



TABLE OF CONTENTS

TITLE	PAGE
Report of Independent Accountants	1
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	3
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, 2000	4
Notes to the Financial Statements	5
Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by Government Auditing Standards	11
Schedule of Findings	13





743 East State Street Athens Mall Suite B Athens, Ohio 45701

Telephone 740-594-3300

800-441-1389

Facsimile 740-594-2110 www.auditor.state.oh.us

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Homer Township Morgan County 9577 South Wrightstown Road Amesville. Ohio 45711

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Homer Township, Morgan County, Ohio (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 Homer Township, Morgan County, 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 April 23, 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.

Homer Township Morgan County Report of Independent Accountants Page 2

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 Section 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

April 23, 2002

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

Governmental Fund Types Totals Fiduciary (Memorandum Special Revenue **Funds** General Only) Cash Receipts: **Local Taxes** 47.409 23.403 \$ \$ 70.812 82,547 Intergovernmental 19,140 63,407 Earnings on Investments 71 1,482 447 2,000 **Total Cash Receipts** 68,031 87,257 71 155,359 **Cash Disbursements:** Current: **General Government** 53,787 53,787 **Public Safety** 1,977 10,006 11,983 Public Works 72,252 2,105 70,147 Health 5,712 5,712 Miscellaneous 293 293 Debt Service: Redemption of Principal 10,451 10,451 Interest and Fiscal Charges 2,480 2,480 Capital Outlay 3,248 3,248 293 **Total Cash Disbursements** 66,829 93,084 160,206 Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements 1,202 (5,827)(222)(4,847)Fund Cash Balances, January 1 16,528 13,597 3,509 33,634 <u>7,77</u>0 3,287 28,787 Fund Cash Balances, December 31 17,730 \$

\$

\$

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

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, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types							
	G	General		Special Revenue		Fiduciary Funds		Totals norandum Only)
Cash Receipts:								
Local Taxes	\$	46,798	\$	19,330	\$		\$	66,128
Intergovernmental		18,253		62,596				80,849
Earnings on Investments		1,417		882		64		2,363
Total Cash Receipts		66,468		82,808		64		149,340
Cash Disbursements: Current:								
General Government		56,565						56,565
Public Safety		2,750		9.317				12,067
Public Works		_,		64,876				64,876
Health		7,005						7,005
Miscellaneous						42		42
Debt Service:								
Redemption of Principal				7,669				7,669
Interest and Fiscal Charges		132		3,168				3,300
Capital Outlay		2,930		26,192			-	29,122
Total Cash Disbursements		69,382		111,222		42		180,646
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements		(2,914)		(28,414)		22		(31,306)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):								
Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt:								
Sale of Notes				15,396				15,396
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)		0		15,396		0		15,396
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing								
Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements								
and Other Financing Disbursements		(2,914)		(13,018)		22		(15,910)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		19,442		26,615		3,487		49,544
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	16,528	\$	13,597	\$	3,509	\$	33,634

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Homer Township, Morgan 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 governmental services, including road and bridge maintenance, and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the Village of Chesterhill, Village of Corning, Village of Jacksonville and the Village of Malta to provide fire services and emergency medical 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

The certificate of deposit is valued at cost. All other cash assets are maintained in an interest bearing checking account.

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.

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:

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund – This fund receives motor vehicle license tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

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 for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

Fire Levy Fund – This fund receives property tax money for the purpose of providing fire protection for the residents of the Township.

3. Debt Service Fund

The debt service fund is used to accumulate resources for the payment of bonds and note indebtedness. The Township had the following Debt Service Fund:

General (Note) Retirement - This fund receives gasoline tax money to retire debt incurred for the construction of a Township garage.

4. Capital Project Fund

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects. The Township had the following Capital Project Fund:

Bond Retirement Fund (Dump Truck) – This fund receives gasoline tax money to retire debt incurred for the purchase of a dump truck.

5. Fiduciary Fund (Trust Fund)

These funds are used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements. The Township had the following Fiduciary Fund:

Nolan Cemetery Bequest Fund – This Nonexpendable Trust Fund receives interest from a certificate of deposit to pay for the cost of maintaining the Township's 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 fund, function or 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process (Continued)

2. Estimated Resources

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

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year. The Township did not encumber all commitments required by Ohio law.

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

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.

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Township's basis of accounting.

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
\$ 25,787	\$	30,634
 3,000		3,000
\$ 28,787	\$	33,634
\$	\$ 25,787 3,000	\$ 25,787 \$ 3,000

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	В	Budgeted		Actual		
Fund Type	F	Receipts Receipts		Receipts	Variance	
General	\$	63,531	\$	68,031	\$	4,500
Special Revenue		102,116		87,257		(14,859)
Fiduciary		139		71		(68)
Total	\$	165,786	\$	155,359	\$	(10,427)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation		Budgetary			
Fund Type	Authority		Expenditures		Variance	
General	\$	66,134	\$	66,829	\$	(695)
Special Revenue		98,020		93,084		4,936
Fiduciary		648		293		355
Total	\$	164,802	\$	160,206	\$	4,596

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted		Actual			
Fund Type	Receipts		Receipts		Variance	
General	\$	57,963	\$	66,468	\$	8,505
Special Revenue		106,521		98,204		(8,317)
Fiduciary		135		64		(71)
Total	\$	164,619	\$	164,736	\$	117

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

2000 Badgeted vs. 7 totali Badgetary Basis Experiatares						
	Appropriation		Budgetary			
Fund Type	Authority		Expenditures		Variance	
General	\$	69,408	\$	69,382	\$	26
Special Revenue		109,177		111,222		(2,045)
Fiduciary		3,622		42		3,580
Total	\$	182,207	\$	180,646	\$	1,561

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

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.

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

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. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2001, was as follows:

	P	rincipal	Interest Rate
Dump Truck Note	\$	25,632	5.528%
Township Garage Note		11,593	6.201%
Total	\$	37,225	

The general obligation notes were issued to finance the purchase of a new dump truck to be used for Township road maintenance and the construction of a garage to be used for storage of Township equipment. The full faith and credit of the Township has been pledged to repay this debt.

Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

	General Obligation Notes		
Year ending December 31:			
2002	\$	12,931	
2003		12,931	
2004		12,931	
2005		2,093	
Total	\$	40,887	

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's elected officials and employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2001 and 2000, members of PERS contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2001 and from January 1, 2000 through June 30, 2000. PERS temporarily reduced the employer contribution rate to 8.13%, effective July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. The Township has not paid all employer contributions required through December 31, 2001. Approximately \$2,697 remains due to PERS from underpaid employer contributions. This amount will be repaid in 2002.

7. RISK POOL MEMBERSHIP

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

Casualty Coverage

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence. Claims exceeding \$250,000 are reinsured with APEEP up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, from the General Reinsurance Corporation.

If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP covers OTARMA losses up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

Property Coverage

OTARMA retains property risks including automobile physical damage up to \$100,000 on any specific loss. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures specific losses exceeding \$100,000. The Travelers Indemnity Company also provides aggregate excess coverage for property including automobile physical damage subject to an annual stop loss. When the stop loss is reached in any year, The Travelers Indemnity Company provides coverage in excess of \$10,000.

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

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities, and retained earnings at December 31, 2001 and 2000 (the latest information available):

Casualty			Property		
Coverage	2001	2000	Coverage	2001	2000
Assets	\$23,703,776	\$22,684,383	Assets	\$5,011,131	\$4,156,784
Liabilities	9,379,003	8,924,977	Liabilities	647,667	497,831
Retained			Retained		
Earnings	\$14,324,773	<u>\$13,759,406</u>	Earning	<u>\$4,363,464</u>	<u>\$3,658,953</u>



743 East State Street Athens Mall Suite B Athens, Ohio 45701

Telephone 740-594-3300 800-441-1389

Facsimile 740-594-2110 www.auditor.state.oh.us

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

Homer Township Morgan County 9577 South Wrightstown Road Amesville, Ohio 45711

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Homer Township, Morgan County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated April 23, 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 an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2001-41058-001. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated April 23, 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 April 23, 2002.

Homer Township Morgan County Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

April 23, 2002

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

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

FINDING NUMBER 2001-41058-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) states that no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any contract or order any expenditure of money unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision that the amount required to meet the same has been lawfully appropriated for such purpose and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrance. Every such contract made without such a certificate shall be null and void and no warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due thereon.

The following exceptions to this basic requirement are provided by statute:

- "Then and Now Certificate": This exception provides that, if the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made and at the time that he is completing his certification, sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the taxing authority can authorize the drawing of a warrant. The taxing authority has 30 days from the receipt of such certificate to approve payment by resolution or ordinance. If approval is not made within 30 days, there is no legal liability on the part of the subdivision or taxing district.
- Amounts of less than \$1,000 may be paid by the fiscal officer without such affirmation of the taxing authority upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by the taxing authority.

During the audit period, 54% of the expenditures tested for 2000 and 27% of the expenditures tested for 2001 did not have the prior certification of the Clerk. This could result in the Township spending more money than what is available.

We recommend the Township obtain the prior certification of the Clerk before an obligation is incurred.



88 East Broad Street P.O. Box 1140 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1140

Telephone 614-466-4514

800-282-0370

Facsimile 614-466-4490

HOMER TOWNSHIP

MORGAN COUNTY

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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JUNE 13, 2002