VILLAGE OF BINGHAM FARMS Oakland County, Michigan

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

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Independent Auditor's Report

November 14, 2014

To the Village President and Council Village of Bingham Farms, Michigan

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Bingham Farms, Michigan, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Village President and Council Village of Bingham Farms, Michigan November 14, 2014

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Bingham Farms, Michigan, as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, the defined benefit pension plan trend information, and the budgetary comparison information, as identified in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information or provide any assurance.

Respectfully,

PSLZ LLP

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FINANCIAL SECTION

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Village of Bingham Farms, we offer readers of the Village of Bingham Farms financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Village of Bingham Farms for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that is furnished in the financial statements and notes to the financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Village of Bingham Farms exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$3,961,097 (net position). Of this amount, \$2,100,955 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Village's total net position decreased by \$279,403.
- At the close of the most recent fiscal year, the Village of Bingham Farms' governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,033,895, of which \$1,700,720 is available for spending at the government's discretion (unrestricted fund balance).
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unrestricted fund balance for the general fund was \$1,700,720, or 104 percent of total general fund expenditures.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Village of Bingham Farms' basic financial statements, which have three components:

- 1) Government-Wide Financial Statements
- 2) Fund Financial Statements
- 3) Notes to the Financial Statements.

Government-wide financial statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Village of Bingham Farms' finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the Village of Bingham Farms' assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Village of Bingham Farms is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Village of Bingham Farms that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the Village of Bingham Farms include public safety, public works, recreation and culture, and general administrative services. The business-type activities of the Village of Bingham Farms include water and wastewater services.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 11-13 of this report.

Fund financial statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Village of Bingham Farms, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Village of Bingham Farms can be divided into three categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the

governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, the major streets fund, and the local streets fund, each of which is considered to be a major fund.

The Village of Bingham Farms adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general and special revenue funds. Budgetary comparison statements have been provided herein to demonstrate compliance with those budgets.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 14-16 of this report.

Proprietary funds

The Village of Bingham Farms maintains one proprietary fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Village of Bingham Farms uses an enterprise fund to account for its water and wastewater activities.

Proprietary fund statements provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the Water and Sewer Fund which is considered to be a major fund of the Village of Bingham Farms. Oakland County Department of Public Works essentially provides all of the administration, maintenance activities, and financial processing of this fund.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 17-19 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 20-30 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

Assets exceeded liabilities by \$3,961,097 at the close of the most recent fiscal year. Of the Village of Bingham Farms' net position, 39 percent reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Village of Bingham Farms uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Village of Bingham Farm's Net Position

	Governme	ntal A	activities	Business-type Activities		To	tal	
	2014		2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	
Current and other assets	\$ 2,109,424	\$	2,364,178	\$ 356,612	\$ 367,337	\$ 2,466,036	\$ 2,731,515	
Capital Assets	1,470,867		1,426,776	56,100	112,202	1,526,967	1,538,978	
Total Assets	3,580,291		3,790,954	412,712	479,539	3,993,003	4,270,493	
Long-term liabilities outstanding	-		-	-	-	-	-	
Other liabilities	31,906		29,993	-	-	31,906	29,993	
Total Liabilities	31,906		29,993	-		31,906	29,993	
Net Position:								
Net Investment in capital assets	1,470,867		1,426,776	56,100	112,202	1,526,967	1,538,978	
Restricted	333,175		566,579	-	-	333,175	566,579	
Unrestricted	1,744,343		1,767,606	356,612	367,337	2,100,955	2,134,943	
Total Net Position	\$ 3,548,385	\$	3,760,961	\$ 412,712	\$ 479,539	\$ 3,961,097	\$ 4,240,500	

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Village of Bingham Farms is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net position, both for the government as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental and business-type activities.

Net position decreased by \$279,403 during the current fiscal year.

Governmental activities

Governmental activities decreased net position by \$212,576.

Village of Bingham Farms - Change in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-type	Activities	Total		
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	
Revenues:					•		
Program Revenues:							
Charges for Services	\$ 335,861	\$ 344,200	\$ 463,066 \$	714,171	\$ 798,927	\$ 1,058,371	
Operating Grants & Contributions	94,683	63,903	-	-	94,683	63,903	
Capital Grants & Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	
General Revenues:							
Property Taxes	1,181,543	1,181,376	-	-	1,181,543	1,181,376	
State Shared Revenues	82,844	80,870	-	-	82,844	80,870	
Franchise Fees	20,408	19,882	-	-	20,408	19,882	
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	9,221	6,495	4,209	1,950	13,430	8,445	
Total Revenues	1,724,560	1,696,726	467,275	716,121	2,191,835	2,412,847	
Expenses:							
General Government	363,516	363,706	-	-	363,516	363,706	
Public Safety	1,055,748	1,031,124	-	-	1,055,748	1,031,124	
Public Works	414,868	317,697	-	-	414,868	317,697	
Community Development	7,062	5,325	-	-	7,062	5,325	
Recreation and Cultural	95,942	94,107	-	-	95,942	94,107	
Water and Sewer	-	-	534,102	533,699	534,102	533,699	
Total Expenses	1,937,136	1,811,959	534,102	533,699	2,471,238	2,345,658	
Change in Net Position	\$ (212,576)	\$ (115,233)	\$ (66,827) \$	182,422	\$ (279,403)	\$ 67,189	

Decrease in net position due to key increases in operating expenditures included:

- Increase in police services expense of \$19,376
- Increase in public works expenses of \$97,171, due mostly to Bingham Road slope stabilization and Brooks Lane repaving projects

Business-type activities

Business-type activities decreased net position by \$66,827.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Village of Bingham Farms uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds

The focus of the Village of Bingham Farms' governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,033,895, of which \$1,700,720 constitutes unrestricted fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion. Total governmental fund balances decreased \$263,226 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year mostly due to major and local road maintenance and slope stabilization, as compared to a \$148 increase in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Village of Bingham Farms. At the end of the current fiscal year, the total fund balance of the general fund was \$1,700,720, all of which is unrestricted. General Fund fund balance represents 104 percent of total general fund expenditures.

The fund balance of the Village's General Fund decreased by \$29,822 during the fiscal year, as compared to an increase of \$20,725 in the prior fiscal year. In the current year, the Village Council approved an operating transfer of \$50,000 to the Major Street Fund due to overruns in subterranean stabilization of the Bingham Road slope. The project was more involved and required more stabilizing than any of the engineers anticipated during the budgeting process. General Fund current year actual expenditures were \$59,087 less than the total final budget appropriation.

Proprietary funds

The Village of Bingham Farms' proprietary fund statements provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail. Unrestricted net position of the Water and Sewer Fund at the end of the year amounted to \$356,612, as compared to \$367,337 in the prior year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Total differences between the original budget and the final amended budget was a \$50,000 increase in budgeted expenditures for a contribution to the Major Street Fund related to the Thirteen Mile Road bridge project.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets

The Village of Bingham Farms' investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities is \$1,526,967 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes equipment, roads, bridges, water supply sewage disposal system, and construction in progress. The total decrease in the Village of Bingham Farms' investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was \$12,011 mostly due to \$178,295 of road and bridge projects less annual depreciation.

Additional information on the Village of Bingham Farms' capital assets can be found in note III.B on page 27 of this report.

Long-term debt

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the Village issued no new debt and had no principal or interest payments.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

For fiscal year 2015, the Village is projecting a 4% increase in real property tax revenues less a decrease of approximately \$34,000 in personal property tax revenues due to recent legislation by the State involving the phase out of personal property taxes. This results in a projection of a .8% increase in overall property tax revenues for fiscal year 2015. Also, State shared revenues are expected to remain flat based on estimates provided by the State. The fiscal year 2014-2015 budget reflects these items.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Village of Bingham Farms finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Ms. Karin Ludwick, Treasurer, Village of Bingham Farms, 24255 Thirteen Mile Road, Suite 190, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VILLAGE OF BINGHAM FARMS Statement of Net Position June 30, 2014

	Primary Government				
	Governmental		Business-type		
	Activities		Activities	_	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,050,032	\$	-	\$	2,050,032
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	46,671		-		46,671
Due from Other Governmental Units	12,721		356,612		369,333
Capital Assets being depreciated, net	1,470,867		56,100		1,526,967
Total Assets	3,580,291		412,712	-	3,993,003
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	22,103		_		22,103
Accrued Liabilities	9,803		_		9,803
Total Liabilities	31,906			-	31,906
NET POSITION					
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,470,867		56,100		1,526,967
Restricted for Highways and Streets	333,175		· -		333,175
Unrestricted	1,744,343		356,612		2,100,955
Total Net Position	\$ 3,548,385	\$	412,712	\$	3,961,097

VILLAGE OF BINGHAM FARMS Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

			_	Program Revenues				
						Operating		Capital
				Charges for		Grants and		Grants and
		Expenses		Services		Contributions		Contributions
<u>Functions/Programs</u>	_					,		
Primary Government:								
Governmental Activities:								
General Government	\$	363,516	\$	17,309	\$	24,737	\$	-
Public Safety		1,055,748		315,819		-		-
Public Works		414,868		2,733		69,946		-
Community Development		7,062		-		-		-
Recreation and Cultural	_	95,942		-		-		-
Total Governmental Activities	_	1,937,136		335,861	-	94,683		
Business-type Activities:								
Water and Sewer	_	534,102		463,066	-	-		
Total Primary Government	\$_	2,471,238	\$	798,927	\$	94,683	\$	-

General Revenues:
Property Taxes
State Shared Revenue
Franchise Fees
Unrestricted Investment Earnings
Total General Revenues

Change in Net Position

Net Position - Beginning

Net Position - Ending

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position

Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
\$ (321,470) (739,929) (342,189) (7,062) (95,942) (1,506,592)	\$ - - - - - -	\$ (321,470) (739,929) (342,189) (7,062) (95,942) (1,506,592)
(1,506,592)	(71,036) (71,036)	(71,036)
1,181,543 82,844 20,408 9,221 1,294,016	4,209 4,209	1,181,543 82,844 20,408 13,430 1,298,225
(212,576)	(66,827) 479,539	(279,403) 4,240,500
\$ 3,548,385	\$ 412,712	\$ 3,961,097

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2014

ASSETS		General	-	Major Streets	Local Streets		Total Governmental Funds
	\$	1,724,488	Ф.	76,541 \$	249,003	Ф.	2,050,032
Cash and Cash Equivalents Receivables (net of allowance	Ф	1,724,400	Ф	70,541 \$	249,003	Ф	2,050,032
for uncollectibles)		43,938		-	-		43,938
Special Assessment Receivable Due from Other Governmental Units		2,733 1,874	_	7,194	3,653		2,733 12,721
Total Assets	\$	1,773,033	\$	83,735 \$	252,656	\$	2,109,424
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE							
Liabilities:							
Accounts Payable Accrued and Other Liabilities	\$	18,887 9,803	\$	240 \$	2,976	\$	22,103 9,803
Unearned Revenue		43,623		-	-		43,623
Total Liabilities	•	72,313		240	2,976		75,529
Fund Balances: Restricted for Streets Unrestricted:		-		83,495	249,680		333,175
Assigned for Subsequent Years Expenditures		80,683		-	_		80,683
Unassigned		1,620,037		<u> </u>	-		1,620,037
Total Fund Balance	•	1,700,720	-	83,495	249,680		2,033,895
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	1,773,033	\$	83,735 \$	252,656		
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because: Capital Assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds: Capital Assets Less: Accumulated Depreciation Because the focus of governmental funds is on short-term financing, some assets will not be available to pay for current period expenditures. Those assets are offset by unearned revenue. Unearned Revenue 43,623							
Net Position of Governmental Activities						\$	3,548,385

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	_	General	Major Streets	Local Streets	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Property Taxes	\$	1,174,984 \$	-	\$ - \$	1,174,984
Intergovernmental-State		82,844	43,712	22,187	148,743
Charges for Services		17,309	-	-	17,309
Fines and Forfeitures		23,713	-	-	23,713
Franchise Fees		20,408	-	-	20,408
Special Assessments		294,839	-	-	294,839
Grants		24,737	-	-	24,737
Interest		8,918	182	121	9,221
Other	_	-	2,428	1,619	4,047
Total Revenues		1,647,752	46,322	23,927	1,718,001
Expenditures Current:					
General Government		352,708	-	-	352,708
Public Safety		1,055,748	-	-	1,055,748
Public Works		105,306	221,969	131,684	458,959
Community Development		7,062	-	-	7,062
Recreation and Cultural		95,942	-	-	95,942
Other Functions		10,808	-	-	10,808
Total Expenditures	_	1,627,574	221,969	131,684	1,981,227
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	_				
Over Expenditures	_	20,178	(175,647)	(107,757)	(263,226)
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Operating Transfers In Operating Transfers Out		- (50,000)	50,000	-	50,000 (50,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) –	(50,000)	50,000		-
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Net Change in Fund Balance		(29,822)	(125,647)	(107,757)	(263,226)
Fund Balance - Beginning	_	1,730,542	209,142	357,437	2,297,121
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ _	1,700,720 \$	83,495	\$ 249,680 \$	2,033,895

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds	\$	(263,226)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Add: Capital Outlay Deduct: Depreciation Expense		178,295 (134,204)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds, but rather are deferred to the following fiscal year. Add: Net Difference of Unearned Revenue	_	6,559
Change in net position in governmental activities	\$	(212,576)

Statement of Net Position Proprietary Fund June 30, 2014

	Enterprise Fund Water & Sewer
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Current Assets:	
Due from Other Governments	\$ 356,612
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital Assets	2,244,069
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(2,187,969)
Total Noncurrent Assets	56,100
Total Assets	412,712
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	56,100
Unrestricted	356,612
Total Net Position	\$ 412,712

<u>Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position</u> <u>Proprietary Fund</u>

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	-	Enterprise Fund Water & Sewer
Operating Revenues:	_	water a sewer
Charges for Services:		
Water	\$	237,318
Sewer	_	225,748
Total Charges for Services	_	463,066
Operating Expenses:		
Water Supply		245,280
Sewage Disposal System		232,720
Depreciation Expense	_	56,102
Total Operating Expenses	_	534,102
Operating Income (Loss)		(71,036)
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):		
Interest Income	_	4,209
Net Income (Loss)		(66,827)
Net Position, Beginning	-	479,539
Net Position, Ending	\$	412,712

Statement of Cash Flows

Proprietary Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	,	Enterprise Fund
	•	Water & Sewer
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers and users	\$	291,626
Payments to Suppliers		(478,000)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities		(186,374)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Transfer to Oakland County Reserves		182,165
Investment Income		4,209
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities		186,374
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		-
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning		<u> </u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Ending	\$	-
Deconciliation of Operating Income to Not Cash		
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$	(71,036)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to	Ψ	(71,030)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation Expense		56,102
(Increase) Decrease in Receivables		(171,440)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$	(186,374)
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I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Village of Bingham Farms, Michigan, is a municipal corporation governed by an elected president and six trustees. There are no component units to be included in these financial statements as defined by generally accepted accounting principles.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net position and the statement of changes in net position) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Village. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental and proprietary funds, Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation - Continued

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Village.

Governmental Funds

The Village reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Major Street Fund is a special revenue fund used to account for the activities, maintenance and capital improvements of the Village's major streets.

The Local Street Fund is a special revenue fund used to account for the activities, maintenance and capital improvements of the Village's local streets.

Proprietary Funds

Proprietary funds are accounted for on the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred. Proprietary funds include the enterprise fund types.

Enterprise Funds are used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business or where the Village Council has decided that the determination of revenues earned, costs incurred and/or net income is necessary for management accountability. The Village has one enterprise fund which is the Water and Sewer Fund.

The Water and Sewer Fund accounts for the activities of the Village's water distribution, water treatment, sewage disposal and sewage treatment systems. The Village has entered into contracts with the Oakland County Department of Public Works for the operation and maintenance of water and sewage disposal systems within the Village limits. Under the terms of these contracts, the Oakland County Department of Public Works is responsible for system maintenance as well as meter readings, billings to customers and collections. Under Michigan Committee on Governmental Accounting and Auditing Statement 10 (MCGAA), the local unit's Enterprise Fund would record the operations of the system.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation - Continued

The Village has recorded the information provided by the Oakland County Water Resources Commission through June 30, 2014, as adjusted for depreciation, in the Village's Water and Sewer Fund.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the *option* of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The Village has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as needed.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

The Village's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State statutes authorize the Village to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, commercial paper of certain investment grades, and deposits of Michigan commercial banks. Investments are recorded at fair value.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity - Continued

2. Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds" (i.e. the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e. non-current portion of interfund loans). Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

All trade and property tax receivables, of \$65,724 are shown net of allowance for uncollectible accounts \$19,053, for a net receivable balance of \$46,671 at June 30, 2014.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of capitalized value of the assets constructed.

The Village defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 for equipment and \$50,000 for infrastructure and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Capital assets of the primary government are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Public Domain Infrastructure	10-20
Water and Sewer Infrastructure	10-40
Office Equipment	5

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity - Continued

4. Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the Statement of Net Position. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from proprietary funds are reported as liabilities in those funds.

5. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the following components of fund balance:

Nonspendable – Amounts that are not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – Amounts that are legally restricted by outside parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation for use for a specific purpose.

Committed – Amounts that have been formally set aside by the Village Council for use for a specific purpose. Commitments are made and can be rescinded only via resolution of the Village Council.

Assigned – Intent to spend resources on specific purposes expressed by the governing body.

Unassigned – This is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

The Village is legally subject to the budgetary control requirements of the State of Michigan P.A. 621 of 1978 (Uniform Budgeting Act). The following is a summary of the requirements of this act:

- 1. Budgets must be adopted for the General and Special Revenue Funds.
- 2. Budgets must be balanced.
- 3. Budgets must be amended as necessary.
- 4. Public hearings must be held prior to adoption.
- 5. Expenditures cannot exceed budget appropriations.
- 6. Expenditures must be authorized by a budget appropriation prior to being incurred.

The Village Council requires the Village Treasurer to submit an estimate of revenues and anticipated expenditures for the succeeding fiscal year in May. The Village Treasurer is then authorized to assign and transfer budget amounts within each fund to the extent that the net total fund appropriation (which the Village defines as gross authorized expenditures less related revenues that are specifically designated to fund those activities) is not exceeded. Village Council approval is required for any budgetary changes that result in an increase to net appropriations. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control during the year. Supplemental appropriations were approved by the Village Council in the form of budget amendment resolutions, the total of which was not significant in relation to the original budget appropriation valuations. A comparison of actual results of operations to the general fund and special revenue fund budgets as adopted and amended by the Village Council is included in the required supplementary information.

B. Compliance with P.A. 621 of 1978

- Deficit Fund Balance
 None of the funds have a deficit fund balance as of June 30, 2014.
- 2. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Budgetary Funds
 Budgets for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds are adopted at the
 activity level. Expenditures exceeded budgetary appropriations for the following
 activities as of June 30, 2014.

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u> Final Budget Actual</u>						
General Fund:								
Legislative	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,520	\$ 320					
Attorney	15,750	17,429	1,679					
Rent and Utilities	37,405	37,744	339					
Rubbish Collection	94,500	97,003	2,503					
Pump Maintenance	2,896	2,932	36					
Major Street Fund:								
Routine Maintenance	120,000	208,007	88,007					

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Deposits and Investments

Under State law, the Village is permitted to invest in deposits with Michigan commercial banks, savings and loans and credit unions, obligations of the U.S. Treasury, and corporate bonds and commercial paper with certain investment grades.

The following information, as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement number 40 is presented, regarding the Village's deposits and investments:

Custodial Credit Risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Village's deposits may not be recovered. Neither State law nor the Village's investment policy requires consideration of custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2014, the Village's book balance of its deposits was \$2,049,662; the total book balance was \$2,050,032, due to \$370 in cash on hand. The bank balance was \$2,125,008 which was exposed to custodial credit risk, as follows:

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Dank
<u>Balance</u>
\$1,568,114
<u>556,894</u>
<u>\$2,125,008</u>

Credit Risk. State law limits investments in commercial paper, corporate bonds, and mutual bond funds to the top two ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The Village has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Interest Rate Risk. The Village does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The Villages deposits and investments consisted of the following:

Deposits and Investments	Fair Value	Weighted Average <u>Maturity</u>
Savings and Checking Accounts Money Market Accounts (Share price=\$1) Certificates of Deposits-One year or less	\$ 785,646 468,091 871,271 \$ 2,125,008	Demand Demand 365 days

Concentration of Credit Risk. The Village's investment policy places a limit of \$600,000 on the amount the Village may invest in any one issuer.

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS - Continued

B. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2014 was as follows:

Governmental Activities:	_	Beginning Balance	_	Additions		Deletions		Ending Balance
Capital Assets, being depreciated:	\$	6,788	\$		\$		ф	4 700
Office Equipment Infrastructure-Roads	Ф	2,592,061	Ф	- 118,538	Ф	-	\$	6,788 2,710,599
Infrastructure-Rodus Infrastructure-Bridges		102,292		59,757		_		162,049
illinastractare-bhages	-	2,701,141	-	178,295	•			2,879,436
Less: Accumulated Depreciation:	-	2,701,111	-	1701270	•			2,077,100
Office Equipment		(6,788)		-		_		(6,788)
Infrastructure-Roads		(1,165,285)		(134,204)		-		(1,299,489)
Infrastructure-Bridges		(102,292)		-		-		(102,292)
	_	(1,274,365)	-	(134,204)		-	_	(1,408,569)
Governmental Activities	-	_	_		•			_
Capital Assets, net	\$	1,426,776	\$	44,091	\$	-	\$	1,470,867
Depreciation expense was charged Public Works	d or \$	n the Stateme 134,204	nt (of Activities a	as 1	follows:		
Business-type Activities: Capital Assets, being depreciated:	_	Beginning Balance	_	Additions	,	Deletions		Ending Balance
Water and Sewer System	\$	2,244,069	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,244,069
Less: Accumulated Depreciation: Water and Sewer System	-	(2,131,867)	-	(56,102)		-		(2,187,969)
Business-type Activities Capital Assets, net	\$	112,202	\$	(56,102)	\$	-	\$_	56,100

C. Interfund Transfers

<u>Transfers Out:</u>	<u>Transfers In:</u>	 Total
General Fund	Major Street Fund	\$ 50,000

Transfer to Major Street Fund from General Fund is to fund current year street projects.

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS - Continued

D. Property Taxes

Property tax assessments are determined as of each December 31, the lien date. Taxes are levied on July 1 of the following year. Property taxes are payable without penalty and interest if paid in full by August 31. As of March 1 of the succeeding year, unpaid real property taxes are sold to and collected by Oakland County.

The Village is permitted by State law to levy taxes up to \$20 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation for general governmental services. The Village's general operating tax rate for the 2013 tax roll was 7.70 mills with an additional 6.1068 mills for the police special assessment district, and 0.3893 mills for the Woodlynne Pump special assessment district.

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

- A. Employee Retirement Systems and Plans
 - 1. Municipal Employees Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan
 - a. Plan Description

The Village contributes to the Michigan Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MMERS), which is an agent multiple employer retirement system that covers substantially all full time employees of the Village. The system provides the following provisions: normal retirement, deferred retirement, service retirement allowance, disability retirement allowance, nonduty-connected death and postretirement adjustments to plan members and their beneficiaries. The service requirement is computed using credited service at the time of termination of membership multiplied by a certain percentage based on the benefit program in effect as of the date of termination of membership times the final average compensation (FAC). The most recent period for which actuarial data was available was for the actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2013.

MERS was organized pursuant to Section 12a of Act #156, Public Acts of the State of Michigan (MSA 5.333(a); MCLA 46.12(a)). MERS is regulated under Act No. 427 of the Public Acts of 1984, sections of which have been approved by the State Pension Council. MERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the system. That report may be obtained by writing to the System at 1134 Municipal Way, Lansing, Michigan 48917.

IV. OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

- A. Employee Retirement Systems and Plans Continued
 - 1. Municipal Employees Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan Continued
 - b. Funding Policy

The obligation to contribute to and maintain the system for these employees was established by negotiation with the Village's personnel policy. The Village is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate; the current rate was a percentage of annual compensation at December 31, 2011 as follows:

General-Admin.

6.48%

c. Annual Pension Cost

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the Village's contributions totaling \$11,124 were made in accordance with contribution requirements determined by an actuarial valuation of the plan as of December 31, 2011. The employer contribution rate has been determined based on the entry age normal cost funding method. Under the entry age normal cost funding method, the total employer contribution is comprised of the normal cost plus the level annual percentage of payroll payment required to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over 30 years. The employer normal cost is, for each employee, the level percentage of payroll contribution (from entry age to retirement) required to accumulate sufficient assets at the member's retirement to pay for his projected benefit. Significant actuarial assumptions used include a long-term investment yield rate of 8% and annual salary increases of 4.5% based on an age-related scale to reflect merit, longevity, and promotional salary increases.

Three Year Trend Information

Fiscal Year	Valuation	Annual	Percentage	Net
Ended	Date	Pension	of APC	Pension
<u>June 30,</u>	Dec. 31	Cost (APC)	Contributed	Obligation
2012	2009	\$9,927	100%	\$-0-
2013	2010	9,870	100%	-0-
2014	2011	11,124	100%	-0-

IV. OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

B. Risk Management

The Village of Bingham Farms is a member of the Michigan Municipal Liability and Property Pool for its general liability insurance coverage and a member of the Michigan Municipal Workers Compensation Fund for its workers compensation coverage. The Village pays annual premiums to the pools. The pools are self-sustaining through member premiums, and each carries reinsurance through commercial companies for claims in excess of the pool loss reserve fund.

In the event that a single loss should exceed the amount of protection afforded by the pool loss reserve fund, reinsurance, or other insurance carried by the pools, or in the event that a series of losses should deplete or exhaust the loss reserve fund and reinsurance, the payment of valid losses shall be the obligation of the individual member or members of the respective pool against whom the claim was made.

No such event has occurred with the Village of Bingham Farms and the pools to which it belongs in any of the past three fiscal years.

C. Upcoming Accounting Pronouncements

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued two new pronouncements in June 2012, GASB Statement No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans, which amends GASB Statement No. 25, Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Note Disclosures for Defined Contribution Plans, and GASB Statement No. 50, Pension Disclosures, and GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pension Plans, which amends GASB Statement No. 27, Accounting for Pensions by State and Local Government Employers and GASB Statement No. 50, Pension Disclosures. These statements establish a definition of a pension plan that reflects the primary activities associated with the pension arrangement – determining pensions, accumulating and managing assets dedicated for pensions, and measuring and recognizing liabilities and expenses. GASB No. 68 will require employers with defined benefit pension plans to recognize their unfunded pension benefit obligation as a liability on the government-wide and proprietary financial statements. These new standards will result in additional disclosures and required supplemental information, and will be effective beginning with the Village's fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Required Supplementary Information – (Unaudited) Defined Benefit Pension Plans – Trend Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Required Supplementary Information for GASB 27

<u>Schedule of Funding Progress</u>

Actuarial Valuation	Actuarial Value of	Actuarial Accrued	Underfunded AAL	Funded	Covered	UAAL as a Percent of
<u>Date</u>	Assets	Liability (AAL)	(UAAL)	Ratio	<u>Payroll</u>	Covered Payroll
12/31/05	\$ 48,287	\$ 88,243	\$39,956	55%	\$140,964	28%
12/31/06	64,784	114,910	50,126	56	152,880	33
12/31/07	82,195	135,499	53,304	61	155,173	34
12/31/08	100,455	153,359	52,904	66	159,435	33
12/31/09	123,828	156,953	33,125	79	161,404	21
12/31/10	147,299	172,011	24,712	86	161,404	15
12/31/11	169,427	193,313	23,886	88	161,404	15
12/31/12	190,677	210,548	19,871	91	164,037	12
12/31/13	215,217	234,998	19,781	92	169,171	12

The information presented above was determined as part of the actuarial valuations at the dates indicated. Additional information as of December 31, 2013 the latest actuarial valuation, follows:

Actuarial cost method Entry age normal cost Level percent Amortization method Remaining amortization period 30 years Asset valuation method 5-year smoothed market Actuarial assumptions: Investment rate of return 8% Projected salary increases Includes inflation at 2.0% 4.5 - 12.9% Cost of living adjustments None

General Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Budget and Actual

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Budgete	d Amounts		Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
. 3	1,178,456	\$ 1,178,456	\$ 1,174,984 \$	
Intergovernmental - State	78,000	78,000	82,844	4,844
Charges for Services	9,000	9,000	17,309	8,309
Court Fines	15,000	15,000	23,713	8,713
Franchise Fees	20,000	20,000	20,408	408
Special Assessments	295,002	295,002	294,839	(163)
Grants	-	-	24,737	24,737
Interest Earnings	3,000	3,000	8,918	5,918
Total Revenues	1,598,458	1,598,458	1,647,752	49,294
Expenditures:				
General Government:				
Legislative	1,200	1,200	1,520	(320)
Administrative	297,000	297,000	296,015	985
Attorney	15,750	15,750	17,429	(1,679)
Rent and Utilities	37,405	37,405	37,744	(339)
Total General Government	351,355	351,355	352,708	(1,353)
B. I.V. O. C.				
Public Safety:	700 (00	700 (00	700 /00	
Police Protection	723,688	723,688	723,688	-
Fire Protection	332,060	332,060	332,060	
Total Public Safety	1,055,748	1,055,748	1,055,748	
Public Works:				
Engineering	6,000	6,000	4,727	1,273
Rubbish Collection	94,500	94,500	97,003	(2,503)
Pump Maintenance	2,896	2,896	2,932	(36)
Traffic and Street Lights	1,650	1,650	644	1,006
Total Public Works	105,046	105,046	105,306	(260)
Planning and Zoning	9,000	9,000	7,062	1,938
Library	96,512	96,512	95,942	570
•				
Other Functions:	44000	4.4.000	10.000	0.400
Insurance and Bonds	14,000	14,000	10,808	3,192
Tax Tribunals	25,000	25,000	-	25,000
Contingencies	30,000	30,000	- 10.000	30,000
Total Other Functions	69,000	69,000	10,808	58,192
Total Expenditures	1,686,661	1,686,661	1,627,574	59,087
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(88,203)	(88,203)	20,178	108,381
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	-	(50,000)	(50,000)	-
,			<u></u>	
Net Change in Fund Balance	(88,203)	(138,203)	(29,822)	108,381
Fund Balance - July 1	1,730,542	1,730,542	1,730,542	
Fund Balance - June 30	1,642,339	\$1,592,339	\$1,700,720 \$	108,381

<u>Major Streets Fund</u> <u>Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance</u>

Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

		Budgeted Amounts				Variance with	
	•	Original		Final	Actual		Final Budget
Revenues:	•						
Intergovernmental-State	\$	31,000	\$	31,000	\$ 43,712	\$	12,712
Interest Earnings		-		-	182		182
Other	_	-			2,428		2,428
Total Revenues	-	31,000		31,000	46,322		15,322
Expenditures:							
Admininstration		200		200	-		200
Routine Maintenance		120,000		120,000	208,007		(88,007)
Winter Maintenance	_	15,750		15,750	13,962		1,788
Total Expenditures	-	135,950		135,950	221,969		(86,019)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues							
Over Expenditures		(104,950)		(104,950)	(175,647)		(70,697)
Other Financing Sources:							
Operating Transfer In	-			50,000	50,000		-
Net Change in Fund Balance		(104,950)		(54,950)	(125,647)		(70,697)
Fund Balance, July 1	-	209,142		209,142	209,142		
Fund Balance, June 30	\$	104,192	\$	154,192	\$ 83,495	\$	(70,697)

Local Streets Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Budget and Actual

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Budgeted Amounts					Variance with	
		Original		Final	_	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:							
Intergovernmental-State	\$	16,000	\$	16,000	\$	22,187	\$ 6,187
Interest Earnings		-		-		121	121
Other	_	-			_	1,619	1,619
Total Revenues	_	16,000		16,000	_	23,927	7,927
Expenditures:							
Admininstration		134		134		-	134
Routine Maintenance		135,000		135,000		122,376	12,624
Winter Maintenance		10,000		10,000		9,308	692
Total Expenditures	_	145,134		145,134	_	131,684	13,450
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues							
Over Expenditures		(129,134)		(129,134)		(107,757)	21,377
Fund Balance, July 1	-	357,437		357,437	_	357,437	
Fund Balance, June 30	\$ _	228,303	\$	228,303	\$ _	249,680	\$ 21,377

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In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Village of Bingham Farms as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies:

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 misstatements 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. We consider the following deficiency in the Village's internal control to be a significant deficiency:

The Village relies on its auditors to prepare the annual financial statements. While this is common in smaller local units of government, we are required to communicate this to you as part of recently issued auditing standards. The Village's management did review the financial statements prior to their release.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Village President and Council of the Village of Bingham Farms and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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November 14, 2014

To the Village President and Council Village of Bingham Farms
Oakland County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the Village of Bingham Farms for the year ended June 30, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated November 14, 2014. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated September 3, 2014, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Village of Bingham Farms. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our meeting about planning matters on September 3, 2014.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Village of Bingham Farms are described in Note I to the financial statements. During fiscal year 2014, the Village implemented GASB Statement No. 65, which reclassifies as deferred inflows and outflows of resources certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities. We noted no transactions entered into by the Village during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

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Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were estimates of the allowance for doubtful accounts for property tax collections which are based on historical collection statistics.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear. Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements related to those estimates discussed in the section above.

<u>Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit</u>

We encountered no difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no misstatements during our audit.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 14, 2014.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Village's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

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Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Village's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Village President, Village Council, and management of the Village of Bingham Farms and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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