

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Village of New London, Huron County, prepared by BHM CPA Group, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. 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.

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 New London is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

July 15, 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Village of New London Huron County 115 East Main Street New London, Ohio 44851

To the Village Council:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the Village of New London, Huron County, Ohio (the Village), which comprises the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental and proprietary fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental and proprietary fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental and proprietary fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental and proprietary fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Village, as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, or the changes in financial position or, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

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Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Village, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Village on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 15 to the 2020 financial statements and Note 14 to the 2021 financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Village. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Village's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
 fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures
 include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial
 statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
 that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
 effectiveness of the Village's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that
 raise substantial doubt about the Village's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable
 period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 29, 2022, 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. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Village's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

BHM CPA Group, Inc. Piketon, Ohio

BHM CPA Group

June 29, 2022

Huron County

Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Cool Booking		General		Special Revenue		Capital Projects	(M	Totals emorandum Only)
Cash Receipts Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	72,734	\$	21,893	\$		\$	94,627
Municipal Income Tax	Ф	489,152	Ф	240,926	Ф	-	Ф	730,078
Intergovernmental		119,358		331,187		-		450,545
Charges for Services		1,280		413,696		55,535		470,511
Fines, Licenses and Permits		28,286		6,963		33,333		35,249
Earnings on Investments		4,749		535		-		5,284
Miscellaneous		18,844		3,615		3,665		26,124
Wiscenaneous		10,044		3,013		3,003		20,124
Total Cash Receipts		734,403		1,018,815		59,200		1,812,418
Cash Disbursements								
Current:				454.504				454.504
Security of Persons and Property		-		474,594		-		474,594
Public Health Services		-		21,789		-		21,789
Leisure Time Activities		4 270		357,506		-		357,506
Community Environment		4,379		152 (22		-		4,379
Transportation		417.200		153,633		-		153,633
General Government		417,290		85,227		25 (10		502,517
Capital Outlay Debt Service:		76,923		155,065		35,619		267,607
				18,030		16,962		34,992
Principal Retirement Interest and Fiscal Charges		-		6,272		991		7,263
interest and Piscai Charges		<u>-</u>		0,272		991		7,203
Total Cash Disbursements		498,592		1,272,116		53,572		1,824,280
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		235,811		(253,301)		5,628		(11,862)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)								
Transfers In		11,000		255,000		-		266,000
Transfers Out		(260,000)		(6,000)		-		(266,000)
Other Financing Sources		12,320		9,881		700		22,901
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)		(236,680)		258,881		700		22,901
Special Item		26		-		-		26
Extraordinary Item		4,584		-				4,584
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances		3,741		5,580		6,328		15,649
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		487,635		439,922		47,091		974,648
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	491,376	\$	445,502	\$	53,419	\$	990,297

Huron County

Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) All Proprietary Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Proprie	tary Fund Types
	I	Enterprise
Operating Cash Receipts Charges for Services	\$	2,359,324
Total Operating Cash Receipts		2,359,324
Operating Cash Disbursements Personal Services Employee Fringe Benefits Contractual Services		726,364 311,323 437,736
Supplies and Materials Other		217,809 12,469
Total Operating Cash Disbursements		1,705,701
Operating Income (Loss)		653,623
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements) Intergovernmental Receipts Earnings on Investments Other Debt Proceeds Capital Outlay Principal Retirement Interest and Other Fiscal Charges Other Financing Sources		80,294 104 4,465,602 (801,841) (3,766,550) (85,657) 3,288
Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)		(104,760)
Income (Loss) before Capital Contributions, Special Item, Extraordinary Item, Transfers and Advances		548,863
Transfers In Transfers Out		301,333 (301,333)
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances		548,863
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		1,169,842
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	1,718,705
See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021

1. Reporting Entity

The Village of New London (the village), Huron County, Ohio is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. A publicly-elected six-member Council directs the Village. The Village provides general government services, cemetery maintenance, water, sewer, and sanitation utilities, park operations, and police and fire services. The Village appropriates General Fund money to support a volunteer fire department.

Joint Ventures, Jointly Governed Organizations, Public Entity Risk Pools and Related Organizations.

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. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity.

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

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Village's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types, and a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all proprietary fund types which are all organized on a fund type basis.

Fund Accounting

The Village uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Village are presented below:

General Fund

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Village for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Village had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

<u>Parks and Recreation Fund</u> - This fund receives charges for services and grants that are committed to the maintenance of parks and programs.

<u>Police and Fire Fund</u> – This fund receives funds received through the additional .50% portion of income tax proceeds and for the disbursement of funds for operating expenses of the Police or Fire Departments. This fund is also supplemented by the General Fund.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Continued)

Capital Project Funds

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Village had the following significant Capital Project Funds:

<u>Fire Fighting Facilities Fund</u> – This fund receives revenues from fire protection contracts. The proceeds are being used to purchase fire equipment and facility maintenance.

Enterprise Funds

These funds account for operations that are similar to private business enterprises, where management intends to recover the significant costs of providing certain goods or services through user charges. The Village had the following significant Enterprise Funds:

<u>Water Operating Fund</u> - This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover water service costs.

<u>Sewer Operating Fund</u> - This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover sanitary sewer service costs.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C). 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 financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit.

Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain custodial funds) be budgeted annually.

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. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

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 approve estimated resources.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Continued)

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 2021 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Capital Assets

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

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.

Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Village must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable

The Village classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Village and the nonexpendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

Restricted

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed

Council can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Village must adhere to these commitments unless the Council amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Continued)

Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Village applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 13.

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2021 follows:

Budgeted	Actual	_
Receipts	Receipts	Variance
\$605,289	\$762,333	\$157,044
1,334,509	1,283,696	(50,813)
59,650	59,900	250
5,737,973	7,389,945	1,651,972
\$7,737,421	\$9,495,874	\$1,758,453
	Receipts \$605,289 1,334,509 59,650 5,737,973	Receipts Receipts \$605,289 \$762,333 1,334,509 1,283,696 59,650 59,900 5,737,973 7,389,945

2021 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Appropriation	Budgetary	
Authority	Expenditures	Variance
\$1,100,942	\$768,213	\$332,729
1,766,633	1,285,339	481,294
102,163	53,608	48,555
6,507,762	6,661,082	(153,320)
\$9,477,500	\$8,768,242	\$709,258
	Authority \$1,100,942 1,766,633 102,163 6,507,762	Authority Expenditures \$1,100,942 \$768,213 1,766,633 1,285,339 102,163 53,608 6,507,762 6,661,082

4. Deposits and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the Village is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. A summary of the Village's deposit and investment accounts are as follows:

	2021
Demand deposits	\$1,583,409
Certificates of deposit	111,086
Other time deposits (savings accounts)	1,014,507
Total deposits	\$2,709,002

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Continued)

The Village does not use a separate payroll clearing account. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statement reflect net payroll plus all remitted payroll withholdings. At December 31, 2021, the village is holding \$0.00 in unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Village, or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

5. Taxes

Property taxes

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 non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction 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.

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

Income Taxes

The Village levies a municipal income tax of one- and one-half 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. Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

The Village is a member of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (The Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Village's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Continued)

- -General liability and casualty
- -Public Official's liability
- -Cvber
- -Law enforcement liability
- -Vehicles
- -Property
- -Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31:

	<u>2021</u>
Cash and Investments	\$41,996,850
Actuarial Liabilities	\$14,974,099

7. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. 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, 2021.

Ohio Police and Fire Retirement System

The Village's full-time Police Officers belong to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). OP&F is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OP&F participants contributed 12.25% of their wages. The Village contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 19.5% of full-time police members' wages. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2021.

Social Security

The Village's volunteer firefighters and mayor contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

Employees contributed 6.2% of their gross salaries. The Village contributed an amount equal to 6.2% of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2021.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Continued)

8. Postemployment Benefits

Both OPERS and OP&F offer cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2021. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the Member Directed Plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2021. OP&F contributes 0.5 percent to fund these benefits.

Beginning January 1, 2019, OP&F changed its retiree health care model to a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OP&F was placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees use to be reimbursed for health care expenses.

9. Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2021 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Governmental Lease-Purchase Agreement-Garbage Truck	\$131,819	4.99%
Mortgage Revenue Bonds - Series 2013	185,000	1-3%
OWDA Refinance San Sew System Mortage Rev Bonds - Series 2013	3,449,992	2.13%
Sanitary Sewer System Mortgage Rev Bonds - Series 2021	948,051	1.38%
Fire Truck Bond - 2012	7,919	3.50%
Master Lease Purchase Agreement for Equipment	100,166	3.09%
Master Lease Purchase Agreement for Mowers	18,930	3.39%
Master Lease Purchase Agreement for Vac Truck	60,745	4.15%
OPWC Water Treatment Plant Improvement Engineering	569,403	0.00%
OWDA Asset Management Loan	(1,899)	0.00%
OWDA Water Treatment Plant Improvements Loan	1,833,060	0.00%
OWDA WWTP Headworks Project Engineering	176,055	3.42%
OWDA Reservoir Campground Pump Station	188,872	2.53%
OPWC Birch Park Drive Improvements	82,546	0.00%
OWDA Lead Service Line Replacement	25,338	0.00%
Total	\$7,775,997	

The Governmental Lease-Purchase Agreement No. 001-0746283-300 dated as of July 6, 2018 was issued for a new garbage truck. The Village borrowed \$188,500.00 for the truck and it will be paid semiannually over the next seven years at an interest rate of 4.99%. The first payment was made in July of 2019. This lease will be paid in full in 2025.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Continued)

The Mortgage Revenue Bonds – Series 2013 were issued to refinance the bonds issued in 1997 for a water plant expansion project. The bonds are collateralized by water receipts. The bonds contain an interest rate from 1% to 3% depending on the year, with the lender billing the Village monthly. For 2021 the interest rate was 3%. The original amount of the Bond was \$1,690,000.00. It will be paid off at the end of 2022.

The Sanitary Sewer System Mortgage Revenue Bonds – Series 2013 were issued to upgrade the Village's sanitary sewer system. Sewer receipts collateralize this loan. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover debt service requirements. The original amount of this Bond was \$3,724,000.00 with an interest rate of 2.125%. In 2021 the village began the process of refinancing this loan with the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) at an interest rate of .75%. No payments were made on this loan during 2021. The first payment to OWDA will be on July 1, 2022. The new principal balance is \$3,449,991.62 and will be paid twice per year with the final payment being in July of 2051.

The Sanitary Sewer System Mortgage Revenue Bonds – Series 2013 were issued to upgrade the Village's sanitary sewer system. The bonds are collateralized by sewer receipts. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover debt service requirements. The maximum amount the bonds have been approved for is \$2,156,000. As of 2021, the Village has received cash advances for the bonds totaling \$948,051.00. As the bonds have not been fully disbursed, an amortization schedule has not yet been finalized.

The Village entered into a fire truck bond to finance the purchase of a fire truck in 2012. This bond was originally for \$75,000.00 at an interest rate of 3.5%. The village pays this bond once each year for 10 years. The fire truck will be paid in full in 2022.

The Government Obligation Contract Lease was issued in 2017 for new turnout gear for the fire department. The Village borrowed \$40,000 at an interest rate of 4.9% for the gear and paid on the lease for five years. This lease was paid in full in 2021.

The Master Lease Purchase Agreement dated March 9, 2020 was issued for a John Deere Backhoe Loader with Equipment, John Deer Skid Steer with Equipment and a Yanmar Excavator with Equipment. The initial amount of the lease was \$130,115.84 and it will be paid over the next seven years. The interest rate is 3.09%. This lease is paid quarterly and is paid out of the Water, Sewer, Street and Sanitation accounts. Payments began in June of 2020 and will be complete in 2027.

The Master Lease Purchase Agreement dated March 9, 2020 was issued for two Kubota Mowers with Equipment for the Recreation Department. The initial amount of the lease was \$28,294.44 and it will be paid over the next five years. The interest rate is 3.39%. This lease is paid quarterly. Payments began in June of 2020 and will be complete in 2025.

The Master Lease Purchase Agreement was issued to purchase a VacAll Vacuum Truck on a Freightliner 108SD Chassis. The lease was for \$143,000 and payments began in 2019. The lease is paid twice a year for five years and will be completely paid in November of 2023. The interest on the lease is 4.15%. The cost of the truck is split between the Water, Sewer and Storm Sewer accounts.

The OPWC Loan CI17U for Water Treatment Plant Improvements was initialized in 2019 and will be paid over 30 years. The first payment was made in January of 2020 and the final payment will be made in 2050. The original amortization schedule was changed from a final date of 2049 to 2050 due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the waiver of the second payment in 2020. The loan is for \$599,372.00 and is interest free. This loan was for the engineering costs associated with the Water Treatment Plant Improvements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Continued)

OWDA Loan #7302 for the construction of a pump station and force main to eliminate an existing onsite wastewater treatment package plant at the New London Reservoir Campground was closed out on September 25, 2019. The final amount of the loan is \$231,269.95 and will be paid over 20 years. The project came in under budget so the full approved amount of the loan was not used. Due to the lower loan amount, the payments made in 2017, 2018 and 2019 were overpaid. This overpayment was reflected in the first payment made in 2020. This loan has an interest rate of 2.53% and is paid twice a year. The loan will be paid in full at the beginning of 2037. This loan is paid out of the Recreation Fund.

The OPWC Loan CI19S for Birch Park Drive improvements was initialized in 2017 and will be paid over 22 years. This loan was used to extend the storm sewer on Birch Park Drive to reduce flooding and to resurface the street. This is an interest free loan. This loan is paid twice a year and was originally for \$100,889. The amortization schedule was altered due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the waiver of the second payment in 2020. The loan however, will still be paid in full in 2039.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Continued)

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

					OPWC Water
Year					Treatment Plan
Ending					Improvements
December	Kubota Mowers	Equipment	Garbage Truck	Vac Truck	Engineering
31:	Lease	Lease	Lease	Lease	Loan
2022	\$6,176	\$20,742	\$33,108	\$31,964	\$19,979
2023	6,176	20,742	33,108	31,964	19,979
2024	6,176	20,742	33,108		19,979
2025	1,544	20,742	33,108		19,979
2026		20,742			19,979
2027-2031		5,186			99,895
2032-2036					99,895
2037-2041					99,895
2042-2046					99,895
2047-2051					69,928
Total	\$20,072	\$108,896	\$132,432	\$63,928	\$569,403

			OWDA Refinanced Sanitary Sewer		
Year		US BANK	System		
Ending	OWDA Rez	Mortgage	Mortgage		OPWC Birch
December	Pump Station	Revenue Bonds-	Revenue Bonds -	Fire Truck	Park Drive
31:	Loan	Series 2013	Series 2013	Bonds - 2012	Improvement
2022	\$14,806	\$190,550	\$65,470	\$8,196	\$4,586
2023	14,806		130,939		4,586
2024	14,806		130,939		4,586
2025	14,806		130,939		4,586
2026	14,806		130,939		4,586
2027-2031	74,031		654,695		22,929
2032-2036	74,031		654,695		22,929
2037-2041	7,403		654,695		13,758
2042-2046			654,695		
2047-2051			654,695		
Total	\$229,495	\$190,550	\$3,862,701	\$8,196	\$82,546

OWDA Loan #8178 for Water Treatment Plant improvements has no completed amortization schedule available as of the end of 2021. This was an EPA approved project that was completed in 2020. Accordingly, the schedule above does not reflect future debt service payments for this loan. The maximum amount the loan has been approved for is \$2,113,047.00. The first payment was made in July of 2020 for \$52,826.18. A payment of \$52,826.18 will continue to be made twice per year until an official amortization schedule is completed. At that time, the amortization schedule will be followed.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Continued)

OWDA Loan #8177 for an Asset Management Plan has no completed amortization schedule available as of the end of 2021. This project was mandated by the EPA. Accordingly, the schedule above does not reflect future debt service payments for this loan. The maximum amount the loan has been approved for is \$10,170.00. The first payment was made in 2021. A semi-annual payment of \$1017.00 will continue to be made until the actual amortization schedule is complete. At that time, the amortization schedule will be followed. During 2021, the Village overpaid on the amount of principal prior to the full disbursement of the loan. The total principal applied at the end of 2021 was greater than the loan balance, resulting in an overpaid balance. This overpayment will be applied to future payments.

OWDA Loan #8375 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Project engineering costs has no completed amortization schedule available as of the end of 2021. Accordingly, the schedule above does not reflect future debt service payments for this loan. The maximum amount the loan has been approved for is \$360,631.00. The first payment was made in July of 2020 in the amount of \$9,015.78. Semi-annual payments in the same amount will continue to be paid until an amortization schedule is complete. At that time, the amortization schedule will be followed.

OWDA Loan #9445 for Lead Service Line Replacement has no completed amortization schedule available as of the end of 2021. The maximum amount the loan has been approved for is \$25,338 This project was completed with EPA approval. The first payment was made in 2022, at which time the loan was retired.

10. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

During 2021 the following transfers were made:

Fund Type / Fund	Transfer In	Transfer Out
General		(\$260,000)
Rainy Day	5,000	
CSX	6,000	
Special Revenue:		
Cemetery		(1,000)
Parks and Recreation		(5,000)
Police and Fire	225,000	
Police Disability and Pension	30,000	
Enterprise:		
Water Operating		(138,470)
Sewer Operating		(162,863)
USDA Sewer Debt	143,832	
US Bank Debt	130,370	
US Bank Interest	8,100	
USDA Sewer Reserve	14,388	
USDA/RD Short Lived Assset	4,643	
Total	\$567,333	(\$567,333)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Continued)

Transfers are used to (1) move receipts from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to disburse them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted receipts collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Village are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

12. CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

The Village entered into a contract with Jones & Henry for engineering and developing plans for an improvement project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The engineering loan #8375 is displayed above under Note 9 for this cost. This project began in 2021 and it is over 50% completed. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, supplies have been difficult to acquire. The project is expected to be completed in 2022. North Bay Construction was awarded the construction contract. This project is taking place for safety issues and potential equipment failure.

The Village entered into a contract with Jones & Henry for engineering for a lead service line replacement project. Construction for this project will begin in 2022. This project will replace existing lead services. When the project is completed, there will be no lead services in New London. The Village will begin repayment of a loan for the engineering in 2023. The construction portion of the project is being paid by the Ohio EPA grant funds.

The Village entered into a contract with GRW Engineers for engineering for a Park Avenue water main replacement project. Construction for the project will begin in 2022. The existing Park Avenue water main is over 100 years old and failing on a regular basis. This project is being run through the Huron County CDBG program.

13. FUND BALANCES

Included in fund balance are amounts the Village cannot spend, including the balance of unclaimed monies which cannot be spent for five years. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end the balances of these amounts were as follows.

Fund Balances	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Total
Nonspendable:				
Unclaimed Monies	\$58	\$0	\$0	58
Outstanding Encumbrances	9,621	7,223	36	16,880
Total	\$9,679	\$7,223	\$36	\$16,938

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Continued)

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of capital projects funds are restricted, committed or assigned. These restricted, committed and assigned amounts in the special revenue and capital projects funds would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

14. COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June, 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. During 2021, the Village received COVID-19 funding. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Village. The impact on the Village's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

During 2021, the Village encumbered the remainder of their CARES Act funding and received \$123,501.50 in Federal ARPA funds. An identical amount will be received in 2022. So far, these funds have been used to provide utilities to a new business in the Village. Discussion is underway for the most appropriate use of the remaining amount of the funds.

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Huron County

Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) All Governmental Fund Types

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

		General		Special Revenue		Capital Projects	(Me	Totals emorandum Only)
Cash Receipts Property and Other Legal Tayon	¢	71 522	¢	04.214	\$		¢	165 726
Property and Other Local Taxes Municipal Income Tax	\$	71,522 420,787	\$	94,214 207,253	Ф	-	\$	165,736 628,040
Intergovernmental		101,363		418,594		-		519,957
Charges for Services		101,303		326,542		58,002		384,544
Fines, Licenses and Permits		28,455		4,941		38,002		33,396
Earnings on Investments		6,462		839		_		7,301
Miscellaneous		47,667		25,777				73,444
Total Cash Receipts		676,256		1,078,160		58,002		1,812,418
Cash Disbursements								
Current:								
Security of Persons and Property		=		506,334		-		506,334
Public Health Services		-		20,450		-		20,450
Leisure Time Activities		-		292,773		-		292,773
Community Environment		2,914		-		-		2,914
Transportation		-		141,702		-		141,702
General Government		375,264		211,102		-		586,366
Capital Outlay		74,032		309,077		13,899		397,008
Debt Service:								
Principal Retirement		-		10,492		16,362		26,854
Interest and Fiscal Charges		-		5,196		1,678		6,874
Total Cash Disbursements		452,210		1,497,126		31,939		1,981,275
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		224,046		(418,966)		26,063		(168,857)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)								
Other Debt Proceeds		-		49,113		-		49,113
Transfers In		11,749		290,000		-		301,749
Transfers Out		(295,000)		(6,749)		-		(301,749)
Other Financing Sources		160,446		26,614		500		187,560
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)		(122,805)		358,978		500		236,673
Extraordinary Item				3,200				3,200
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances		101,241		(56,788)		26,563		71,016
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		386,394		496,710		20,528		903,632
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	487,635	\$_	439,922	\$	47,091	\$	974,648

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Huron County

Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) All Proprietary Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Propri	etary Fund Types
	_	
	I	Enterprise
Operating Cash Receipts	_	
Charges for Services	\$	2,107,238
Miscellaneous		10,935
Total Operating Cash Receipts		2,118,173
Operating Cash Disbursements		
Personal Services		715,916
Employee Fringe Benefits		307,525
Contractual Services		436,389
Supplies and Materials		224,001
Other		15,595
Total Operating Cash Disbursements		1,699,426
Operating Income (Loss)		418,747
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)		
Earnings on Investments (proprietary funds only)		171
Other Debt Proceeds		278,084
Capital Outlay		(369,913)
Principal Retirement		(381,090)
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges		(99,228)
Other Financing Sources		38,334
Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)		(533,642)
Income (Loss) before Capital Contributions, Special		
Item, Extraordinary Item, Transfers and Advances		(114,895)
Transfers In		348,652
Transfers Out		(348,652)
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Net Change in Fund Cash Balance		(114,895)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		1,284,737
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	1,169,842
See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements		

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Combined Statement of Additions, Deductions and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) All Fiduciary Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Fiduciary Fund Types
	Custodial
	Other Custodial
Additions Other Amounts Collected for Distribution	28,000
Other Amounts Confected for Distribution	28,000
Total Additions	28,000
Deductions Distributions as Fiscal Agent	30,667
Total Deductions	30,667
Net Change in Fund Balances	(2,667)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	2,667
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ -

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2020

1. Reporting Entity

The Village of New London (the village), Huron County, Ohio is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. A publicly-elected six-member Council directs the Village. The Village provides general government services, cemetery maintenance, water, sewer, and sanitation utilities, park operations, and police and fire services. The Village appropriates General Fund money to support a volunteer fire department.

Joint Ventures, Jointly Governed Organizations, Public Entity Risk Pools and Related Organizations.

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. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity.

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

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Village's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types, and a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all proprietary fund types and a combined statement of additions, deductions and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) all fiduciary fund types which are all organized on a fund type basis.

Fund Accounting

The Village uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Village are presented below:

General Fund

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Village for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Village had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

<u>Parks and Recreation Fund</u> - This fund receives charges for services and grants that are committed to the maintenance of parks and programs.

<u>Police and Fire Fund</u> – This fund receives funds received through the additional .50% portion of income tax proceeds and for the disbursement of funds for operating expenses of the Police or Fire Departments. This fund is also supplemented by the General Fund.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2020 (Continued)

Capital Project Funds

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Village had the following significant Capital Project Funds:

<u>Fire Fighting Facilities Fund</u> – This fund receives revenues from fire protection contracts. The proceeds are being used to purchase fire equipment and facility maintenance.

Enterprise Funds

These funds account for operations that are similar to private business enterprises, where management intends to recover the significant costs of providing certain goods or services through user charges. The Village had the following significant Enterprise Funds:

<u>Water Operating Fund</u> - This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover water service costs.

<u>Sewer Operating Fund</u> - This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover sanitary sewer service costs.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds, investment trust funds, and custodial funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement meeting certain criteria.

The Village has no private purpose trust funds.

Custodial funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to report fiduciary activity that is not required to be reported in a trust fund. The Village's agency funds account for:

<u>Unclaimed Monies Fund</u> – This fund receives money from outstanding checks the village has. The money is put in this account and after five years without anyone claiming it, it is transferred to the General Fund.

<u>Fire Demolition Fund</u> – This fund receives money from "insurers as deposits to assure the rehabilitation of fire-damaged structures". After the required repairs are completed, the money is reimbursed to the property owner.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D). 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 financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2020 (Continued)

Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain custodial funds) be budgeted annually.

Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Village Council must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

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 approve estimated resources.

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 2020 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Capital Assets

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

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.

Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Village must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable

The Village classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Village and the nonexpendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2020 (Continued)

Restricted

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed

Council can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Village must adhere to these commitments unless the Council amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Village applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 13.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2020 (Continued)

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2020 follows:

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$607,443	\$848,451	\$241,008
Special Revenue	1,588,836	1,447,087	(141,749)
Capital Projects	75,750	58,502	(17,248)
Enterprise	2,849,467	2,783,414	(66,053)
Custodial	0	28,000	0
Total	\$5,121,496	\$5,165,454	\$15,958
2020 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
	Appropriation	Budgetary	

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	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$990,489	\$764,850	\$225,639
Special Revenue	1,959,253	1,534,247	425,006
Capital Projects	81,690	31,939	49,751
Enterprise	3,662,907	2,898,309	764,598
Fiduciary (Agency)	0	30,667	(30,667)
Total	\$6,694,339	\$5,260,012	\$1,434,327

4. Deposits and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the Village is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. A summary of the Village's deposit and investment accounts are as follows:

	2020
Demand deposits	\$1,057,266
Certificates of deposit	110,255
Other time deposits (savings accounts)	977,149
Total deposits	\$2,144,671

The Village does not use a separate payroll clearing account. The expenditures included in the Accompanying financial statement reflect net payroll plus all remitted payroll withholdings. At December 31, 2020, the village is holding \$10,348.87 in unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Village, or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2020 (Continued)

5. Taxes

Property taxes

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 non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction 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.

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

Income Taxes

The Village levies a municipal income tax of one and one half 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. Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

The Village is a member of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (The Pool). The Pool assumes the rest of loss up to the limits of the Village's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- -General liability and casualty
- -Public Official's liability
- -Cyber
- -Law enforcement liability
- -Vehicles
- -Property
- -Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31:

	<u>2020</u>
Cash and Investments	\$40,318,971
Actuarial Liabilities	\$14,111,510

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2020 (Continued)

7. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. 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, 2020.

Ohio Police and Fire Retirement System

The Village's full-time Police Officers belong to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). OP&F is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OP&F participants contributed 12.25% of their wages. The Village contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 19.5% of full-time police members' wages. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2020.

Social Security

The Village's volunteer firefighters and mayor contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

Employees contributed 6.2% of their gross salaries. The Village contributed an amount equal to 6.2% of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2020.

8. Postemployment Benefits

Both OPERS and OP&F offer cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2020. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the Member Directed Plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2020. OP&F contributes 0.5 percent to fund these benefits.

Beginning January 1, 2019, OP&F changed its retiree health care model to a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OP&F was placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees use to be reimbursed for health care expenses.

9. Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2020 was as follows:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2020 (Continued)

	Principal	Interest Rate
Governmental Lease-Purchae Agreement-Garbage Truck	\$157,313	4.99%
Mortgage Revenue Bonds - Series 2013	345,417	1-3%
Sanitary Sewer System Mortage Revenue Bonds - Series 2013	3,386,500	2.13%
Fire Truck Bond - 2012	16,319	3.50%
Government Obligation Contract Lease	8,562	4.90%
Master Lease Purchase Agreement for Equipment	117,478	3.09%
Master Lease Purchase Agreement for Mowers	24,349	3.39%
Master Lease Purchase Agreement for Vac Truck	89,297	4.15%
OPWC Water Treatment Plant Improvement Engineering	589,382	0.00%
OWDA Asset Management Water Loan	135	0.00%
OWDA Water Treatment Plant Improvements Loan	1,934,712	0.00%
OWDA WWTP Headworks Project Engineering	156,629	3.42%
OWDA Reservoir Campground Pump Station	198,712	2.53%
OPWC Birch Park Drive Improvements	87,132	0.00%
Total	\$7,111,937	

The Governmental Lease-Purchase Agreement No. 001-0746283-300 dated as of July 6, 2018 was issued for a new garbage truck. The Village borrowed \$188,500.00 for the truck and it will be paid semiannually over the next seven years at an interest rate of 4.99% The first payment was made in July of 2019.

The Mortgage Revenue Bonds – Series 2013 were issued to refinance the bonds issued in 1997 for a water plant expansion project. The bonds are collateralized by water receipts. The bonds contain an interest rate from 1% to 3% depending on the year, with the lender billing the Village monthly. For 2020 the interest rate was 2.625%. The original amount of the Bond was \$1,690,000.00. It will be paid off at the end of 2022

The Sanitary Sewer System Mortgage Revenue Bonds – Series 2013 were issued to upgrade the Village's sanitary sewer system. Sewer receipts collateralize this loan. The Village has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover debt service requirements. The original amount of this Bond was \$3,724,000.00 with an interest rate of 2.125%. This loan is paid once a year and will be completely paid off in December of 2053.

The Village entered into a fire truck bond to finance the purchase of a fire truck in 2012. This bond was originally for \$75,000.00 at an interest rate of 3.5%. The village pays this bond once each year for 10 years. The fire truck will be paid in full in 2022.

The Government Obligation Contract Lease was issued in 2017 for new turnout gear for the fire department. The Village borrowed \$40,000 for the gear and it will be paid over the next five years. The interest rate is 4.9%. This lease is paid once a year and will be paid in full in 2021.

The Master Lease Purchase Agreement dated March 9, 2020 was issued for a John Deere Backhoe Loader with Equipment, John Deer Skid Steer with Equipment and a Yanmar Excavator with Equipment. The initial amount of the lease was \$130,115.84 and it will be paid over the next seven years. The interest rate is 3.09%. This lease is paid quarterly and is paid out of the Water, Sewer, Street and Sanitation accounts. Payments began in June of 2020.

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The Master Lease Purchase Agreement dated March 9, 2020 was issued for two Kubota Mowers with Equipment for the Recreation Department. The initial amount of the lease was \$28,294.44 and it will be paid over the next five years. The interest rate is 3.39%. This lease is paid quarterly. Payments began in June of 2020.

The Master Lease Purchase Agreement was issued to purchase a VacAll Vacuum Truck on a Freightliner 108SD Chassis. The lease was for \$143,000 and payments began in 2019. The lease is paid twice a year for five years and will be completely paid in November of 2023. The interest on the lease is 4.15%. The cost of the truck is split between the Water, Sewer and Storm Sewer accounts.

The OPWC Loan CI17U for Water Treatment Plant Improvements was initialized in 2019 and will be paid over 30 years. The first payment was made in January of 2020 and the final payment will be made in 2050. The original amortization schedule was changed from a final date of 2049 to 2050 due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the waiver of the second payment in 2020. The loan is for \$599,372.00 and is interest free. This loan was for the engineering costs associated with the Water Treatment Plant Improvements.

OWDA Loan #7302 for the construction of a pump station and force main to eliminate an existing onsite wastewater treatment package plant at the New London Reservoir Campground was closed out on September 25, 2019. The final amount of the is \$231,269.95 and will be paid over 20 years. The project came in under budget so the full approved amount of the loan was not used. Due to the lower loan amount, the payments made in 2017, 2018 and 2019 were overpaid. This overpayment was reflected in the first payment made in 2020. This loan has an interest rate of 2.53% and is paid twice a year. The loan will be paid in full at the beginning of 2037. This loan is paid out of the Recreation Fund.

The OPWC Loan CI19S for Birch Park Drive improvements was initialized in 2017 and will be paid over 22 years. This loan was used to extend the storm sewer on Birch Park Drive to reduce flooding and to resurface the street. This is an interest free loan. This loan is paid twice a year and was originally for \$100,889. The amortization schedule was altered due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the waiver of the second payment in 2020. The loan however, will still be paid in full in 2039.

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

					OPWC Water
Year					Treatment Plan
Ending					Improvements
December	Kubota Mowers	Equipment	Garbage Truck	Turnout Gear	Engineering
31:	Lease	Lease	Lease	Lease	Loan
2021	\$6,176	\$20,742	\$33,108	\$8,982	\$19,979
2022	6,176	20,742	33,108		19,979
2023	6,176	20,742	33,108		19,979
2024	6,176	20,742	33,108		19,979
2025	1,544	20,742	33,108		19,979
2026-2030		25,928			99,895
2031-2035					99,895
2036-2040					99,895
2041-2045					99,895
2046-2050					89,907
Total	\$26,248	\$129,638	\$165,540	\$8,982	\$589,382

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Year		US BANK		Sanitary Sewer System		
Ending	OWDA Rez	Mortgage		Mortgage		OPWC Birch
December	Pump Station	Revenue Bonds-	Vac Truck	Revenue Bonds -	Fire Truck	Park Drive
31:	Loan	Series 2013	Lease	Series 2013	Bonds - 2012	Improvement
2021	\$14,806	\$185,800	\$31,964	\$143,763	\$8,971	\$4,586
2022	14,806	190,550	31,964	143,837	8,196	4,586
2023	14,806		31,964	143,778		4,586
2024	14,806			143,886		4,586
2025	14,806			143,758		4,586
2026-2030	74,031			719,164		22,929
2031-2035	74,031			719,096		22,929
2036-2040	22,209			719,109		18,344
2041-2045				719,040		
2046-2050				719,153		
2051-2052				287,614		
Total	\$244,301	\$376,350	\$95,892	\$4,602,198	\$17,167	\$87,132

OWDA Loan #8178 for Water Treatment Plant improvements has no completed amortization schedule available as of the end of 2020. This was an EPA approved project that was completed in 2020. Accordingly, the schedule above does not reflect future debt service payments for this loan. The maximum amount the loan has been approved for is \$2,113,047.00. The first payment was made in July of 2020 for \$52,826.18.

OWDA Loan #8177 for an Asset Management Plan has no completed amortization schedule available as of the end of 2020. This project was mandated by the EPA. Accordingly, the schedule above does not reflect future debt service payments for this loan. The maximum amount the loan has been approved for is \$10,170.00. The first payment will be made in 2021.

OWDA Loan #8375 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Project engineering costs has no completed amortization schedule available as of the end of 2020. Accordingly, the schedule above does not reflect future debt service payments for this loan. The maximum amount the loan has been approved for is \$360,631.00. The first payment was made in July of 2020 in the amount of \$9,015.78.

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10. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

During 2020 the following transfers were made:

Fund Type / Fund	Transfer In	Transfer Out
General		(\$295,000)
Rainy Day	5,000	
CSX	6,749	
Special Revenue:		
Cemetery		(1,000)
Parks and Recreation		(2,000)
Police and Fire	250,000	
Police Disability and Pension	40,000	
Gifts from the Terry Wilson Memorial		(3,749)
Enterprise:		
Water Operating		(185,789)
Sewer Operating		(162,863)
USDA Sewer Debt	143,832	
US Bank Debt	170,778	
US Bank Interest	15,011	
USDA Sewer Reserve	14,388	
USDA/RD Short Lived Asset	4,643	
Total	\$650,401	(\$650,401)

Transfers are used to (1) move receipts from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to disburse them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted receipts collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Village are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

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12. CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

The Village entered into a contract with Jones & Henry for engineering and developing plans for an improvement project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The engineering loan #8375 is displayed above under Note 9 for this cost. This project is set to begin in 2021 and it is undetermined how long the project will take. This project is taking place for safety issues and potential equipment failure.

13. FUND BALANCES

Included in fund balance are amounts the Village cannot spend, including the balance of unclaimed monies which cannot be spent for five years. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extend necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end the balances of these amounts were as follows.

	Special			
Fund Balances	General	Revenue	Total	
Nonspendable:				
Unclaimed Monies	\$58	\$0	58	
Outstanding Encumbrances	17,640	30,372	48,012	
Total	\$17,698	\$30,372	\$48,070	

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of capital projects funds is restricted, committed or assigned. These restricted, committed and assigned amounts in the special revenue and capital projects funds would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

14. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

For 2020, the Village has made changes to their cash basis reporting model. These changes include modifications to the definition of fiduciary funds, adding a separate Combined Statement of Additions, Deductions and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) – All Fiduciary Fund Types, and removing the fund balance classifications from the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) – All Governmental Fund Types.

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15. COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Village. The impact on the Village's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

During 2020, The Village received CARES Act funding. Of the amounts received, \$82,300.00 was given as small business grants to small businesses and organizations. These amounts are reflected as general government expenditures in the Coronavirus Relief Special Revenue Fund on the accompanying financial statements.





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

Village of New London Huron County 115 East Main Street New London, Ohio 44851

To the Village Council:

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental and proprietary fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental and proprietary fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 and the related notes to the financial statements of the Village of New London, Huron County, (the Village) and have issued our report thereon dated June 29, 2022, wherein we noted the Village followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(C) permit. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Village.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purposes of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control 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 and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Village's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2021-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village's financial statements are free from 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 financial statements. 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Village's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

BHM CPA Group, Inc.

BHM CPA Group

Piketon, Ohio June 29, 2022

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

FINDING NUMBER 2021-001

Material Weakness - Financial Reporting

Sound financial reporting is the responsibility of the fiscal officer and council and is essential to ensure information provided to the readers of the financial statements is complete and accurate.

Misstatements were identified during the course of the audit which have not been prevented or detected by the Village's internal controls over financial reporting. Material and immaterial misstatements were identified in the following area:

- Debt Proceeds were not recorded for all debt and was not recorded upon retirement of the Series 2013 Mortgage Revenue Bonds with the issuance of a new OWDA loan
- Principal was not properly recorded for all debt and was not recorded upon retirement of the Series 2013 Mortgage Revenue Bonds
- Interest was not properly recorded for all debt
- Capital Outlay was not fully recognized upon adding new principal to existing loans
- Debt disclosures required corrections and updates
- Budgetary disclosures required corrections

To ensure the Village's financial statements and notes to the financial statements are complete and accurate, we recommend the Fiscal Officer review the Ohio Village Officers Handbook for guidance on the correct line item to post various receipts and expenditures of the Village.

Officials Response: We did not receive a response to this finding.

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2019-001	Noncompliance – Timely Deposits	Yes	
2019-002	Material Weakness – Financial Reporting	No	Reissued as Finding 2021-001



VILLAGE OF NEW LONDON

HURON COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



Certified for Release 7/28/2022

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