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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Union Township Union County 22390 Connor Road, PO Box 367 Milford Center, Ohio 43045-0367

To the Board of Trustees:

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

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 the Township as of December 31, 2003, and December 31, 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 April 20, 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.

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

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

April 20, 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			T.4-1-	
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:					
Property Tax and Other Local Taxes	\$42,429	\$164,573	\$0	\$0	\$207,002
Intergovernmental Receipts	35,244	81,396	0	26,811	143,451
Charges for Services	0	10,451	0	0	10,451
Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties	5,038	0	0	0	5,038
Licenses, Permits and Fees	1,200	9,125	0	0	10,325
Earnings on Investments	2,975	392	0	0	3,367
Special Assessments	0	0	0	462	462
Miscellaneous	224	7,265	0	0	7,489
Total Cash Receipts	87,110	273,202	0	27,273	387,585
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:		0= 400			4=0.400
General Government	86,774	65,409	0	0	152,183
Public Safety	12,305	29,949	0	0	42,254
Public Works	0	62,475	0	478	62,953
Health	0 0	36,277 1,598	0	0 0	36,277 1,598
Human Services Debt Service:	U	1,596	U	U	1,596
Redemption of Principal	0	10,881	5,000	0	15,881
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	645	313	0	958
Capital Outlay	2,500	17,268	0	25,169	44,937
Total Cash Disbursements	101,579	224,502	5,313	25,647	357,041
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(14,469)	48,700	(5,313)	1,626	30,544
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):					
Transfers-In	0	1,611	0	0	1,611
Transfers-Out	0	0	0	(1,611)	(1,611)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	0	1,611	0	(1,611)	0
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing					
Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements					
and Other Financing Disbursements	(14,469)	50,311	(5,313)	15	30,544
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	95,610	153,940	16,993	284	266,827
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$81,141	\$204,251	\$11,680	\$299	\$297,371
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$0	\$28,249	\$0	\$0	\$28,249

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Non-Expendable Trust
Total Operating Cash Receipts	\$18
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	0
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	18
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	1,630
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	\$1,648

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			T -4 •	
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:					
Property Tax and Other Local Taxes	\$28,606	\$151,773	\$0	\$0	\$180,379
Intergovernmental Receipts	53,721	76,835	0	281,786	412,342
Charges for Services	0	9,324	0	0	9,324
Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties	6,236	0	0	0	6,236
Licenses, Permits and Fees	1,180	7,310	0	0	8,490
Earnings on Investments	5,671	810	0	0	6,481
Special Assessments	. 0	0	0	487	487
Miscellaneous	275	6,429	0	0	6,704
Total Cash Receipts	95,689	252,481	0	282,273	630,443
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	86,053	53,800	0	0	139,853
Public Safety	6,812	30,000	0	0	36,812
Public Works	0	136,666	0	478	137,144
Health	0	31,632	0	0	31,632
Human Services	0	910	0	0	910
Debt Service:					
Redemption of Principal	0	25,189	6,000	0	31,189
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	2,165	688	0	2,853
Capital Outlay	7,216	33,026	0	309,363	349,605
Total Cash Disbursements	100,081	313,388	6,688	309,841	729,998
Total Receipts (Under) Disbursements	(4,392)	(60,907)	(6,688)	(27,568)	(99,555)
Other Financing Receipts:					
Other Financing Uses	0	(30,000)	0	0	(30,000)
Total Other Financing Uses	0	(30,000)	0	0	(30,000)
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing					
Receipts (Under) Cash Disbursements	(4,392)	(90,907)	(6,688)	(27,568)	(129,555)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	100,002	244,847	23,681	27,852	396,382
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$95,610	\$153,940	\$16,993	\$284	\$266,827
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$0	\$23,941	\$0	\$0	\$23,941

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	Nonexpendable Trust
Total Operating Cash Receipts	\$31
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	0
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	31
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	1,599
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	\$1,630

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Union Township, Union 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 Darby Township for fire protection services in parts of the Township.

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

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.

The Township had no investments at December 31, 2003.

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:

Fire and Emergency Fund - This fund receives fire tax levy money for funding fire and EMS services provided to the residents of the Township.

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

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

3. Debt Service Fund

The debt service fund is used to accumulate resources for the payment of bonds and note indebtedness.

4. Capital Projects 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 Projects Fund:

Miscellaneous Capital Projects – The Township received an Ohio Public Works Commission grant for Orchard Road improvements.

5. Fiduciary Fund (Non-Expendable Trust Fund)

This fund is used to account for resources restricted by a legally binding trust agreement. The Township had the following Fiduciary Fund:

Cemetery Bequest Fund – Investment earnings are used to ensure the cemetery is adequately maintained.

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 re-appropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2003 and 2002 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (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.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2003	2002
Demand deposits	\$299,019	\$268,457

Deposits: Deposits are either insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$79,211	\$87,110	\$7,899
Special Revenue	235,492	274,813	39,321
Debt Service	0	0	0
Capital Projects	59,248	27,273	(31,975)
Fiduciary	15	18	3
Total	\$373,966	\$389,214	\$15,248

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$142,756	\$101,579	\$41,177
Special Revenue	363,987	252,751	111,236
Debt Service	5,313	5,313	0
Capital Projects	59,258	27,258	32,000
Fiduciary	610	0	610
Total	\$571,924	\$386,901	\$185,023

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

3. **BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)**

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$68,439	\$95,689	\$27,250
Special Revenue	238,186	252,481	14,295
Debt Service	0	0	0
Capital Projects	282,290	282,273	(17)
Fiduciary	32	31	(1)
Total	\$588,947	\$630,474	\$41,527

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	_
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$132,579	\$100,081	\$32,498
Special Revenue	447,664	367,329	80,335
Debt Service	16,102	6,688	9,414
Capital Projects	334,647	309,841	24,806
Fiduciary	260	0	260
Total	\$931,252	\$783,939	\$147,313

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 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 SYSTEM

Township employees 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 2003 and 2002, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2003.

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

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

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 claim, including loss adjustment expenses. 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 \$10,000 on any specific loss with an annual aggregate of \$700,000 for 2001 and \$1,250,000 for 2002. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures losses exceeding \$10,000 if the annual aggregate is reached and all specific losses exceeding \$100,000. APEEP's Operating Fund and Guarantee Fund pay for losses and loss adjustment expenses should they exceed 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 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 2002 and 2001 (the latest information available):

Casualty Coverage	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Assets	\$23,757,036	\$23,703,776
Liabilities	(9,197,512)	(9,379,003)
Retained earnings	<u>\$14,559,524</u>	<u>\$14,324,773</u>

Property Coverage	2002	<u>2001</u>
Assets	\$6,596,996	\$5,011,131
Liabilities	(1,204,326)	<u>(647,667)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$5,392,670</u>	<u>\$4,363,464</u>

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

7. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The Township financed the purchase of a dump truck through Huntington Banks in the amount of \$30,000 in March 2004.



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

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Union Township, Union County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated April 20, 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*.

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.

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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.

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 Montgomery Auditor of State

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April 20, 2004



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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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED MAY 11, 2004