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**Village of Alger
Hardin County, Ohio**

**Fiscal Emergency Analysis
As of December 31, 2004,
and April 30, 2005**

Local Government Services

Village of Alger

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Declaration of Fiscal Emergency

The Auditor of State performed a fiscal analysis of the Village of Alger pursuant to Section 118.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. This analysis indicates and it is hereby declared that a fiscal emergency exists at the Village of Alger as defined in Section 118.03(A)(5) and (6) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Accordingly, on behalf of the Auditor of State, this report is hereby submitted and filed with Jackie Prine, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Alger; Don Hensley, Mayor of the Village of Alger; Morris Lawrence, President Pro Tempore of Council for the Village of Alger; Jennette Bradley, Treasurer of State; J. Kenneth Blackwell, Secretary of State; Bob Taft, Governor; Thomas W. Johnson, Director of the Office of Budget and Management; and the Hardin County Budget Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Montgomery".

Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

August 9, 2005

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Introduction

As provided by Sections 118.021 and 118.04(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, Mayor Don Hensley requested that a fiscal analysis be performed by the Auditor of State for the Village of Alger, Hardin County (the Village). The purpose of the analysis was to determine if the financial condition of the Village justifies the declaration of a fiscal watch or fiscal emergency.

A village is placed in fiscal emergency if any one of six conditions described in Section 118.03 of the Ohio Revised Code exists. The six conditions are: 1) default on a debt obligation; 2) failure to make payment of all payroll; 3) an increase in the minimum levy of the village which results in the reduction in the minimum levy of another subdivision; 4) significant past due accounts payable; 5) substantial deficit balances in village funds; and 6) a sizeable deficiency when the village's treasury balance is compared to the positive cash balances of the village's funds.

The year end conditions described under Conditions 4, 5, and 6, of this report shall not constitute a fiscal emergency if the Village clearly demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Auditor of State prior to the time of the Auditor of State's determination that the conditions no longer exist at the time of the determination.

This report identifies the procedures performed and the conclusions reached with respect to each condition as of December 31, 2004, and April 30, 2005, the most recent date that reconciled financial data was available.

Condition One - Default on Any Debt Obligation

Section 118.03(A)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code defines a fiscal emergency condition as:

The existence, at the time of the determination by the Auditor of State under Section 118.04 of the Revised Code, of a default on any debt obligation for more than thirty days.

A summary of the Village's outstanding debt is as follows:

<u>Debt Issue</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Issued Date</u>	<u>Issued Amount</u>
<u>Revenue Bonds</u>			
Sanitary Sewerage System Construction Bonds	5.00%	11/26/84	\$170,800
Sanitary Sewerage First Mortgage Revenue Bonds	5.00	11/20/84	345,000
<u>Loans Payable</u>			
OWDA Water Treatment Plant Improvements	2.00	02/28/02	1,282,507
OPWC WWTP & Water Distribution System Improvement	0.00	07/01/00	79,896

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We obtained a list of outstanding debt from the 2002 audited financial statements, the authorizing legislation, amortization schedules to identify the last scheduled payments due before April 30, 2005, and reviewed the council minutes for debt issued since 2002. The payments were traced from the expenditure ledger to the checks issued to the paying agents and the bank statement to determine if the Village was meeting its debt obligations. The debt issues, the payment dates, and the amounts due are presented below:

Debt Issue	Payment Date	Amount Due	Payments 30 Days Past Due at April 30, 2005
<u>Revenue Bonds</u>			
Sanitary Sewerage System Construction Bonds	November 1, 2004	\$9,350	\$0
Sanitary Sewerage First Mortgage Revenue Bonds	November 1, 2004	19,900	0
<u>Loans Payable</u>			
OWDA Water Treatment Plant Improvements	July 1, 2004	28,528	0
	December 31, 2004	28,528	0
OPWC WWTP & Water Distribution System Improvement	January 1, 2005	1,997	0
	July 1, 2004	1,998	0

Conclusion: A fiscal emergency condition does not exist under Ohio Revised Code Section 118.03(A)(1). No default on any debt obligation for more than thirty days existed at April 30, 2005.

Condition Two - Payment of All Payroll

Section 118.03(A)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code, defines a fiscal emergency condition as:

The existence, at the time of the determination by the Auditor of State under Section 118.04 of the Revised Code, of a failure for lack of cash in the funds to make payment of all payroll to employees of the municipal corporation, county, or township in the amounts and at the times required by law, ordinances, resolutions, or agreements, which failure of payment has continued:

- a. For more than thirty days after such time for payment, or
- b. Beyond a period of extension, or beyond the expiration of ninety days from the original time for payment, whichever first occurs, if the time for payment has been extended for more than thirty days by the written consent of at least two-thirds of the employees affected by such failure to pay, acting individually or by their duly authorized representatives.

We reviewed the payroll records of the Village as of April 30, 2005. We reviewed the Council minutes, ordinances, resolutions and had a discussion with the Fiscal Officer to determine the employees of the Village, pay rates, frequency of payroll, and whether any extensions for the payment of payroll exist. We reviewed the cash journal and payroll checks to determine whether Village employees had been paid within the time specified by Sections 118.03(A)(2)(a) and (b) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Conclusion: A fiscal emergency condition does not exist under Section 118.03(A)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code as of April 30, 2005. All employees have been paid in amounts and at the times required by Village ordinance.

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Condition Three - Increase in Minimum Levy

Section 118.03(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code defines a fiscal emergency condition as:

An increase, by action of the county budget commission pursuant to division (D) of Section 5705.31 of the Revised Code, in the minimum levy of the municipal corporation, county, or township for the current or next fiscal year which results in a reduction in the minimum levies for one or more other subdivisions or taxing districts.

We confirmed with the Hardin County Budget Commission whether there had been an increase, pursuant to division (D) of Section 5705.31 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the minimum levy of the Village for 2004 or 2005, which resulted in a reduction in the minimum levies for one or more other subdivisions or taxing districts. The confirmation received from the Hardin County Budget Commission indicated that the Commission had not taken any action in 2004 or 2005 to increase the inside millage of the Village.

Conclusion: A fiscal emergency condition does not exist under Section 118.03(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code. The Hardin County Budget Commission has not taken any action to increase the inside millage of the Village by reducing another subdivision's inside millage.

Condition Four - Past Due Accounts Payable from the General Fund and All Funds

Section 118.03(A)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code, defines a fiscal emergency condition as:

The existence of a condition in which all accounts that, at the end of its preceding fiscal year, were due and payable from the general fund and that had either had been due and payable at least thirty days at the end of the fiscal year or to which a penalty has been added for failure to pay by the end of the fiscal year, including, but not limited to, final judgments, fringe benefits payments due and payable, and amounts due and payable to persons and other governmental entities and including any interest and penalties thereon, less the year end balance in the general fund, exceeded one-sixth of the general fund budget for that year, or in which all accounts that, at the end of its preceding fiscal year, were due and payable from all funds of the municipal corporation, county, or township and that either had been due and payable for at least thirty days at the end of the fiscal year or to which a penalty has been added for failure to pay by the end of the fiscal year, less the year end balance in the general fund and in the respective special funds lawfully available to pay such accounts, exceeded one-sixth of the available revenues during the preceding fiscal year, excluding nonrecurring receipts, of the general fund and of all special funds from which such accounts lawfully are payable. Accounts due and payable shall not include any account, or portion thereof, that is being contested in good faith.

We prepared a schedule of accounts payable as of December 31, 2004, that were due and payable from the general fund, and that had been due and payable for at least thirty days, or to which a penalty had been added for failure to pay as of December 31, 2004, including, but not limited to, final judgments, fringe benefits payments due and payable, and amounts due and payable to persons and other governmental entities, including any interest and penalties. From this amount, we subtracted the year end balance in the general fund to determine if the accounts payable in excess of the available balance exceeded one-sixth of the general fund budget for that year.

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Schedule I

General Fund Accounts Payable Over 30 Days Past Due
Ohio Revised Code Section 118.03 (A)(4)
As of December 31, 2004

	Payables Over 30 Days Past Due	General Fund Balance Available	Payables in Excess of Available Balance	One-Sixth General Fund Budget	Accounts Payable in Excess of General Fund Budget
General Fund	\$3,124	\$0	\$3,124	\$16,595	\$0

From invoices provided to us, a schedule of accounts payable was prepared (as defined above) for all funds which were at least thirty days past due or to which a penalty was added as of December 31, 2004. From this amount, we subtracted the year end fund balance available to pay such outstanding bills. We then determined if the accounts payable in excess of the available fund balance exceeded one-sixth of the available revenues during 2004, excluding non-recurring receipts, of the general fund and of all special funds from which such accounts are lawfully payable.

Schedule II

All Funds Accounts Payable Over 30 Days Past Due
Ohio Revised Code Section 118.03 (A)(4)
As of December 31, 2004

Funds	Payables Over 30 Days Past Due	Fund Balance Available	Payables in Excess of Available Balance	One-Sixth of the Revenues Lawfully Available	Accounts Payable in Excess of Available Revenues
General	\$3,124	\$0	\$3,124	\$13,680	\$0
Street Construction	3,778	0	3,778	5,639	0
Water Operating	2,452	0	2,452	10,051	0
Sewer Operating	2,434	0	2,434	6,651	0
Totals	\$11,788	0	\$11,788	\$36,021	\$0

Conclusion: Schedules I and II indicate that as of December 31, 2004, a fiscal emergency condition does not exist under Section 118.03(A)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code. Accounts payable from the general fund which were at least thirty days past due at December 31, 2004, did not exceed the available balance in the general fund, and accounts payable from the general fund and all other funds which were at least thirty days past due at December 31, 2004, did not exceed one-sixth of the available revenue. An analysis as of the date of determination was not made because a fiscal emergency condition did not exist at year-end.

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Condition Five - Deficit Fund Balances

Section 118.03(A)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code defines a fiscal emergency condition as:

The existence of a condition in which the aggregate of deficit amounts of all deficit funds at the end of its preceding fiscal year, less the total of any year end balance in the general fund and in any special fund that may be transferred as provided in Section 5705.14 of the Revised Code to meet such deficit, exceeded one-sixth of the total of the general fund budget for that year and the receipts to those deficit funds during that year other than from transfers from the general fund.

We computed the adjusted aggregate sum of all deficit funds at December 31, 2004, by subtracting all accounts payable and encumbrances from the year end cash fund balance of each fund. We then determined if the aggregate deficit fund balance exceeded one-sixth of the general fund budget and the revenues lawfully available to those deficit funds. We then identified funds that may be transferred, as provided in Section 5705.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, to meet such deficits to arrive at the unprovided portion of the aggregate deficit.

Schedule III					
Deficit Fund Balances					
Ohio Revised Code Section 118.03 (A)(5)					
As of December 31, 2004					
Funds	Cash Fund Balances	Less Accounts Payable and Encumbrances	Adjusted Aggregate Sum of Funds with Deficit Balances	One-Sixth General Fund Budget/Fund Receipts	Unprovided Portion of Aggregate Deficit
General	(\$49,184)	\$5,832	(\$55,016)	\$16,595	(\$38,421)
Street Construction	(20,966)	5,988	(26,954)	5,639	(21,315)
Street Light	(14,722)	0	(14,722)	1,549	(13,173)
Water Operating	(35,867)	6,796	(42,663)	10,051	(32,612)
Sewer Operating	(64,869)	4,038	(68,907)	6,651	(62,256)
Subtotal	<u>(\$185,608)</u>	<u>\$22,654</u>	<u>(\$208,262)</u>	<u>\$40,485</u>	<u>(167,777)</u>
Funds available for transfer from the General Fund					0
Total Unprovided Portion of Aggregate Deficit Funds					<u><u>(\$167,777)</u></u>

Section 118.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, provides in part:

Any year end condition described in division (A)(5) of this section shall not constitute a fiscal emergency condition if the municipal corporation, county, or township clearly demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Auditor of State prior to the time of the Auditor of State's determination that such condition no longer exists at the time of the determination pursuant to Section 118.04 of the Revised Code. For the purpose of such demonstration, there shall be taken into account the positive balances at the time of such demonstration, rather than at the end of the fiscal year.

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We computed the adjusted aggregate sum of all deficit funds at April 30, 2005, by subtracting all accounts payable and encumbrances from the year end cash fund balance of each fund. We then determined if the aggregate deficit fund balance exceeded one-sixth of the general fund budget and the revenues lawfully available to those deficit funds. We then identified funds that may be transferred, as provided in Section 5705.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, to meet such deficits to arrive at the unprovided portion of the aggregate deficit.

Schedule IV

Deficit Fund Balances
Ohio Revised Code Section 118.03 (B)
As of April 30, 2005

Funds	Cash Fund Balances	Less Accounts Payable and Encumbrances	Adjusted Aggregate Sum of Funds with Deficit Balances	One-Sixth General Fund Budget/Fund Receipts	Unprovided Portion of Aggregate Deficit
General	(\$26,606)	\$4,348	(\$30,954)	\$17,479	(\$13,475)
Street Construction	(24,911)	2,528	(27,439)	4,265	(23,174)
Street Light	(7,683)	0	(7,683)	3,594	(4,089)
Water Operating	(42,145)	3,147	(45,292)	8,858	(36,434)
Sewer Operating	(68,834)	3,665	(72,499)	6,703	(65,796)
Subtotal	<u>(\$170,179)</u>	<u>\$13,688</u>	<u>(\$183,867)</u>	<u>\$40,899</u>	<u>(142,968)</u>
Funds available for transfer from the General Fund					<u>0</u>
Total Unprovided Portion of Aggregate Deficit Funds					<u>(\$142,968)</u>

Conclusion: Schedules III and IV indicate that a fiscal emergency condition exists under Section 118.03(A)(5) and 118.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code as of December 31, 2004, and April 30, 2005, respectively. The total unprovided portion of the aggregate deficit funds as of December 31, 2004, and April 30, 2005, are \$167,777 and \$142,968, respectively.

Condition Six - Treasury Deficiency

Section 118.03(A)(6) of the Ohio Revised Code, defines a fiscal emergency condition as:

The existence of a condition in which, at the end of the preceding fiscal year, moneys and marketable investments in or held for the unsegregated treasury of the municipal corporation, county, or township, minus outstanding checks and warrants, were less in amount than the aggregate of the positive balances of the general fund and those special funds the purposes of which the unsegregated treasury is held to meet, and such deficiency exceeded one-sixth of the total amount received into the unsegregated treasury during the preceding fiscal year.

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Section 118.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, provides in part:

Any year end condition described in division (A)(6) of this section shall not constitute a fiscal emergency condition if the municipal corporation, county, or township clearly demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Auditor of State prior to the time of the Auditor of State's determination that such condition no longer exists at the time of the determination pursuant to Section 118.04 of the Revised Code. For the purpose of such demonstration, there shall be taken into account the moneys and marketable securities in the treasury of the municipal corporation, county, or township at the time of such demonstration that are in the case of division (A)(6) of this section, held to meet such positive balances.

We verified the Village's reconciled bank balance to its statement of cash position for all funds as of December 31, 2004, and as of April 30, 2005, which included subtracting reconciling factors to arrive at a treasury balance. We then determined the aggregate sum of all positive fund cash balances, the purpose of which the unsegregated treasury is held to meet, to determine the treasury deficit. We then subtracted from the treasury deficit one-sixth of the amount received into the treasury during 2004 and the estimated amount to be received into the treasury during 2005 to determine the extent of the deficit.

Schedule V

Treasury Balance
Ohio Revised Code Section 118.03(A)(6)
As of December 31, 2004, and April 30, 2005

	Amounts at December 31, 2004	Amounts at April 30, 2005
Bank Cash Balance		
US Bank	\$233,233	\$300,262
Less Reconciling Factors For		
Deposit in Transit	2,480	0
Outstanding Checks	(39,780)	(39,962)
Other Adjustment	(747)	0
Total Treasury Balance	<u>195,186</u>	<u>260,300</u>
Positive Fund Balances		
State Highway	22,658	23,349
State Permissive	23,913	24,890
Sewer Assessment	9,885	16,546
Water Capital Improvement	12,951	15,983
Sewer Debt	54,587	63,168
Reserve Sewer Debt	3,326	3,326
Excess Sewer Debt	7,715	7,715
Water Deposit	12,552	12,832
Water Improvement	233,207	262,669
Total Positive Fund Balances	<u>380,794</u>	<u>430,478</u>
Treasury Deficit	(185,608)	(170,178)
One-Sixth Treasury Receipts	<u>69,214</u>	<u>81,196</u>
Treasury Deficiency in Excess of One-Sixth Treasury Receipts	<u><u>(\$116,394)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$88,983)</u></u>

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Conclusion: Schedule V indicates that a fiscal emergency condition exists under Section 118.03(A)(6) of the Ohio Revised Code as of December 31, 2004, and as of April 30, 2005. The treasury balance less the positive fund cash balances as of December 31, 2004, and April 30, 2005, exceeded one-sixth of the treasury receipts for the year by \$116,394 and \$88,983, respectively.

Summary

A fiscal emergency is the existence of at least one of the above defined conditions. This analysis indicates that a fiscal emergency exists at the Village of Alger as defined in Sections 118.03 (A)(5) and 118.03(A)(6) of the Ohio Revised Code as presented in Schedules III, IV, and V above as of December 31, 2004, and April 30, 2005.

Because the above procedures were not sufficient to constitute an audit made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we do not express an opinion on any of the specific accounts and fund balances referred to above. Had we performed additional procedures or had we made an audit of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported.



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
AUGUST 09, 2005**