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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Washington Township Lucas County 5714 Blessing Drive P.O. Box 5133 Toledo, Ohio 43611-0133

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Washington Township, Lucas County, (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 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 August 21, 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.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board, 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.

Betty Montgomery

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

August 21, 2003

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	Gover			
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$40,674	\$523,946		\$564,620
Intergovernmental	59,785	141,441	\$59,600	260,826
Special Assessments		23,698		23,698
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	11,157	35		11,192
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	6,925	575		7,500
Earnings on Investments	11,859	893		12,752
Other Revenue	13,640	18,010		31,650
Total Cash Receipts	144,040	708,598	59,600	912,238
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	124,970			124,970
Public Safety		482,135		482,135
Public Works	7,683	262,125		269,808
Health	9,236			9,236
Debt Service:				
Principal		6,627		6,627
Capital Outlay	12,334	91,788	149,000	253,122
Total Cash Disbursements	154,223	842,675	149,000	1,145,898
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(10,183)	(134,077)	(89,400)	(233,660)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements): Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt:				
OPWC Loan			89,400	89,400
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)			89,400	89,400
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements				
and Other Financing Disbursements	(10,183)	(134,077)		(144,260)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	158,568	616,716	13,816	789,100
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$148,385	\$482,639	\$13,816	\$644,840

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 FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:					
Local Taxes	\$38,439	\$443,917			\$482,356
Intergovernmental	110,044	134,100		\$11,810	255,954
Special Assessments		23,161			23,161
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	11,884				11,884
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	8,830	485			9,315
Earnings on Investments	30,975	2,332			33,307
Other Revenue	10,126	15,567			25,693
Total Cash Receipts	210,298	619,562		11,810	841,670
Cash Disbursements: Current:					
General Government	128,806				128,806
Public Safety		446,846		4,224	451,070
Public Works	1,617	243,621			245,238
Health	8,917				8,917
Debt Service:					
Principal		3,314	\$3,314		6,628
Capital Outlay	54,746	15,776		11,810	82,332
Total Cash Disbursements	194,086	709,557	3,314	16,034	922,991
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	16,212	(89,995)	(3,314)	(4,224)	(81,321)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements): Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt:					
Transfers-In		38,661	3,314	8,812	50,787
Transfers-Out	(45,012)	(3,314)	(2,461)		(50,787)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(45,012)	35,347	853	8,812	
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements					
and Other Financing Disbursements	(28,800)	(54,648)	(2,461)	4,588	(81,321)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	187,368	671,364	2,461	9,228	870,421
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$158,568	\$616,716		\$13,816	\$789,100

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Washington Township, Lucas 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 and bridge maintenance, police and fire protection, 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 investment in STAR Ohio (the State Treasurer's investment pool) is valued at amounts reported by the State Treasurer.

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.

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

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

Special Levy Police Fund - This fund receives property tax money to pay for protection of Township citizens and property.

Special Levy Fire Fund - This fund receives property tax money to pay for fire protection.

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 significant Debt Service Fund:

OPWC Loan Debt Fund – This fund received transfers in from the General Fund to pay off OPWC Debt Obligation.

4. Capital Project Funds

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant capital project fund:

Public Works Commission Projects Fund – This fund received monies from Ohio Public Works Commission in the form of grants and a loan to pay for road work.

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 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 2002 and 2001 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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

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:

	 2002	2001
Demand deposits	\$ 49,383	\$ 56,395
STAR Ohio	 595,457	 732,705
Total deposits and investments	\$ 644,840	\$ 789,100

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

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, 2002 and 2001 follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts						
	E	Budgeted		Actual		
Fund Type		Receipts		Receipts	,	Variance
General	\$	153,700	\$	144,040	\$	(9,660)
Special Revenue		746,400		708,598		(37,802)
Debt Service		50,000				(50,000)
Capital Projects		224,000		149,000		(75,000)
	\$	1,174,100	\$	1,001,638	\$	(172,462)

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Expenditures						
	Appropriation Budgetary					
Fund Type		Authority	E	kpenditures		/ariance
General	\$	282,650	\$	154,223	\$	128,427
Special Revenue		1,127,800		842,675		285,125
Capital Projects		232,300		149,000		83,300
Total	\$	1,642,750	\$	1,145,898	\$	496,852

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

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts						
	В	Budgeted Actual				
Fund Type	Receipts		Receipts		Variance	
General	\$	168,841	\$	210,298	\$	41,457
Special Revenue		759,910		658,223		(101,687)
Debt Service				3,314		3,314
Capital Projects	_	8,812		20,622		11,810
Total	\$	937,563	\$	892,457	\$	(45,106)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Expenditures

	Appropriation		Budgetary			
Fund Type		Authority	Ex	penditures	\	/ariance
General	\$	315,878	\$	239,098	\$	76,780
Special Revenue		1,050,972		712,871		338,101
Debt Service		5,775		5,775		
Capital Projects		14,271		16,034		(1,763)
Total	\$	1,386,896	\$	973,778	\$	413,118

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. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2002 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Ohio Public Works Commission	\$ 142,419	0%

The general obligation notes were issued to finance roads and maintenance. The notes are collateralized solely by the Township's taxing authority

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

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

Year ending December 31:	OPWC	
2003	\$	7,784
2004		15,567
2005		15,567
2006		15,567
2007		15,567
2008-13		72,367
Total	\$	142,419

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's full-time employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS 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. Members of OPERS contributed 8.5 percent of their wages. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55 percent of participants' gross salaries for 2001 and 2002, respectively. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2002.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Township belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the Plan), an unincorporated non-profit association with approximately 600 governmental entity members providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services.

Pursuant to § 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is deemed a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverage, modified for each member's needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the member's deductible.

The Plan uses conventional insurance coverages and reinsures these coverages. Effective September 1, 2002, the Plan retains 5 percent of the premium and losses on the first \$500,000 casualty treaty (up to \$25,000 of a loss) and 5 percent of the first \$1,000,000 property treaty (up to \$50,000 of a loss). The Plan also participates in a loss corridor in its first \$500,000 casualty reinsurance. The corridor includes losses paid between 55 percent and 65 percent or premiums earned under this treaty. (Reinsurance coverage would resume after a paid loss ratio of 65 percent is exceeded.) The individual members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member.

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

Washington Township Lucas County 5714 Blessing Drive P.O. Box 5133 Toledo, Ohio 43611-0133

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Washington Township, Lucas County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated August 21, 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 Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated August 21, 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 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 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 August 21, 2003.

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August 21, 2003



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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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED SEPTEMBER 23, 2003