



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

**PIKE TOWNSHIP
BROWN COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Pike Township
Brown County
P.O. Box 95
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Pike Township, Brown County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. 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 and reserves for encumbrances of the Township as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, 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 9, 2003 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 management, the Board 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.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

April 9, 2003

**PIKE TOWNSHIP
BROWN 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, 2002**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$31,070	\$67,781	\$0	\$98,851
Intergovernmental	126,332	74,882		201,214
Charges for Services		2,140		2,140
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties		45		45
Earnings on Investments	1,341	295		1,636
Other Revenue	<u>2,868</u>	<u>3,805</u>		<u>6,673</u>
 Total Cash Receipts	 <u>161,611</u>	 <u>148,948</u>	 <u>0</u>	 <u>310,559</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	45,967	3,115		49,082
Public Safety		53,825		53,825
Public Works	17,817	55,635		73,452
Health	4,743	4,465		9,208
Capital Outlay	<u>418</u>			<u>418</u>
 Total Cash Disbursements	 <u>68,945</u>	 <u>117,040</u>	 <u>0</u>	 <u>185,985</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>92,666</u>	<u>31,908</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>124,574</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>59,159</u>	<u>31,790</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>91,582</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$151,825</u>	<u>\$63,698</u>	<u>\$633</u>	<u>\$216,156</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$165</u>	<u>\$399</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$564</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 AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$31,157	\$45,160	\$0	\$76,317
Intergovernmental	68,340	62,519		130,859
Charges for Services		3,905		3,905
Earnings on Investments	1,377	316		1,693
Other Revenue	3,736	3,080		6,816
Total Cash Receipts	<u>104,610</u>	<u>114,980</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>219,590</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	42,920	3,470		46,390
Public Safety		30,470		30,470
Public Works	26,258	58,353		84,611
Health	4,753	8,512		13,265
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>73,931</u>	<u>100,805</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>174,736</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>30,679</u>	<u>14,175</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>44,854</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>28,480</u>	<u>17,615</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>46,728</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$59,159</u>	<u>\$31,790</u>	<u>\$633</u>	<u>\$91,582</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$1,295</u>	<u>\$579</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,874</u>

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

**PIKE TOWNSHIP
BROWN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Pike Township, Brown County, Ohio (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 and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Village of Mt. Orab 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 Deposits

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost

D. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash deposits 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:

Gasoline Tax Fund

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

Special Levy Fund

This fund receives property tax money for the purpose of paying for contract services to provide fire and ambulance protection to Township residents.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. Fiduciary Fund (Trust Fund)

These funds are used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements.

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. Unencumbered 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. The Township did not encumber all commitments required by Ohio law. However, a review was performed to determine the amount of encumbrances outstanding at year-end which were not recorded. These additional encumbrances were included on the financial statements.

A summary of 2002 and 2001 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001
(Continued)**

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

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

	2002	2001
Demand deposits	\$116,156	\$91,582
Certificates of deposit	100,000	
Total deposits	\$216,156	\$91,582

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2002 and 2001 follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$71,389	\$161,611	\$90,222
Special Revenue	129,910	148,948	19,038
Total	\$201,299	\$310,559	\$109,260

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$131,774	\$69,110	\$62,664
Special Revenue	162,602	117,439	45,163
Total	\$294,376	\$186,549	\$107,827

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$73,892	\$104,610	\$30,718
Special Revenue	104,450	114,980	10,530
Total	\$178,342	\$219,590	\$41,248

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001
(Continued)**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$102,278	\$75,226	\$27,052
Special Revenue	122,097	101,384	20,713
Fiduciary	633	633	633
Total	\$225,008	\$176,610	\$48,398

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. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Township officials and part-time employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. 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 2002 and 2001, members of PERS contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries to PERS. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2002.

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 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001
(Continued)**

6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

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, which the General Reinsurance Corporation will reinsure.

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 report the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31 (Latest available):

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Assets	\$23,703,776	\$22,684,383
Liabilities	<u>9,379,003</u>	<u>8,924,977</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$14,324,773</u>	<u>\$13,759,406</u>

<u>Property Coverage</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Assets	\$5,011,131	\$4,156,784
Liabilities	<u>647,667</u>	<u>497,831</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$4,363,464</u>	<u>\$3,658,953</u>

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

Pike Township
Clermont County
P.O. Box 95
Mt. Orab, Ohio 45154

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Pike Township, Brown County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated April 9, 2003. 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*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated April 9, 2003.

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 9, 2003.

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.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

April 9, 2003

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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FISCAL YEAR END DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain:</i>
2000-40408-001	ORC, Section 5705.42- Did not record grant monies and did not properly appropriate.	Yes	The Township did not receive any OPWC funds during the audit period.
2000-40408-002	Revised Code, 5705.41(D). Failure to certify funds.	No	Not Corrected. Reported as a management letter citation.



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BROWN 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 13, 2003**