



**PATTERSON TOWNSHIP
DARKE COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 - 2000



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AUDITOR OF STATE

STATE OF OHIO

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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 Patterson Township, Darke County, (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 April 1, 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the 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

April 1, 2002

**PATTERSON TOWNSHIP
DARKE COUNTY**

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Local Taxes	\$15,715	\$71,442	\$87,157
Intergovernmental	53,662	68,169	121,831
Earnings on Investments	950	906	1,856
Other Revenue	534	108	642
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Total Cash Receipts	70,861	140,625	211,486
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Cash Disbursements:			
General Government	49,012		49,012
Public Safety		67,915	67,915
Public Works		83,666	83,666
Miscellaneous		1,020	1,020
Health	5,579		5,579
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Total Cash Disbursements	54,591	152,601	207,192
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Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	16,270	(11,976)	4,294
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Fund Cash Balances, January 1	18,705	60,443	79,148
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Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$34,975</u>	<u>\$48,467</u>	<u>\$83,442</u>

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

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Local Taxes	\$15,339	\$70,107	\$85,446
Intergovernmental	23,546	68,472	92,018
Earnings on Investments	958	772	1,730
Other Revenue	164	120	284
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Total Cash Receipts	40,007	139,471	179,478
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Cash Disbursements:			
General Government	46,243		46,243
Public Safety		30,000	30,000
Public Works		50,890	50,890
Health	4,137	20,000	24,137
Miscellaneous		1,022	1,022
Capital Outlay		17,000	17,000
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Total Cash Disbursements	50,380	118,912	169,292
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Total Receipts (Under) Disbursements	(10,373)	20,559	10,186
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Fund Cash Balances, January 1	29,078	39,884	68,962
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Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$18,705</u>	<u>\$60,443</u>	<u>\$79,148</u>

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

**PATTERSON TOWNSHIP
DARKE COUNTY**

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Patterson Township, Darke 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 road maintenance, cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the Osgood Community Fire Co., Inc. to provide fire services and the Osgood Area Rescue Squad, to provide 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

The Township maintains 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:

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives property tax money to construct, maintain and repair Township roads and bridges.

Gasoline Tax Fund - This fund receives gasoline tax money to construct, maintain and repair Township roads.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fire Levy Fund - This fund receives the proceeds of a property tax levy for providing fire protection.

Permissive Motor Vehicle License Fund - This fund receives the proceeds of a Township levied license fee for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

Rescue Levy Fund - This fund receives the proceeds of a property tax levy for the purpose of emergency medical service.

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.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered 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 carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

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.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Township maintains a cash and investment 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:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Total Deposits	\$83,442	\$79,148

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000
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3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$53,630	\$70,861	\$17,231
Special Revenue	137,620	140,625	3,005
Total	<u>\$191,250</u>	<u>\$211,486</u>	<u>\$20,236</u>

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$71,920	\$54,591	\$17,329
Special Revenue	197,620	152,601	45,019
Total	<u>\$269,540</u>	<u>\$207,192</u>	<u>\$62,348</u>

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$35,570	\$40,007	\$4,437
Special Revenue	132,360	139,471	7,111
Total	<u>\$167,930</u>	<u>\$179,478</u>	<u>\$11,548</u>

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$64,620	\$50,380	\$14,240
Special Revenue	169,800	118,912	50,888
Total	<u>\$234,420</u>	<u>\$169,292</u>	<u>\$65,128</u>

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the 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.

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4. PROPERTY TAX (Continued)

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

The Township's trustees and clerk belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a 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.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2001 and 2000, PERS members 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 paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

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 insurance 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 Insurance

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per claim. 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 Insurance

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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

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:

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Assets	\$22,684,383	\$18,172,222
Liabilities	<u>8,924,977</u>	<u>5,947,013</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$13,759,406</u>	<u>\$12,225,209</u>
<u>Property Coverage</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Assets	\$4,156,784	\$3,544,437
Liabilities	<u>497,831</u>	<u>674,752</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$3,658,953</u>	<u>\$2,869,685</u>

The Township also provides health insurance and dental coverage to the officials through a private carrier.

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

Patterson Township
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Patterson Township, Darke County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated April 1, 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 Patterson 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 2001-40319-001. We also we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated April 1, 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 1, 2002.

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Jim Petro
Auditor of State

April 1, 2002

**PATTERSON TOWNSHIP
DARKE COUNTY**

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

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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FINDING NUMBER 2001-40319-001

Noncompliance Citation:

Ohio Rev. Code, Section 5575.01, requires competitive bidding when the Township contracts for maintenance or repair of roads and the amount exceeds \$15,000.

- The Township entered into an agreement with Ray Hensley Inc. for \$20,989 for the chipping and sealing of Township roads during 2000 which was not competitively bid.
- The Township approved \$15,107 in patchwork and berm repair to be performed by Walls Brothers Asphalt during 2001 which was not competitively bid.

The Township should place policies and procedures in effect which will improve compliance with the competitive bidding requirements.



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DARKE 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.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MAY 9, 2002**