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Village of Jerry City Wood County P.O. Box 298 Jerry City, Ohio 43437-0298

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.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

June 15, 2011

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Village of Jerry City Wood County P.O. Box 298 Jerry City, Ohio 43437-0298

To the Village Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Jerry City, Wood County, Ohio (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. 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. The Village processes its financial transactions with the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to audit the Village because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and as requested, operates UAN. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code § 117.11(A) mandates the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. 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, 2010 and 2009 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, 2010 and 2009, 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 Jerry City, Wood County, as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, 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 June 15, 2011, 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.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

June 15, 2011

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

| | Governmental Fund Types | | Tatala |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | General | Special Revenue | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
| Cash Receipts: Property and Local Taxes Intergovernmental Special Assessments Fines, Licenses and Permits Miscellaneous | \$13,933 12,433 1,093 7,830 | \$5,990 22,902 4,554 | \$19,923 35,335 4,554 1,093 7,830 |
| Total Cash Receipts | 35,289 | 33,446 | 68,735 |
| Cash Disbursements: Current: Security of Persons and Property Leisure Time Activities Transportation General Government | 4,478 1,065 17,771 | 4,748 15,446 683 | 9,226 1,065 15,446 18,454 |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 23,314 | 20,877 | 44,191 |
| Total Receipts Over Disbursements | 11,975 | 12,569 | 24,544 |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | (4,728) | 109,695 | 104,967 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | \$7,247 | \$122,264 | \$129,511 |
| Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31 | \$1.076 | \$463 | \$1,539 |

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

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

| | Governmental Fund Types | | / - |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| | General | Special Revenue | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
| Cash Receipts: Property and Local Taxes Intergovernmental Special Assessments Fines, Licenses and Permits Miscellaneous | \$14,464 11,950 1,370 5,252 | \$6,138 27,411 5,000 | \$20,602 39,361 5,000 1,370 5,252 |
| Total Cash Receipts | 33,036 | 38,549 | 71,585 |
| Cash Disbursements: Current: Security of Persons and Property Leisure Time Activities Transportation General Government Capital Outlay Total Cash Disbursements | 4,026 785 25,315 30,126 | 6,741 12,152 179 2,676 21,748 | 10,767 785 12,152 25,494 2,676 51,874 |
| Total Receipts Over Disbursements | 2,910 | 16,801 | <u> </u> |
| Other Financing Receipts: Sale of Capital Assets | | 1,400 | 1,400 |
| Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over Cash Disbursements | 2,910 | 18,201 | 21,111 |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | (7,638) | 91,494 | 83,856 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | (\$4.728) | \$109.695 | \$104.967 |
| Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31 | \$262 | \$91 | \$353 |

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

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 Jerry City, Wood County, Ohio (the Village), as a body corporate and politic. A publiclyelected six-member Council directs the Village. The Village provides park operations. The Village contracts with the Wood County Sheriff's department to provide security of persons and property. The Village contracts with the Village of Cygnet to receive fire protection 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. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

The General Fund 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 Funds:

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

<u>Street Lighting Assessment Fund</u> – This fund receives special assessments to maintain the Village street lighting.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 (Continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. 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 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.

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

A summary of 2010 and 2009 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

E. 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.

2. Equity in Pooled Deposits

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

| | 2010 | 2009 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Demand deposits | \$129,511 | \$104,967 |

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 (Continued)

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2010 and 2009 follows:

| 2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts | | | |
|---|------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | Budgeted | Actual | |
| Fund Type | Receipts | Receipts | Variance |
| General | \$48,785 | \$35,289 | (\$13,496) |
| Special Revenue | 45,863 | 33,446 | (12,417) |
| Total | \$94,648 | \$68,735 | (\$25,913) |
| 2010 Budgeted vs. A | Actual Budgetary | Basis Expenditure | es |
| | Appropriation | Budgetary | |
| Fund Type | Authority | Expenditures | Variance |
| General | \$39,545 | \$24,390 | \$15,155 |
| Special Revenue | 60,875 | 21,340 | 39,535 |
| Total | \$100,420 | \$45,730 | \$54,690 |
| 2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts | | | |
| | Budgeted | Actual | |
| Fund Type | Receipts | Receipts | Variance |
| General | \$34,867 | \$33,036 | (\$1,831) |
| Special Revenue | 32,776 | 39,949 | 7,173 |
| Total | \$67,643 | \$72,985 | \$5,342 |
| 2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures | | | |
| | Appropriation | Budgetary | |
| Fund Type | Authority | Expenditures | Variance |
| General | \$38,850 | \$30,388 | \$8,462 |
| Special Revenue | 60,875 | 21,839 | 39,036 |
| Total | \$99,725 | \$52,227 | \$47,498 |

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.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Village.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Village.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 (Continued)

5. Retirement System

The Village's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plans' benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2010 and 2009, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the Village contributed an amount equaling 14%, of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2010.

6. Risk Management

Commercial Insurance

The Village has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Automobile; and
- Inland Marine



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

Village of Jerry City Wood County P.O. Box 298 Jerry City, Ohio 43437-0298

To the Village Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the Village of Jerry City, Wood County, Ohio (the Village), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated June 15, 2011 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 also noted the Village processes its financial transactions with the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to audit the Village because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and as requested, operates UAN. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code § 117.11(A) mandates the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. 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 the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining 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 *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Village's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, 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.

Village of Jerry City Wood County Independent Accountants' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

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 an instance of noncompliance we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2010-001.

We also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Village's management in a separate letter dated June 15, 2011.

The Village's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the Village's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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

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Dave Yost Auditor of State

June 15, 2011

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

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

FINDING NUMBER 2010-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Revised Code, § 5705.41(D)(1), states no orders or contracts involving the expenditure of money are to be made unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer certifying that the amount required for the order or contract has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous 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.

There are several exceptions to the standard requirement stated above that fiscal officer's certificate must be obtained prior to a subdivision or taxing authority entering into a contract or order involving the expenditure of money. The <u>main</u> exceptions are: "then and now" certificates, blanket certificates, and super blanket certificates, which are provided for in sections 5705.41(D)(1) and 5705.41(D)(3), respectively, of the Ohio Revised Code.

1. "Then and Now" certificate – If the fiscal officer can certify both at the time the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time the fiscal officer is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collections, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, Council can authorize the drawing of a warrant for the payment of the amount due. Council has thirty days from the receipt of the "then and now" certificate to approve payment by ordinance or resolution.

Amounts less than \$3,000 may be paid by the fiscal officer without a resolution or ordinance upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by Council.

- 2. Blanket Certificate Fiscal officers may prepare "blanket" certificates for a certain sum of money not in excess of an amount established by resolution or ordinance adopted by a majority of the members of the legislative authority against any specific line item account over a period not running beyond the end of the current fiscal year. The blanket certificates may, but need not, be limited to a specific vendor. Only one blanket certificate may be outstanding at one particular time for any one particular line item appropriation.
- 3. Super Blanket Certificate Council may also make expenditures and contracts for any amount from a specific line-item appropriation account in a specified fund upon certification of the fiscal officer for most professional services, fuel, oil, food items, and any other specific recurring and reasonably predictable operating expense. This certification may, but need not, be limited to a specific vendor. This certification is not to extend beyond the current year. More than one super blanket certificate may be outstanding at a particular time for any line item appropriation.

Eighty percent of the transactions tested were not certified by the fiscal officer at the time the commitment was incurred, and there was no evidence the Village followed the aforementioned exceptions. Failure to properly certify the availability of funds can result in overspending funds and negative cash fund balances.

Village of Jerry City Wood County Schedule of Findings Page 2

FINDING NUMBER 2010-001 (Continued)

Certification is not only required by Ohio law, but it is a key control in the disbursements process to help assure purchase commitments receive prior approval, and to help reduce the possibility of Village funds being over expended or exceeding budgetary spending limitations as set by Council. In addition, to improve controls over disbursements, we recommend all Village disbursements receive prior certification from the Fiscal Officer and Council periodically review the expenditures made to ensure they are within the appropriations adopted by Council, certified by the Fiscal Officer and recorded against appropriations.

Officials' Response:

The Fiscal Officer acknowledges an error was made, and will correct this in the future.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

| Finding Number | Finding Summary | Fully Corrected? | Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| 2008-001 | Finding for recovery due to improper payment to former Fiscal Officer. | Yes | |
| 2008-002 | ORC §5705.10 Posting receipts to improper funds and having negative fund balances. | No | Not corrected; Repeated in management letter. |
| 2008-003 | 26 CFR §1.6041-1 failure to issue 1099's for individuals paid over \$600. | Yes | |
| 2008-004 | ORC §5705.39 – Appropriations exceeded estimated resources | No | Not corrected; Repeated in management letter |
| 2008-005 | ORC §5705.34 – Did not approve the resolution authorizing necessary tax levies. | No | Not corrected; Repeated in management letter |
| 2008-006 | ORC §5705.41(D) – Failure to certify the availability of funds. | No | Not corrected; Repeated as Finding #2010-001 in this report |
| 2008-007 | Monitoring Controls – Lack of sufficient monitoring. | Yes | |
| 2008-008 | Check Copies – Obtain copies of both front and back of checks from the bank. | No | Not corrected; Repeated in management letter |
| 2008-009 | Property Tax Exemption – Village is paying real estate taxes when they should be exempt. | Yes | |
| 2008-010 | Official's Pay – Lack of appropriate support for official's pay. | Yes | |
| 2008-011 | Audit Committee – Establish one. | No | Not corrected; Repeated in management letter. |

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VILLAGE OF JERRY CITY

WOOD 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 JUNE 28, 2011

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