

**TRURO TOWNSHIP**  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2023 & 2022**





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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Truro Township, Franklin County, prepared by Julian & Grube, 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. Truro Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

September 30, 2024

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**Independent Auditor's Report**

Truro Township  
Franklin County  
6900 East Main Street  
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To the Members of the Board of Trustees:

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Truro Township, Franklin County, Ohio, 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 of Truro Township, 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 of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) as 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 referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Truro Township, as of December, 2023 and 2022, or changes in net 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 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 Truro 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 Truro 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 a basis of accounting 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 GAAP, 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 these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C). 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 misstatements, 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 Truro 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 Truro 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 Truro 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 July 24, 2024, on our consideration of Truro Township's internal control over financial reporting and on 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 Truro 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 Truro Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance

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Julian & Grube, Inc.  
July 24, 2024

**Truro Township**  
*Franklin County, Ohio*  
*Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements*  
*and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)*  
*All Governmental Fund Types*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2023*

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Permanent	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 783,512	\$ 8,414,641	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,198,153
Charges for Services	-	870,307	-	-	870,307
Licenses, Permits and Fees	17,724	8,332	-	-	26,056
Intergovernmental	69,848	1,074,184	-	-	1,144,032
Special Assessments	313	-	-	-	313
Earnings on Investments	167,473	-	-	66	167,539
Miscellaneous	1,279	147,071	-	-	148,350
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>1,040,149</u>	<u>10,514,535</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>11,554,750</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>					
Current:					
General Government	470,037	-	-	-	470,037
Public Safety	-	10,037,280	-	-	10,037,280
Public Works	-	83,341	-	-	83,341
Health	-	15,632	100,000	-	115,632
Capital Outlay	-	-	483,600	-	483,600
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	-	186,997	-	-	186,997
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	64,144	-	-	64,144
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>470,037</u>	<u>10,387,394</u>	<u>583,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,441,031</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>570,112</u>	<u>127,141</u>	<u>(583,600)</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>113,719</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>					
Transfers In	-	-	1,231,232	-	1,231,232
Transfers Out	(1,231,232)	-	-	-	(1,231,232)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(1,231,232)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,231,232</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(661,120)	127,141	647,632	66	113,719
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>2,277,565</u>	<u>5,062,414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,536</u>	<u>7,408,515</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 1,616,445</u>	<u>\$ 5,189,555</u>	<u>\$ 647,632</u>	<u>\$ 68,602</u>	<u>\$ 7,522,234</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statement

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**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 Truro Township, Franklin 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 Plan Risk Management, Inc. public entity risk pool and the MECC Regional Council of Governments, a jointly governed organization. Notes 10 and 11 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.

**B. 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.

**C. 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(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.

**D. Deposits**

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.

**E. 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:

**1. General Fund**

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

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**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 Funds:

Fire Fund - This fund receives property tax money and other intergovernmental revenue for maintaining and operating the Township's fire department.

**3. Capital Project Funds**

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or 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 project funds:

Capital Improvements Fund- This fund includes the Mausoleum Restoration Project that accounts for and reports resources restricted for the purpose of restoring exterior of cemetery mausoleum, and the Vehicle Storage Building Project that accounts for and reports resources restricted for the purpose of constructing a new vehicle storage building.

**4. Permanent Funds**

This fund accounts for and reports resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the Township's programs (for the benefit of the Township and its citizenry). The Township had the following significant permanent fund:

Silent Home Cemetery Bequest Fund – This fund receives interest earned on the nonexpendable corpus from a trust agreement. These earnings are used for the general maintenance and upkeep of the Township's cemetery.

**F. 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 cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. 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 canceled, and re-appropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2023 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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**G. 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. For regulatory purposes, non-spendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Township and the non-spendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

**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.

**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*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

**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.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 12.

**H. 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.

**I. 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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**J. Leases**

The Township is the lessee in various leases (as defined by GASB 87) related to buildings and vehicles under noncancelable leases. Lease revenue/disbursements are recognized when they are received/paid.

**K. Settlement Monies**

Ohio has reached settlement agreements with various distributors of opioids which are subject to the OneOhio memorandum of understanding. The original settlement was reached in 2021 with annual payments anticipated through 2038. For 2023, distributions of \$11,148 are reflected as revenue in the OneOhio Special Revenue Fund in the accompanying financial statements.

**2. DEPOSITS**

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:

	2023
Demand deposits	\$ 7,457,234
Certificates of deposit	65,000
Total deposits	\$ 7,522,234

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.

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2023 follows:

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$1,017,853	\$1,040,149	\$22,296
Special Revenue	10,443,977	10,514,538	70,561
Debt Service	0	0	0
Capital Projects	1,231,232	1,231,232	0
Permanent	65	66	1
Total	\$12,693,127	\$12,785,985	\$92,858

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2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,736,281	\$1,701,268	\$35,013
Special Revenue	11,044,019	10,387,398	656,621
Debt Service	0	0	0
Capital Projects	1,231,232	583,600	647,632
Permanent	300	0	300
Total	\$14,011,832	\$12,672,266	\$1,339,566

**4. 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.

**5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The Township’s certified Fire Fighters belong to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). Other employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OP&F and OPERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes these plans’ benefits, which include post-retirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2023, employees participating in OP&F contributed 12.25% of their gross wages. The Township contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 24.00% of full-time fire fighters wages. For 2023, employees participating in OPERS contributed 10.00% of their gross wages. The Township contributed to OPERS an amount equal to 14.00% of participants gross wages. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2023.

Part-time Fire Fighters contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants. Employees contributed 6.2% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 6.2% of participants gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2023.

**6. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

Both OPERS and OP&F offer cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans. OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents. OP&F uses a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OP&F is placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees use to be reimbursed for health care expenses. For calendar year 2023, the portion of OPERS employer contributions allocated to health care was 0 percent for members in the traditional pension plan and 2 percent

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for members in the combined plan. For 2023, the portion of employer contributions OPERS allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent; however, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves. OP&F contributes 0.5 percent to fund these benefits.

**7. CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS**

The Vehicle Storage Building Project is scheduled to be completed in 2024. The construction outstanding at December 31, 2023, was \$647,631.66.

**8. DEBT**

**Financed Purchases**

In January 2021, the Township purchased a new fire engine under a Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement, at a cost of \$571,313 with an eight (8) year term and first principal payment due January 2022. At the conclusion of the Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement, the Township obtains ownership of the fire engine.

The lease payments, including interest, are scheduled as follows:

Year ending December 31:	Principal due on 1-15	Interest Due	Yearly Total
2024	68,686	11,062	79,747
2025	70,416	9,331	79,747
2026	72,191	7,557	79,747
2027	74,010	5,737	79,747
2028	75,875	3,872	79,747
2029	77,787	1,960	79,747
Total	<u>\$438,965</u>	<u>\$39,519</u>	<u>\$478,485</u>

In June 2023, the Township purchased a new fire engine under a Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement, at a cost of \$795,287 with a ten (10) year term and first principal payment due June 2024. At the conclusion of the Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement, the Township obtains ownership of the fire engine.

The lease payments, including interest, are scheduled as follows:

Year ending December 31:	Principal due on 1-15	Interest Due	Yearly Total
2024	63,099	40,114	103,213
2025	66,282	36,932	103,213
2026	69,625	33,588	103,213
2027	73,137	30,076	103,213
2028	76,826	26,387	103,213
2029-2033	446,317	69,750	516,067
Total	<u>\$795,287</u>	<u>\$236,848</u>	<u>\$1,032,135</u>



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**Lease Purchase Agreement**

The Board of Trustees declared its intent to construct and equip a new fire house (Sta. 162) for the Township. Ohio Revised Code 505.267 (and expanded 505.37) allows townships to enter into lease purchase agreements with respect to fire and police protection. To fund the fire house construction, the Township went through Ohio Township Association Leasing, LLC (OTAL). OTAL issued \$3,345,000 in Certificates of Participation in May 2005. The Certificates are not debt of the Township. Under the terms of the lease, the Township will lease the project from OTAL for an annual payment equal to the principal payment due on OTAL’s Certificates debt schedule. The Township will also make semi-annual payments equal to the interest payments on OTAL’s Certificates debt schedule. The payments are subject to annual appropriation by the Township. The debt schedule is for 30 years ending December 31, 2035. At the conclusion of the 30-year Renewable Lease Purchase Agreement, the Township obtains ownership of the fire house, the grounds, and any facility equipment.

In November 2016, the Township authorized a Bond Refunding of the above Certificates of Participation, entered into a ground lease agreement with Buckeye Leasing Services (BLS) and issued \$2,435,000 in Certificates of Participation. The Certificates are not debt of the Township. Under the terms of the lease, the Township will lease the project from BLS for an annual payment equal to the principal payment due on BLS’s Certificates debt schedule. The Township will also make semi-annual payments equal to the interest payments on BLS’s Certificates debt schedule. The payments are subject to annual appropriation by the Township. The renewable lease debt schedule ends December 31, 2035. At the conclusion of the Renewable Lease Purchase Agreement, the Township obtains ownership of the fire house, the grounds, and any facility equipment.

The lease payments, including interest, are scheduled as follows:

Year ending December 31:	Principal due on 12-1	Interest Due	Yearly Total
2024	120,000	47,344	167,344
2025	120,000	44,944	164,944
2026	125,000	42,244	167,244
2027	130,000	39,431	169,431
2028	130,000	35,531	165,531
2029-2033	720,000	151,688	871,688
2034-2035	315,000	14,844	329,844
Total	<u>\$1,660,000</u>	<u>\$376,026</u>	<u>\$2,036,026</u>

**9. INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. The following transfer occurred during the year ended December 31, 2023.

<u>Transfer Out</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Capital Improvements	\$1,231,232

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**10. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township is exposed to various risks or property and casualty losses and injuries to employees. The Township insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Compensation.

**Risk Pool Membership**

The Government belongs to the Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. (OPRM) (the "Plan"), a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments (“Members”). The Plan is legally separate from its member governments.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages to its members sold through fourteen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio.

Effective November 1, 2016, the OPRM elected to participate in a property loss corridor deductible. The property corridor includes losses paid between 70% and 75%. In 2018, the casualty loss corridor was eliminated and the property corridor was adjusted to losses paid between 65% and 70%. Effective November 1, 2019, the property loss corridor was adjusted to losses between 60% and 67.5% and has remain unchanged. OPRM had 773 members as of December 31, 2022.

The Pool’s audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and equity at December 31, 2022 (most current information).

Assets	\$ 21,662,291
Liabilities	<u>(18,158,351)</u>
Members’ Equity	<u>\$ 3,503,940</u>

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**11. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS**

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**12. FUND BALANCES**

Included in fund balance are amounts the Township cannot spend, including the balance of unclaimed monies, which cannot be spent for five years and the un-expendable corpus of the permanent funds. 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. At year end the balances of these amounts were as follows:

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Fund Balances	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Permanent	Total
Nonspendable:					
Unclaimed Monies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Corpus	0	0	0	65,000	65,000
Outstanding Encumbrances	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of debt service funds and capital projects funds are restricted, committed, or assigned. The fund balance of permanent funds that is not part of the non-spendable corpus is either restricted or committed. These restricted, committed, and assigned amounts in the special revenue, capital projects, and permanent funds would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

**13. 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 ended in April 2023.

During 2023, the Township received \$152,000 as an on-behalf of grant from another government. These amounts are recorded in the American Rescue Plan Special Revenue Fund.

**14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In August 2023, the Township was awarded a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant, in the amount of \$1,185,433. Grant funding is scheduled to start in 2024.

**Truro Township**  
*Franklin County, Ohio*  
*Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements*  
*and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)*  
*All Governmental Fund Types*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2022*

	General	Special Revenue	Permanent	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 787,499	\$ 8,462,397	\$ -	\$ 9,249,896
Charges for Services	-	889,178	-	889,178
Licenses, Permits and Fees	18,020	12,522	-	30,542
Intergovernmental	71,639	1,052,333	-	1,123,972
Earnings on Investments	3,854	-	1,353	5,207
Miscellaneous	2,143	64,067	0	66,210
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>883,155</u>	<u>10,480,497</u>	<u>1,353</u>	<u>11,365,005</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
General Government	391,160	-	-	391,160
Public Safety	-	9,421,360	-	9,421,360
Public Works	-	220,118	-	220,118
Health	-	9,045	-	9,045
Debt Service:	-			
Principal Retirement	-	180,350	-	180,350
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	67,941	-	67,941
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>391,160</u>	<u>9,898,814</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,289,974</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>491,995</u>	<u>581,683</u>	<u>1,353</u>	<u>1,075,031</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	491,995	581,683	1,353	1,075,031
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>1,785,570</u>	<u>4,480,631</u>	<u>67,183</u>	<u>6,333,384</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 2,277,565</u>	<u>\$ 5,062,314</u>	<u>\$ 68,536</u>	<u>\$ 7,408,415</u>

*See accompanying notes to the financial statement*

**TRURO TOWNSHIP  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**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 Truro Township, Franklin 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 Plan Risk Management, Inc. public entity risk pool and the MECC Regional Council of Governments, a jointly governed organization. Notes 8 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.

**B. 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.

**C. 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(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.

**D. Deposits**

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.

**E. 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:

**1. General Fund**

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

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**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 Funds:

Fire Fund - This fund receives property tax money and other intergovernmental revenue for maintaining and operating the Township's fire department.

**3. Permanent Funds**

This fund accounts for and reports resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the Township's programs (for the benefit of the Township and its citizenry). The Township had the following significant permanent fund:

Silent Home Cemetery Bequest Fund – This fund receives interest earned on the nonexpendable corpus from a trust agreement. These earnings are used for the general maintenance and upkeep of the Township's cemetery.

**F. 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 cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. 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 canceled, and re-appropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2022 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**G. 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. For regulatory purposes, non-spendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Township and the non-spendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

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**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.

**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*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

**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.

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

**H. 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.

**I. 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.

**J. Leases**

The Township is the lessee in various leases (as defined by GASB 87) related to buildings and vehicles under noncancelable leases. Lease revenue/disbursements are recognized when they are received/paid.

**2. DEPOSITS**

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:

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	2022
Demand deposits	\$7,343,415
Certificates of deposit	65,000
Total deposits	\$7,408,415

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.

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

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

2022 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$867,012	\$883,153	\$16,142
Special Revenue	10,369,036	10,480,497	111,461
Debt Service	0	0	0
Permanent	1,600	1,353	(247)
Total	\$11,237,647	\$11,365,003	\$127,356

2022 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$527,509	\$391,158	\$136,351
Special Revenue	10,168,940	9,898,813	270,128
Debt Service	0	0	0
Permanent	500	0	500
Total	\$10,696,949	\$10,289,971	\$406,979

**4. 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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**5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The Township's certified Fire Fighters belong to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). Other employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OP&F and OPERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes these plans' benefits, which include post-retirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2022, employees participating in OP&F contributed 12.25% of their gross wages. The Township contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 24.00% of full-time fire fighters wages. For 2022, employees participating in OPERS contributed 10.00% of their gross wages. The Township contributed to OPERS an amount equal to 14.00% of participants gross wages. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2022.

Part-time Fire Fighters contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants. Employees contributed 6.2% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 6.2% of participants gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2022.

**6. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

Both OPERS and OP&F offer 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. OP&F contributes 0.5 percent to fund these benefits.

Beginning January 1, 2019, OP&F changed its retiree health care model to a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OP&F was placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees use to be reimbursed for health care expenses.

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.

**7. DEBT**

**Financed Purchases**

In January 2021, the Township purchased a new fire engine under a Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement, at a cost of \$571,313 with an eight (8) year term and first principal payment due January 2022. At the conclusion of the Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement, the Township obtains ownership of the fire engine.

The lease payments, including interest, are scheduled as follows:

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Year ending December 31:	Principal due on		Yearly Total
	1-15	Interest Due	
2023	66,997	12,750	79,747
2024	68,686	11,062	79,747
2025	70,416	9,331	79,747
2026	72,191	7,557	79,747
2027	74,010	5,737	79,747
2028-2029	153,662	5,833	159,495
Total	<u>\$505,963</u>	<u>\$52,270</u>	<u>\$558,232</u>

**Lease Purchase Agreement**

The Board of Trustees declared its intent to construct and equip a new fire house (Sta. 162) for the Township. Ohio Revised Code 505.267 (and expanded 505.37) allows townships to enter into lease purchase agreements with respect to fire and police protection. To fund the fire house construction, the Township went through Ohio Township Association Leasing, LLC (OTAL). OTAL issued \$3,345,000 in Certificates of Participation in May 2005. The Certificates are not debt of the Township. Under the terms of the lease, the Township will lease the project from OTAL for an annual payment equal to the principal payment due on OTAL's Certificates debt schedule. The Township will also make semi-annual payments equal to the interest payments on OTAL's Certificates debt schedule. The payments are subject to annual appropriation by the Township. The debt schedule is for 30 years ending December 31, 2035. At the conclusion of the 30-year Renewable Lease Purchase Agreement, the Township obtains ownership of the fire house, the grounds, and any facility equipment.

In November 2016, the Township authorized a Bond Refunding of the above Certificates of Participation, entered into a ground lease agreement with Buckeye Leasing Services (BLS) and issued \$2,435,000 in Certificates of Participation. The Certificates are not debt of the Township. Under the terms of the lease, the Township will lease the project from BLS for an annual payment equal to the principal payment due on BLS's Certificates debt schedule. The Township will also make semi-annual payments equal to the interest payments on BLS's Certificates debt schedule. The payments are subject to annual appropriation by the Township. The renewable lease debt schedule ends December 31, 2035. At the conclusion of the Renewable Lease Purchase Agreement, the Township obtains ownership of the fire house, the grounds, and any facility equipment.

The lease payments, including interest, are scheduled as follows:

Year ending December 31:	Principal due on		Yearly Total
	12-1	Interest Due	
2023	120,000	49,744	169,744
2024	120,000	47,344	167,344
2025	120,000	44,944	164,944
2026	125,000	42,244	167,244
2027	130,000	39,431	169,431
2028-2032	700,000	137,156	837,156
2033-2035	465,000	29,375	494,375
Total	<u>\$1,780,000</u>	<u>\$390,239</u>	<u>\$2,170,239</u>

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township is exposed to various risks or property and casualty losses and injuries to employees. The Township insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Compensation.

**Risk Pool Membership**

The Township belongs to the Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. (OPRM), (the “Plan”), a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments (“Members”). The Plan is legally separate from its member governments.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverage to its members sold through fourteen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio.

Effective November 1, 2016, the OPRM elected to participate in a property loss corridor deductible. The property corridor includes losses paid between 70% and 75%. In 2018, the casualty loss corridor was eliminated and the property corridor was adjusted to losses paid between 65% and 70%. Effective November 1, 2019, the property loss corridor was adjusted to losses between 60% and 67.5% and has remain unchanged. OPRM had 773 members as of December 31, 2022.

The Pool’s audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and equity at December 31, 2022.

Assets	\$21,662,291
Liabilities	(\$18,158,351)
Members' Equity	<u>\$3,503,940</u>

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**10. FUND BALANCES**

Included in fund balance are amounts the Township cannot spend, including the balance of unclaimed monies, which cannot be spent for five years and the unexpended corpus of the permanent funds. 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. At year end the balances of these amounts were as follows:

**TRURO TOWNSHIP  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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<u>Fund Balances</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nonspendable:				
Unclaimed Monies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Corpus	0	0	65,000	65,000
Outstanding Encumbrances	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$65,000</u>	<u>\$65,000</u>

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of debt service funds and capital projects funds are restricted, committed, or assigned. The fund balance of permanent funds that is not part of the non-spendable corpus is either restricted or committed. These restricted, committed, and assigned amounts in the special revenue, and permanent funds would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

**11. COVID-19**

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

During 2022, the Township received \$72,063 as an on-behalf of grant from another government. These amounts are recorded in the American Rescue Plan Special Revenue Fund.

**12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In January 2023, the Board of Trustees authorized the purchase of a new motor vehicle at a cost of \$59,426.

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other  
Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With  
*Government Auditing Standards***

Truro Township  
Franklin County  
6900 East Main Street  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

To the Members of the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 governmental fund type of Truro Township, Franklin County, Ohio, 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 July 24, 2024, wherein we noted Truro Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Truro Township's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Truro Township  
Franklin County  
Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters  
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

**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 Truro 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 Truro Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Julian & Grube, Inc.  
July 24, 2024

**TRURO TOWNSHIP  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2023**

<b>Finding Number</b>	<b>Finding Summary</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
2021-001	<u>Noncompliance – Compliance of Debt Covenants</u> – The Township was in noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code section 5705.01(F) and two debt covenants in regards to a general obligation note issued for the construction of a new fire station.	Finding Fully Corrected	N/A
2021-002	<u>Material Weakness/Noncompliance – Improper Use of Levy Funds</u> – The Township transferred money out of the general fund from receipts generated from a current operating levy, in noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code section 5705.05.	Finding Fully Corrected	N/A
2021-003	<u>Material Weakness – Accurate Financial Reporting</u> – The Township had audit adjustments identified and subsequently posted to the financial statements, in addition to modifications to the Township’s notes.	Finding Fully Corrected	N/A

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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**TRURO TOWNSHIP**

**FRANKLIN 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 10/10/2024**

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