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**CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP
FULTON COUNTY**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Chesterfield Township (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

As discussed in Note 1, the Township prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Township as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 25, 2002 on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

March 25, 2002

**CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP
FULTON COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$18,166	\$71,327		\$89,493
Intergovernmental	44,598	74,952		119,550
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	259	125		384
Earnings on Investments	3,360	1,416	\$1,280	6,056
Other Revenue	20	500		520
	<u>66,403</u>	<u>148,320</u>	<u>1,280</u>	<u>216,003</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	56,200	896		57,096
Public Safety		13,753		13,753
Public Works	46,506	104,305		150,811
Health	2,386			2,386
Miscellaneous			780	780
Capital Outlay	1,500	3,705	600	5,805
	<u>106,592</u>	<u>122,659</u>	<u>1,380</u>	<u>230,631</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(40,189)	25,661	(100)	(14,628)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>78,568</u>	<u>66,069</u>	<u>35,490</u>	<u>180,127</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$38,379</u>	<u>\$91,730</u>	<u>\$35,390</u>	<u>\$165,499</u>

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

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CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$17,919	\$59,398		\$77,317
Intergovernmental	90,146	77,755		167,901
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	331			331
Earnings on Investments	3,288	2,135	\$1,860	7,283
	<u>111,684</u>	<u>139,288</u>	<u>1,860</u>	<u>252,832</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
	<u>111,684</u>	<u>139,288</u>	<u>1,860</u>	<u>252,832</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	56,635	673		57,308
Public Safety		17,019		17,019
Public Works		113,950		113,950
Health	2,414			2,414
Miscellaneous			732	732
	<u>59,049</u>	<u>131,642</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>191,423</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
	<u>59,049</u>	<u>131,642</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>191,423</u>
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	52,635	7,646	1,128	61,409
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>25,933</u>	<u>58,423</u>	<u>34,362</u>	<u>118,718</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$78,568</u></u>	<u><u>\$66,069</u></u>	<u><u>\$35,490</u></u>	<u><u>\$180,127</u></u>

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

**CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Chesterfield Township, Fulton County, (the Township) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Township is directed by a publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees. The Township provides general government services, including road and bridge maintenance, and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the City of Morenci to provide fire and ambulance services.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The investment in STAR Ohio (the State Treasurer's investment pool) is valued at amounts reported by the State Treasurer.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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2. Special Revenue Funds

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

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

Gasoline Tax Fund - This fund receives gasoline tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

3. Fiduciary Trust Funds

These funds are used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements and funds for which the Township is acting in an agency capacity. The Township had the following significant fiduciary funds:

Jones Hawley Bequest Fund - This fund is to account for interest received from the Jones Hawley nonexpendable trust for the maintenance and repair of the cemetery.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

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

2. Estimated Resources

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

3. Encumbrances

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

A summary of 2001 and 2000 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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F. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2001	2000
Demand deposits	\$77,030	\$66,165
STAR Ohio	88,469	113,962
Total deposits and investments	\$165,499	\$180,127

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

Investments: Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2001 and 2000 follows:

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$66,160	\$66,404	\$244
Special Revenue	146,205	148,320	2,115
Fiduciary	1,339	1,280	(59)
Total	\$213,704	\$216,004	\$2,300

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$142,581	\$106,592	\$35,989
Special Revenue	211,291	122,659	88,632
Fiduciary	2,400	1,380	1,020
Total	\$356,272	\$230,631	\$125,641

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2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$111,843	\$111,683	(\$160)
Special Revenue	132,774	139,288	6,514
Fiduciary	1,528	1,860	332
Total	<u>\$246,145</u>	<u>\$252,831</u>	<u>\$6,686</u>

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$93,428	\$59,049	\$34,379
Special Revenue	185,326	131,642	53,684
Fiduciary	1,600	732	868
Total	<u>\$280,354</u>	<u>\$191,423</u>	<u>\$88,931</u>

4. PROPERTY TAX

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

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

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

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. These plans provide retirement benefits, including post retirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries through June 30, 2000. PERS temporarily reduced the employer contribution rate to 8.13%, effective July 1, 2000. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

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6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Township is a member of the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Township's policy. The Pool may make supplemental assessments if the experience of the overall pool is unfavorable. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty;
- Public official's liability; and
- Vehicle.

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

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Assets	\$6,399,895	\$6,145,036
Liabilities	1,391,039	1,739,584
Members' Equity	5,008,856	4,405,452

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Chesterfield Township, Fulton County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated March 25, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted a certain immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated March 25, 2002.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated March 25, 2002.

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Jim Petro
Auditor of State

March 25, 2002

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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain:</i>
1999-40126-001	Revised Code § 5105.39, appropriations in excess of estimated revenue.	Yes	



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MAY 9, 2002**