



**BARLOW TOWNSHIP  
WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000-1999**



**JIM PETRO**  
**AUDITOR OF STATE**  

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Barlow Township  
Washington County  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Barlow Township, Washington County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Township prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of Barlow Township, Washington County, as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 26, 2001, 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 grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board of Trustees and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**Jim Petro**  
Auditor of State

February 26, 2001

**BARLOW TOWNSHIP  
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	<b>Governmental Fund Types</b>		<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>			
Local Taxes	\$ 62,414	\$ 117,387	\$ 179,801
Intergovernmental	143,537	119,887	263,424
Charges for Services		50	50
Special Assessments		4,621	4,621
Earnings on Investments	4,381	1,052	5,433
Other Revenue	9,586	14,378	23,964
 Total Cash Receipts	 219,918	 257,375	 477,293
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
General Government	111,245	46,282	157,527
Public Safety	2,683	49,084	51,767
Public Works	28,140	114,367	142,507
Health	6,500		6,500
Conservation - Recreation		47,000	47,000
 Total Cash Disbursements	 148,568	 256,733	 405,301
 Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	 71,350	 642	 71,992
 Fund Cash Balances, January 1	 55,881	 64,649	 120,530
 <b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	 <b>\$ 127,231</b>	 <b>\$ 65,291</b>	 <b>\$ 192,522</b>
 Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	 \$ 0	 \$ 2,083	 \$ 2,083

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

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999**

	<b>Governmental Fund Types</b>		<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>			
Local Taxes	\$ 62,320	\$ 118,646	\$ 180,966
Intergovernmental	50,661	74,169	124,830
Charges for Services		2,254	2,254
Special Assessments		4,398	4,398
Earnings on Investments	2,509	776	3,285
Other Revenue	182		182
 Total Cash Receipts	 115,672	 200,243	 315,915
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
General Government	81,600	47,533	129,133
Public Safety	4,979	41,043	46,022
Public Works		104,247	104,247
Human Services	6,210	1,522	7,732
Capital Outlay	17,900	11,786	29,686
 Total Cash Disbursements	 110,689	 206,131	 316,820
 Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	 4,983	 (5,888)	 (905)
 Fund Cash Balances, January 1	 50,898	 70,537	 121,435
 <b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	 <b>\$ 55,881</b>	 <b>\$ 64,649</b>	 <b>\$ 120,530</b>
 Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	 \$ 0	 \$ 0	 \$ 0

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



**BARLOW TOWNSHIP  
WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

Barlow Township, Washington County (the Township), is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Township is directed by a publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees and a publicly-elected Clerk. The Township provides general governmental services, including road and bridge maintenance and fire protection.

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

**B. Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

**C. Cash and Investments**

The Township invests available funds of the Township in an interest-bearing checking account and in STAR Ohio. The investment in STAROhio (the State Treasurer's investment pool) is valued at amounts reported by the State Treasurer.

**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:

**1. General Fund**

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**2. Special Revenue Funds**

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

*Gasoline Tax Fund* - This fund receives gasoline tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

*Road and Bridge Fund* - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999  
(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**D. Fund Accounting (Continued)**

**2. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)**

*Fire District Fund* - This fund receives property tax money to provide fire protection to Township residents.

*Permissive Sales Tax Fund* - This fund receives a portion of the County's permissive sales tax for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

**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 object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

**2. Estimated Resources**

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also 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 carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2000 and 1999 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**F. Property, Plant and Equipment**

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

**G. Unpaid Vacation and Sick Leave**

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the basis of accounting used by the Township.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999  
(Continued)**

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

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

	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>
Demand deposits	\$ 131,493	\$ 120,530
Total deposits	131,493	120,530
STAR Ohio	61,029	0
Total investments	61,029	0
Total deposits and investments	\$ 192,522	\$ 120,530

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**Investments:** Investments in STAR Ohio and mutual funds are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2000 and 1999, follows:

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 216,122	\$ 219,918	\$ 3,796
Special Revenue	229,816	257,375	27,559
Total	\$ 445,938	\$ 477,293	\$ 31,355

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 159,161	\$ 148,568	\$ 10,593
Special Revenue	257,607	258,816	(1,209)
Total	\$ 416,768	\$ 407,384	\$ 9,384

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999  
(Continued)**

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)**

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 86,703	\$ 115,672	\$ 28,969
Special Revenue	<u>190,513</u>	<u>200,243</u>	<u>9,730</u>
Total	<u>\$ 277,216</u>	<u>\$ 315,915</u>	<u>\$ 38,699</u>

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 136,096	\$ 110,689	\$ 25,407
Special Revenue	<u>252,198</u>	<u>206,131</u>	<u>46,067</u>
Total	<u>\$ 388,294</u>	<u>\$ 316,820</u>	<u>\$ 71,474</u>

**4. PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Board of Trustees. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payment, 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 in the Township.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

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

**5. RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

The Township's elected officials and employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2000 and 1999, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries through June 30, 2000. For the period July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000, PERS temporarily reduced the employer's contribution rate to 8.13% of participants gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2000.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township is insured with Ohio Government Risk Management Plan. Ohio Government Risk Management Plan assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Township's policies. Coverage is subject to deductibles and scheduled property.

The following risks are covered by the plan:

- General Liability
- Public Officials' Liability
- Vehicles
- Property

The Township also provides health insurance coverage to full-time employees through a private carrier.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND  
ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Barlow Township  
Washington County  
Route 2, Box 530AA  
Vincent, Ohio 45784

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Barlow Township, Washington County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated February 26, 2001. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

**Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated February 26, 2001.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated February 26, 2001.

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Washington County  
Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on  
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**Jim Petro**  
Auditor of State

February 26, 2001



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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
1998-41084-001	Findings for recovery were issued under Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.24 for the overpayment of two Township Trustees.	No	Only one of the findings was repaid. No other action has been taken by the Board of Trustees or the Prosecuting Attorney to enforce the finding.
1998-41084-002	A material noncompliance citation was issued under Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) for expenditures exceeding appropriations.	No	Partially Corrected. There was some immaterial instances at December 31, 2000, where expenditures exceeded appropriations. The noncompliance was noted in the Management Letter.
1998-41084-003	A material noncompliance citation was issued under Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) for expenditures not being properly encumbered.	Yes	N/A
1998-41084-004	A reportable condition was issued that appropriations and amended certificates, as authorized by the Board of Trustees, were not being reconciled to appropriations and estimated resources that were posted to the accounting system.	No	Partially Corrected. Not as significant this audit period. The recommendation was included in the Management Letter.





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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
MARCH 15, 2001**