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**ANDERSON TOWNSHIP  
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 - 2021**



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. 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.

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. Anderson Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

December 11, 2023

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**ANDERSON TOWNSHIP  
HAMILTON COUNTY**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Anderson Township  
Hamilton County  
7850 Five Mile Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45230

To the Board of Trustees:

***Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements***

***Opinions***

We have audited the modified cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash-basis financial position of governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township, as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the respective changes in modified cash-basis financial position thereof in accordance with the modified cash-basis of accounting described in Note 2.

***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Township, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

***Emphasis of Matter – Accounting Basis***

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Township's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Township's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.



***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 29, 2023, 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. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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**Perry & Associates**  
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.  
Marietta, Ohio

September 29, 2023

**ANDERSON TOWNSHIP  
HAMILTON COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	Governmental Activities
<b>Assets</b>	
Equity in Pooled, Cash Equivalents, and Investments	\$ 71,471,934
Total Assets	\$ 71,471,934
 <b>Net Position</b>	
Restricted for:	
Fire District	\$ 7,675,978
Police Services	3,996,778
Tax Increment Financing Projects	37,123,266
Road and Bridge	2,950,786
Debt Service	494,716
Recreation	306,422
Lighting District	45,003
American Rescue Plan	2,580,299
Opioid	6,576
Other Purposes	1,583,112
Unrestricted	14,708,998
Total Net Position	\$ 71,471,934

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

**ANDERSON TOWNSHIP  
HAMILTON COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<b>Program Cash Receipts</b>				<b>Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position</b>
	<b>Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>Charges for Services and Sales</b>	<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Capital Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
Current:					
General Government	\$ 5,330,845	\$ 582,760	\$ 2,326,302	\$ -	\$ (2,421,783)
Public Safety	16,341,301	1,682,574	-	-	(14,658,727)
Public Works	2,168,417	-	566,489	-	(1,601,928)
Conservation-Recreation	39,086	-	-	-	(39,086)
Payment to Schools	16,016,193	-	-	-	(16,016,193)
Capital Outlay	4,535,301	-	-	1,568,641	(2,966,660)
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	128,047	-	-	-	(128,047)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	63,000	-	-	-	(63,000)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 44,622,190</b>	<b>\$ 2,265,334</b>	<b>\$ 2,892,791</b>	<b>\$ 1,568,641</b>	<b>(37,895,424)</b>
<b>General Receipts:</b>					
Property Taxes Levied For:					
General Purposes					1,434,141
Road and Bridge					777,834
Fire					8,962,925
Police					4,541,227
Permissive Motor Vehicle License					435,246
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Purposes					2,573,916
Payments in Lieu of Taxes					27,120,808
Special Assessments					112,121
Earnings on Investments					717,161
Sale of Capital Assets					15,547
Miscellaneous					776,465
					<b>47,467,391</b>
					9,571,967
					61,899,967
					<b>\$ 71,471,934</b>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**ANDERSON TOWNSHIP**  
**HAMILTON COUNTY**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>TIF</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Assets</b>						
Equity in Pooled Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments	\$ 14,708,998	\$ 7,675,978	\$ 3,996,778	\$ 30,875,219	\$ 14,214,961	\$ 71,471,934
Total Assets	<u>\$ 14,708,998</u>	<u>\$ 7,675,978</u>	<u>\$ 3,996,778</u>	<u>\$ 30,875,219</u>	<u>\$ 14,214,961</u>	<u>\$ 71,471,934</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>						
Nonspendable	\$ 9,493	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,493
Restricted	-	7,675,978	3,996,778	30,875,219	14,214,961	56,762,936
Assigned	837,604	-	-	-	-	837,604
Unassigned	13,861,901	-	-	-	-	13,861,901
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 14,708,998</u>	<u>\$ 7,675,978</u>	<u>\$ 3,996,778</u>	<u>\$ 30,875,219</u>	<u>\$ 14,214,961</u>	<u>\$ 71,471,934</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**ANDERSON TOWNSHIP  
HAMILTON COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>TIF</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Receipts</b>						
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 1,434,141	\$ 8,962,925	\$ 4,541,227	\$ -	\$ 1,213,080	\$ 16,151,373
Charges for Services	-	1,682,574	-	-	-	1,682,574
Licenses, Permits and Fees	563,637	-	-	-	-	563,637
Fines and Forfeitures	19,123	-	-	-	-	19,123
Intergovernmental	952,769	879,563	448,716	1,568,641	3,185,659	7,035,348
Special Assessments	14,931	-	-	-	97,190	112,121
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	-	-	-	23,261,671	3,859,137	27,120,808
Earnings on Investments	681,866	-	-	-	35,295	717,161
Miscellaneous	638,348	78,858	8,101	29,339	21,819	776,465
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>4,304,815</u>	<u>11,603,920</u>	<u>4,998,044</u>	<u>24,859,651</u>	<u>8,412,180</u>	<u>54,178,610</u>
<b>Disbursements</b>						
Current:						
General Government	3,276,967	-	-	-	2,053,878	5,330,845
Public Safety	2,810	11,661,132	4,677,359	-	-	16,341,301
Public Works	78,916	-	-	-	2,089,501	2,168,417
Conservation-Recreation	13,182	-	-	-	25,904	39,086
Payments to Schools	-	-	-	13,758,720	2,257,473	16,016,193
Capital Outlay	53,917	67,755	2,381	3,633,059	778,189	4,535,301
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement	-	-	-	78,047	50,000	128,047
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	63,000	63,000
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>3,425,792</u>	<u>11,728,887</u>	<u>4,679,740</u>	<u>17,469,826</u>	<u>7,317,945</u>	<u>44,622,190</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</b>	<u>879,023</u>	<u>(124,967)</u>	<u>318,304</u>	<u>7,389,825</u>	<u>1,094,235</u>	<u>9,556,420</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>						
Sale of Capital Assets	14,581	-	-	966	-	15,547
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<u>14,581</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,547</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	893,604	(124,967)	318,304	7,390,791	1,094,235	9,571,967
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	13,815,394	7,800,945	3,678,474	23,484,428	13,120,726	61,899,967
<b>Fund Balances End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 14,708,998</u>	<u>\$ 7,675,978</u>	<u>\$ 3,996,778</u>	<u>\$ 30,875,219</u>	<u>\$ 14,214,961</u>	<u>\$ 71,471,934</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**ANDERSON TOWNSHIP**  
**Hamilton County, Ohio**  
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

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**1. REPORTING ENTITY**

Anderson Township, Hamilton County, (the Township), is a body politic and corporate 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 also has an elected Township Fiscal Officer.

The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units and other organizations that were included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading. The Township has no component units.

***Primary Government***

The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Township. The Township provides general government services, maintenance of Township roads and bridges and fire and police protection services. The Township contracts with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to provide police protection.

***Public Entity Risk Pools***

The Township participates in a public entity risk pool. Note 5 to the financial statements provide additional information for this entity.

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

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

As discussed further in the Basis of Accounting section of this Note, these financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting. This modified cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the modified cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the Township's accounting policies.

***Basis of Presentation***

The Township's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

***Government-Wide Financial Statements*** The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Township as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. The Township does not report any business-type activities.

**ANDERSON TOWNSHIP**  
**Hamilton County, Ohio**  
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

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The statement of net position presents the cash and investment balances of the governmental activities of the Township at year end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each of the Township's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the Township is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services, grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and receipts of interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on a modified cash basis or draws from the Township's general receipts.

**Fund Financial Statements** During the year, the Township segregates transactions related to certain Township functions or activities in separate funds to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Township at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

**Fund Accounting**

The Township uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Township are divided into three categories, governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. All of the Township's funds are categorized as governmental.

**Governmental Funds**

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Township are financed. The following are the Township's major governmental funds:

**General Fund**

The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Township for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

**Fire Fund**

This fund receives tax money for operating disbursements incurred by the Township's fire department, which is the primary source of receipts for this fund.

**Police Fund**

This fund receives tax money for disbursements made under contract with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to provide police protection.

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***TIF Fund***

This fund receives money in lieu of taxes for improvements to certain parcels of land, which is the primary source of receipts for this fund.

The other governmental funds of the Township account for and report grants and other resources, where use is restricted to a particular purpose.

***Basis of Accounting***

The Township's financial statements are prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. Except for modifications having substantial support, receipts are recorded in the Township's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Any such modifications made by the Township are described in the appropriate section in this note.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued liabilities and the related expenses) are not recorded in these financial statements.

***Budgetary Process***

All funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Township may appropriate.

The appropriations resolution is the Township's authorization to spend resources and sets limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Township. The legal level of control has been established by the Township at the fund, department, and object level for all funds.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Township Fiscal Officer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Township.

The appropriations resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation resolution for that fund that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Township during the year.



**ANDERSON TOWNSHIP**  
**Hamilton County, Ohio**  
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

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***Cash and Investments***

To improve cash management, cash received by the Township is pooled and invested. Individual fund integrity is maintained through Township records. Interest in the pool is presented as “Equity in Pooled Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments”.

Investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and investments of the cash management pool are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

Investments are 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 negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

During 2022, the Township invested in negotiable certificates of deposit, U.S. Government Agencies, money market mutual funds, and STAR Ohio. The negotiable certificates of deposits and the U.S. Government Agencies are reported at fair value as of December 31, 2022. The Township’s money market mutual fund investments are recorded at the amount reported by the Township's financial institution on December 31, 2022.

STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer’s Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. The Township measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For 2022, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, 24 hours advance notice for deposits and withdrawals of \$100 million or more is encouraged. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$250 million per day, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$250 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

Interest earnings are allocated to Township funds according to State statutes, grant requirements, or debt related restrictions. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during 2022 was \$681,866.

***Inventory and Prepaid Items***

The Township reports disbursements for inventories and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

***Capital Assets***

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

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***Accumulated Leave***

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Township's modified cash basis of accounting.

***Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans***

The Township recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 6 and 7, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

***Long-Term Obligations***

The Township's modified cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds or other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when the cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid.

***Net Position***

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for maintenance of Township roads and bridges, fire and police protection services and TIF activities.

The Township's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an obligation is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net positions are available.

***Fund Balance***

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Township is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

***Nonspendable*** The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of interfund loans.

***Restricted*** Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

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**Committed** The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by formal action (resolution) of Township Trustees. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Township Trustees remove or change the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. In contrast to fund balance that is restricted by enabling legislation, the committed fund balance classification may be redeployed for other purposes with appropriate due process. Constraints imposed on the use of committed amounts are imposed by Township Trustees, separate from the authorization to raise the underlying revenue; therefore, compliance with these constraints is not considered to be legally enforceable. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

**Assigned** Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Township for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by Township Trustees or a Township official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute. State Statute authorizes the Township Clerk to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated.

**Unassigned** Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Township applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

***Interfund Transactions***

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

**3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

Monies held by the Township are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the Township treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the Township treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Trustees have identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

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Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

Interim monies held by the Township can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
4. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
5. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and, with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
7. Certain bankers' acceptances (for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days) and commercial paper notes (for a period not to exceed two hundred seventy days) in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met; and
8. Written repurchase agreements in the securities described in (1) or (2) provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days.

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Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Township, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the clerk/treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

***Deposits***

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure the Township will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, \$22,090,781 of the Township's bank balance of \$42,823,079 was exposed to custodial credit risk because those deposits were uninsured and uncollateralized. The Township's financial institution was approved for a reduced collateral rate of 50 percent through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System.

The Township has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by:

Eligible securities pledged to the Township and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured; or

Participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

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**Investments**

The fair value of these investments is not materially different than measurement value. As of December 31, 2022, the Township had the following investments:

Investment Type	Measurement Value	Investment Maturities (in Years)		
		Less than 1	1-2	3-5
STAR Ohio	\$ 3,258,389	\$ 3,258,389	\$ -	\$ -
Money Market	2,834,285	2,834,285	-	-
U.S. Treasury Bills	1,955,289	1,955,289	-	-
U.S. Treasury Notes	1,963,477	1,963,477	-	-
Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	11,170,000	-	8,915,000	2,255,000
Federal Home Loan Bank Notes	500,000	-	-	500,000
Federal Farm Credit Bank Bonds	5,050,000	-	2,000,000	3,050,000
Federal National Mortgage Association Notes	2,100,000	-	-	2,100,000
Total Investments	<u>\$ 28,831,440</u>	<u>\$ 10,011,440</u>	<u>\$ 10,915,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,905,000</u>

**Interest Rate Risk** Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The Township's investment policy does not address interest rate risk beyond the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Credit Risk** The security underlying the Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds, the Federal Farm Credit Bank Bonds and the Federal National Mortgage Association Notes carry a rating of AA+ by Standard & Poor's and Aaa by Moody's. The money market funds carry a rating of Aaa-mf by Moody's and AAAM by Standard and Poor's. STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAAM by Standard and Poor's. The Township has no investment policy dealing with investment credit risk beyond the requirements in state statutes. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service and that the money rated market fund be in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service.

**Custodial Credit Risk** For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Township will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. All of the Township's securities are either insured and registered in the name of the Township or at least registered in the name of the Township. The Township has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in state statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee.

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**Concentration of Credit Risk** The Township places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. The following investments represent five percent or more of total investments as of December 31, 2022:

Investment Issuer	Percentage of Investments
Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	38.7%
Federal Farm Credit Bank Bonds	17.5%
STAR Ohio	11.3%
Money Market	9.8%
Federal National Mortgage Association Notes	7.3%
U.S Treasury Notes	6.8%
U.S Treasury Bills	6.8%

**4. PROPERTY TAX**

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the Township. Property tax revenue received during 2022 for real and public utility property taxes represents collections of 2021 taxes.

2022 real property taxes are levied after October 1, 2022, on the assessed value as of January 1, 2022, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. 2022 real property taxes are collected in and intended to finance 2023.

Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31, if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

Public utility personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2022 public utility property taxes which became a lien December 31, 2021, are levied after October 1, 2022, and are collected in 2023 with real property taxes.

The full tax rate for all Township operations for the year ended December 31, 2022, was \$18.12 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property and public utility tangible property upon which 2022 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Real Property	\$1,376,169,060
Public Utility Property	37,109,390
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$1,413,278,450</u>

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the county, including the Township. The County Auditor periodically remits to the Township its portion of the taxes collected.

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**5. RISK MANAGEMENT**

***Risk Pool Membership***

The Township is a member of the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (The Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Township's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31, 2022:

Cash and investments	\$32,288,098
Actuarial liabilities	\$9,146,434

***Self-Insurance***

The Township manages employee health benefits on a self-insured basis. The employee health benefit plan provides basic health coverage through United Health Care (UHC), the third party administrator (TPA) of the program, which reviews and processes or disallows the claims. Jefferson Health Plan (JHP) releases the claims payments to the providers as a consortium outside UHC. JHP is a jointly governed organization established as a joint insurance pool. The Township is a member of the Center for Local Government Benefits Pool (CLGBP) which is a member of JHP. A specific excess loss coverage (stoploss) insurance policy covers claims in excess of \$150,000 per employee per year. The 2022 monthly family, employee plus one, employee plus children and single premiums were \$2,115.01, \$1,450.21, \$1,298.30, and \$696.59. The TPA charges the Township an administration fee of \$46.78 per employee per month.

**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

***Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)***

Plan Description – Township employees, other than full-time police and firefighters, participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system which administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan, and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan. Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions. While members in the state and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the traditional plan.



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OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the traditional and combined plans were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional and combined plans as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group C</b>
Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
<b>State and Local</b>	<b>State and Local</b>	<b>State and Local</b>
<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit</p> <p><b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b>  2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30</p> <p><b>Combined Plan Formula:</b>  1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30</p>	<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit</p> <p><b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b>  2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30</p> <p><b>Combined Plan Formula:</b>  1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30</p>	<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit</p> <p><b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b>  2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35</p> <p><b>Combined Plan Formula:</b>  1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 35</p>
<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>Public Safety</b>
<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit</p>	<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit</p>	<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 52 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit</p>
<b>Law Enforcement</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 52 with 15 years of service credit</p>	<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit</p>	<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit</p>
<b>Public Safety and Law Enforcement</b>	<b>Public Safety and Law Enforcement</b>	<b>Public Safety and Law Enforcement</b>
<p><b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b>  2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25</p>	<p><b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b>  2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25</p>	<p><b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b>  2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25</p>

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Final average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The amount of a member's pension benefit vests upon receipt of the initial benefit payment. The options for Public Safety and Law Enforcement permit early retirement under qualifying circumstances as early as age 48 with a reduced benefit.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, current law provides for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the combined plan receive a cost-of-living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost of living adjustment is 3 percent. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Member-directed plan and combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20 percent each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of the benefit (which includes joint and survivor options and will continue to be administered by OPERS), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

Effective January 1, 2022, the Combined Plan is no longer available for member selection.

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Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	<u>State and Local</u>	<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>Law Enforcement</u>
<b>2022 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates</b>			
Employer	14.0 %	18.1 %	18.1 %
Employee *	10.0 %	**	***
<b>2022 Actual Contribution Rates</b>			
Employer:			
Pension ****	14.0 %	18.1 %	18.1 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits ****	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Employer	<u>14.0 %</u>	<u>18.1 %</u>	<u>18.1 %</u>
Employee	<u>10.0 %</u>	<u>12.0 %</u>	<u>13.0 %</u>

- \* Member contributions within the combined plan are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement allowance.
- \*\* This rate is determined by OPERS' Board and has no maximum rate established by ORC.
- \*\*\* This rate is also determined by OPERS' Board, but is limited by ORC to not more than 2 percent greater than the Public Safety rate.
- \*\*\*\* These pension and employer health care rates are for the traditional and combined plans. The employer contributions rate for the member-directed plan is allocated 4 percent for health care with the remainder going to pension.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

For 2022, the Township's contractually required contribution was \$321,942 for the traditional plan, \$4,727 for the combined plan and \$23,314 for the member-directed plan.

***Plan Description - Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OPF)***

Plan Description – Township full-time police and firefighters participate in Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by OP&F. OP&F provides retirement and disability pension benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by the Ohio State Legislature and are codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code. OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information and detailed information about OP&F fiduciary net position. The report that may be obtained by visiting the OP&F website at [www.op-f.org](http://www.op-f.org) or by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

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Upon attaining a qualifying age with sufficient years of service, a member of OP&F may retire and receive a lifetime monthly pension. OP&F offers four types of service retirement: normal, service commuted, age/service commuted and actuarially reduced. Each type has different eligibility guidelines and is calculated using the member's average annual salary. The following discussion of the pension formula relates to normal service retirement.

For members hired after July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 52 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit. For members hired on or before after July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 48 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit.

The annual pension benefit for normal service retirement is equal to a percentage of the allowable average annual salary. The percentage equals 2.5 percent for each of the first 20 years of service credit, 2.0 percent for each of the next five years of service credit and 1.5 percent for each year of service credit in excess of 25 years. The maximum pension of 72 percent of the allowable average annual salary is paid after 33 years of service credit (see OP&F Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for Deferred Retirement Option Plan provisions and reduced and unreduced benefits).

Under normal service retirement, retired members who are at least 55 years old and have been receiving OP&F benefits for at least one year may be eligible for a cost-of-living allowance adjustment. The age 55 provision for receiving a COLA does not apply to those who are receiving a permanent and total disability benefit, surviving beneficiaries under optional plans, and statutory survivors. Members participating in the DROP program have separate eligibility requirements related to COLA.

The COLA amount for members who have 15 or more years of service credit as of July 1, 2013, and members who are receiving a pension benefit that became effective before July 1, 2013, will be equal to 3.0 percent of the member's base pension benefit.

The COLA amount for members who have less than 15 years of service credit as of July 1, 2013, and members whose pension benefit became effective on or after July 1, 2013, will be equal to a percentage of the member's base pension benefit where the percentage is the lesser of 3.0% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index, if any, over the twelve-month period that ends on the thirtieth day of September of the immediately preceding year, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percent.

Members who retired prior to July 24, 1986, or their surviving beneficiaries under optional plans are entitled to cost-of-living allowance increases. The annual increase is paid on July 1st of each year. The annual COLA increase is \$360 under a Single Life Annuity Plan with proportional reductions for optional payment plans.

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Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	Police	Firefighters
<b>2022 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates</b>		
Employer	19.50 %	24.00 %
Employee	12.25 %	12.25 %
<b>2022 Actual Contribution Rates</b>		
Employer:		
Pension	19.00 %	23.50 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	0.50	0.50
Total Employer	19.50 %	24.00 %
Employee	12.25 %	12.25 %

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Township's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$1,506,482 for 2022.

**7. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System***

Plan Description – The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment health care trust, which funds multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement to qualifying benefit recipients of both the traditional pension and the combined plans. Currently, Medicare-eligible retirees are able to select medical and prescription drug plans from a range of options and may elect optional vision and dental plans. Retirees and eligible dependents enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B have the option to enroll in a Medicare supplemental plan with the assistance of the OPERS Medicare Connector. The OPERS Medicare Connector is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees, spouses and dependents with selecting a medical and pharmacy plan. Monthly allowances, based on years of service and the age at which the retiree first enrolled in OPERS coverage, are deposited into an HRA. For non-Medicare retirees and eligible dependents, OPERS sponsors medical and prescription coverage through a professionally managed self-insured plan. An allowance to offset a portion of the monthly premium is offered to retirees and eligible dependents. The allowance is based on the retiree's years of service and age when they first enrolled in OPERS coverage.

OPERS provides a monthly allowance for health care coverage for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents. The base allowance is determined by OPERS. For those retiring on or after January 1, 2015, the allowance has been determined by applying a percentage to the base allowance.

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The percentage applied is based on years of qualifying service credit and age when the retiree first enrolled in OPERS health care. Monthly allowances range between 51 percent and 90 percent of the base allowance. Those who retired prior to January 1, 2015, will have an allowance of at least 75 percent of the base allowance.

The health care trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or separation, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

Effective January 1, 2022, OPERS discontinued the group plans currently offered to non-Medicare retirees and re-employed retirees. Instead, eligible non-Medicare retirees will select an individual medical plan. OPERS will provide a subsidy or allowance via an HRA allowance to those retirees who meet health care eligibility requirements. Retirees will be able to seek reimbursement for plan premiums and other qualified medical expenses.

In order to qualify for postemployment health care coverage, age and service retirees under the traditional pension and combined plans must have twenty or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit with a minimum age of 60. Members in Group A are eligible for coverage at any age with 30 or more years of qualifying service. Members in Group B are eligible at any age with 32 years of qualifying service, or at age 52 with 31 years of qualifying service. Members in Group C are eligible for coverage with 32 years of qualifying service and a minimum age of 55. Current retirees eligible (or who became eligible prior to January 1, 2022) to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022. Eligibility requirements change for those retiring after January 1, 2022, with differing eligibility requirements for Medicare retirees and non-Medicare retirees. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 75. See OPERS' Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced below for additional information.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

**Funding Policy** – The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care for the traditional plan and the combined plan.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2022, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.1 percent. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

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Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2022, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the Member-Directed Plan for 2022 was 4.0 percent.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Township's contractually required contribution was \$0 for the year 2022.

***Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund***

Plan Description – The Township contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F) sponsored healthcare program, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined postemployment healthcare plan administered by a third-party provider. This program is not guaranteed and is subject to change at any time upon action of the Board of Trustees. On January 1, 2019, OP&F implemented a new model for health care. Under this new model, OP&F provides eligible retirees with a fixed stipend earmarked to pay for health care and Medicare Part B reimbursements.

OP&F contracted with a vendor who assists eligible retirees in choosing health care plans that are available where they live (both Medicare-eligible and pre-65 populations). A stipend funded by OP&F is available to these members through a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and can be used to reimburse retirees for qualified health care expenses.

Regardless of a benefit recipient's participation in the health care program, OP&F is required by law to pay eligible recipients of a service pension, disability benefit and spousal survivor benefit for their Medicare Part B insurance premium, up to the statutory maximum provided the benefit recipient is not eligible to receive reimbursement from any other source. Once OP&F receives the necessary documentation, a monthly reimbursement is included as part of the recipient's next benefit payment. The stipend provided by OP&F meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75.

OP&F maintains funds for health care in two separate accounts: one account for health care benefits and one account for Medicare Part B reimbursements. A separate health care trust accrual account is maintained for health care benefits under IRS Code Section 115 trust. IRS Code Section 401(h) account is maintained for Medicare Part B reimbursements.

The Ohio Revised Code allows, but does not mandate, OP&F to provide OPEB benefits. Authority for the OP&F Board of Trustees to provide health care coverage to eligible participants and to establish and amend benefits is codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code.

OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information for the plan. The report may be obtained by visiting the OP&F website at [www.op-f.org](http://www.op-f.org) or by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

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Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code provides for contribution requirements of the participating employers and of plan members to the OP&F defined benefit pension plan. Participating employers are required to contribute to the pension plan at rates expressed as percentages of the payroll of active pension plan members, currently 19.5 percent and 24 percent of covered payroll for police and fire employer units, respectively. The Ohio Revised Code states that the employer contribution may not exceed 19.5 percent of covered payroll for police employer units and 24 percent of covered payroll for fire employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions for retiree health care benefits. For 2022, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0.5 percent of covered payroll. The amount of employer contributions allocated to the health care plan each year is subject to the Trustees' primary responsibility to ensure that pension benefits are adequately funded.

The OP&F Board of Trustees is also authorized to establish requirements for contributions to the health care plan by retirees and their eligible dependents or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

The Township's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$32,053 for 2022.

**8. DEBT**

For the year ended December 31, 2022, changes in the Township's debt were as follows:

	Interest Rate	Balance January 1, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2022	Amount Due Within One Year
OPWC Loan CB22U	0.00%	\$ 97,555	\$ -	\$ (32,518)	\$ 65,037	\$ 65,036
OPWC Loan CB22U	0.00%	773,983	-	(45,529)	728,454	91,057
2019 Recreational Facility Improvement Bonds	2.00-4.00%	2,140,000	-	(50,000)	2,090,000	50,000
2019 Premium on Bonds		54,165	-	(1,934)	52,231	-
		<u>\$ 3,065,703</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (129,981)</u>	<u>\$ 2,937,744</u>	<u>\$ 206,093</u>

The Township issued an Ohio Public Works Commission loan in 2018 for \$325,181. The loan was issued for road improvements for the Ivy Hills subdivision. The loan is a five year loan with zero percent interest.

The Township issued an Ohio Public Works Commission loan in 2019 for \$910,568. The loan was issued for Towne Center Way road improvements. The loan is a ten year loan with zero percent interest.

The Township issued \$2,255,000 in various purpose bonds in 2019. The bonds will mature in 2049 and require semi-annual payments due June 1 and December 1. The bonds were issued for recreation facility improvements.



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The following is a summary of the Township's future annual debt service requirements:

Year ending December 31:	General Obligation Bonds		OPWC Loans	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2023	\$ 50,000	\$ 61,000	\$ 156,093	\$ -
2024	50,000	59,000	91,057	-
2025	55,000	57,000	91,057	-
2026	55,000	54,800	91,057	-
2027	60,000	53,700	91,057	-
2028-2032	330,000	232,325	273,170	-
2033-2037	375,000	185,763	-	-
2038-2042	420,000	136,675	-	-
2043-2047	480,000	75,500	-	-
2048-2049	215,000	9,750	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 2,090,000</u>	<u>\$ 925,513</u>	<u>\$ 793,491</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The Ohio Revised Code provides that net general obligation debt of the Township, exclusive of certain exempt debt, issued without a vote of the electors shall never exceed 5.5 percent of the tax valuation of the Township. The Revised Code further provides that total voted and unvoted net debt of the Township less the same exempt debt shall never exceed amount equal to 10.5 percent of its tax valuation. The effects of the debt limitations at December 31, 2022, were an overall debt margin of \$145,510,746 and an unvoted debt margin of \$74,846,824.

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**9. FUND BALANCES**

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the Township is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the government funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

	General Fund	Fire Fund	Police Fund	TIF Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Fund Balances						
Nonspendable						
Unclaimed Monies	\$ 9,493	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,493
Restricted for:						
Public Safety	-	7,675,978	3,996,778	-	-	11,672,756
Tax Increment Financing	-	-	-	30,875,219	6,248,047	37,123,266
Public Works	-	-	-	-	4,531,798	4,531,798
Recreation Programs	-	-	-	-	306,422	306,422
Debt Services	-	-	-	-	494,716	494,716
American Rescue Plan	-	-	-	-	2,580,299	2,580,299
Covid 19	-	-	-	-	2,100	2,100
Lighting District	-	-	-	-	45,003	45,003
Opioid	-	-	-	-	6,576	6,576
Total Restricted	-	7,675,978	3,996,778	30,875,219	14,214,961	56,762,936
Assigned for:						
Encumbrances	300,604	-	-	-	-	300,604
Next Year Budget	537,000	-	-	-	-	537,000
Total Assigned	837,604	-	-	-	-	837,604
Unassigned	13,861,901	-	-	-	-	13,861,901
Total Fund Balances	\$ 14,708,998	\$ 7,675,978	\$ 3,996,778	\$ 30,875,219	\$ 14,214,961	\$ 71,471,934

**10. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Township are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. Grantors may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

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**11. COVID-19**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June, 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. During 2022, the Township received COVID-19 funding. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township. The impact on the Township's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

The Township's investment portfolio fluctuates with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of gains or losses that will be realized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined.

**12. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE**

During 2022, the Township modified its presentation of Investments from Fair Market Value to Cost Basis.

**ANDERSON TOWNSHIP  
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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	Governmental Activities
<b>Assets</b>	
Equity in Pooled, Cash Equivalents, and Investments	\$ 61,899,967
Total Assets	\$ 61,899,967
 <b>Net Position</b>	
Restricted for:	
Fire District	\$ 7,800,945
Police Services	3,678,474
Tax Increment Financing Projects	28,882,025
Road and Bridge	3,405,319
Debt Service	607,716
Recreation	325,095
Lighting District	87,879
American Rescue Plan	2,307,875
Other Purposes	989,245
Unrestricted	13,815,394
Total Net Position	\$ 61,899,967

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**ANDERSON TOWNSHIP  
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<b>Program Cash Receipts</b>				<b>Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position</b>
	<b>Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>Charges for Services and Sales</b>	<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Capital Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
Current:					
General Government	\$ 3,211,569	\$ 590,876	\$ 2,307,875	\$ -	\$ (312,818)
Public Safety	16,248,221	1,534,097	-	-	(14,714,124)
Public Works	1,240,258	-	583,494	-	(656,764)
Conservation-Recreation	114,720	-	-	-	(114,720)
Payment to Schools	14,772,776	-	-	-	(14,772,776)
Capital Outlay	6,199,412	-	-	1,557,733	(4,641,679)
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	201,093	-	-	-	(201,093)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	64,350	-	-	-	(64,350)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 42,052,399</b>	<b>\$ 2,124,973</b>	<b>\$ 2,891,369</b>	<b>\$ 1,557,733</b>	<b>(35,478,324)</b>
<b>General Receipts:</b>					
Property Taxes Levied For:					
General Purposes					1,439,104
Road and Bridge					774,545
Fire					8,920,297
Police					4,518,508
Permissive Motor Vehicle License					430,564
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Purposes					2,914,678
Payments in Lieu of Taxes					24,569,064
Special Assessments					104,587
Earnings on Investments					310,403
Sale of Capital Assets					579,654
Miscellaneous					1,065,911
					<b>45,627,315</b>
					10,148,991
					51,750,976
					<b>\$ 61,899,967</b>

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**ANDERSON TOWNSHIP  
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>TIF</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Assets</b>						
Equity in Pooled Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments	\$ 13,815,394	\$ 7,800,945	\$ 3,678,474	\$ 23,484,428	\$ 13,120,726	\$ 61,899,967
Total Assets	<u>\$ 13,815,394</u>	<u>\$ 7,800,945</u>	<u>\$ 3,678,474</u>	<u>\$ 23,484,428</u>	<u>\$ 13,120,726</u>	<u>\$ 61,899,967</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>						
Nonspendable	\$ 5,725	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,725
Restricted	-	7,800,945	3,678,474	23,484,428	13,120,726	48,084,573
Assigned	665,845	-	-	-	-	665,845
Unassigned	13,143,824	-	-	-	-	13,143,824
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 13,815,394</u>	<u>\$ 7,800,945</u>	<u>\$ 3,678,474</u>	<u>\$ 23,484,428</u>	<u>\$ 13,120,726</u>	<u>\$ 61,899,967</u>

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>TIF</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Receipts</b>						
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 1,439,104	\$ 8,920,297	\$ 4,518,508	\$ -	\$ 1,205,109	\$ 16,083,018
Charges for Services	-	1,534,097	-	-	-	1,534,097
Licenses, Permits and Fees	563,524	-	-	-	-	563,524
Fines and Forfeitures	27,352	-	-	-	-	27,352
Intergovernmental	895,169	852,488	451,063	1,557,733	3,607,327	7,363,780
Special Assessments	-	-	-	-	104,587	104,587
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	-	-	-	21,586,786	2,982,278	24,569,064
Earnings on Investments	309,593	-	-	-	810	310,403
Miscellaneous	589,961	390,061	42,205	-	43,684	1,065,911
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>3,824,703</b>	<b>11,696,943</b>	<b>5,011,776</b>	<b>23,144,519</b>	<b>7,943,795</b>	<b>51,621,736</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>						
Current:						
General Government	3,211,569	-	-	-	-	3,211,569
Public Safety	29,957	11,598,231	4,620,033	-	-	16,248,221
Public Works	94,964	-	-	-	1,145,294	1,240,258
Conservation-Recreation	94,647	-	-	-	20,073	114,720
Payments to Schools	-	-	-	12,991,952	1,780,824	14,772,776
Capital Outlay	45,552	32,930	4,277	5,293,165	823,488	6,199,412
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement	-	-	-	156,093	45,000	201,093
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	64,350	64,350
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>3,476,689</b>	<b>11,631,161</b>	<b>4,624,310</b>	<b>18,441,210</b>	<b>3,879,029</b>	<b>42,052,399</b>
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	348,014	65,782	387,466	4,703,309	4,064,766	9,569,337
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>						
Sale of Capital Assets	509,561	1,840	-	68,253	-	579,654
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
Transfers Out	(100,000)	-	-	-	-	(100,000)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>409,561</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,253</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>579,654</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>757,575</b>	<b>67,622</b>	<b>387,466</b>	<b>4,771,562</b>	<b>4,164,766</b>	<b>10,148,991</b>
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	13,057,819	7,733,323	3,291,008	18,712,866	8,955,960	51,750,976
<b>Fund Balances End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 13,815,394</b>	<b>\$ 7,800,945</b>	<b>\$ 3,678,474</b>	<b>\$ 23,484,428</b>	<b>\$ 13,120,726</b>	<b>\$ 61,899,967</b>

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**1. REPORTING ENTITY**

Anderson Township, Hamilton County, (the Township), is a body politic and corporate 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 also has an elected Township Fiscal Officer.

The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units and other organizations that were included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading. The Township has no component units.

***Primary Government***

The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Township. The Township provides general government services, maintenance of Township roads and bridges and fire and police protection services. The Township contracts with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to provide police protection.

***Public Entity Risk Pools***

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 and is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member townships pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements, and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles. See Note 6 for more information.

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

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

As discussed further in the Basis of Accounting section of this Note, these financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting. This modified cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the modified cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the Township's accounting policies.

***Basis of Presentation***

The Township's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.



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***Government-Wide Financial Statements***

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Township as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. The Township does not report any business-type activities.

The statement of net position presents the cash and investment balances of the governmental activities of the Township at year end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each of the Township's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the Township is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services, grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and receipts of interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on a modified cash basis or draws from the Township's general receipts.

***Fund Financial Statements***

During the year, the Township segregates transactions related to certain Township functions or activities in separate funds to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Township at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

***Fund Accounting***

The Township uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Township are divided into three categories, governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. All of the Township's funds are categorized as governmental.

***Governmental Funds***

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Township are financed. The following are the Township's major governmental funds:

***General Fund***

The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Township for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

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***Fire Fund***

This fund receives tax money for operating disbursements incurred by the Township's fire department, which is the primary source of receipts for this fund.

***Police Fund***

This fund receives tax money for disbursements made under contract with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to provide police protection.

***TIF Fund***

This fund receives money in lieu of taxes for improvements to certain parcels of land, which is the primary source of receipts for this fund.

The other governmental funds of the Township account for and report grants and other resources, where use is restricted to a particular purpose.

***Basis of Accounting***

The Township's financial statements are prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. Except for modifications having substantial support, receipts are recorded in the Township's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Any such modifications made by the Township are described in the appropriate section in this note.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued liabilities and the related expenses) are not recorded in these financial statements.

***Budgetary Process***

All funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Township may appropriate.

The appropriations resolution is the Township's authorization to spend resources and sets limits on disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Township. The legal level of control has been established at the fund, department, and object level for all funds.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Township Fiscal Officer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Township.

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The appropriations resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation resolution for that fund that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Township during the year.

***Cash and Investments***

To improve cash management, cash received by the Township is pooled and invested. Individual fund integrity is maintained through Township records. Interest in the pool is presented as “Equity in Pooled Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments”.

Investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and investments of the cash management pool are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

Investments are 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 negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

During 2021, the Township invested in negotiable certificates of deposit, U.S. Government Agencies, money market mutual funds, and STAR Ohio. The negotiable certificates of deposits and the U.S. Government Agencies are reported at fair value as of December 31, 2021. The Township’s money market mutual fund investments are recorded at the amount reported by the Township’s financial institution on December 31, 2021.

STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer’s Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. The Township measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For 2021, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, twenty-four hours advance notice is appreciated for deposits and withdrawals of \$100 million or more. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$250 million per day, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$250 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

Interest earnings are allocated to Township funds according to State statutes, grant requirements, or debt related restrictions. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during 2021 were \$309,593.

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***Inventory and Prepaid Items***

The Township reports disbursements for inventories and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

***Capital Assets***

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

***Accumulated Leave***

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Township's modified cash basis of accounting.

***Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans***

The Township recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 7 and 8, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

***Long-Term Obligations***

The Township's modified cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds or other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when the cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid.

***Net Position***

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position is restricted for maintenance of Township roads and bridges, fire and police protection services and TIF activities.

The Township's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an obligation is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net positions are available.

***Fund Balance***

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Township is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

***Nonspendable*** The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of interfund loans.

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**Restricted** Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

**Committed** The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by formal action (resolution) of Township Trustees. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Township Trustees remove or change the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. In contrast to fund balance that is restricted by enabling legislation, the committed fund balance classification may be redeployed for other purposes with appropriate due process. Constraints imposed on the use of committed amounts are imposed by Township Trustees, separate from the authorization to raise the underlying revenue; therefore, compliance with these constraints is not considered to be legally enforceable. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

**Assigned** Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Township for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by Township Trustees or a Township official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute. State Statute authorizes the Township Clerk to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated.

**Unassigned** Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Township applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

***Interfund Transactions***

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

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**3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

Monies held by the Township are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the Township treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the Township treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Trustees have identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

Interim monies held by the Township can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
4. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
5. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and, with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);

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7. Certain bankers' acceptances (for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days) and commercial paper notes (for a period not to exceed two hundred seventy days) in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met; and
8. Written repurchase agreements in the securities described in (1) or (2) provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Township, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the clerk/treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

***Deposits***

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure the Township will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, \$15,141,308 of the Township's bank balance of \$39,304,079 was exposed to custodial credit risk because those deposits were uninsured and uncollateralized. The Township's financial institution was approved for a reduced collateral rate of 50 percent through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System.

The Township has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by:

Eligible securities pledged to the Township and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured; or

Participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

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**Investments**

The fair value of these investments is not materially different than measurement value. As of December 31, 2021, the Township had the following investments:

Investment Type	Measurement Value	Investment Maturities (in Years)		
		Less than 1	1-2	3-5
STAR Ohio	\$ 3,203,581	\$ 3,203,581	\$ -	\$ -
Money Market	2,528,577	2,528,577	-	-
Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	12,858,970	-	-	12,858,970
Federal Farm Credit Bank Bonds	2,657,750	-	-	2,657,750
Federal National Mortgage Association Notes	2,062,114	-	-	2,062,114
Total Investments	\$ 23,310,992	\$ 5,732,158	\$ -	\$ 17,578,834

**Interest Rate Risk** Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The Township's investment policy does not address interest rate risk beyond the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Credit Risk** The security underlying the Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds, the Federal Farm Credit Bank Bonds and the Federal National Mortgage Association Notes carry a rating of AA+ by Standard & Poor's and Aaa by Moody's. The money market funds carry a rating of Aaa-mf by Moody's and AAAm by Standard and Poor's. STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAAM by Standard and Poor's. The Township has no investment policy dealing with investment credit risk beyond the requirements in state statutes. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service and that the money market fund be rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service.

**Custodial Credit Risk** For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Township will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. All of the Township's securities are either insured and registered in the name of the Township or at least registered in the name of the Township. The Township has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in state statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee.



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**Concentration of Credit Risk** The Township places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. The following investments represent five percent or more of total investments as of December 31, 2021:

Investment Issuer	Percentage of Investments
Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	55.16%
Federal Farm Credit Bank Bonds	11.40%
STAR Ohio	13.74%
Money Market	10.85%
Federal National Mortgage Association Notes	8.85%
Total	100%

**4. PROPERTY TAX**

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the Township. Property tax revenue received during 2021 for real and public utility property taxes represents collections of 2020 taxes.

2021 real property taxes are levied after October 1, 2021, on the assessed value as of January 1, 2021, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. 2021 real property taxes are collected in and intended to finance 2022.

Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31, if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

Public utility personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2021 public utility property taxes which became a lien December 31, 2020, are levied after October 1, 2021, and are collected in 2022 with real property taxes.

The full tax rate for all Township operations for the year ended December 31, 2021, was \$18.12 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property and public utility tangible property upon which 2021 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Real Property	\$1,375,882,830
Public Utility Property	35,678,520
Total Assessed Value	\$1,411,561,350

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the county, including the Township. The County Auditor periodically remits to the Township its portion of the taxes collected.

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**5. INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

During 2021, the General fund transferred \$100,000 to the Lighting District Funds to support continuing activities.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

***Risk Pool Membership***

The Township is a member of the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (the Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Township's policy. The Pool covers the following risks: general liability and casualty, public official's liability, cyber, law enforcement liability, automobile liability, vehicles, property, and equipment breakdown. The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liability as of December 31, 2021:

Cash and investments	\$34,880,599
Actuarial liabilities	\$10,601,444

***Self-Insurance***

The Township manages employee health benefits on a self-insured basis. The employee health benefit plan provides basic health coverage through United Health Care (UHC), the third party administrator (TPA) of the program, which reviews and processes or disallows the claims. Jefferson Health Plan (JHP) releases the claims payments to the providers as a consortium outside UHC. JHP is a jointly governed organization established as a joint insurance pool. The Township is a member of the Center for Local Government Benefits Pool (CLGBP) which is a member of JHP. A specific excess loss coverage (stoploss) insurance policy covers claims in excess of \$150,000 per employee per year. The 2021 monthly family, employee plus one, employee plus children and single premiums were \$2,115.01, \$1,450.21, \$1,298.30, and \$696.59. The TPA charges the Township an administration fee of \$46.78 per employee per month.

**7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

***Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)***

Plan Description – Township employees, other than full-time police and firefighters, participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan, and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan. Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions. While members in the state and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the traditional plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

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Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the traditional and combined plans were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional and combined plans as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group C</b>
Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
<b>State and Local</b>	<b>State and Local</b>	<b>State and Local</b>
<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit</p> <p><b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b>  2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30</p> <p><b>Combined Plan Formula:</b>  1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30</p>	<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit</p> <p><b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b>  2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30</p> <p><b>Combined Plan Formula:</b>  1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30</p>	<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit</p> <p><b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b>  2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35</p> <p><b>Combined Plan Formula:</b>  1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 35</p>
<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>Public Safety</b>
<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit</p>	<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit</p>	<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 52 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit</p>
<b>Law Enforcement</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 52 with 15 years of service credit</p>	<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit</p>	<p><b>Age and Service Requirements:</b>  Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit</p>
<b>Public Safety and Law Enforcement</b>	<b>Public Safety and Law Enforcement</b>	<b>Public Safety and Law Enforcement</b>
<p><b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b>  2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25</p>	<p><b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b>  2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25</p>	<p><b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b>  2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25</p>

Final average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The initial amount of a member's pension benefit is vested upon receipt of the initial benefit payment for calculation of an annual cost-of-living adjustment.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, current law provides for

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an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the combined plan receive a cost-of-living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost of living adjustment is 3 percent. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Member-directed plan and combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20 percent each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of their benefit (which includes joint and survivor options), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

Beginning in 2022, the Combined Plan will be consolidated under the Traditional Pension Plan (defined benefit plan) and the Combined Plan option will no longer be available for new hires beginning in 2022.

Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

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	State and Local	Public Safety	Law Enforcement
<b>2021 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates</b>			
Employer	14.0 %	18.1 %	18.1 %
Employee *	10.0 %	**	***
<b>2021 Actual Contribution Rates</b>			
Employer:			
Pension ****	14.0 %	18.1 %	18.1 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits ****	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Employer	<u>14.0 %</u>	<u>18.1 %</u>	<u>18.1 %</u>
Employee	<u>10.0 %</u>	<u>12.0 %</u>	<u>13.0 %</u>

\* Member contributions within the combined plan are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement allowance.

\*\* This rate is determined by OPERS' Board and has no maximum rate established by ORC.

\*\*\* This rate is also determined by OPERS' Board, but is limited by ORC to not more than 2 percent greater than the Public Safety rate.

\*\*\*\* These pension and employer health care rates are for the traditional and combined plans. The employer contributions rate for the member-directed plan is allocated 4 percent for health care with the remainder going to pension.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

For 2021, the Township's contractually required contribution was \$289,236 for the traditional plan, \$7,234 for the combined plan and \$21,190 for the member-directed plan.

***Plan Description - Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OPF)***

Plan Description – Township full-time police and firefighters participate in Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by OP&F. OP&F provides retirement and disability pension benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by the Ohio State Legislature and are codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code. OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information and detailed information about OP&F fiduciary net position. The report that may be obtained by visiting the OP&F website at [www.op-f.org](http://www.op-f.org) or by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

Upon attaining a qualifying age with sufficient years of service, a member of OP&F may retire and receive a lifetime monthly pension. OP&F offers four types of service retirement: normal, service commuted, age/service commuted and actuarially reduced. Each type has different eligibility guidelines and is calculated using the member's average annual salary. The following discussion of the pension formula relates to normal service retirement.

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For members hired after July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 52 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit. For members hired on or before after July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 48 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit.

The annual pension benefit for normal service retirement is equal to a percentage of the allowable average annual salary. The percentage equals 2.5 percent for each of the first 20 years of service credit, 2.0 percent for each of the next five years of service credit and 1.5 percent for each year of service credit in excess of 25 years. The maximum pension of 72 percent of the allowable average annual salary is paid after 33 years of service credit (see OP&F Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for Deferred Retirement Option Plan provisions and reduced and unreduced benefits).

Under normal service retirement, retired members who are at least 55 years old and have been receiving OP&F benefits for at least one year may be eligible for a cost-of-living allowance adjustment. The age 55 provision for receiving a COLA does not apply to those who are receiving a permanent and total disability benefit, surviving beneficiaries, and statutory survivors. Members participating in the DROP program have separate eligibility requirements related to COLA.

The COLA amount for members who have 15 or more years of service credit as of July 1, 2013, and members who are receiving a pension benefit that became effective before July 1, 2013, will be equal to 3.0 percent of the member's base pension benefit.

The COLA amount for members who have less than 15 years of service credit as of July 1, 2013, and members whose pension benefit became effective on or after July 1, 2013, will be equal to a percentage of the member's base pension benefit where the percentage is the lesser of 3.0% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index, if any, over the twelve-month period that ends on the thirtieth day of September of the immediately preceding year, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percent.

Members who retired prior to July 24, 1986, or their surviving beneficiaries under optional plans are entitled to cost-of-living allowance increases. The annual increase is paid on July 1st of each year. The annual COLA increase is \$360 under a Single Life Annuity Plan with proportional reductions for optional payment plans.

Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	<u>Police</u>	<u>Firefighters</u>
<b>2021 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates</b>		
Employer	19.50 %	24.00 %
Employee	12.25 %	12.25 %
<b>2021 Actual Contribution Rates</b>		
Employer:		
Pension	19.00 %	23.50 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	<u>0.50</u>	<u>0.50</u>
Total Employer	<u>19.50 %</u>	<u>24.00 %</u>
Employee	<u>12.25 %</u>	<u>12.25 %</u>

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Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Township's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$1,596,041 for 2021.

**8. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System***

Plan Description – The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment health care trust, which funds multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement to qualifying benefit recipients of both the traditional pension and the combined plans. Currently, Medicare-eligible retirees are able to select medical and prescription drug plans from a range of options and may elect optional vision and dental plans. Retirees and eligible dependents enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B have the option to enroll in a Medicare supplemental plan with the assistance of the OPERS Medicare Connector. The OPERS Medicare Connector is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees, spouses and dependents with selecting a medical and pharmacy plan. Monthly allowances, based on years of service and the age at which the retiree first enrolled in OPERS coverage, are deposited into an HRA. For non-Medicare retirees and eligible dependents, OPERS sponsors medical and prescription coverage through a professionally managed self-insured plan. An allowance to offset a portion of the monthly premium is offered to retirees and eligible dependents. The allowance is based on the retiree's years of service and age when they first enrolled in OPERS coverage.

Medicare-eligible retirees who choose to become re-employed or survivors who become employed in an OPERS-covered position are prohibited from participating in an HRA. For this group of retirees, OPERS sponsors secondary coverage through a professionally managed self-insured program.

Retirees who enroll in this plan are provided with a monthly allowance to offset a portion of the monthly premium. Medicare-eligible spouses and dependents can also enroll in this plan as long as the retiree is enrolled.

OPERS provides a monthly allowance for health care coverage for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents. The base allowance is determined by OPERS.

The health care trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or separation, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

Effective January 1, 2022, OPERS will discontinue the group plans currently offered to non-Medicare retirees and re-employed retirees. Instead, eligible non-Medicare retirees will select an individual medical plan. OPERS will provide a subsidy or allowance via an HRA allowance to those retirees who meet health care eligibility requirements. Retirees will be able to seek reimbursement for plan premiums and other qualified medical expenses.

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In order to qualify for postemployment health care coverage, age and service retirees under the traditional pension and combined plans must have twenty or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit with a minimum age of 60, or generally 30 years of qualifying service at any age. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. Current retirees eligible (or who become eligible prior to January 1, 2022) to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022. Eligibility requirements will change for those retiring after January 1, 2022, with differing eligibility requirements for Medicare retirees and non-Medicare retirees. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 75. See OPERS' Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced below for additional information.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

**Funding Policy** – The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care for the traditional plan and the combined plan.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2021, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.1 percent. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2021, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the Member-Directed Plan for 2021 was 4.0 percent.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Township's contractually required contribution was \$0 for the year 2021.

***Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund***

**Plan Description** – The Township contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F) sponsored healthcare program, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined postemployment healthcare plan administered by a third-party provider. This program is not guaranteed and is subject to change at any time upon action of the Board of Trustees. On January 1, 2019, OP&F implemented a new model for health care. Under this new model, OP&F provides eligible retirees with a fixed stipend earmarked to pay for health care and Medicare Part B reimbursements.



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OP&F contracted with a vendor who assists eligible retirees in choosing health care plans that are available where they live (both Medicare-eligible and pre-65 populations). A stipend funded by OP&F is available to these members through a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and can be used to reimburse retirees for qualified health care expenses.

A retiree is eligible for the OP&F health care stipend unless they have access to any other group coverage including employer and retirement coverage. The eligibility of spouses and dependent children could increase the stipend amount. If the spouse or dependents have access to any other group coverage including employer or retirement coverage, they are not eligible for stipend support from OP&F. Even if an OP&F member or their dependents are not eligible for a stipend, they can use the services of the third-party administrator to select and enroll in a plan. The stipend provided by OP&F meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75.

OP&F maintains funds for health care in two separate accounts: one account for health care benefits and one account for Medicare Part B reimbursements. A separate health care trust accrual account is maintained for health care benefits under IRS Code Section 115 trust. IRS Code Section 401(h) account is maintained for Medicare Part B reimbursements.

The Ohio Revised Code allows, but does not mandate, OP&F to provide OPEB benefits. Authority for the OP&F Board of Trustees to provide health care coverage to eligible participants and to establish and amend benefits is codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code.

OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information for the plan. The report may be obtained by visiting the OP&F website at [www.op-f.org](http://www.op-f.org) or by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

**Funding Policy** – The Ohio Revised Code provides for contribution requirements of the participating employers and of plan members to the OP&F defined benefit pension plan. Participating employers are required to contribute to the pension plan at rates expressed as percentages of the payroll of active pension plan members, currently 19.5 percent and 24 percent of covered payroll for police and fire employer units, respectively. The Ohio Revised Code states that the employer contribution may not exceed 19.5 percent of covered payroll for police employer units and 24 percent of covered payroll for fire employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions for retiree health care benefits. For 2021, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0.5 percent of covered payroll. The amount of employer contributions allocated to the health care plan each year is subject to the Trustees' primary responsibility to ensure that pension benefits are adequately funded.

The OP&F Board of Trustees is also authorized to establish requirements for contributions to the health care plan by retirees and their eligible dependents or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

The Township's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$33,958 for 2021.

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**9. DEBT**

For the year ended December 31, 2021, changes in the Township's debt were as follows:

	Interest Rate	Balance			Balance December 31, 2021	Amount Due Within One Year
		January 1, 2021	Additions	Deletions		
OPWC Loan CB22U	0.00%	\$ 162,591	\$ -	\$ (65,036)	\$ 97,555	\$ 32,518
OPWC Loan CB22U	0.00%	865,040	-	(91,057)	773,983	45,528
2019 Recreational Facility Improvement Bonds	2.00-4.00%	2,185,000	-	(45,000)	2,140,000	50,000
2019 Premium on Bonds		56,099	-	(1,934)	54,165	-
		<u>\$3,268,730</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (203,027)</u>	<u>\$ 3,067,724</u>	<u>\$ 128,046</u>

The Township issued an Ohio Public Works Commission loan in 2018 for \$325,181. The loan was issued for road improvements for the Ivy Hills subdivision. The loan is a five year loan with zero percent interest.

The Township issued an Ohio Public Works Commission loan in 2019 for \$910,568. The loan was issued for Towne Center Way road improvements. The loan is a ten year loan with zero percent interest.

The Township issued \$2,255,000 in various purpose bonds in 2019. The bonds will mature in 2049 and require semi-annual payments due June 1 and December 1. The bonds were issued for recreation facility improvements.

The following is a summary of the Township's future annual debt service requirements:

Year ending December 31:	General Obligation Bonds		OPWC Loans	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2022	\$ 50,000	\$ 63,000	\$ 78,046	\$ -
2023	50,000	61,000	156,093	-
2024	50,000	59,000	91,057	-
2025	55,000	57,000	91,057	-
2026	55,000	54,800	91,057	-
2027-2031	320,000	243,900	364,228	-
2032-2036	365,000	194,349	-	-
2037-2041	410,000	147,348	-	-
2042-2046	470,000	88,911	-	-
2047-2049	315,000	19,200	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 2,140,000</u>	<u>\$ 988,508</u>	<u>\$ 871,538</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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The Ohio Revised Code provides that net general obligation debt of the Township, exclusive of certain exempt debt, issued without a vote of the electors shall never exceed 5.5 percent of the tax valuation of the Township. The Revised Code further provides that total voted and unvoted net debt of the Township less the same exempt debt shall never exceed amount equal to 10.5 percent of its tax valuation. The effects of the debt limitations at December 31, 2021, were an overall debt margin of \$145,202,404 and an unvoted debt margin of \$74,624,336.

**10. FUND BALANCES**

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the Township is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the government funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

Fund Balances	General Fund	Fire Fund	Police Fund	TIF Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Nonspendable						
Unclaimed Monies	\$ 5,725	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,725
Restricted for:						
Public Safety	-	7,800,945	3,678,474	-	-	11,479,419
Tax Increment Financing	-	-	-	23,484,428	5,397,597	28,882,025
Public Works	-	-	-	-	4,392,464	4,392,464
Recreation Programs	-	-	-	-	325,095	325,095
Debt Services	-	-	-	-	607,716	607,716
American Rescue Plan	-	-	-	-	2,307,875	2,307,875
Covid 19	-	-	-	-	2,100	2,100
Lighting District	-	-	-	-	87,879	87,879
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,800,945</b>	<b>3,678,474</b>	<b>23,484,428</b>	<b>13,120,726</b>	<b>48,084,573</b>
Assigned for:						
Encumbrances	449,645	-	-	-	-	449,645
Next Year Budget	216,200	-	-	-	-	216,200
<b>Total Assigned</b>	<b>665,845</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>665,845</b>
Unassigned	13,143,824	-	-	-	-	13,143,824
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 13,815,394</b>	<b>\$ 7,800,945</b>	<b>\$ 3,678,474</b>	<b>\$ 23,484,428</b>	<b>\$ 13,120,726</b>	<b>\$ 61,899,967</b>

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**11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Township is not a defendant in any lawsuits. The Township is an appellee in a pending administrative appeal of a Board of Zoning Appeals decision, the resolution of which would not, in the opinion of management, materially adversely affect the Township's financial condition.

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Township are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. Grantors may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

**12. COVID-19**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June, 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. During 2021, the Township received COVID-19 funding. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township. The impact on the Township's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

The Township's investment portfolio fluctuates with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of gains or losses that will be realized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined.

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

Anderson Township  
Hamilton County  
7850 Five Mile Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45230

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the modified cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 29, 2023, wherein we noted the Township uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles.

***Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

***Report on Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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*.

***Purpose of This Report***

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



**Perry and Associates**  
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.  
Marietta, Ohio

September 29, 2023

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**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2020-001	Financial Reporting	Partially Corrected	Moved to Management Letter

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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**ANDERSON TOWNSHIP**

**HAMILTON COUNTY**

## **AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



**Certified for Release 12/21/2023**

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