

TAYLOR TOWNSHIP
COLUMBUS REGION, UNION COUNTY
REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

Township Trustees
Taylor Township
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Taylor Township, Union County, prepared by Holbrook & Manter, CPAs, for the audit period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

The financial statements in the attached report are presented in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State. Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Independent Auditor's Report* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State 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. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Independent Auditor's Report* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State permits.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. Taylor Township, Union County is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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BETTY MONTGOMERY
Auditor of State

October 18, 2005

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees
Taylor Township
Union County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Taylor Township, Union County, Ohio, (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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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 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 has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State of Ohio of Ohio 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 of Ohio of Ohio 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 of Ohio of Ohio 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 of Taylor Township, Union County, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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 September 7, 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.



Certified Public Accountants

September 7, 2005

TAYLOR TOWNSHIP
UNION 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 Funds</u>			<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Non- Expendable Trust</u>	
Cash receipts:-					
Local taxes	\$ 33,633	\$ 123,413	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 157,046
Intergovernmental	46,690	75,614	0	0	122,304
Interest	4,418	1,240	0	20	5,678
Licenses, permits, and fees	1,905	1,550	0	0	3,455
Fines and forfeitures	6,615	0	0	0	6,615
Special assessments	0	0	2,726	0	2,726
Miscellaneous	17,993	3,447	0	0	21,440
Total cash receipts	111,254	205,264	2,726	20	319,264
Cash disbursements:-					
Current:					
Public health services	625	30,369	0	0	30,994
Public safety	0	147,917	0	0	147,917
Public works	131	55,040	2,671	0	57,842
Human services	839	0	0	0	839
Conservation-recreation	11,467	2,564	0	0	14,031
General government	86,640	0	0	0	86,640
Capital Outlay	4,800	0	0	0	4,800
Total cash disbursements	104,502	235,890	2,671	0	343,063
Total receipts over (under) cash disbursements	6,752	(30,626)	55	20	(23,799)
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2004	137,121	227,305	1,427	3,854	369,707
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2004	\$ 143,873	\$ 196,679	\$ 1,482	\$ 3,874	\$ 345,908
Reserve for encumbrances, December 31, 2004	\$ 1,380	\$ 2,302	\$ 29	\$ 0	\$ 3,711

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

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	<u>Governmental Funds</u>			<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Non- Expendable Trust</u>	
Cash receipts:-					
Local taxes	\$ 31,909	\$ 117,630	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 149,539
Intergovernmental	76,698	59,759	0	0	136,457
Interest	3,525	758	4	267	4,554
Licenses, permits, and fees	1,280	2,850	0	0	4,130
Fines and forfeitures	4,433	0	0	0	4,433
Special assessments	0	0	2,793	0	2,793
Miscellaneous	1,311	9,391	0	0	10,702
Total cash receipts	119,156	190,388	2,797	267	312,608
Cash disbursements:-					
Current:					
Public health services	1,475	22,926	0	7	24,408
Public safety	0	103,027	0	0	103,027
Public works	3,206	68,226	2,698	0	74,130
Human services	1,171	0	0	0	1,171
Conservation-recreation	11,769	0	0	0	11,769
General government	83,295	0	0	0	83,295
Capital Outlay	4,861	0	0	0	4,861
Total cash disbursements	105,777	194,179	2,698	7	302,661
Total receipts over (under) cash disbursements	13,379	(3,791)	99	260	9,947
Other financing receipts:-					
Sale of fixed assets	448	0	0	0	448
Total other financing receipts	448	0	0	0	448
Excess of cash receipts and other financing receipts over (under) cash disbursements and other financing disbursements	13,827	(3,791)	99	260	10,395
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2003	123,294	231,096	1,328	3,594	359,312
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2003	\$ 137,121	\$ 227,305	\$ 1,427	\$ 3,854	\$ 369,707
Reserve for encumbrances, December 31, 2003	\$ 8,798	\$ 6,237	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 15,035

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

TAYLOR TOWNSHIP
UNION COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:-

Description of the Entity - Taylor Township, Union 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 three publicly-elected Trustees. The Township provides general government services, including zoning operations and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with Liberty Township to provide fire services and EMS services.

The Township's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Township is financially accountable.

Basis of Accounting - These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State of Ohio, 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 of Ohio of Ohio.

Cash and Investments - Investments are not 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.

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

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:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required by law or contract to be restricted.

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 for constructing, maintaining, and repairing township roads.

Fire Fund

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

Capital Projects Fund

This fund is used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects (except for those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant Capital Project Fund:

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:- (continued)

Broadway Street Lights

This fund receives special assessment taxes for street lighting.

Fiduciary Funds (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:

Woods and Thompson Non-expendable Trust

The investment earnings are used to ensure the cemetery is adequately maintained.

Budgetary Process - The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

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 Union County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year-end.

Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The Union County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are cancelled and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

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

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.

NOTE 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:

	2004	2003
Demand deposits	\$ 142,147	\$ 365,795
Certificates of deposit	203,761	3,912
Total Deposits	\$ 345,908	\$ 369,707

Deposits - The Township's deposits are insured by either the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the township.

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NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:-

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2004 was as follows:

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 65,217	\$ 111,254	\$ 46,037
Special Revenue	140,900	205,264	64,364
Capital Projects	2,664	2,726	62
Non-Expendable Trust Fund	<u>38</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>(18)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 208,819</u>	<u>\$ 319,264</u>	<u>\$ 110,445</u>

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 193,540	\$ 105,882	\$ 87,658
Special Revenue	361,969	238,192	123,777
Capital Projects	4,090	2,700	1,390
Non-Expendable Trust Fund	<u>740</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>740</u>
Total	<u>\$ 560,339</u>	<u>\$ 346,774</u>	<u>\$ 213,565</u>

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NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:- (continued)

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2003 was as follows:

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 73,805	\$ 119,604	\$ 45,799
Special Revenue	133,457	190,388	56,931
Capital Projects	2,653	2,797	144
Non-Expendable Trust Fund	<u>115</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>152</u>
Total	\$ <u><u>210,030</u></u>	\$ <u><u>313,056</u></u>	\$ <u><u>103,026</u></u>

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 195,921	\$ 114,575	\$ 81,346
Special Revenue	362,706	200,416	162,290
Capital Projects	3,981	2,698	1,283
Non-Expendable Trust Fund	<u>709</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>702</u>
Total	\$ <u><u>563,317</u></u>	\$ <u><u>317,696</u></u>	\$ <u><u>245,621</u></u>

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NOTE 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 Union 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 Union 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.

NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS:-

The Township's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost – sharing, multiple – employee plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including post-retirement 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 2004 and 2003, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2004 and 2003. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2004.

NOTE 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. OTARMA pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP 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.

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.

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NOTE 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 township.

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) are represented to conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2004 and 2003:

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Assets	\$ 30,687,203	\$ 27,792,223
Liabilities	(13,640,962)	(11,791,300)
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	(753,906)	(750,956)
Retained Earnings	<u>\$ 7,045,167</u>	<u>\$ 6,040,104</u>



Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

Board of Trustees
Taylor Township
Union County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Taylor Township, Union County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated September 7, 2005, wherein we noted the Township had 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 in order 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. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated September 7, 2005, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

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 such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated September 7, 2005, we reported other matters related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and Township Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

Holbrook & Manter

Certified Public Accountants

September 7, 2005

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TAYLOR TOWNSHIP

UNION 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
NOVEMBER 10, 2005**