AUDITOR AUMIA

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP WOOD COUNTY

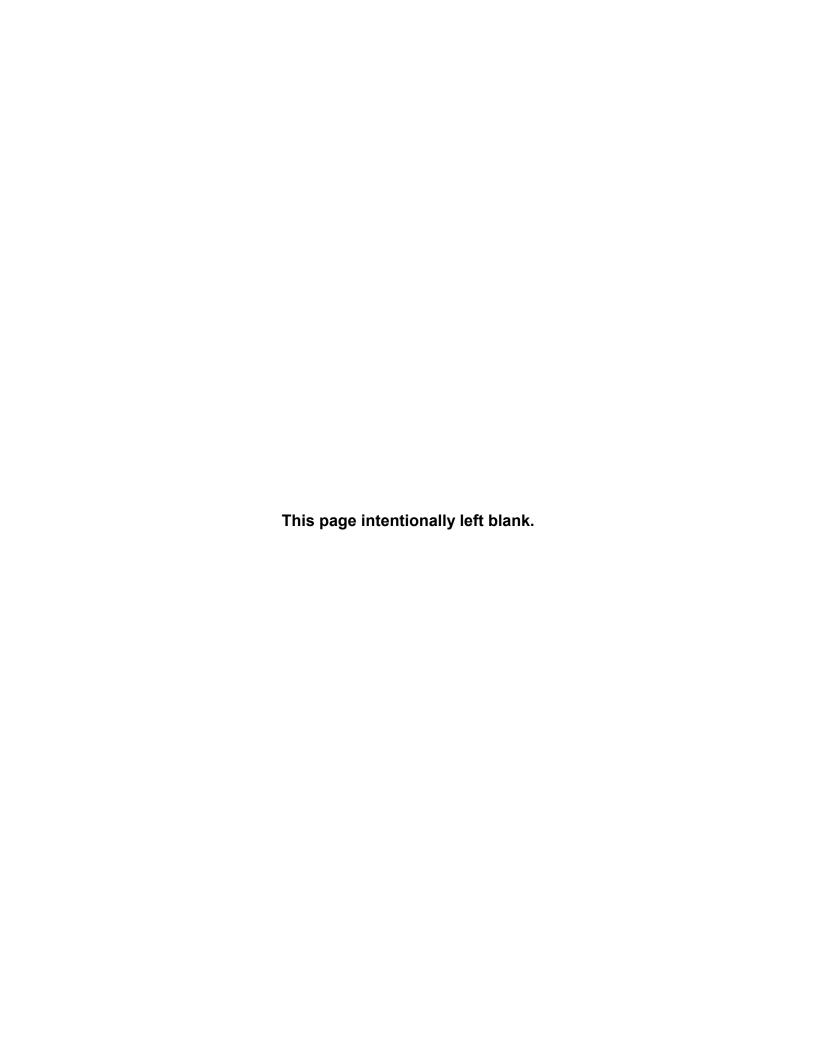
REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999-1998



GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP TABLE OF CONTENTS

TITLE	PAGE
Report of Independent Accountants	1
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, 1999	3
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, 1998	4
Notes to the Financial Statements	5
Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by Government Auditing Standards	9





One Government Center Room 1420 Toledo, Ohio 43604-2246

Telephone 419-245-2811

800-443-9276 Facsimile 419-245-2484 www.auditor.state.oh.us

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Grand Rapids Township Wood County P.O. Box 410 Grand Rapids, Ohio 43522-0410

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Grand Rapids Township, Wood County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998. 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 audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 audits 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 audits provide 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, 1999 and 1998, 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 June 20, 2000 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.

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

Jim Petro Auditor of State

June 20, 2000

This page intentionally left blank.

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP 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, 1999

	Governmental Fund Types				
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Fiduciary Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:					
Local Taxes	\$17,618	\$91,933			\$109,551
Intergovernmental	30,069	71,386			101,455
Charges for Services		14,706			14,706
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	1,182	5,358			6,540
Earnings on Investments	7,262	2,853		\$620	10,735
Other Revenue		6,471			6,471
Total Cash Receipts	56,131	192,707		620_	249,458
Cash Disbursements: Current:					
General Government	25,854	40,950			66,804
Public Safety	•	8,031			8,031
Public Works		94,584	\$90		94,674
Health	6,872	10,345			17,217
Capital Outlay		11,584			11,584
Total Cash Disbursements	32,726	165,494	90		198,310
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	23,405	27,213	(90)	620_	51,148
Other Financing Receipts: Other Sources	6				6
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing					
Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	23,411	27,213	(90)	620	51,154
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	129,785	255,460	90	10,200	395,535
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$153,196	\$282,673		\$10,820	\$446,689

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

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP 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, 1998

	Governmental Fund Types				
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Fiduciary Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:					
Local Taxes	\$16,926	\$138,961			\$155,887
Intergovernmental	27,640	74,632			102,272
Charges for Services		22,924			22,924
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	1,786	5,442			7,228
Earnings on Investments	4,791	3,840		\$200	8,831
Other Revenue		10,760		10,000	20,760
Total Cash Receipts	51,143	256,559		10,200	317,902
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	27,538	46,597			74,135
Public Safety		2,932			2,932
Public Works		43,420			43,420
Health	6,037	10,024			16,061
Debt Service:					
Redemption of Principal			\$72,890		72,890
Capital Outlay		5,051			5,051
Total Cash Disbursements	33,575_	108,024	72,890		214,489
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	17,568	148,535	(72,890)	10,200	103,413
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):					
Transfers-In			72,980		72,980
Transfers-Out		(72,980)			(72,980)
Other Sources	1,822				1,822
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	1,822	(72,980)	72,980		1,822
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing					
Receipts Over Cash Disbursements and	40.000	75 555	00	40.000	105.005
Other Financing Disbursements	19,390	75,555	90	10,200	105,235
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	110,395	179,905			290,300
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$129,785	\$255,460	\$90	\$10,200	\$395,535

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

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Grand Rapids 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 three-member Board of Trustees. The Township provides general governmental services, including road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance and fire protection.

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

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is 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 Fund - This fund receives property tax money for providing fire and rescue services to the residents of the township.

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

3. Debt Service Fund

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

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998 (Continued)

4. Fiduciary Fund (Trust)

The Township has the Betty Bock nonexpendable trust fund. This fund is used to account for resources restricted for use by the Township.

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 1999 and 1998 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

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

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Demand deposits	\$346,689	\$295,535
Certificates of deposit	100,000	100,000
Total deposits	\$446,689	\$395,535

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

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998 (Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending 1999 and 1998 follows:

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type		Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General Special Revenue Debt Service		\$43,509 199,265	\$56,137 192,707	\$12,628 (6,558)
Fiduciary		500	620	120
	Total	\$243,274	\$249,464	\$6,190

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type		Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General Special Revenue Debt Service		\$173,294 454,724 90	\$32,726 165,494 90	\$140,568 289,230
Fiduciary		700		700
	Total	\$628,808	\$198,310	\$430,498

1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type		Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General Special Revenue Debt Service Fiduciary		\$38,562 240,083 72,980 10,200	\$52,965 256,559 72,980 10,200	\$14,403 16,476
	Total	\$361,825	\$392,704	\$30,879

1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Appropriation Budgetary					
Fund Type		Authority	Expenditures	Variance	
General		\$148,957	\$33,575	\$115,382	
Special Revenue		419,988	181,004	238,984	
Debt Service		72,890	72,890		
Fiduciary		10,000		10,000	
	Total	\$651,835	\$287,469	\$364,366	

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998 (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 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

The Township's officials and 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 1999 and 1998, members of PERS 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, 1999.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Property
- Liability
- Wrongful Acts
- Automobile
- Inland Marine
- Fire Vehicle RC
- EDP



One Government Center Room 1420

Toledo, Ohio 43604-2246 Telephone 419-245-2811

800-443-9276 Facsimile 419-245-2484 www.auditor.state.oh.us

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

Grand Rapids Township Wood County P.O. Box 410 Grand Rapids, Ohio 43522-0410

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Grand Rapids Township, Wood County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated June 20, 2000. We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits 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 June 20, 2000.

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 June 20, 2000.

Grand Rapids Township Wood County Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

This report is intended 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.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

June 20, 2000



88 East Broad Street P.O. Box 1140 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1140

Telephone 614-466-4514

800-282-0370

Facsimile 614-466-4490

GRAND RAPIDS 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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JULY 6, 2000