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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Troy Township Wood County 311 Krotzer Avenue, P.O. Box 128 Luckey, Ohio 43443-0128

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Troy Township, Wood County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002. 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.

The Township's financial transactions were processed using the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to conduct the audit of the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code §§ 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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As described 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 Troy Township, Wood County, as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, 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 July 29, 2004 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 audit committee, management, 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.

Betty Montgomeny

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

July 29, 2004

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Governmental Fund Types							
		General	Special Revenue		Capital Projects		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Cash Receipts:								
Local Taxes	\$	118,561	\$	327,653			\$	446,214
Intergovernmental		70,909		154,413				225,322
Special Assessments					\$	4,106		4,106
Charges for Services				54,863				54,863
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		6,845		26,900				33,745
Earnings on Investments		16,295		1,109				17,404
Other Revenue		1,403		7,539				8,942
Total Cash Receipts		214,013		572,477		4,106		790,596
Cash Disbursements:								
Current:								
General Government		246,851						246,851
Public Safety				238,905				238,905
Public Works		9,878		224,572		3,068		237,518
Health		3,411		31,296				34,707
Capital Outlay				133,622		500		134,122
Total Cash Disbursements		260,140		628,395		3,568		892,103
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements		(46,127)		(55,918)		538		(101,507)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		420,029		832,243		3,839		1,256,111
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	373,902	\$	776,325	\$	4,377	\$	1,154,604
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$	-	\$		\$	-	\$	

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, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types							
		General		Special Revenue		Capital rojects	(M	Totals emorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:								
Local Taxes	\$	115,924	\$	331,968			\$	447,892
Intergovernmental		127,874		135,378	÷			263,252
Special Assessments					\$	4,137		4,137
Charges for Services		4.650		76,569				76,569
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		4,650		26,450				31,100
Earnings on Investments		22,525		1,017				23,542
Other Revenue		4,331		10,172				14,503
Total Cash Receipts		275,304		581,554		4,137		860,995
Cash Disbursements: Current:								
General Government		243,387		575				243,962
Public Safety				225,625				225,625
Public Works		9,425		54,627		3,192		67,244
Health		3,521		15,750				19,271
Capital Outlay				24,959		6		24,965
Total Cash Disbursements		256,333		321,536		3,198		581,067
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements		18,971		260,018		939		279,928
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements Transfers-In Transfers-Out):	(100,000)		100,000				100,000 (100,000)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)		(100,000)		100,000				
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements		(81,029)		360,018		939		279,928
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		501,058		472,225		2,900		976,183
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Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	420,029	\$	832,243	\$	3,839	\$	1,256,111
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$	905	\$	183,038			\$	183,944

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Troy Township, Wood 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 threemember Board of Trustees. The Township provides general governmental services, including road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Wood County Sheriff's Department to provide security of persons and property.

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

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds

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

<u>Road Fund</u> - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

<u>Fire Fund</u> - This fund receives property tax money from a special levy for Township fire protection.

<u>EMS Fund</u> - This fund receives property tax money from a special levy for Township emergency medical services.

3. Capital Project Funds

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 significant capital project funds:

<u>Special Assessment Fund</u> - The Township receives special assessments for the purpose of street lighting.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

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 2003 and 2002 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:

	 2003	2002		
Demand deposits	\$ 708,652	\$	815,260	
Certificates of deposit	 445,952		440,851	
Total deposits and investments	\$ 1,154,604	\$	1,256,111	

Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2003 and 2002 follows:

2003 B	udgeted vs. Actua	al Receipts				
	Budgeted	Actual				
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance			
General	\$ 267,159	\$ 214,013	\$ (53,146)			
Special Revenue	594,936	572,477	(22,459)			
Capital Projects	4,200	4,106	(94)			
Total	\$ 866,295	\$ 790,596	\$ (75,699)			
2003 Budgeted vs	. Actual Budgetar	y Basis Expenditu	res			
	Appropriation	Budgetary				
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance			
General	\$ 696,575	\$ 260,140	\$ 436,435			
Special Revenue	1,426,601	628,395	798,206			
Capital Projects	8,039	3,568	4,471			
Total	\$ 2,131,215	\$ 892,103	\$ 1,239,112			
2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts						
	Budgeted	Actual				
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance			
General	\$ 260,442	\$ 275,304	\$ 14,862			
Special Revenue	516,759	681,554	164,795			
Capital Projects	4,100	4,137	37			
Total	\$ 781,301	\$ 960,995	\$ 179,694			
2002 Budgeted vs	Actual Budgetar	y Basis Expenditu	res			
	Appropriation	Budgetary				
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance			
General	\$ 661,501	\$ 357,239	\$ 304,262			
Special Revenue	1,086,600	504,573	582,027			
Capital Projects	6,999	3,198	3,801			
Total	\$ 1,755,100	\$ 865,010	\$ 890,090			

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (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 payments, 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

The Township's officials and 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. For 2003 and 2002, OPERS members contributed 8.5 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2003.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

Casualty Coverage

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per claim, including loss adjustment expenses. OTARMA pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, 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 with an annual aggregate of \$1,250,000 for 2002. There is no aggregate for 2003 and future accident years. Beginning in 2003, OTARMA retains property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures losses exceeding \$100,000. APEEP's Guarantee Fund pays losses and loss adjustment expenses exceeding operating contributions.

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 township.

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:

Casualty Coverage	2003	2002
Assets	\$ 27,792,223	\$ 23,757,036
Liabilities	(11,791,300)	(9,197,512)
Retained Earnings	\$ 16,000,923	\$ 14,559,524

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

Property Coverage	2003	2002
Assets	\$ 6,791,060	\$ 6,596,996
Liabilities	(750,956)	(1,204,326)
Retained Earnings	\$ 6,040,104	\$ 5,392,670

7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Township Clerk is also a Vice-President at Exchange Bank, the Township's depository.

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

Troy Township Wood County 311 Krotzer Avenue, P.O. Box 128 Luckey, Ohio 43443-0128

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Troy Township, Wood County, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated July 29, 2004 wherein we noted that the Township's financial transactions were processed using the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to conduct the audit of the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. 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*.

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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 July 29, 2004.

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

Betty Montgomeny

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

July 29, 2004



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TROY TOWNSHIP

WOOD 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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED AUGUST 26, 2004