

#### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ROSS COUNTY

Regular Audit

For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022







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Board of Trustees Springfield Township 95 Musselman Mill Rd Chillicothe, OH 45601

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Springfield Township, Ross County, prepared by J.L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. 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. The Springfield Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

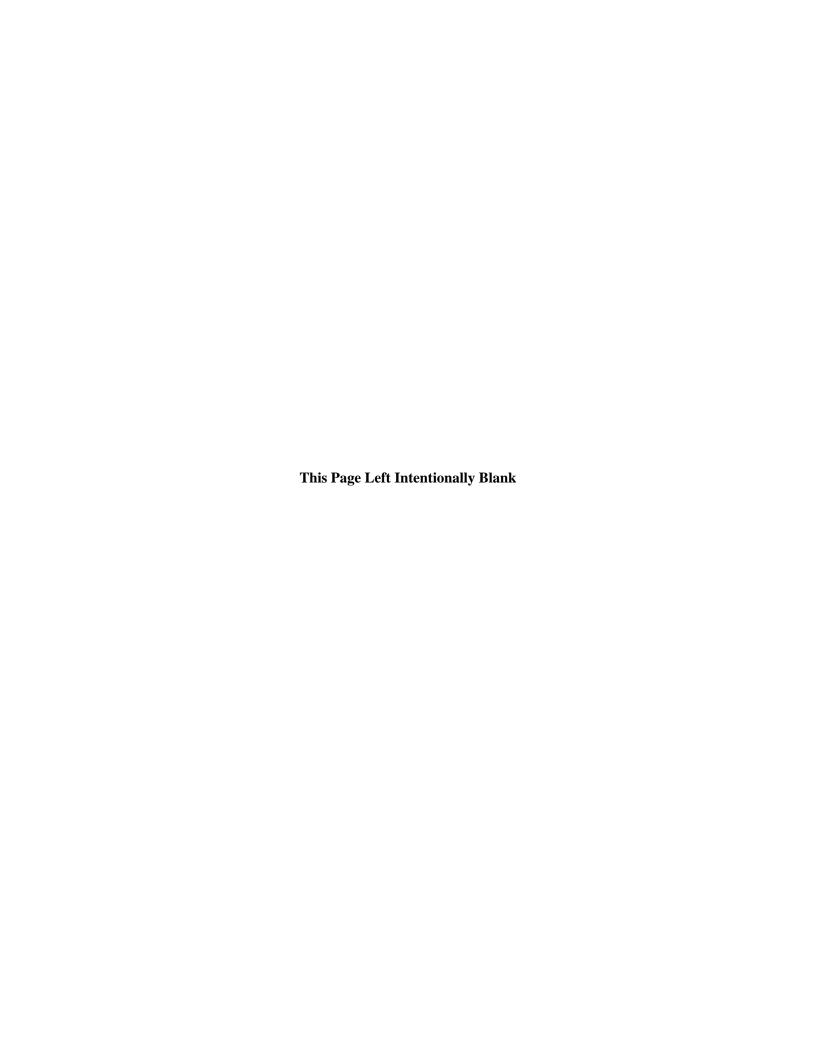
Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

August 08, 2024



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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Trustees Springfield Township, Ross County 95 Musselman Mill Rd Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

To the Board of Trustees:

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

#### Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the Springfield Township, Ross 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, 2023 and 2022, 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, 2023 and 2022, 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 1.

#### 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, 2023 and 2022, or the changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Board of Trustees Springfield Township, Ross County Independent Auditor's Report

#### 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 1 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 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

#### 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.

Board of Trustees Springfield Township, Ross County Independent Auditor's Report

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.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 8, for 2023, and Note 9, for 2022, to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 20 2024, 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.

## J. L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc.

J. L. UHRIG AND ASSOCIATES, INC. Chillicothe, Ohio

June 20, 2024

#### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, ROSS COUNTY

Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and
Changes in Fund Cash Balances
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Governmental Fund Types				
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Permanent Fund	Totals
Cash Receipts:	<u> </u>	110.01100		1 0110	10000
Local Taxes	\$79,084	\$266,416	\$0	\$0	345,500
Intergovernmental	45,607	2,404,101	0	0	2,449,708
Charges for Services	0	6,566	0	0	6,566
Earnings on Investments	4,516	52	0	0	4,568
Other Revenue	6,791	62	0	0	6,853
Total Cash Receipts	135,998	2,677,197	0	0	2,813,195
Cash Disbursements: Current:					
General Government	107,485	156,325	0	0	263,810
Public Safety	0	36,380	0	0	36,380
Public Works	0	1,750,607	0	0	1,750,607
Debt Service:					
Capital Outlay	0	3,200	0	0	3,200
Total Cash Disbursements	107,485	1,946,512	0	0	2,053,997
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	28,513	730,685	0	0	759,198
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	119,257	696,448	421	194	816,320
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$147,770	\$1,427,133	\$421	\$194	\$1,575,518

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Ross County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Springfield Township, Ross County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services.

The Township participates in the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a public entity risk pool. OTARMA is a risk sharing pool available to Ohio Townships for insurance coverage. Note 7 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.

#### **B.** Accounting Basis

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(D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board 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(D) permit.

#### C. 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.

#### D. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Township classifies its funds into the following types:

Ross County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 1. General Fund

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

#### 2. 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 Fund:

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

<u>Road and Bridge Fund</u> - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

<u>Special Levy Fire Fund</u> – This fund receives tax monies for the purpose of providing fire and rescue services to the Township.

<u>American Rescue Funds</u> – This fund was received from the US Treasury. The use of these funds is still unclear.

<u>FEMA Fund</u> – This fund receives monies from FEMA. The funds are to be used to repair slips on True Hollow Road, Rocky Road Sites 1&2, and culverts 1&2.

<u>FIRE & RESCUE, AMBULANCE & EMS SERVICES</u> – This Fund is for the money collected & paid for squad runs.

#### 3. Capital Project Funds

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Township had the following significant capital projects fund:

<u>Public Works Commission Projects Fund</u> – The fund records revenues received and expenses incurred by the Ross County Engineer on behalf of the Township in connection with repaving roads within the Township.

#### 4. Debt Service Funds

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

Ross County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### E. Budgetary Process

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

#### 1. Appropriations

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

#### 2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cast to be received (budgeted receipts) plus carry over as of December 31. The County budget Commission must approve estimated resources.

#### 3. Encumbrances

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

A summary of budgetary activity for 2023 appears in Note 3.

#### F. 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:

#### 1. Non-spendable

The Township classifies assets as non-spendable when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

#### 2. 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.

Ross County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 3. 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.

#### 4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as assigned unless they are 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.

#### 5. 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.

#### G. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

#### 2. EQUITY IN POOLED DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Township maintains a deposit and investments pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits and investments at December 31<sup>st</sup> was as follows:

	2023
Demand deposits	\$1,575,518

Ross County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

#### 2. EQUITY IN POOLED DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

#### 3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31 follows:

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$113,891	\$135,998	\$22,107
Special Revenue	1,909,134	2,677,197	768,063
Total	\$2,023,025	\$2,813,195	\$790,170

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$136,506	\$107,485	\$29,021
Special Revenue	2,231,860	1,946,512	285,348
Total	\$2,368,366	\$2,053,997	\$314,369

#### 4. PROPERTY TAX

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 homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31<sup>st</sup>. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due in February and the second half payment is due the following July.

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

#### 5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's Firefighters belong to the Volunteers Firefighters Dependent Fund. All other 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 includes postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2023, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2023.

Ross County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

#### 6. POSTEMPLOYEMENT BENEFITS

Both 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 2.0 percent during calendar year 2022, and 1.0% during calendar year 2023.

#### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses and injuries to employees.

The Township insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

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. York Risk Pooling Services, Inc. (Formally known as American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc.) (York or Management), functions as the administrators of the Pool and provides underwriting claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for the pool. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgements, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members deductibles.

#### Casualty and Property Coverage

The pool is a member of American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by York. APEEP provides the Pool with an excess risk sharing program. Under this arrangement, OTARMA retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2023, OTARMA retained \$10,601,444 for Property & Casualty claims reserve.

The afore mentioned casualty and property reinsurance agreement does not discharge OTARMA's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

#### **Financial Position**

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2023 (the latest information available).

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets	\$16,614,866.00	\$15,227,379.00
Liabilities	\$14,662,566.00	\$18,693,557.00
Net Position	\$31,277,432.00	\$33,920,936.00

Ross County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

#### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

At December 31, 2022 and 2023, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$5.5 and \$8.0 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$9.1 and \$10.6 million of unpaid claims and 1,048 members governments in the future as of December 31, 2022 and 2023, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment.

Based on discussions with OTARMA, the expected rates OTARMA charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability for each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to OTARMA for each year of membership.

Contributions to OTARMA 2023 \$21,479.00

After one year of membership, a member may withdraw on the anniversary of the date of joining OTARMA, if the member notifies OTARMA in writing 60 days prior to the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to the pool. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to the withdrawal.

#### 8. COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June, 2021 while the national state of emergency ended in April 2023. During 2022, the Township did receive 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.

#### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, ROSS COUNTY

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Cash Receipts:					
Local Taxes	\$70,488	\$246,120	\$0	\$0	316,608
Intergovernmental	35,001	435,089	0	0	470,090
Earnings on Investments	1,225	49	0	0	1,274
Other Revenue	754	2,464	0	0	3,218
Total Cash Receipts	107,468	683,722	0	0	791,190
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	106,178	100,997	0	0	207,175
Public Safety	0	26,248	0	0	26,248
Public Works	0	421,802	0	0	421,802
Health	0	605	0	0	605
Debt Service:					
Redemption of Principal	0	28,445	0	0	28,445
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	1,135	0	0	1,135
Total Cash Disbursements	106,178	579,232	0	0	685,410
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	1,290	104,490	0	0	105,780
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	117,967	591,958	421	194	710,540
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Ross County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 1. Appropriations

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

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as assigned unless they are 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.

#### 5. 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.

#### G. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

#### 2. EQUITY IN POOLED DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2022
Demand deposits	\$816,320

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

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

#### 3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31 follows:

2022 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts				
	Budgeted Actual			
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance	
General	\$105,858	\$107,468	\$1,610	
Special Revenue	503,516	683,722	180,206	
Total	\$609,374	\$791,190	\$181,816	

2022 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

-	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$113,821	\$106,178	\$7,643
Special Revenue	834,327	579,232	255,095
Total	\$948,148	\$685,410	\$262,738

#### 4. PROPERTY TAX

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 homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31<sup>st</sup>. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due in February and the second half payment is due the following July.

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

#### 5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2022

Principal Interest Rate
Total \$0.00

In November 2012, the Township issued a note in the amount of \$284,454 to purchase a pumper truck. Was paid off in November 2022.

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

#### 5. DEBT (CONTINUED)

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

Pumper Truck

Year ending December 31:

2022

\$0.00

#### 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's Firefighters belong to the Volunteers Firefighters Dependent Fund. All other 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 includes postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

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

#### 7. POSTEMPLOYEMENT BENEFITS

Both 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 2.0 percent during calendar year 2022.

#### 8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses and injuries to employees.

The Township insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

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. York Risk Pooling Services, Inc. (Formally known as American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc.) (York or Management), functions as the administrators of the Pool and provides underwriting claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for the pool. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgements, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members deductibles.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

#### 8. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### Casualty and Property Coverage

The poos is a member of American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by York. APEEP provides the Pool with an excess risk sharing program. Under this arrangement, OTARMA retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2020, OTARMA retained \$500,000 for casualty claims and \$250,000 for property claims.

The afore mentioned casualty and property reinsurance agreement does not discharge OTARMA's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

#### **Financial Position**

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2020 (the latest information available).

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Assets	\$46,315,535.00	\$48,584,597.00
Liabilities	\$11,571,566.00	\$12,173,109.00
Net Position	\$57,887,101.00	\$60,757,706.00

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At December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$7.1 and \$8.1 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$1.5 and \$1.4 million of unpaid claims and 1,048 members governments in the future as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment.

Based on discussions with OTARMA, the expected rates OTARMA charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability for each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to OTARMA for each year of membership.

Contributions to OTARMA 2022 \$20,211.00

After one year of membership, a member may withdraw on the anniversary of the date of joining OTARMA, if the member notifies OTARMA in writing 60 days prior to the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to the pool. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to the withdrawal.

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

#### 9. **COVID-19**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June, 2021 while the national state of emergency ended in April 2023. During 2022, the Township did receive 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.

### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, ROSS COUNTY, FINANCIAL CONDITION

#### Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/ Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal AL Number	Disbursements
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  Direct from the Federal Government  Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	141-74129-00	97.036	1,506,951
Total Federal Expenditures			\$1,506,951

See accompanying notes to the schedule of federal awards expenditures.

#### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, ROSS COUNTY FINANCIAL CONDITION

Notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures For the year ended December 31, 2023

#### *NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION*

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Springfield Township (the Township's), Ross County, under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Township, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the Township.

#### NOTE B – <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following either the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87 Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments (codified in 2 CFR Part 225), or the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement. The Township has elected not to use the 10- percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

#### **NOTE C – MATCHING REQUIREMENTS**

Certain Federal programs require the Township to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The Township has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.



#### Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required By Government Auditing Standards

Board of Trustees Carol Schrader, Fiscal Officer Springfield Township, Ross County 95 Musselman Mill Rd Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

#### To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type of the Springfield Township, Ross County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 20, 2024, wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 permit. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures that will impact subsequent periods of the Township.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and timely correct misstatements. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or 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. Therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. During our audit we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness. We consider finding 2023-001 to be a material weakness.



Board of Trustees Springfield Township, Ross County Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required By *Government Auditing Standards* 

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters 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.

J. L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc.

J. L. UHRIG AND ASSOCIATES, INC. Chillicothe, Ohio

June 20, 2024



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE AND ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Township Trustees Springfield Township, Ross County 95 Musselman Mill Rd Chillicothe, OH 45601

#### Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Programs

#### Opinion on the Major Federal Programs

We have audited Springfield Township's (the Township), Ross County, compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on the Township's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Township's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, the Township complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2023.

#### Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Programs

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Township and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Township's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

The Township's Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Township's federal programs.



Springfield Township
Ross County
Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements
Applicable to the Major Federal Programs and on Internal Control Over Compliance
and on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Township's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Township's compliance with the requirements of the major federal programs as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 Township's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the Township's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

#### Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Springfield Township
Ross County
Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements
Applicable to the Major Federal Programs and on Internal Control Over Compliance
and on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

J. L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc.

J. L. UHRIG AND ASSOCIATES, INC. Chillicothe, Ohio

June 20, 2024

#### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, ROSS COUNTY

Schedule of Findings

For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022

#### A. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

1.	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
2.	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
3.	Were there any other significant internal control deficiency reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
4.	Was there any material noncompliance reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
5.	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
6.	Were there any other significant internal control deficiency reported for major federal programs?	No
7.	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
8.	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR §200.516(a)?	No
9.	Major Programs (list):	CFDA #97.036 Disaster Grants - Public Assistance
10.	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: >\$750,000 Type B: All Other Programs
11.	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR §200.520?	No

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

Finding Number 2023-001

#### **Material Weakness with Noncompliance**

Ohio Rev. Code 117-2-02(A) provides that all local public offices should maintain an accounting system and accounting records sufficient to enable the public office to identify, assemble, analyze, classify, record and report its transactions, maintain accountability for the related assets, document compliance with finance-related legal and contractual requirements and prepare financial statements.

#### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, ROSS COUNTY

## Schedule of Findings For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022

Sound financial reporting is the responsibility of the Fiscal Officer and Township Trustees and is essential to ensure the information provided to the readers of the financial statements is complete and accurate.

As a result of the audit procedures performed, the financial statements had the following errors that required audit adjustments or reclassifications.

#### In 2023:

- General Fund intergovernmental revenue of \$512 misposted as other revenue;
- Special Revenue Funds intergovernmental revenue of \$23,284 misposted as property tax revenue and other revenue;

#### In 2022:

- Special Revenue Funds intergovernmental revenue of \$6,452 misposted as interest and other revenue;
- Special Revenue interest and fiscal charges of \$29,580 was not properly split between Principal of \$28,445 and Interest of \$1,135.

The audited financial statements have been adjusted for the issues noted above.

We recommend the Fiscal Officer refer to the Township's Handbook for proper classification and take additional care in posting transactions to the Township's ledgers in order to ensure the financial statements reflect the appropriate sources of the receipts.

**Officials' Response:** The Fiscal Officer will review the amounts provided and review current line items to ensure future postings are accurate.

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#### C. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

There were no findings related to Federal Awards to be reported.





#### **SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**

#### **ROSS 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 8/20/2024

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