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VILLAGE OF HOLLAND
LUCAS COUNTY

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To the Village Council:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS 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. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

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To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Holland, Lucas County, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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 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.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Village's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Village does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require villages to reformat their statements. The Village has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. 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.

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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, 2008 and 2007 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, 2008 and 2007, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, 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 Holland, Lucas County, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

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 October 16, 2009, 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 grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



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**VILLAGE OF HOLLAND
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>				Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:					
Property and Local Taxes	\$54,551				\$54,551
Municipal Income Tax	1,966,484		\$190,000	\$793,242	2,949,726
Intergovernmental	204,484	\$95,644	-	686,547	986,675
Special Assessments	9,472	-	171,563	-	181,035
Charges for Services	54,560	-	-	-	54,560
Fines, Licenses and Permits	32,427	154	-	-	32,581
Earnings on Investments	151,729	20,816	11,708	49,155	233,408
Miscellaneous	152,531	5,046	-	9,170	166,747
	<u>2,626,238</u>	<u>121,660</u>	<u>373,271</u>	<u>1,538,114</u>	<u>4,659,283</u>
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
Security of Persons and Property	846,947	1,450	-	-	848,397
Public Health Services	9,655	-	-	-	9,655
Leisure Time Activities	18,815	-	-	-	18,815
Community Environment	64,670	-	-	-	64,670
Basic Utility Service	47,679	-	-	-	47,679
Transportation	-	331,058	-	-	331,058
General Government	489,868	-	-	-	489,868
Debt Service:					
Redemption of Principal	-	-	120,521	21,613	142,134
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	21,988	-	21,988
Capital Outlay	92,453	107,006	-	3,116,775	3,316,234
	<u>1,570,087</u>	<u>439,514</u>	<u>142,509</u>	<u>3,138,388</u>	<u>5,290,498</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>1,056,151</u>	<u>(317,854)</u>	<u>230,762</u>	<u>(1,600,274)</u>	<u>(631,215)</u>
Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements):					
Transfers-In	-	369,220	-	1,585,755	1,954,975
Transfers-Out	(1,260,970)	-	-	(694,005)	(1,954,975)
Other Financing Uses	(100,382)	-	-	-	(100,382)
	<u>(1,361,352)</u>	<u>369,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>891,750</u>	<u>(100,382)</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(305,201)	51,366	230,762	(708,524)	(731,597)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>5,713,259</u>	<u>674,727</u>	<u>199,738</u>	<u>1,734,583</u>	<u>8,322,307</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$5,408,058</u>	<u>\$726,093</u>	<u>\$430,500</u>	<u>\$1,026,059</u>	<u>\$7,590,710</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$145,165</u>	<u>\$101,050</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$415,180</u>	<u>\$661,395</u>

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

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	Governmental Fund Types				Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	
Cash Receipts:					
Property and Local Taxes	\$53,157				\$53,157
Municipal Income Tax	1,932,015		\$190,000	\$776,007	2,898,022
Intergovernmental	195,829	\$102,201	-	59,586	357,616
Special Assessments	28,321	-	171,926	-	200,247
Charges for Services	5,771	-	-	-	5,771
Fines, Licenses and Permits	23,216	250	-	-	23,466
Earnings on Investments	265,706	34,681	16,858	83,436	400,681
Miscellaneous	142,497	3,272	-	2,008	147,777
Total Cash Receipts	2,646,512	140,404	378,784	921,037	4,086,737
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
Security of Persons and Property	740,680	-	-	-	740,680
Public Health Services	9,403	-	-	-	9,403
Leisure Time Activities	19,821	-	-	-	19,821
Community Environment	61,364	-	-	-	61,364
Basic Utility Service	29,164	-	-	-	29,164
Transportation	-	276,118	-	-	276,118
General Government	471,724	-	-	-	471,724
Debt Service:					
Redemption of Principal	-	-	296,955	21,613	318,568
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	43,470	-	43,470
Capital Outlay	141,780	23,441	-	846,498	1,011,719
Total Cash Disbursements	1,473,936	299,559	340,425	868,111	2,982,031
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	1,172,576	(159,155)	38,359	52,926	1,104,706
Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements):					
Transfers-In	-	234,370	-	1,089,570	1,323,940
Transfers-Out	(554,370)	-	-	(769,570)	(1,323,940)
Other Financing Uses	(278,547)	-	-	-	(278,547)
Total Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements)	(832,917)	234,370	-	320,000	(278,547)
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	339,659	75,215	38,359	372,926	826,159
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	5,373,600	599,512	161,379	1,361,657	7,496,148
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$5,713,259	\$674,727	\$199,738	\$1,734,583	\$8,322,307
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$83,433	\$50,795	-	\$361,378	\$495,606

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

**VILLAGE OF HOLLAND
LUCAS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Village of Holland, Lucas County, (the Village) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected six-member Council directs the Village. The Village provides park operations, street maintenance, police, and contracted fire and EMS services. The Village appropriates general fund money to support a contract with Springfield Township for fire protection and EMS services.

The Village's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Village is financially accountable.

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Village recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements 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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Deposits and Investments

The Village's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The Village values certificates of deposit and U.S. Treasury Notes and Bills at cost. Money market mutual funds (including STAR Ohio) are recorded at share values the mutual funds report.

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 reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (Continued)

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

3. Debt Service Funds

These funds account for resources the Village accumulates to pay bond and note debt. The Village had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

Sanitary Sewer Debt Retirement Fund – This fund receives income tax revenue and sanitary sewer assessments, and is used to accumulate resources for the payment of bonds issued to fund the installation of sanitary sewers throughout the Village.

4. Capital Project Funds

These funds account for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Village had the following significant Capital Project Funds:

Capital Projects Fund - This fund receives a portion of income tax revenue to fund major capital projects (e.g., major road construction, maintenance, and repair), purchases, or cash transfers to other capital projects funds.

State Issue 2 Fund – This fund receives transfers from the Capital Projects Fund and State Issue 2 grant funds for approved major road reconstruction projects.

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 object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Village 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (Continued)

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Village to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2008 and 2007 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.

2. Equity in Pooled Deposits and Investments

The Village maintains a deposit and investments pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	2008	2007
Demand deposits	\$3,075,044	\$4,350,188
Certificates of deposit	1,500,142	1,120,000
Total deposits	4,575,186	5,470,188
U.S. Treasury Notes/Bills	1,072,488	1,045,418
STAR Ohio	1,943,036	1,806,701
Total investments	3,015,524	2,852,119
Total deposits and investments	\$7,590,710	\$8,322,307

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

Investments: The Federal Reserve holds the Village's U.S. Treasury Notes in book-entry form by, in the name of the Village's financial institution. The financial institution maintains records identifying the Village as owner of these securities.

Investments in STAR Ohio and mutual funds are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

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DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
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3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2008 and 2007 follows:

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$2,419,387	\$2,626,238	\$206,851
Special Revenue	513,930	490,880	(23,050)
Debt Service	274,920	373,271	98,351
Capital Projects	3,403,059	3,123,869	(279,190)
Total	\$6,611,296	\$6,614,258	\$2,962

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$3,403,875	\$3,076,604	\$327,271
Special Revenue	668,485	540,564	127,921
Debt Service	143,750	142,509	1,241
Capital Projects	4,365,697	4,247,573	118,124
Total	\$8,581,807	\$8,007,250	\$574,557

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$2,060,263	\$2,646,512	\$586,249
Special Revenue	371,700	374,774	3,074
Debt Service	367,585	378,784	11,199
Capital Projects	1,851,788	2,010,607	158,819
Total	\$4,651,336	\$5,410,677	\$759,341

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$2,688,198	\$2,390,286	\$297,912
Special Revenue	408,504	350,354	58,150
Debt Service	341,620	340,425	1,195
Capital Projects	2,022,610	1,999,059	23,551
Total	\$5,460,932	\$5,080,124	\$380,808

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

4. Property Tax

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Council adopted 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 financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, 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 2.25 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, 2008 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Ohio Water Development Authority Loan (OWDA) Loan	\$26,534	7.51 to 8.40%
Special Assessment Bond	150,000	7.4%
Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Loans	128,668	0%
Total	\$305,202	

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loan relates to installation of a sanitary sewer system expansion project that was mandated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The OWDA approved \$2,762,878 in loans to the Village for this project. The Village will repay the loans in semi-annual installments over 20 years. Beginning July 2003, OWDA began an interest rate subsidy program which reduced all loan interest rates to 7%, and reduced the annual payments.

The outstanding special assessment bond was for infrastructure improvements to the Holland Business Center. The special assessment bond is funded by assessments placed on the improved property which is paid by the property owners over a 20-year period. The bonds are the direct obligation of the Village for which its full faith, credit, and resources are pledged.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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6. Debt - (Continued)

The OPWC loans were in conjunction with grant applications awarded for road reconstruction projects and are to be repaid over a 10-year period without interest.

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

Year ending December 31:	OWDA Loan	Special Assessment Bond	OPWC Loans
2009	\$21,798	\$56,100	\$25,409
2010	4,588	57,770	36,215
2011	2,299	59,070	21,613
2012			21,613
2013-2014			23,818
Total	\$28,685	\$172,940	\$128,668

7. Retirement Systems

The Village's law enforcement officers belong to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). Other full-time employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OP&F and OPERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes these plans' benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2008 and 2007, OP&F participants contributed 10% of their wages. For 2008 and 2007, the Village contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 19.5% of full-time police members' wages. For 2008 and 2007, OPERS members contributed 10 and 9.5%, respectively, of their gross salaries and the Village contributed an amount equaling 14 and 13.85%, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2008.

8. Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

The Village belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the "Plan"), a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments ("Members"). The Plan is legally separate from its member governments.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages to its members sold through fourteen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio. These coverage programs, referred to as Ohio Plan Risk management ("OPRM"), are developed specific to each member's risk management needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria addressing the member's exposure to loss, except OPRM retain 15% of the premium and losses on the first \$250,000 casualty treaty and 10% of the first \$1,000,000 property treaty. Members are only

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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8. Risk Management – (Continued)

responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member. OPRM had over 650 members as of December 31, 2008. The Village

In August, 2007, OGRMP formed the Ohio Plan Healthcare Consortium (“OPHC”), as authorized by Section 9.833 of the Ohio Revised Code. The OPHC was established to provide cost effective employee benefit programs for Ohio political sub-divisions and is a self-funded, group purchasing consortium that offers medical, dental, vision and prescription drug coverage as well as life insurance for its members. The OPHC is sold through seventeen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio. Coverage programs are developed specific to each member’s healthcare needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria. Variable plan options are available to members. These plans vary primarily by deductibles, coinsurance levels, office visit co-pays and out-of pocket maximums. OPHC had 40 members as of December 31, 2008. The Village does not participates in this coverage.

Plan members are responsible to notify the Plan of their intent to renew coverage by their renewal date. If a member chooses not to renew with the Plan, they have no other financial obligation to the Plan, but still need to promptly notify the Plan of any potential claims occurring during their membership period. The former member’s covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of the Plan.

Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

The Pool’s audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31: 2008 and 2007

	2008	2007
Assets	\$10,471,114	\$11,136,455
Liabilities	<u>(5,286,781)</u>	<u>(4,273,553)</u>
Members’ Equity	<u>\$5,184,333</u>	<u>\$6,862,902</u>

You can read the complete audited financial statements for The Ohio Government Risk Management Plan at the Plan’s website, www.ohioplan.org.

9. Contingent Liabilities

The Village is defendant in a lawsuit. Although the outcome of this suit is not presently determinable, management believes that the resolution of 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. 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.

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

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To the Village Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the Village of Holland, Lucas County, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated October 16, 2009, 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined 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 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 its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Village's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Village's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

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 internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Village's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the finance/audit committee, management, and the Village Council. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



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October 16, 2009



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VILLAGE OF HOLLAND

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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.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
NOVEMBER 17, 2009**