142
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4. COMPLIANCE

Ohio Rev. Code, Section 5705.41(B), prohibits a subdivision from making expenditure unless it has been properly appropriated. The following Village funds had expenditures, which exceeded appropriations during 2006:

Fund	Appropriations	Expenditures	Variance
General Fund	\$762,670	\$845,596	(\$82,926)
Fire Escrow 80 Logan Lane	-	8,000	(8,000)
Fire Escrow 276 Cherry Street	-	8,000	(8,000)
Mayor's Court Computer Fund	-	6,200	(6,200)
Sewer Sinking Fund	224,327	224,358	(31)

In addition, the Village did not properly certify the availability of funds in accordance with Ohio Revised Code, Section 5705.41 (D) for all commitments that were tested by audit for 2006 and 2005.

Testing also disclosed instances where tickets issued to officers could not be accounted for as to their final disposition by Mayor's court officials as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 1905.21.

5. PROPERTY TAXES

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Village Council adopts tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The State pays the Village amounts equaling these deductions. The Village includes these with 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 taxes, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Village.

6. LOCAL EARNINGS TAX

The Village levies an earnings tax of .5 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. Proceeds of the tax are credited to the general fund.

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7. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2006 was as follows:

		Principal	Interest Rate
USDA Rural Development Sewer Bond Issue - 1995	\$	1,050,600	4.50%
USDA Rural Development Sewer Bond Issue - 1995		325,000	4.50%
5/3rd Bank Fire Equipment Bond - 2003		41,000	5.91%
OWDA Manchester Water Line Loan 2133 - 1999		755,248	5.86%
OWDA East Side Sewer Line Loan 3365 - 2001		293,491	2.20%
5/3rd Bank Water/Sewer Refinance Bonds - 2003	_	1,265,000	3.50% - 5.25%
Total	\$	3,730,339	

The USDA Rural Development Sewer Bond Issues were issued in 1995 for \$1,200,000 and \$563,000 respectively. Proceeds were used to rehabilitate the Village's wastewater treatment plant and other system components. The two bond issues mature in varying amounts from \$18,000 in 2007 to \$67,200 in 2034 and \$30,100 in 2007 to \$42,800 in 2015, respectively.

The Village obtained a loan from $5/3^{rd}$ for \$229,000 during 2003. Proceeds from the loan were used towards the purchase of a fire ladder truck. The remaining bonds mature in 2007.

The Village obtained loans from the Ohio Water Development Authority for \$940,000 and \$399,677, respectively for certain water and sewer line construction projects. Upon completion of the projects,

actual loan balances were adjusted to final costs and payments made through the date the loans were finalized were considered in establishing final payment amortization amounts. Payments of principal and interest are payable semi-annually through 2021 and 2023 respectively.

During 2003, the Village issued a \$1,500,000 refunding issue to consolidate several previously issued bonds related to the water and sewer systems. The water system is responsible for 33 percent of the refunding bonds while the sewer system is responsible for 67 percent. The bonds mature in varying amounts from \$80,000 in 2007 to \$130,000 in 2018.

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of December 31, 2006, including interest payments of \$1,840,962 are as follows:

Year Ending December	5/3 rd Refinance	OWDA Loan	Fire Bond	OWDA	Sewer Bonds	Sewer Bonds	
31,	Bonds	#3365	Levy	Loan #2133	(92-13)	(92-07)	Totals
2007	\$140,088	\$24,472	\$43,423	\$72,664	\$44,725	\$65,277	\$390,649
2008	157,288	24,472	-	72,664	44,671	65,367	364,462
2009	143,788	24,472	-	72,664	44,758	65,417	351,099
2010	144,513	24,472	-	72,664	44,677	65,625	351,951
2011	140,000	24,472	-	72,664	44,734	65,585	347,455
2012-2016	701,306	122,360	-	363,320	178,840	330,143	1,695,969
2017-2021	274,730	97,884	-	363,320	-	333,508	1,069,442
2022-2026	-	-	-	108,996	-	337,945	446,941
2027-2031	-	-	-	-	-	343,770	343,770
2032-2034	-	-	-	-	-	209,563	209,563
Total	\$1,701,713	\$342,604	\$43,423	\$1,198,956	\$402,405	\$1,882,200	\$5,571,301

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Village belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. Pep provides property and casualty coverage for its members. PEP is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund PEP. PEP pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the member's deductibles.

Casualty Coverage

For an occurrence prior to January 1, 2006 PEP retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence, including claim adjustment expenses. PEP pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. For an occurrence on or subsequent to January 1, 2006, the Pool retains casualty risk up to \$350,000 per occurrence, including loss adjustment expenses. Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured with APEEP in an amount not to exceed \$2,650,000 for each claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect up to \$10,000,000 in additional coverage with the General Reinsurance Corporation, through contracts with PEP.

If losses exhaust PEP's retained earnings, APEEP provides *excess of funds available* coverage up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000 (for claims prior to January 1, 2006) or \$3,000,000 (for claims on or after January 1, 2006) as noted above.

Property Coverage

Through 2004, PEP retained property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in anyone occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsured losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$500 million per occurrence.

Beginning in 2005, Travelers reinsures specific losses exceeding \$250,000 up to \$600 million per occurrence. APEEP reinsures members for specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$250,000 per occurrence, subject to an annual aggregate loss payment. Travelers provides aggregate stop-loss coverage based upon the combined members' total insurable values. If the stop loss is reached by payment of losses between \$100,000 and \$250,000, Travelers will reinsure specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to their \$600 million per occurrence limit. The aggregate stop-loss limit for 2006 was \$1,901,127.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge PEP's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

Property and casualty settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

Financial Position

PEP's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2006 and 2005.

<u>Casualty Coverage</u> Assets Liabilities Retained earnings	$ \frac{2006}{\$ 30,997,868} \\ \underline{(15,875,741)} \\ \underline{\$ 15,122,127} $	2005 \$ 29,719,675 (15,994,168) <u>\$ 13,725,507</u>
<u>Property Coverage</u> Assets Liabilities Retained earnings	$ \begin{array}{r} $	$ \begin{array}{r} $

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, casualty coverage liabilities noted above include approximately \$14.4 million and \$14.3 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The Casualty Coverage assets and retained earnings above also include approximately \$14.4 million and \$14.3 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 447 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. This payable includes the subsequent year's contribution due if the Government terminates participation, as described in the last paragraph below.

Based on discussions with PEP, the expected rates PEP charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to PEP for each year of membership.

Contribut	tions to PEP
2006	\$69,285
2005	\$71,892

After completing one year of membership, members may withdraw on each anniversary of the date they joined PEP provided they give written notice to PEP 60 days in advance of the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's budgetary contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to the pool. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to the withdrawal.

9. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Village's law enforcement officers belong to the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Funds (PFDPF). Other full-time employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) of Ohio. PFDPF 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.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2006 and 2005, PFDPF participants contributed 10 percent of their wages. The Village contributed an amount equal to 19.5 percent of participant wages. For 2006 and 2005, OPERS' members contributed 9 and 8.5 percent, respectively, of their gross wages. The Village contributed an amount equal to 13.70 and 13.55 percent, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2006.

Bastin & Company, LLC

Certified Public Accountants

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Honorable Members of Village Council Village of West Union 923 Sunrise Avenue West Union, Ohio 45693

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of West Union, Adams County, Ohio (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 2007 wherein we noted the Village followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Village's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Village's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Village's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Village's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

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 grant agreements, 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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2006-01 through 2006-03.

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

Bastin & Company, L & C

Cincinnati, Ohio April 30, 2007

VILLAGE OF WEST UNION ADAMS COUNTY SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

FINDING NUMBER 2006-01

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) states that, "no subdivision or taxing unit is to expend money unless it has been appropriated". The following Village funds had expenditures, which exceeded appropriations during 2006:

Fund	Appropriations	Expenditures	Variance
General Fund	\$762,670	\$845,596	(\$82,926)
Fire Escrow 80 Logan Lane	-	8,000	(8,000)
Fire Escrow 276 Cherry Street	-	8,000	(8,000)
Mayor's Court Computer Fund	-	6,200	(6,200)
Sewer Sinking Fund	224,327	224,358	(31)

Village's Response

The Village will more accurately monitor its compliance with the ORC in the future to ensure that expenditures are within amounts appropriated.

FINDING NUMBER 2006-02

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Revised Code, Section 5705.41 (D), states that no subdivision or taxing authority unit shall make any contract or order any expenditure of money unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision that the amount required to meet the same...has been lawfully appropriated for such purpose and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. Every such contract made without such a certificate shall be null and void and no warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due thereon.

This section also provides two "exceptions" to the above requirements:

- A. Then and Now Certificate If no certificate is furnished as required, upon receipt of the fiscal officers' certificate that a sufficient sum was appropriated and free of any previous encumbrances, the Village Council may authorize the issuance of a warrant in payment of the amount due upon such contract or order by resolution within 30 days from the receipt of such certificate.
- B. If the amount involved is less than one thousand dollars, the fiscal officer may authorize it to be paid without the affirmation of the Village Council, if such expenditure is otherwise valid.

The Village Clerk did not certify the availability of funds for all transactions tested for 2006 and 2005.

Village's Response

The Village concurs with the citation and will attempt to ensure that proper certification is obtained in the future.

VILLAGE OF WEST UNION ADAMS COUNTY SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005 (continued)

FINDING NUMBER 2006-03

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Revised Code Section 1905.21 states that the Mayor of a municipal corporation and a mayor's court magistrate shall keep a docket. In addition, a mayor's court magistrate shall account for all such fines, forfeitures, fees, and costs he collects and transfer them to the mayor.

Testing disclosed several instances where tickets had been issued to officers for use but no record of its use or disposition could be provided to ensure that all issued tickets were appropriately accounted for.

Village's Response

The Village concurs with the citation and will attempt to begin keeping a proper inventory and reconciliation of all tickets issued to officers for use.

VILLAGE OF WEST UNION ADAMS COUNTY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Status Explanation:
2004/2003-001	Failure to properly amend Certificate of Estimated Resources	Yes	Condition not applicable to current audit period
2004/2003-002	Expenditures exceeded appropriations for 2002 and 2003 noncompliance citation ORC section 5705.41	No	Condition existed during current audit period, reissued as finding 2006-01.





VILLAGE OF WEST UNION

ADAMS 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.

Susan Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

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