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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the quarterly period ended: January 26, 2008

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

Commission File No. 0-2633

VILLAGE SUPER MARKET, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW JERSEY
(State of other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

22-1576170
(I. R. S. Employer Identification No.)

733 MOUNTAIN AVENUE,
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY
(Address of principal executive offices)

07081
(Zip Code)

(973) 467-2200
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

S Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12-b2 of the Exchange Act.

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| Non-accelerated filer reporting company) | (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) | Smaller reporting company <input type="checkbox"/> |

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of the issuer's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date:

March 4, 2008

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Class A Common Stock, No Par Value | 3,328,540 Shares |
| Class B Common Stock, No Par Value | 3,188,152 Shares |

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1 Financial Statements

VILLAGE SUPER MARKET, INC.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS
(in Thousands) (Unaudited)

| | January 26, 2008 | July 28, 2007 |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 52,317 | \$ 53,846 |
| Merchandise inventories | 34,237 | 29,792 |
| Patronage dividend receivable | 2,729 | 6,400 |
| Other current assets | 10,130 | 7,994 |
| Total current assets | 99,413 | 98,032 |
| Notes receivable from Wakefern | 30,252 | 29,241 |
| Property, equipment and fixtures, net | 141,665 | 125,833 |
| Investment in Wakefern | 18,291 | 16,391 |
| Goodwill | 10,605 | 10,605 |
| Other assets | 4,588 | 3,021 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 304,814 | \$ 283,123 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$ 4,796 | \$ 5,375 |
| Current portion of notes payable to Wakefern | 686 | 134 |
| Accounts payable to Wakefern | 47,119 | 41,910 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 28,277 | 28,254 |
| Total current liabilities | 80,878 | 75,673 |
| Long-term debt | 26,446 | 21,517 |
| Notes payable to Wakefern | 1,443 | 250 |
| Other liabilities | 19,337 | 18,118 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Shareholders' equity | | |
| Class A common stock - no par value, issued 3,636 shares | 23,304 | 22,649 |
| Class B common stock - no par value, 3,188 shares issued and outstanding | 1,035 | 1,035 |
| Retained earnings | 158,868 | 150,596 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (4,336) | (4,526) |
| Less cost of Class A treasury shares (308 at January 26, 2008 and 312 at July 28, 2007) | (2,161) | (2,189) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 176,710 | 167,565 |

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | \$ 304,814 | \$ 283,123 |
|--|------------|------------|

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

VILLAGE SUPER MARKET, INC.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(in Thousands except Per Share Amounts)
(Unaudited)

| | 13 Wks. Ended Jan. 26, 2008 | 13 Wks. Ended Jan. 27, 2007 | 26 Wks. Ended Jan. 26, 2008 | 26 Wks. Ended Jan. 27, 2007 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sales | \$ 292,829 | \$ 270,396 | \$ 556,388 | \$ 521,865 |
| Cost of sales | 213,416 | 198,824 | 406,760 | 382,915 |
| Gross profit | 79,413 | 71,572 | 149,628 | 138,950 |
| Operating and administrative expense | 64,793 | 59,933 | 124,713 | 117,115 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 3,437 | 3,088 | 6,626 | 6,075 |
| Operating income | 11,183 | 8,551 | 18,289 | 15,760 |
| Interest expense | (832) | (667) | (1,439) | (1,381) |
| Interest income | 770 | 830 | 1,758 | 1,599 |
| Income before income taxes | 11,121 | 8,714 | 18,608 | 15,978 |
| Income taxes | 4,682 | 3,651 | 7,871 | 6,695 |
| Net income | \$ 6,439 | \$ 5,063 | \$ 10,737 | \$ 9,283 |
| Net income per share: | | | | |
| Class A Common Stock: | | | | |
| | | Revised | | Revised |
| Basic | \$ 1.22 | \$.96 | \$ 2.03 | \$ 1.77 |
| Diluted | \$.98 | \$.78 | \$ 1.63 | \$ 1.43 |
| Class B Common Stock: | | | | |
| Basic | \$.79 | \$.63 | \$ 1.32 | \$ 1.15 |
| Diluted | \$.77 | \$.61 | \$ 1.29 | \$ 1.12 |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

VILLAGE SUPER MARKET, INC.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in Thousands) (Unaudited)

| | 26 Weeks Ended January 26, 2008 | 26 Weeks Ended January 27, 2007 |
|---|--|--|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Net income | \$ 10,737 | \$ 9,283 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 6,626 | 6,075 |
| Deferred taxes | (258) | (648) |
| Provision to value inventories at LIFO | 475 | 500 |
| Non-cash share-based compensation | 583 | 551 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Merchandise inventories | (4,920) | (3,159) |
| Patronage dividend receivable | 3,671 | 3,357 |
| Accounts payable to Wakefern | 5,209 | 2,762 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 422 | 1,938 |
| Other assets and liabilities | (562) | 764 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 21,983 | 21,423 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Capital expenditures | (17,748) | (5,927) |
| Acquisition of Galloway store assets | (3,500) | ---- |
| Investment in notes receivable from Wakefern | (1,011) | (28,252) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (22,259) | (34,179) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Repayment of construction loan | 6,776 | --- |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | 20 | 36 |
| Tax benefit related to share-based compensation | 80 | 104 |
| Principal payments of long-term debt and notes payable | (5,265) | (5,906) |
| Dividends | (2,864) | (1,609) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (1,253) | (7,375) |
| NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | (1,529) | (20,131) |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD | 53,846 | 74,711 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD | \$ 52,317 | \$ 54,580 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH PAYMENTS MADE FOR: | | |
| Interest | \$ 1,593 | \$ 1,522 |
| Income taxes | \$ 6,889 | \$ 6,800 |
| NON-CASH SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES: | | |
| Investment in Wakefern | \$ 1,900 | \$ 721 |

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|-------|----|-----|
| Financing lease obligation | \$ | 2,684 | \$ | --- |
|----------------------------|----|-------|----|-----|

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

VILLAGE SUPER MARKET, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(in Thousands) (Unaudited)

1. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting of normal and recurring accruals) necessary to present fairly the consolidated financial position as of January 26, 2008 and the consolidated results of operations and cash flows for the thirteen and twenty-six week periods ended January 26, 2008 and January 27, 2007.

The significant accounting policies followed by Village Super Market, Inc. (the "Company") are set forth in Note 1 to the Company's consolidated financial statements included in the July 28, 2007 Village Super Market, Inc. Annual Report on Form 10-K, which should be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

2. The results of operations for the periods ended January 26, 2008 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year.

3. At both January 26, 2008 and July 28, 2007, approximately 67% of merchandise inventories are valued by the LIFO method while the balance is valued by FIFO. If the FIFO method had been used for the entire inventory, inventories would have been \$13,016 and \$12,541 higher than reported at January 26, 2008 and July 28, 2007, respectively.

4. During fiscal 2007, the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance of the SEC reviewed the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 29, 2006. The Company considered this review and determined that the two-class method of computing and presenting net income per share was appropriate in accordance with FASB Statement No. 128, "Earnings Per Share," and EITF Issue No. 03-6, "Participating Securities and the Two-Class Method under FASB Statement No. 128". Net income per share for prior periods has been revised to reflect this change. The two-class method is an earnings allocation formula that calculates basic and diluted net income per share for each class of common stock separately based on dividends declared and participation rights in undistributed earnings. Under the two-class method, our Class A common stock is assumed to receive a 54% greater participation in undistributed earnings than our Class B common stock, in accordance with the classes respective dividend rights.

Diluted net income per share for Class A common stock is calculated utilizing the if-converted method, which assumes the conversion of all shares of Class B common stock to shares of Class A common stock on a share-for-share basis, as this method is more dilutive than the two-class method. Diluted net income per share for Class B common stock does not assume conversion of Class B common stock to shares of Class A common stock.

The tables below reconcile the numerators and denominators of basic and diluted net income per share for all periods presented.

| | 13 Weeks Ended January 26, 2008 | | 26 Weeks Ended | |
|--|------------------------------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| | Class A | Class B | Class A | Class B |
| Numerator: | | | | |
| Net income allocated, basic | \$ 3,921 | \$ 2,518 | \$ 6,536 | \$ 4,201 |
| Conversion of Class B to Class A shares | 2,518 | --- | 4,201 | --- |
| Effect of share-based compensation on allocated net income | --- | (61) | --- | (95) |
| Net income allocated, diluted | \$ 6,439 | \$ 2,457 | \$ 10,737 | \$ 4,106 |
| Denominator: | | | | |
| Weighted average shares outstanding, basic | 3,225 | 3,188 | 3,223 | 3,188 |
| Conversion of Class B to Class A shares | 3,188 | --- | 3,188 | --- |
| Dilutive effect of share-based compensation | 171 | --- | 168 | --- |
| Weighted average shares outstanding, diluted | 6,584 | 3,188 | 6,579 | 3,188 |

| | 13 Weeks Ended January 27, 2007 (Revised) | | 26 Weeks Ended | |
|--|--|----------|----------------|----------|
| | Class A | Class B | Class A | Class B |
| Numerator: | | | | |
| Net income allocated, basic | \$ 3,069 | \$ 1,994 | \$ 5,625 | \$ 3,658 |
| Conversion of Class B to Class A shares | 1,994 | --- | 3,658 | --- |
| Effect of share-based compensation on allocated net income | --- | (46) | --- | (75) |
| Net income allocated, diluted | \$ 5,063 | \$ 1,948 | \$ 9,283 | \$ 3,583 |
| Denominator: | | | | |
| Weighted average shares outstanding, basic | 3,186 | 3,188 | 3,184 | 3,188 |
| Conversion of Class B to Class A shares | 3,188 | --- | 3,188 | --- |
| Dilutive effect of share-based compensation | 148 | --- | 133 | --- |
| Weighted average shares outstanding, diluted | 6,522 | 3,188 | 6,505 | 3,188 |

Net income per share for the prior year periods on a revised basis is as follows:

| | 13 Weeks Ended January 27, 2007 | | 26 Weeks Ended | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | Class A | Class B | Class A | Class B |
| Net income per share – as revised: | | | | |
| Basic | \$.96 | \$.63 | \$ 1.77 | \$ 1.15 |
| Diluted | \$.78 | \$.61 | \$ 1.43 | \$ 1.12 |

In previous periods, the Company utilized the if-converted method of calculating both basic and diluted net income per share, as that method resulted in greater dilution than the two-class method. Net income per share for the prior year periods as previously reported was as follows:

| | 13 | 26 Weeks |
|--|---------------------------------|----------|
| | Weeks Ended January 27, 2007 | Ended |
| Net income per share – as previously reported: | | |
| Basic | \$.79 | \$ 1.46 |
| Diluted | \$.78 | \$ 1.43 |

Options to purchase 8 and 10 Class A shares were excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per share at January 26, 2008 and January 27, 2007, respectively, as a result of their anti-dilutive effect.

5. Comprehensive income was \$6,534 and \$10,927 for the quarter and six-month periods ended January 26, 2008, and \$5,063 and \$9,283 for the quarter and six-month periods ended January 27, 2007. Comprehensive income consists of net income and, in fiscal 2008 also includes amortization of net losses and prior service costs on benefit plans, net of income taxes.

6. The Company sponsors four defined benefit pension plans. Net periodic pension costs for the four plans includes the following components:

| | 13 Weeks Ended | | 26 Weeks Ended | |
|--|----------------|---------|----------------|----------|
| | 1/26/08 | 1/27/07 | 1/26/08 | 1/27/07 |
| Service cost | \$ 557 | \$ 480 | \$ 1,114 | \$ 960 |
| Interest cost on projected benefit obligations | 456 | 408 | 912 | 816 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (368) | (310) | (736) | (620) |
| Amortization of gains and losses | 154 | 181 | 308 | 362 |
| Amortization of prior service costs | 4 | 4 | 8 | 8 |
| Net periodic pension cost | \$ 803 | \$ 763 | \$ 1,606 | \$ 1,526 |

As of January 26, 2008, the Company has contributed \$84 to its pension plans in fiscal 2008. The Company expects to contribute an additional \$1,916 during the remainder of fiscal 2008 to fund its pension plans.

7. On August 11, 2007 the Company acquired the fixtures and lease of a new store location in Galloway Township, New Jersey from Wakefern for \$3,500. The purchase price was allocated to equipment and leasehold interest based on their estimated fair values.

8. Effective July 29, 2007, the Company adopted FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – an interpretation of FASB Statement 109", as amended by FASB Staff Position No. 48-1 ("FIN 48"). FIN 48 prescribes a comprehensive model for the recognition, measurement, and disclosure in financial statements of uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN 48 requires a tax benefit from an uncertain tax position be recognized if it is "more likely than not" that the position is sustainable, based on its technical merits. The tax benefit of a qualifying position is the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized upon effective settlement with a taxing authority having full knowledge of all relevant information. The effect of adoption was to increase retained earnings by \$399 and to decrease the accrual for uncertain tax positions by a corresponding amount as of July 29, 2007.

As of adoption, the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits for uncertain tax positions was \$4,263 (gross), of which \$2,771 (net of federal benefit) would decrease the effective tax rate if recognized. The Company recognizes interest and penalties on income taxes in income tax expense. As of adoption, the amount of accrued interest and penalties included in the consolidated condensed balance sheet was \$866.

The state of New Jersey has audited the Company's tax returns for fiscal 2002 through fiscal 2005. The state has proposed a tax deficiency on one issue, which the Company is contesting. We anticipate this matter may be resolved within the next twelve months through the state's appeal process. The ultimate resolution of this matter could significantly increase or decrease the total amount of the Company's unrecognized tax benefits.

An examination of the Company's fiscal 2004 federal tax return was completed in fiscal 2006.

9. Beginning in fiscal 2007, Village loaned the developer of the Franklin store a portion of the funds needed to prepare the site and construct the store. This loan reached a maximum amount of \$6,776 during the first quarter of fiscal 2008. The loan was repaid during the second quarter of fiscal 2008. The loan to the developer is presented as capital expenditures in the financial statements in accordance with EITF Issue No. 97-10, "The Effect of Lessee Involvement in Asset Construction" as Village was considered the owner of the building during the construction period. Upon completion of the construction, Village did not meet the requirements of FASB 98, "Accounting for Leases" to qualify for sale-leaseback treatment. Therefore, the \$6,776 construction loan and \$2,684 of land and site costs paid by the landlord have been recorded as property and long-term debt in the consolidated balance sheet at January 26, 2008.

ITEM 2.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

(Dollars in Thousands)

OVERVIEW

The Company operates a chain of 25 ShopRite supermarkets in New Jersey and northeastern Pennsylvania. The Company is the second largest member of Wakefern Food Corporation ("Wakefern"), the nation's largest retailer-owned food cooperative. As further described in the Company's Form 10-K, this ownership interest in Wakefern provides the Company many of the economies of scale in purchasing, distribution, advanced retail technology and advertising associated with larger chains.

On August 11, 2007, the Company acquired the fixtures and lease of a store location in Galloway Township, New Jersey from Wakefern for \$3,500. The store had previously been operated by a competitor. The Company began operating a pharmacy at this location on August 11, 2007. The remainder of this 55,000 sq. ft. store opened on October 3, 2007 after the completion of a remodel. In addition, the Company opened a 67,000 sq. ft. superstore in Franklin Township, New Jersey on November 7, 2007.

The Company's stores, five of which are owned, average 55,000 total square feet. Larger store sizes enable the Company to offer the specialty departments that customers desire for one-stop shopping, including pharmacies, natural and organic departments, ethnic and international foods, and home meal replacement.

We consider a variety of indicators to evaluate our performance, such as same store sales; sales per store; percentage of total sales by department (mix); shrink; departmental gross profit percentage; sales per labor hour; and hourly labor rates. In recent years, the Company, as well as many of our competitors, has faced increases in rates for electric and gas, and in employee health and pension costs. These trends continue in fiscal 2008.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth the major components of the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Operations of the Company as a percentage of sales:

| | 13 Weeks Ended | | 26 Weeks Ended | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | 1/26/08 | 1/27/07 | 1/26/08 | 1/27/07 |
| Sales | 100.00% | 100.00% | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| Cost of sales | 72.88 | 73.53 | 73.11 | 73.38 |
| Gross profit | 27.12 | 26.47 | 26.89 | 26.62 |
| Operating and administrative expense | 22.13 | 22.17 | 22.41 | 22.44 |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | 1.17 | 1.14 | 1.19 | 1.16 |
| Operating income | 3.82 | 3.16 | 3.29 | 3.02 |
| Interest expense | (.28) | (0.25) | (.26) | (0.27) |
| Interest income | .26 | 0.31 | .31 | 0.31 |
| Income before taxes | 3.80 | 3.22 | 3.34 | 3.06 |
| Income taxes | 1.60 | 1.35 | 1.41 | 1.28 |
| Net income | 2.20% | 1.87% | 1.93% | 1.78% |

Sales. Sales were \$292,829 in the second quarter of fiscal 2008, an increase of 8.3% from the second quarter of the prior year. Sales increased due to the opening of new stores in Galloway, New Jersey on October 3, 2007 and Franklin, New Jersey on November 7, 2007, and a 2.3% increase in same store sales. Same store sales increased due to improved sales in one store due to the closing of a store by a competitor, higher sales in the Somers Point replacement store and food inflation. These improvements were partially offset by reduced sales in five stores due to three competitive store openings and cannibalization from the opening of the Galloway and Franklin stores. An increase in average transaction size contributed to the same store sales increase, as customer counts were flat, excluding the new stores. We expect same store sales in the third quarter of fiscal 2008 of -1% to +1% based on our February sales, as consumers appear to be more cautious due to concerns about the economy and rising fuel and food prices. New stores and replacement stores are included in same store sales in the quarter after the store has been in operation for four full quarters. Store renovations are included in same store sales immediately.

Sales were \$556,388 in the six-month period of fiscal 2008, an increase of 6.6% from the prior year. Sales increased due to the opening of the two new stores and a 2.9% increase in same store sales. Same store sales increased due to improved sales in one store due to the closing of a store by a competitor, higher sales in the Somers Point replacement store and food inflation. These improvements were partially offset by reduced sales in four stores due to three competitive store openings and cannibalization from the opening of the Galloway store.

Gross profit. Gross profit as a percentage of sales increased .65% in the second quarter of fiscal 2008 compared to the second quarter of the prior year primarily due to improved departmental gross margin percentages (.34%), reduced warehouse assessment charges from Wakefern (.17%), improved product mix (.11%), and reduced promotional spending (.09%). Gross profit was favorably impacted by receipt of patronage dividends from Wakefern greater than amounts accrued in the second quarter of both fiscal 2008 (.17%) and 2007 (.20%).

Gross profit as a percentage of sales increased .27% in the six-month period of fiscal 2008 compared to the corresponding period of the prior year primarily due to improved departmental gross margin percentages (.24%), reduced warehouse assessment charges from Wakefern (.11%) and improved product mix (.09%). These improvements were partially offset by increased promotional spending (.20%).

Operating and administrative expense. Operating and administrative expense decreased .04% as a percentage of sales in the second quarter of fiscal 2008 compared to the second quarter of the prior year primarily due to refunds of property and liability insurance premiums (.16%) in the current year and the benefit of sales for the Franklin store without any rent expense as that lease is accounted for as a financing lease (.10%). These decreases were partially offset by pre-opening expenses associated with the new Franklin store (.09%) and increased utility costs (.14%).

Operating and administrative expense decreased by .03% as a percentage of sales in the six-month period of fiscal 2008 compared to the corresponding period of the prior year primarily due to refunds of property and liability insurance premiums in the current year (.14%) and the benefit of sales for the Franklin store without any rent expense as that lease is accounted for as a financing lease (.06%). These decreases were partially offset by pre-opening expenses associated with the new Galloway and Franklin stores (.12%) and increased utility costs (.09%).

Depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization expense increased in the second quarter and six-month periods of fiscal 2008 compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year due to depreciation related to fixed asset additions, including the two new stores.

Interest expense. Interest expense increased in the second quarter and six-month periods of fiscal 2008 compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year due to interest on the Franklin store financing lease, partially offset by lower interest expense due to payments on loans.

Interest income. Interest income decreased slightly in the second quarter of fiscal 2008 compared to the corresponding period of the prior year primarily due to lower amounts of excess cash invested at Wakefern during the second quarter of fiscal 2008. Interest income increased in the six-month period of fiscal 2008 compared to the prior year due to higher rates received on excess cash invested at Wakefern.

Income taxes. The effective income tax rate was 42.1% and 42.3%, respectively, in the second quarter and six-month periods of fiscal 2008 compared to 41.9% in both corresponding periods of the prior year. The effective income tax rate increased as a result of additional interest expense accrued on uncertain tax positions.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Critical accounting policies are those accounting policies that management believes are important to the portrayal of the Company's financial condition and results of operations. These policies require management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. The Company's critical accounting policies relating to the impairment of long-lived assets and goodwill, accounting for patronage dividends earned as a stockholder of Wakefern, and accounting for pension plans are described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended July 28, 2007. As of January 26, 2008, there have been no changes to any of the critical accounting policies contained therein, except for the adoption of FIN 48 as described herein.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$21,983 in the six-month period ended January 26, 2008 compared with \$21,423 in the corresponding period of the prior year. This increase is primarily attributable to improved net income and a larger increase in accounts payable in the current fiscal year, partially offset by a larger increase in inventories in the current fiscal year. Inventories and payables increased primarily due to the addition of the two new stores.

During the first six months of fiscal 2008, Village used cash to fund capital expenditures of \$17,748, debt payments of \$5,265, the acquisition of the Galloway store assets of \$3,500 and dividends of \$2,864. Capital expenditures consisted primarily of the funding of the construction and the equipment of the new, leased Franklin store, which opened on November 7, 2007 and the remodel of the Galloway store, which was acquired on August 11, 2007. Debt payments made include the fifth installment of \$4,286 on Village's unsecured Senior Notes. Working capital was \$18,535 at January 26, 2008 compared to \$22,359 at July 28, 2007. The working capital ratio was 1.23 to 1 at January 26, 2008 compared 1.30 to 1 at July 28, 2007. Working capital declined due to the use of cash to fund capital expenditures, debt payments and the acquisition of the Galloway store assets, which was partially offset by the construction loan repayment. The Company's working capital needs are reduced, since inventory is generally sold by the time payments to Wakefern and other suppliers are due.

Village has budgeted approximately \$24,000 for capital expenditures in fiscal 2008. In addition to the Franklin and Galloway stores, planned capital expenditures include the beginning of the construction of a replacement store in Washington, New Jersey. The Company's primary sources of liquidity in fiscal 2008 are expected to be cash and cash equivalents on hand and operating cash flow generated in fiscal 2008.

Village loaned the developer of the Franklin store a portion of the funds needed to prepare the site and construct the store. This loan reached the maximum amount of \$6,776 during the first quarter of fiscal 2008. The loan was repaid in full during the second quarter of fiscal 2008 and is presented as a financing obligation in long-term debt in the consolidated balanced sheet. The loan to the developer is presented as capital expenditures in the financial statements in accordance with EITF Issue No. 97-10, "The Effect of Lessee Involvement in Asset Construction."

There have been no substantial changes as of January 26, 2008 to the contractual obligations and commitments discussed on page 8 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended July 28, 2007, except for the additional \$1,900 required investment in Wakefern common stock and gross unrecognized tax benefits of \$4,263 described herein.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

A description of the Company's transactions with Wakefern, its principal supplier, and with other related parties is included on pages 8, 9, 18 and 21 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended July 28, 2007. There have been no significant changes in the Company's relationship or nature of transactions with related parties during the six months of fiscal 2008, except for additional required investments in Wakefern common stock of \$1,900 and the acquisition of the Galloway store location described previously herein.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included in this Form 10-Q are or may be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of federal securities law. The Company cautions the reader that there is no assurance that actual results or business conditions will not differ materially from future results, whether expressed, suggested or implied by such forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect developments or information obtained after the date hereof. The following are among the principal factors that could cause actual results to differ from the forward-looking statements: local economic conditions; competitive pressures from the Company's operating environment; the ability of the Company to maintain and improve its sales and margins; the ability to attract and retain qualified associates; the availability of new store locations; the availability of capital; the liquidity of the Company; the success of operating initiatives; consumer spending patterns; the impact of higher energy prices; increased cost of goods sold, including increased costs from the Company's principal supplier, Wakefern; the results of litigation; the results of tax examinations; the results of union contract negotiations; competitive store openings; the rate of return on pension assets; and other factors detailed herein and in other public filings of the Company.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company is exposed to market risks arising from adverse changes in interest rates. As of January 26, 2008, the Company's only variable rate borrowings relate to an interest rate swap agreement. On October 18, 2001, the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a major financial institution pursuant to which the Company pays a variable rate of six-month LIBOR plus 3.36% (6.66% at January 26, 2008) on an initial notional amount of \$10,000 expiring in September 2009 in exchange for a fixed rate of 8.12%. The swap agreement notional amount decreases in amounts and on dates corresponding to the fixed rate obligation it hedges. At January 26, 2008, the remaining notional amount of the swap agreement was \$2,857. A 1% increase in interest rates, applied to the Company's borrowings at January 26, 2008, would result in an annual increase in interest expense and a corresponding reduction in cash flow of approximately

\$29. The fair value of the Company's fixed rate debt approximates carrying value at January 26, 2008.

At January 26, 2008, the Company had demand deposits of \$34,601 at Wakefern earning interest at overnight money market rates, which are exposed to the impact of interest rate changes. At January 26, 2008, the Company had \$30,252 of 15-month notes receivable due from Wakefern. Approximately half of these notes earn a fixed rate of 7% and approximately half earn prime less 1.25%.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As required by Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act, the Company carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures at the end of the period. This evaluation was carried out under the supervision, and with the participation, of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer along with the Company's Chief Financial Officer. Based upon that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, along with the Company's Chief Financial Officer, concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

Disclosure controls and procedures are controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in Company reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in Company reports filed under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There have been no significant changes in internal controls over financial reporting during the second quarter of fiscal 2008.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit Certification
31.1

Exhibit Certification
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Exhibit Certification (furnished, not filed)
32.1

Exhibit Certification (furnished, not filed)
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Exhibit Press Release dated March 5, 2008
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Exhibit First Quarter Report to Shareholders dated December 7, 2007
99.2

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Village Super Market, Inc.
Registrant

Date: March 5, 2008

/s/ James Sumas
James Sumas
(Chief Executive Officer)

Date: March 5, 2008

/s/ Kevin R. Begley
Kevin R. Begley
(Chief Financial Officer)

