



**Auditor of State  
Betty Montgomery**



**SOUTHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

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Southington Township  
Trumbull County  
3419 State Route 534  
Southington, Ohio 44470

To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

October 31, 2005

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## Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Southington Township  
Trumbull County  
3419 State Route 534  
Southington, Ohio 44470

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Southington Township, Trumbull County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. 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 Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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 described more fully in Note 1, the Township has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Township to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the year ended December 31, 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2004 (and 2003), the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2004. While the Township does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this Township does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the year ended December 31, 2004 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2004, or its changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, 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 Southington Township, Trumbull County, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Township to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2004. The Township has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 31, 2005, 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 grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

October 31, 2005



**SOUTHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
TRUMBULL 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, 2004**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>				<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>					
Local Taxes	\$48,931	\$158,601			\$207,532
Intergovernmental	116,488	98,363			214,851
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	25,067	5,775			30,842
Earnings on Investments	1,347	135		\$90	1,572
Other Revenue	1,692	94,953			96,645
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>193,525</b>	<b>357,827</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>551,442</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>					
Current:					
General Government	125,380				125,380
Public Safety		115,610			115,610
Public Works	16,834	158,634			175,468
Health	7,252	11,390			18,642
Human Services	990				990
Capital Outlay	132,249				132,249
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>282,705</b>	<b>285,634</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>568,339</b>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(89,180)	72,193	0	90	(16,897)
<b>Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):</b>					
Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt:					
Sale of Notes	75,000				75,000
Other Sources	1,082	3,300			4,382
<b>Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)</b>	<b>76,082</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79,382</b>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(13,098)	75,493	0	90	62,485
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	251,493	187,423	224	2,774	441,914
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<b>\$238,395</b>	<b>\$262,916</b>	<b>\$224</b>	<b>\$2,864</b>	<b>\$504,399</b>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$2,937	\$47,479	\$0	\$0	\$50,416

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

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**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>				<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>					
Local Taxes	\$49,422	\$159,753			\$209,175
Intergovernmental	88,680	89,378			178,058
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	25,887	4,000			29,887
Earnings on Investments	1,471	144		\$30	1,645
Other Revenue	6,442	73,498			79,940
	<u>171,902</u>	<u>326,773</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>498,705</u>
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>					
	171,902	326,773	0	30	498,705
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>					
Current:					
General Government	124,896				124,896
Public Safety		163,853			163,853
Public Works	21,730	153,761			175,491
Health	7,347	9,232			16,579
Human Services	516				516
Capital Outlay	2,180				2,180
	<u>156,669</u>	<u>326,846</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>483,515</u>
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>					
	156,669	326,846	0	0	483,515
<b>Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</b>	15,233	(73)	0	30	15,190
<b>Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):</b>					
Transfers-In		12,000			12,000
Transfers-Out	(12,000)				(12,000)
Other Sources	162	4,200			4,362
	<u>(11,838)</u>	<u>16,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,362</u>
<b>Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)</b>					
	(11,838)	16,200	0	0	4,362
<b>Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements</b>	3,395	16,127	0	30	19,552
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</b>	248,098	171,296	224	2,744	422,362
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u>\$251,493</u>	<u>\$187,423</u>	<u>\$224</u>	<u>\$2,774</u>	<u>\$441,914</u>
<b>Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31</b>	<u>\$39,500</u>	<u>\$14,654</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$54,154</u>

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

**SOUTHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Southington Township, Trumbull County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection, and emergency medical 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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements 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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

**C. Cash and Investments**

The Township's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The Township values certificates of deposit 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 reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**2. Special Revenue Funds**

These funds 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.

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

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)**

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

Fire District Building and Equipment Fund – This fund receives tax distribution from the County Auditor for capital expenditures.

Fire District Fund – This fund receives property tax money to provide fire protection to the residents of the Township.

**3 Capital Projects Fund**

This fund accounts for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township's capital project fund accounts for capital improvements within the Township.

**5. Fiduciary Fund (Trust Fund)**

This fund accounts for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements. The Township has a non-expendable trust fund to account for the care and maintenance of cemetery plots.

**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.

A summary of 2004 and 2003 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003  
(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)**

**F. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

The Township records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

**G. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

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

	2004	2003
Demand deposits	\$484,399	\$421,914
Certificates of deposit	20,000	20,000
Total deposits	504,399	441,914

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 follows:

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$236,358	\$269,607	\$33,249
Special Revenue	301,556	361,127	59,571
Fiduciary	60	90	30
Total	\$537,974	\$630,824	\$92,850

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$487,400	\$285,642	\$201,758
Special Revenue	483,655	333,113	150,542
Total	\$971,055	\$618,755	\$352,300

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003  
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**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY – (Continued)**

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$160,381	\$172,064	\$11,683
Special Revenue	290,413	342,973	52,560
Fiduciary	90	30	(60)
Total	\$450,884	\$515,067	\$64,183

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$395,100	\$208,169	\$186,931
Special Revenue	440,625	341,500	99,125
Total	\$835,725	\$549,669	\$286,056

**4. PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopt rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, 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. DEBT**

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2004 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
General Obligation Note - Property	\$75,000	4.25%
Total	\$75,000	

The Township issued a general obligation note to finance the purchase of property with the intent of constructing a new Township administration building and garage. The Township's taxing authority collateralized the note.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003  
(Continued)**

**5. DEBT – (Continued)**

Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

Year ending December 31:	<u>Property Note</u>
2005	\$28,188
2006	27,125
2007	<u>26,063</u>
Total	<u><u>\$81,376</u></u>

**6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2004 and 2003, members of OPERS contributed 8.5 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equaling 13.55 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2004.

**7. 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. OTARMA pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. ATEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Townships 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003  
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**7. RISK MANAGEMENT – (Continued)**

Property Coverage

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 up to \$500,000,000 per occurrence. 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:

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Assets	\$30,687,203	\$27,792,223
Liabilities	<u>(13,640,962)</u>	<u>(11,791,300)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$17,046,241</u>	<u>\$16,000,923</u>

<u>Property Coverage</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Assets	\$7,799,073	\$6,791,060
Liabilities	<u>(753,906)</u>	<u>(750,956)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$7,045,167</u>	<u>\$6,040,104</u>





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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Southington Township  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Southington Township (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated October 31, 2005, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable 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 caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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Independent Accountants' Report on Internal Control Over  
Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters  
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We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and Board of Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

October 31, 2005



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**TRUMBULL 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  
DECEMBER 22, 2005**