



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BROWN COUNTY

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Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Washington Township
Brown County
127 Pleasant Street
Sardinia, Ohio 45171

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Washington Township, Brown County, Ohio (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. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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.

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, 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 April 6, 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 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.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

April 6, 2004

**WASHINGTON 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, 2003**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$18,743	\$27,971		\$46,714
Intergovernmental	26,199	66,954		93,153
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		1,613		1,613
Earnings on Investments	117	217	\$21	355
Other Revenue	1,116	200		1,316
	<u>46,175</u>	<u>96,955</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>143,151</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
	<u>46,175</u>	<u>96,955</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>143,151</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	50,984	3,777		54,761
Public Safety		27,559		27,559
Public Works	6,182	75,844		82,026
Health	1,600			1,600
Capital Outlay	582			582
	<u>59,348</u>	<u>107,180</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>166,528</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
	<u>59,348</u>	<u>107,180</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>166,528</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(13,173)</u>	<u>(10,225)</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>(23,377)</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>21,724</u>	<u>46,932</u>	<u>553</u>	<u>69,209</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$8,551</u></u>	<u><u>\$36,707</u></u>	<u><u>\$574</u></u>	<u><u>\$45,832</u></u>

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

**WASHINGTON 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>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$18,778	\$27,526		\$46,304
Intergovernmental	42,811	61,705		104,516
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		4,935		4,935
Earnings on Investments	219	367	\$29	615
Other Revenue	1,291	200		1,491
	<u>63,099</u>	<u>94,733</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>157,861</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
	<u>63,099</u>	<u>94,733</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>157,861</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	46,871	5,507		52,378
Public Safety		26,478		26,478
Public Works		51,984		51,984
Health	1,600			1,600
Supplies and Materials			100	100
Capital Outlay	396			396
	<u>48,867</u>	<u>83,969</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>132,936</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
	<u>48,867</u>	<u>83,969</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>132,936</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>14,232</u>	<u>10,764</u>	<u>(71)</u>	<u>24,925</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>7,492</u>	<u>36,168</u>	<u>624</u>	<u>44,284</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$21,724</u></u>	<u><u>\$46,932</u></u>	<u><u>\$553</u></u>	<u><u>\$69,209</u></u>

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

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BROWN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Washington 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 general governmental services, including road and bridge maintenance and fire protection. The Township contracts with the Village of Sardinia to obtain fire protection.

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 Deposit

The Township maintains all funds in an interest-bearing checking account and a certificate of deposit.

D. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash and 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.

Fire Levy Fund

This fund receives proceeds from a tax levy for providing Township residents with fire protection services.

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BROWN COUNTY**

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. Fiduciary Funds (Non-Expendable Trust Fund)

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

Ayers Non-Expendable Trust Fund

This is a cemetery bequest fund for which the interest only may be used for cemetery maintenance expenses.

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 certain commitments required by Ohio law. However, there were no encumbrances as of December 31, 2003 and 2002.

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.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND DEPOSITS

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

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

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND DEPOSITS (Continued)

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Demand deposits	45,832	69,209

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$44,451	\$46,175	\$1,724
Special Revenue	94,375	96,955	2,580
Total	\$138,826	\$143,130	\$4,304

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$66,175	\$59,348	\$6,827
Special Revenue	141,307	107,180	34,127
Total	\$207,482	\$166,528	\$40,954

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$60,305	\$63,099	\$2,794
Special Revenue	94,365	94,733	368
Total	\$154,670	\$157,832	\$3,162

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$51,477	\$48,867	\$2,610
Special Revenue	130,534	83,969	46,565
Total	\$182,011	\$132,836	\$49,175

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.

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

4. PROPERTY TAX (Continued)

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

The Township's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. These plans provide 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. PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2003 and 2002. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2003.

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.

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.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BROWN COUNTY

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

6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

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):

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

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

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Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

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

Washington Township
Brown County
127 Pleasant Street
Sardinia, Ohio 45171

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Washington Township, Brown County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated April 6, 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*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated April 6, 2004.

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 6, 2004.

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Brown County
Independent Accountants' Report on Compliance and on
Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards*
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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the, 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 6, 2004

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BROWN COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

<u>Finding Number</u>	<u>Finding Summary</u>	<u>Fully Corrected?</u>	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected, Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2001-40408-001	Noncompliance citation of Ohio Rev. Code, Section 5705.41(D), for not encumbering properly.	No	Citation moved to management letter.

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

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 20, 2004**