



**VILLAGE OF JENERA
HANCOCK COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006 & 2007



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HANCOCK COUNTY

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Village of Jenera
Hancock County
103 South Main Street, P.O. Box 57
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To the Members of Council:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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March 18, 2008

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Village of Jenera
Hancock County
103 South Main Street, P.O. Box 57
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To the Members of Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Village of Jenera, Hancock County, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Village's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Village has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material. In addition, as described in note 2 in 2006 the Village reclassified its nonexpendable trust fund.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Village's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Village does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require villages to reformat their statements. The Village has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

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In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Village as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Village of Jenera, Hancock County, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The Village has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 18, 2008, on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

March 18, 2008

**VILLAGE OF JENERA
HANCOCK COUNTY**

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Property and Local Taxes	\$13,365			\$13,365
Intergovernmental	59,274	\$8,053		67,327
Special Assessments		289		289
Charges for Services	7,000	18,632		25,632
Earnings on Investments	4,807	916	\$114	5,837
Miscellaneous	4,167	1,272		5,439
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Total Cash Receipts	88,613	29,162	114	117,889
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Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property	6,725	18,002		24,727
Public Health Services	952			952
Leisure Time Activities	12,667			12,667
Community Environment	10,816			10,816
Basic Utility Service	15,218	3,628		18,846
Transportation	1,046	3,704		4,750
General Government	41,329		10	41,339
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Total Cash Disbursements	88,753	25,334	10	114,097
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Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(140)	3,828	104	3,792
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Fund Cash Balances, January 1	84,370	61,107	2,391	147,868
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Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$84,230</u>	<u>\$64,935</u>	<u>\$2,495</u>	<u>\$151,660</u>

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

VILLAGE OF JENERA
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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE - ENTERPRISE FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>Enterprise</u>
Operating Cash Receipts:	
Charges for Services	<u>\$44,131</u>
Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Personal Services	2,000
Contractual Services	29,945
Supplies and Materials	<u>311</u>
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	<u>32,256</u>
Operating Income	<u>11,875</u>
Non-Operating Cash Receipts:	
Intergovernmental	<u>47,812</u>
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Capital Outlay	<u>45,478</u>
Net Receipts Over Disbursements	14,209
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	<u>72,615</u>
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	<u><u>\$86,824</u></u>

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

**VILLAGE OF JENERA
HANCOCK COUNTY**

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Property and Local Taxes	\$13,021			\$13,021
Intergovernmental	47,971	\$15,469		63,440
Special Assessments		4,875		4,875
Charges for Services	7,255	17,472		24,727
Earnings on Investments	5,542	1,056	\$33	6,631
Miscellaneous	3,022			3,022
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Total Cash Receipts	76,811	38,872	33	115,716
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Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property	24,462	24,845		49,307
Public Health Services	943			943
Leisure Time Activities	14,166			14,166
Community Environment	5,610			5,610
Basic Utility Service	12,963	3,480		16,443
Transportation	273	7,168		7,441
General Government	32,650			32,650
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Total Cash Disbursements	91,067	35,493		126,560
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Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(14,256)	3,379	33	(10,844)
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Fund Cash Balances, January 1	98,626	57,728	2,358	158,712
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Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$84,370</u>	<u>\$61,107</u>	<u>\$2,391</u>	<u>\$147,868</u>

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

VILLAGE OF JENERA
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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE - ENTERPRISE FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	<u>Enterprise</u>
Operating Cash Receipts:	
Charges for Services	<u>\$38,093</u>
Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Personal Services	2,000
Contractual Services	75,247
Supplies and Materials	<u>328</u>
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	<u>77,575</u>
Operating (Loss)	<u>(39,482)</u>
Non-Operating Cash Receipts:	
Intergovernmental	<u>124,018</u>
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Capital Outlay	<u>36,400</u>
Net Receipts Over Disbursements	48,136
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	<u>24,479</u>
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	<u><u>\$72,615</u></u>

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

**VILLAGE OF JENERA
HANCOCK COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Village of Jenera, Hancock County, (the Village) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected six-member Council directs the Village. The Village provides general government services, sewer utilities and park operations. The Village appropriates general fund money to support a volunteer fire department.

The Village participates in the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) a public entity risk pool. This pool provides property and casualty coverage for its members. Note 7 to the financial statements provide additional information for this entity.

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

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Village recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Cash and Investments

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

The Village values repurchase agreements at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

2. Special Revenue Funds

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

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

Fire Fund – This fund receives predetermined contract amounts for services provided to Eagle, Orange and Van Buren Townships and grants for the maintenance of the Village fire department.

3. Permanent Fund

This fund accounts for assets held under a trust agreement that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, are available to support the Village's programs. The Village had the following significant permanent fund:

Levi Vermillion Memorial Fund – This fund receives proceeds from the interest earned on the principal amount to be used for the Main Street and Town Hall.

4. Enterprise Fund

This fund accounts 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 Fund:

Sewer Fund - This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover sewer service costs.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Village Council must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year end.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Village to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2007 and 2006 budgetary activity appears in Note 4.

F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

2. RECLASSIFICATION OF FUND BALANCE

Pursuant to Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 34, the Village has reclassified its nonexpendable trust fund, to a permanent fund for 2006. The effect on fund balances is as follows:

	Nonexpendable Trust	Permanent
Fund Balances as reported at December 31, 2005	\$2,358	
Reclassification of Fund Balances	(\$2,358)	\$2,358
Restated Fund Balances at January 1, 2006	\$2,358	\$2,358

3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2007	2006
Demand deposits	\$51,899	\$220,483
Repurchase agreement	186,585	
Total deposits and investments	\$238,484	\$220,483

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

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HANCOCK COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006
(Continued)**

3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS – (CONTINUED)

Investments:

The Village's financial institution transfers securities to the Village's agent to collateralize repurchase agreements. The securities are not in the Village's name.

4. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2007 and 2006 follows:

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$80,013	\$88,613	\$8,600
Special Revenue	26,300	29,162	2,862
Permanent	30	114	84
Enterprise	43,000	91,943	48,943
Total	\$149,343	\$209,832	\$60,489

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$163,723	\$88,753	\$74,970
Special Revenue	86,500	25,334	61,166
Permanent	420	10	410
Enterprise	115,000	77,734	37,266
Total	\$365,643	\$191,831	\$173,812

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$70,417	\$76,811	\$6,394
Special Revenue	35,700	38,872	3,172
Permanent	30	33	3
Enterprise	220,000	162,111	(57,889)
Total	\$326,147	\$277,827	(\$48,320)

**VILLAGE OF JENERA
HANCOCK COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006
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4. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY – (CONTINUED)

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$164,000	\$91,067	\$72,933
Special Revenue	89,600	35,493	54,107
Permanent	380		380
Enterprise	244,400	113,975	130,425
Total	\$498,380	\$240,535	\$257,845

5. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Council adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

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

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

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

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2007 and 2006, OPERS members contributed 9.5 and 9%, respectively, of their gross salaries and the Village contributed an amount equaling 13.85 and 13.7%, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The Village has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2007.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Village is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The Village insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

**VILLAGE OF JENERA
HANCOCK COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006
(Continued)**

7. RISK MANAGEMENT – (CONTINUED)

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

Casualty Coverage

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

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

Property Coverage

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

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

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

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006
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7. RISK MANAGEMENT – (CONTINUED)

Financial Position

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

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

<u>Property Coverage</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Assets	\$5,125,326	\$4,443,332
Liabilities	<u>(863,163)</u>	<u>(1,068,245)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$4,262,163</u>	<u>\$3,375,087</u>

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, casualty coverage liabilities noted above include approximately \$14.4 million and \$14.3 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The Casualty Coverage assets and retained earnings above also include approximately \$14.4 million and \$14.3 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 447 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. The Village's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$31,396. This payable includes the subsequent year's contribution due if the Village terminates participation, as described in the last paragraph below.

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

<u>Contributions to PEP</u>	
2005	\$13,973
2006	\$13,380
2007	\$15,698

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7. RISK MANAGEMENT – (CONTINUED)

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

8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Village entered into contracts totaling \$1,688,884 to construct a sanitary sewer system on March 11, 2008. These contracts will be paid from state and federal grants and loans.



Mary Taylor, CPA

Auditor of State

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

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To the Members of Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the Village of Jenera, Hancock County, (the Village) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated March 18, 2008, wherein we noted the Village followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and we also noted the Village reclassified its nonexpendable trust fund. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider a significant deficiency.

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

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We consider the following deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting: 2007-001.

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

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also material weaknesses. We believe the significant deficiency described above is not a material weakness.

We also noted certain internal control matters that we reported to the Village's management in a separate letter dated March 18, 2008.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Village's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note certain noncompliance or other matters that we reported to the Village's management in a separate letter dated March 18, 2008.

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



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

March 18, 2008

**VILLAGE OF JENERA
HANCOCK COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

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

FINDING NUMBER 2007-001

Financial Reporting/Significant Deficiency

Sound accounting procedures require adequate segregation of duties and monitoring procedures performed by management. Sound financial reporting is the responsibility of the Clerk/Treasurer and Council and is essential to ensure the information provided to the readers of the financial statements is complete and accurate.

The Clerk/Treasurer performs most accounting functions. It is therefore important that Council monitor financial activity closely. As a result of audit procedures performed, the following errors were noted in the financial statements presented that required audit adjustments.

- General Fund intergovernmental revenue (homestead and rollback and grants) in the amount of \$13,035 in 2007 and \$1,858 in 2006 were classified as taxes or other revenue.
- Fire Fund intergovernmental revenue in the amount of \$1,673 in 2007 and \$8,000 in 2006 were classified as other revenue.
- Four adjustments, ranging in the amounts from \$10 to \$60, in order to reconcile the books to the financial statements and a \$40 adjustment in 2007 to balance the books.

These deficiencies could result in the misrepresentation of the Village's financial statements. To ensure the Village's financial statements are complete and accurate, the Village should adopt policies and procedures, including a final review of the statements by the Clerk/Treasurer and Council, to identify and correct errors and omissions. The Clerk/Treasurer should also review the Village Handbook's chart of accounts to ensure that all accounts are being properly posted to the financial statements.

Officials Response:

No response was received.

VILLAGE OF JENERA
HANCOCK COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2005-001	Sewer utility billing and collections	No	Partially corrected – reduced to management letter



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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
APRIL 8, 2008