# TUSCARAWAS TOWNSHP COSHOCTON COUNTY, OHIO

#### **REGULAR AUDIT**

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021





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Board of Trustees Tuscarawas Township 714 Cedar Street Coshocton, Ohio 43812

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Tuscarawas Township, Coshocton County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., 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. Tuscarawas Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

May 15, 2023

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Tuscarawas Township Coshocton County 714 Cedar Street P.O. Box 664 Coshocton, OH 43812

To the Board of Trustees:

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Unmodified and Adverse Opinions**

We have audited the financial statements of Tuscarawas Township, Coshocton County, Ohio (the Township), which comprises the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### **Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting**

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

#### Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township, as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, or the changes in financial position, thereof for the years then ended.

#### **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.

#### Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by Township on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

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#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 11 to the financial statements for 2022 and Note 12 to the financial statements for 2021, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township. We did not modify our opinions regarding 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 financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. 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.

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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 March 20, 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.



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. March 20, 2023

## COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS) ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	G	eneral	Special Revenue		Capital Projects		(Me	Totals morandum Only)
Cash Receipts								
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	47,199	\$	37,759	\$	-	\$	84,958
Intergovernmental		77,472		260,270		-		337,742
Earnings On Investments		830		1,737		-		2,567
Miscellaneous		94		75				169
Total Cash Receipts	1	125,595		299,841				425,436
Cash Disbursements								
Current:								
General Government	1	130,554		4,022		-		134,576
Public Works		17,506		164,143		-		181,649
Health		10,739		-		-		10,739
Conservation-Recreation		82		-		-		82
Capital Outlay		-		151,122		-		151,122
Debt Service:								
Principal Retirement		-		21,262		-		21,262
Interest and Fiscal Charges				631				631
Total Cash Disbursements	1	158,881		341,180				500,061
Other Financing Receipts								
Other Financing Sources		2,417						2,417
Total Other Financing Receipts		2,417						2,417
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances		(30,869)		(41,339)		-		(72,208)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		51,131		441,366		21,000		513,497
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	20,262	\$	400,027	<u>\$</u>	21,000	\$	441,289

Coshocton County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

#### Note 1 - Reporting Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Tuscarawas Township, Coshocton County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides general government services and road and bridge maintenance.

#### Jointly Governed Organizations and Public Entity Risk Pools

The Township participates in a jointly governed organization, and a public entity risk pool. Notes 6 and 9 to the financial statements provide additional information for these entities.

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

#### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Presentation

The Township's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types which is organized on a fund type basis.

#### **Fund Accounting**

The Township uses funds 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 presented below:

**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.

**Special Revenue Funds** These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

**Gasoline Tax Fund** The gas tax fund accounts for and reports that portion of the State gasoline tax restricted for maintenance and repair of roads within the Township.

**Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund** The motor vehicle license tax fund accounts for and reports that portion of motor vehicle license registration fees restricted for maintenance and repair of roads within the Township.

**Road and Bridge Fund** The road and bridge fund accounts for and reports that portion of the property tax restricted for maintenance and repair of roads within the Township.

**Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund** The permissive motor vehicle license tax fund accounts for and reports that portion of permissive motor vehicle license registration fees restricted for maintenance and repair of roads within the Township.

**WODA Road Maintenance Fund** The WODA road maintenance fund accounts for and reports for that portion of monies given by the WODA and restricted for maintenance and repair of roads within the WODA portion of the Township.

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#### Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Fund Accounting (Continued)

**American Relief Plan Fund** The American Relief Plan fund accounts for and reports that portion of monies granted by the government for the American Rescue Plan and restricted for use for unexpected costs retaining to the Coronavirus and relief from the Coronavirus.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C) permit.

#### **Budgetary Process**

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

**Appropriations** Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Appropriations lapse at year end.

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

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

A summary of 2022 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

#### Deposits and Investments

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

#### Capital Assets

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

#### Accumulated Leave

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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#### Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### **Fund Balance**

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

**Nonspendable** The Township classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

**Restricted** Fund balance is *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** Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Township must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

**Assigned** Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

**Unassigned** Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included 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.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 10.

#### Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2022 follows:

	Budgeted		Actual			
Fund Type	Receipts		Receipts		Variance	
General	\$	119,550	\$	128,012	\$	8,462
Special Revenue		301,086		299,841		(1,245)

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#### Note 3 – Budgetary Activity (Continued)

2022 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements

	Appropriation		Budgetary			
Fund Type	Authority		Disbursements		Variance	
General	\$	170,681	\$	158,881	\$	11,800
Special Revenue		742,451		341,180		401,271
Capital Projects		21,000		-		21,000

Contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D), certain tested were not properly certified prior to commitment to expend the funds.

#### Note 4 - Deposits and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the Township is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. A summary of the Township's deposit and investment accounts are as follows:

	 2022
Cash Management Pool:	 
Demand deposits	\$ 28,833
Certificates of deposit	 412,456
Total deposits	\$ 441,289

The Township does not use a separate payroll clearing account. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statements reflect net payroll plus all remitted payroll withholdings. At December 31, 2022, the Township is holding no unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

#### **Deposits**

Deposits are either insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

#### Note 5 - Property Taxes

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

The County is responsible for assessing property and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Township.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

#### Note 6 - Risk Management

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: Most Current Information Available

2021

Cash and investments \$34,880,599

Actuarial liabilities \$10,601,444

#### Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

#### Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2022.

#### Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2022. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2022.

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.

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#### Note 9 – Jointly Governed Organizations

The Coshocton-Tuscarawas-Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) was created during 2004 pursuant to Revised Code Section 715.72 to 715.83. The JEDD was created to facilitate economic development, to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities and to improve the economic welfare of the people in the County, the City, the Townships and the JEDD.

The JEDD board shall consist of 3-5 members, one member representing the City of Coshocton to serve a term of one year, one member representing the Township to serve a term of two years, one member representing the business owners located in the District to serve a term of three years, one member representing the persons working in the District to serve a term of four years and one member selected by the other members to serve a term of four years as chairperson of the District Board. The JEDD's Board pursuant to Revised Code 715.74 has implemented a 1.0% income tax (that will change to match the City's rate if it changes) to be used for purposes of the JEDD. The contract can be terminated at any time by mutual consent of the City and Township. The City serves as fiscal agent for the JEDD. Complete financial information can be obtained from the Coshocton-Tuscarawas-Joint Economic Development District, Coshocton, Ohio.

#### Note 10 - Fund Balances

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control.

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances would be considered assigned. There were no encumbrances at year end.

#### **Note 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 \$96,861 American Rescue Plan Act 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.

## COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS) ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	G	Seneral	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	(Me	Totals emorandum Only)
Cash Receipts				 		
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	48,231	\$ 38,587	\$ -	\$	86,818
Intergovernmental		66,175	262,138	-		328,313
Earnings On Investments		779	874	-		1,653
Miscellaneous		6,778	 			6,778
Total Cash Receipts		121,963	 301,599			423,562
Cash Disbursements						
Current:						
General Government		111,685	14,475	-		126,160
Public Safety		300	-	-		300
Public Works		21,840	181,043	-		202,883
Health		7,500	-	-		7,500
Conservation-Recreation		143	-	-		143
Capital Outlay		-	33,306	-		33,306
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement		-	20,663	-		20,663
Interest and Fiscal Charges			 1,216			1,216
Total Cash Disbursements		141,468	250,703			392,171
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)						
Other Financing Uses		(2,086)	 			(2,086)
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)		(2,086)	 			(2,086)
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances		(21,591)	50,896	-		29,305
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		72,722	 390,470	21,000		484,192
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	51,131	\$ 441,366	\$ 21,000	\$	513,497

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

A summary of 2021 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

#### Deposits and Investments

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#### Capital Assets

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#### Accumulated Leave

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Coshocton County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

#### Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### **Fund Balance**

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

**Nonspendable** The Township classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

**Restricted** Fund balance is *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** Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Township must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

**Assigned** Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

**Unassigned** Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included 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.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 11.

#### Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2021 follows:

2021 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted		Actual			
Fund Type	Receipts		Receipts		Variance	
General	\$	126,951	\$	121,963	\$	(4,988)
Special Revenue		205,853		301,599		95,746

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#### Note 3 – Budgetary Activity (Continued)

2021 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements

	App	Appropriation		Budgetary				
Fund Type		Authority		Disbursements		Variance		
General	\$	199,673	\$	143,554	\$	56,119		
Special Revenue		596,323		250,703		345,620		
Capital Projects		21,000		-		21,000		

Contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D), funds were not properly certified prior to commitment to expend the funds.

#### Note 4 - Deposits and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the Township is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. A summary of the Township's deposit and investment accounts are as follows:

	 2021
Cash Management Pool:	
Demand deposits	\$ 103,607
Certificates of deposit	 409,890
Total deposits	\$ 513,497

The Township does not use a separate payroll clearing account. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statements reflect net payroll plus all remitted payroll withholdings. At December 31, 2021, the Township is holding no unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

#### **Deposits**

Deposits are either insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

#### Note 5 – Property Taxes

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

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#### Note 6 - Risk Management

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:

2021

Cash and investments \$34,880,599

Actuarial liabilities \$10,601,444

#### Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

#### Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2021.

#### Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2021. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2021.

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#### Note 9 – Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2021, was as follows:

	P	rincipal	Interest Rate
Equipment Bond - Ford F550	\$	21,262	2.90%

The Township issued an equipment bond for the amount of \$62,000 at an interest rate of 2.90% in 2019 to finance the purchase of a 2019 Ford F550 truck for Township road maintenance. The Township's taxing authority collateralized the bonds. Maturity date is December 6, 2022. The debt is being retired from the Gasoline Tax Fund.

#### **Amortization**

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

	Equipment		
Year Ending	Bond - Ford		
December 31:	F550		
2022	\$	21.878	

#### Note 10 – Jointly Governed Organizations

The Coshocton-Tuscarawas-Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) was created during 2004 pursuant to Revised Code Section 715.72 to 715.83. The JEDD was created to facilitate economic development, to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities and to improve the economic welfare of the people in the County, the City, the Townships and the JEDD.

The JEDD board shall consist of 3-5 members, one member representing the City of Coshocton to serve a term of one year, one member representing the Township to serve a term of two years, one member representing the business owners located in the District to serve a term of three years, one member representing the persons working in the District to serve a term of four years and one member selected by the other members to serve a term of four years as chairperson of the District Board. The JEDD's Board pursuant to Revised Code 715.74 has implemented a 1.0% income tax (that will change to match the City's rate if it changes) to be used for purposes of the JEDD. The contract can be terminated at any time by mutual consent of the City and Township. The City serves as fiscal agent for the JEDD. Complete financial information can be obtained from the Coshocton-Tuscarawas-Joint Economic Development District, Coshocton, Ohio.

#### Note 11 - Fund Balances

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control.

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances would be considered assigned. There were no encumbrances at year end.

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#### **Note 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 \$96,476 American Rescue Plan Act 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.

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

Tuscarawas Township Coshocton County 714 Cedar Street P.O. Box 664 Coshocton, OH 43812

#### 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, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each government fund type of Tuscarawas Township, Coshocton County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 20, 2023, wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing Section 117-2-03(C) permit. emergency measures which may impact subsequent periods of the Township.

#### 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 purposes 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness and a significant deficiency.

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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2022-001 to be a material weakness.

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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2022-003 to be a significant deficiency.

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#### 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2022-002 and 2022-003.

We also noted certain other matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated March 20, 2023.

#### Township's Responses to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Township's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying corrective action plan. The Township's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

#### 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.

Charles Harris Asseciation

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.

March 20, 2023

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

### FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

#### FINDING 2022-001 - Material Weakness

#### Financial Reporting - Posting Receipts and Disbursements

The Township should have procedures and controls in place to prevent and detect errors in financial reporting. During 2022 and 2021, receipts and disbursements were not always posted or classified correctly. The following posting errors were noted:

#### For 2022

- A reclassification of revenue from Other Financing Sources to Intergovernmental in the American Rescue Plan Fund for the receipt of federal funds.
- A reclassification of revenue from Property and Other Local Taxes to Intergovernmental in the General and Road & Bridge Funds to properly record rollbacks.
- A reclassification of disbursements from General Government to Capital Outlay in the Coronavirus Relief Fund for the construction of a building extension.

#### For 2021

- A reclassification of revenue from Other Financing Sources to Intergovernmental in the American Rescue Plan Fund for the receipt of federal funds.
- A reclassification of revenue from Other Financing Sources to Miscellaneous in the General Fund for the receipt of miscellaneous revenue.
- A reclassification of revenue from Property and Other Local Taxes to Intergovernmental in the General and Road & Bridge Funds to properly record rollbacks.
- A reclassification of disbursements from General Government to Capital Outlay in the Coronavirus Relief Fund for the purchase of capital assets.
- A reclassification of disbursements from Capital Outlay to Public Works in the Road & Bridge Fund for the paving of roads.
- Adjustment to correct beginning fund balances in the General and Special Revenue Funds.

Not posting receipts and disbursements correctly resulted in the financial statements requiring reclassification entries. The financial statements reflect all reclassifications.

Also, during 2022 and 2021 aspects of the notes to the financial statements were corrected from the Hinkle filing to agree to the financial statements in the audit report and to include all necessary note disclosures. We made corrections to the:

- · Summary of Significant Accounting Polices
- Budgetary Activity
- · Deposits and Investments
- · Risk Management
- · Defined Benefit Pension Plans
- Debt
- · Fund Balances
- · Covid-19

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

## FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)

FINDING 2022-001 - Material Weakness (Continued)

#### Financial Reporting - Posting Receipts and Disbursements (Continued)

We recommend the Fiscal Officer refer to the Ohio Township Handbook, Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) Manual and Auditor of State guidance to determine the proper establishment of receipt and disbursement accounts and proper posting. Also, to help ensure accuracy and reliability in the financial reporting process, we recommend management perform a detailed review of its draft financial statements and notes to the financial statements. Such review should include procedures to ensure that all receipts and disbursements are properly identified and classified on the financial statements. We recommend the Township use the most current available templates for financial statements and notes to the financial statements on the Auditor of State's website <a href="http://www.ohioauditor.gov/references/shells/regulatory.html">http://www.ohioauditor.gov/references/shells/regulatory.html</a> to prepare an accurate annual financial report.

Management's Response - See Corrective Action Plan.

Finding 2022-002 - Noncompliance

#### **Certifying the Availability of Funds**

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D) requires that no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any contract or give any order involving the expenditure of money unless a certificate signed by the fiscal officer is attached thereto. The fiscal officer must certify that the amount required meeting any such contract or expenditure has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury, or is in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrance. Only the subdivision's fiscal officer need sign the certificate. Every contract made without such a certificate shall be void, and no warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due thereon.

There are several exceptions to the standard requirement stated above that a fiscal officer's certificate must be obtained prior to a subdivision or taxing authority entering into a contract or order involving the expenditure of money. The main exceptions are: "then and now" certificates, blanket certificates, and super blanket certificates, which are provided for in sections 5705.41(D)(1) and 5705.41(D)(3), respectively, of the Ohio Revised Code.

1. "Then and Now" certificate - If the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the fiscal officer is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the taxing authority can authorize the drawing of a warrant for the payment of the amount due. The taxing authority has thirty days from the receipt of the "then and now" certificate to approve payment by resolution.

Amounts of less than \$3,000 may be paid by the fiscal officer without a resolution upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by the taxing authority.

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

## FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)

#### Finding 2022-002 - Noncompliance (Continued)

#### **Certifying the Availability of Funds (Continued)**

- 2. Blanket Certificate Fiscal officers may prepare "blanket" certificates for a certain sum of money not in excess of an amount established by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the legislative authority against any specific line item account over a period not running beyond the end of the current fiscal year. The blanket certificates may, but need not, be limited to a specific vendor. Only one blanket certificate may be outstanding at one particular time for any one particular line item appropriation.
- 3. Super Blanket Certificate The Township may also make expenditures and contracts for any amount from a specific line-item appropriation account in a specified fund upon certification of the fiscal officer for most professional services, fuel, oil, food items, and any other specific recurring and reasonably predictable operating expense. This certification is not to extend beyond the current year. Only one super blanket certificate may be outstanding at a particular time for any one line-item appropriation.

The Township did not properly certify the availability of funds prior to purchase commitment for 45% and 40% of the expenditures tested for 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Unless the exceptions noted above are used, prior certification is not only required by statute but is a key control in the disbursement process to assure that purchase commitments receive prior approval. To improve controls over disbursements and to help reduce the possibility of the Township's funds exceeding budgetary spending limitations, we recommend that the Fiscal Officer certify that the funds are or will be available prior to an obligation being incurred by the Township. When prior certification is not possible, "then and now" certification should be used.

Management's Response – See Corrective Action Plan.

#### Finding Number 2022-003 - Significant Deficiency/Noncompliance

#### **Approved Appropriations Matching Accounting System**

Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-02-(C) (1) requires all local public offices to integrate the budgetary accounts, at the legal level of control or lower, into the financial accounting system in order to effectively maintain the accounting and budgetary records. This means designing an accounting system to provide ongoing and timely information of appropriations.

The Township did not have a control procedure in place to ensure that appropriations, as authorized by the Board and the County Auditor, were reconciled to the appropriations posted to the accounting system for both 2022 and 2021. This resulted in incorrect amounts being posted to the accounting system and information available to Township officials to monitor year-to-date total comparison of budgeted amounts versus actual amounts was not accurate. The budgetary footnote reflects all adjustments.

We recommend the Township implement procedures to ensure appropriations are accurately posted to the accounting system and reconciled to the amounts approved by the Board and the County Auditor after each amendment.

Management's Response - See Corrective Action Plan.

## CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN - PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

Finding Number	Planned Corrective Action	Anticipated Completion Date	Responsible Contact Person
2022-001	Fiscal Officer will follow the guidance obtained during the current audit process to complete upcoming annual financial reports filed on the Hinkle System.	Immediately	Robert Kehl – Fiscal Officer
2022-002	The Fiscal Officer will follow the guidelines outlined in the Ohio Compliance Supplement concerning certification of funds.	Immediately	Robert Kehl – Fiscal Officer
2022-003	The Fiscal Officer will be using the Uniform Accounting Network to prepare the appropriations budget so it will match what is approved by the County Auditor.	Immediately	Robert Kehl – Fiscal Officer



#### **TUSCARAWAS TOWNSHIP**

#### **COSHOCTON 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 5/25/2023

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