



**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999-1998



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Washington Township, Columbiana County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and December 31, 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 audit 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 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 and reserves for encumbrances of the Township as of December 31, 1999 and December 31, 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 March 17, 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 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.

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

March 17, 2000

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>				Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:					
Local Taxes	\$10,384	\$39,397	\$8,189	\$0	\$57,970
Intergovernmental	27,774	66,476	0	0	94,250
Earnings on Investments	416	531	0	0	947
Other Revenue	96	1,125	0	0	1,221
Total Cash Receipts	<u>38,670</u>	<u>107,529</u>	<u>8,189</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>154,388</u>
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	30,374	0	0	0	30,374
Public Safety	2,100	18,353	0	0	20,453
Public Works	2,388	72,175	0	0	74,563
Health	1,356	0	0	0	1,356
Redemption of Principal	0	0	5,906	0	5,906
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	0	1,591	0	1,591
Capital Outlay	0	37,685	0	0	37,685
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>36,218</u>	<u>128,213</u>	<u>7,497</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>171,928</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>2,452</u>	<u>(20,684)</u>	<u>692</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(17,540)</u>
Other Financing Receipts:					
Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt:					
Sale of Notes	0	32,000	0	0	32,000
Other Sources	44	0	0	0	44
Total Other Financing Receipts	<u>44</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>32,044</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	2,496	11,316	692	0	14,504
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	8,076	39,454	397	1,289	49,216
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$10,572</u>	<u>\$50,770</u>	<u>\$1,089</u>	<u>\$1,289</u>	<u>\$63,720</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$335</u>	<u>\$2,463</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,798</u>

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, 1998**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>				Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:					
Local Taxes	\$8,340	\$41,965	\$0	\$0	\$50,305
Intergovernmental	24,975	65,058	0	0	90,033
Earnings on Investments	452	487	0	0	939
Other Revenue	256	0	0	0	256
Total Cash Receipts	<u>34,023</u>	<u>107,510</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>141,533</u>
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	30,862	0	0	0	30,862
Public Safety	2,100	18,159	0	0	20,259
Public Works	2,772	66,302	0	0	69,074
Health	1,122	0	0	0	1,122
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>36,856</u>	<u>84,461</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>121,317</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(2,833)</u>	<u>23,049</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,216</u>
Other Financing Receipts:					
Other Sources	1,869	0	0	0	1,869
Total Other Financing Receipts	<u>1,869</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,869</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>(964)</u>	<u>23,049</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,085</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>9,040</u>	<u>16,405</u>	<u>397</u>	<u>1,289</u>	<u>27,131</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$8,076</u>	<u>\$39,454</u>	<u>\$397</u>	<u>\$1,289</u>	<u>\$49,216</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$1,038</u>	<u>\$536</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,574</u>

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

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Washington Township, Columbiana 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, and fire protection. The Township contracts with the Salineville Volunteer Fire Department and Highlandtown Volunteer Fire Department to provide fire 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 Township maintains an interest bearing checking account used by all funds. No other investments are held by the Township.

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:

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

3. Debt Service Funds

The debt service fund is used to accumulate resources for the payment of note indebtedness. The Township has entered into a note agreement for the purchase of equipment for the Road and Bridge Fund.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

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's Capital Project Fund receives funds to improve and maintain Township buildings.

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.

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.

G. Unpaid Vacation and Sick Leave

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the basis of accounting used by the Township.

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:

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Demand deposits	\$63,720	\$49,216
Total deposits and investments	\$63,720	\$49,216

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

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(Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 1999 and December 31, 1998 follows:

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	35,696	38,714	3,018
Special Revenue	91,721	139,529	47,808
Debt Service	8,189	8,189	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0
Total	<u>\$135,606</u>	<u>\$186,432</u>	<u>\$50,826</u>

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$44,811	\$36,553	\$8,258
Special Revenue	131,711	130,676	1,035
Debt Service	8,586	7,497	1,089
Capital Projects	1,289	0	1,289
Total	<u>\$186,397</u>	<u>\$174,726</u>	<u>\$11,671</u>

1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$31,639	\$35,892	\$4,253
Special Revenue	100,733	107,510	6,777
Debt Service	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0
Total	<u>\$132,372</u>	<u>\$143,402</u>	<u>\$11,030</u>

1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$40,680	\$37,894	\$2,786
Special Revenue	117,137	84,997	32,140
Debt Service	397	0	397
Capital Projects	1,289	0	1,289
Total	<u>\$159,503</u>	<u>\$122,891</u>	<u>\$36,612</u>

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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. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 1999 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
General Obligation Notes	\$26,094	5%
Total	\$26,094	

The general obligation note was issued to finance the purchase of a new backhoe to be used for Township road maintenance. The note was secured with the backhoe title. Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

Year ending December 31:	General Obligation Notes
2000	7,817
2001	7,469
2002	7,122
2003	7,268
Total	\$29,676

Debt principal outstanding at December 31, 1999 was \$26,094.

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's 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.

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6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 1999 and 1998, members of 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, 1999.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Vehicles
- Errors and omissions

The Township also provides health insurance coverage to full-time employees through a private carrier.

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

Washington Township
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Washington Township, Columbiana County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and December 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated March 17, 2000. We conducted our audit 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 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 March 17, 2000.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered 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 March 17, 2000.

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March 17, 2000



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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 Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MARCH 30, 2000**