



**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000-1999



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SUMMIT COUNTY**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Franklin Township, Summit 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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits 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 audits provide 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 the Township 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 August 20, 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 audits.

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

August 20, 2001

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

	Governmental Fund Types					Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Fiduciary Funds	
Cash Receipts:						
Local Taxes	\$122,661	\$2,199,620				\$2,322,281
Intergovernmental	767,785	626,757		\$38,422		1,432,964
Special Assessments			\$2,587			2,587
Charges for Services		88,266				88,266
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	46,920	28,689				75,609
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	12,539	100				12,639
Earnings on Investments	103,238	8,526				111,764
Gifts	2,200	1,055			\$3,863	7,118
Rentals					35,495	35,495
Other Revenue	32,099	15,073				47,172
Total Cash Receipts	1,087,442	2,968,086	2,587	38,422	39,358	4,135,895
Cash Disbursements:						
Current:						
General Government	553,733	25,751				579,484
Public Safety	28,887	2,608,252				2,637,139
Public Works	289,805	496,894		38,422		825,121
Health		10,142				10,142
Conservation - Recreation	4,264				42,203	46,467
Contract Services	18,991					18,991
Debt Service:						
Redemption of Principal	10,798	20,385				31,183
Interest and Fiscal Charges		734				734
Capital Outlay	45	73,830	2,342			76,217
Total Cash Disbursements	906,523	3,235,988	2,342	38,422	42,203	4,225,478
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	180,919	(267,902)	245	0	(2,845)	(89,583)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):						
Other Financing Sources	6,550					6,550
Transfers-Out	(73,000)					(73,000)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(66,450)	0	0	0	0	(66,450)
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	114,469	(267,902)	245	0	(2,845)	(156,033)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	662,753	1,283,027	11,249	455,000	10,027	2,422,056
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$777,222	\$1,015,125	\$11,494	\$455,000	\$7,182	\$2,266,023
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$10,057	\$59,479	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,536

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

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
PROPRIETARY AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>Internal Service</u>	<u>Agency Fund</u>	
Operating Cash Receipts:			
Charges for Services	\$391,045	\$0	\$391,045
Operating Cash Disbursements:			
Claims	<u>472,787</u>		<u>472,787</u>
Operating Income/(Loss)	<u>(81,742)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(81,742)</u>
Non-Operating Cash Receipts			
Other Non-Operating Receipts		<u>5,268</u>	<u>5,268</u>
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements Before Interfund Transfers	(81,742)	5,268	(76,474)
Transfers-in	<u>73,000</u>		<u>73,000</u>
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(8,742)	5,268	(3,474)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>9,069</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,069</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$327</u>	<u>\$5,268</u>	<u>\$5,595</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>					Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	
Cash Receipts:						
Local Taxes	\$110,587	\$2,179,423				\$2,290,010
Intergovernmental	816,312	425,438				1,241,750
Special Assessments			\$2,702			2,702
Charges for Services		73,531				73,531
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	46,699	27,803				74,502
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	14,889	5,012				19,901
Earnings on Investments	87,495	5,530				93,025
Gifts		1,360			\$1,235	2,595
Rentals					33,719	33,719
Other Revenue	7,367	17,322				24,689
Total Cash Receipts	<u>1,083,349</u>	<u>2,735,419</u>	<u>2,702</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34,954</u>	<u>3,856,424</u>
Cash Disbursements:						
Current:						
General Government	573,945	24,028				597,973
Public Safety	49,089	2,062,659				2,111,748
Public Works	167,034	428,275				595,309
Health		10,194				10,194
Human Services	2,000					2,000
Conservation - Recreation	17,997				38,757	56,754
Debt Service:						
Redemption of Principal	10,798	38,670				49,468
Interest and Fiscal Charges		3,570				3,570
Capital Outlay	22,329		2,464			24,793
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>843,192</u>	<u>2,567,396</u>	<u>2,464</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>38,757</u>	<u>3,451,809</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>240,157</u>	<u>168,023</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(3,803)</u>	<u>404,615</u>
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):						
Other Financing Sources	22,443					22,443
Transfers-In				455,000		455,000
Transfers-Out	(455,000)					(455,000)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	<u>(432,557)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>455,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,443</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	<u>(192,400)</u>	<u>168,023</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>455,000</u>	<u>(3,803)</u>	<u>427,058</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	855,153	1,115,004	11,011	0	13,830	1,994,998
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$662,753</u>	<u>\$1,283,027</u>	<u>\$11,249</u>	<u>\$455,000</u>	<u>\$10,027</u>	<u>\$2,422,056</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$77,497</u>	<u>\$210,647</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$288,144</u>

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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

	<u>Internal Service</u>
Operating Cash Receipts:	
Charges for Services	\$447,459
Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Claims	<u>494,124</u>
Net Receipts Under Disbursements	(46,665)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>55,734</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$9,069</u></u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u><u>\$80,000</u></u>

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**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, (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. The Township provides general governmental services, including road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, zoning services, police and fire protection and emergency medical services.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

These 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

Sweep account investments (repurchase agreements) are valued at cost.

Investments are included in the fund cash balances. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts.

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.

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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

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:

Police District Fund - This fund receives real estate property taxes and contract fees for general operation of the Police Department.

Fire District Fund - This fund receives real estate property taxes for general operation of the Fire Department.

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

3. Debt Service Funds

The Debt Service Fund is used to accumulate resources for the payment of bonds and note indebtedness. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Funds:

Lighting Assessment Fund - This fund receives lighting assessments from citizens to offset the cost of street lighting expenses.

4. Capital Projects Funds

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects. The Township had the following significant Capital Projects Funds:

Capital Projects Road Equipment Fund - The Township transfers revenue to this fund for new road equipment.

Capital Projects Administrative Building Fund - The Township transfers revenue to this fund for the future renovation of the Township building.

5. Proprietary Fund (Internal Service Fund)

The fund accounts for the financing of goods or services provided by one department to other departments of the Township on a cost reimbursement basis. The Township's only Internal Service Fund is the Self-Insurance Fund which receives charges for services from other funds to cover the cost of providing medical insurance to employees. The charges for services are paid in relation to the salaries paid from those funds.

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

6. Fiduciary Funds (Trust and Agency Funds)

These funds are used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements and funds for which the Township is acting in an agency capacity. The Township had the following significant Fiduciary Funds:

Insurance Fire/Loss - This agency fund receives escrow money from a resident's insurance company for fire damage and is held by the Township until the premise is satisfactorily repaired.

Franklin Park Civic Center Trust Fund - This expendable trust fund receives donations and rental fees for the usage of the Tudor House which are used to pay its maintenance expenses.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) be budgeted annually.

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function, and 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 capital outlay disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Township maintains a cash and investment 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:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Demand deposits	(\$80,470)	\$58,352
Repurchase Agreements	<u>2,352,088</u>	<u>2,372,773</u>
Total deposits and investments	<u><u>\$2,271,618</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,431,125</u></u>

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999 follows:

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$1,652,140	\$1,093,992	(\$558,148)
Special Revenue	3,209,418	2,968,086	(241,332)
Debt Service	2,800	2,587	(213)
Capital Projects	394,244	38,422	(355,822)
Fiduciary	43,268	39,358	(3,910)
Proprietary	<u>543,037</u>	<u>464,045</u>	<u>(78,992)</u>
Total	<u><u>\$5,844,907</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,606,490</u></u>	<u><u>(\$1,238,417)</u></u>

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,520,261	\$989,580	\$530,681
Special Revenue	4,140,995	3,295,467	845,528
Debt Service	13,683	2,342	11,341
Capital Projects	809,888	38,422	771,466
Fiduciary	53,295	42,203	11,092
Proprietary	547,070	472,787	74,283
Total	<u>\$7,085,192</u>	<u>\$4,840,801</u>	<u>\$2,244,391</u>

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$1,867,148	\$1,105,792	(\$761,356)
Special Revenue	2,930,066	2,735,419	(194,647)
Debt Service	2,500	2,702	202
Capital Projects	354,888	455,000	100,112
Fiduciary	35,000	34,954	46
Proprietary	598,736	447,459	(151,277)
	<u>\$5,788,338</u>	<u>\$4,781,326</u>	<u>(\$1,006,920)</u>

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,769,283	\$1,375,689	\$393,594
Special Revenue	3,846,381	2,778,043	1,068,338
Debt Service	13,183	2,464	10,719
Capital Projects	754,888	0	754,888
Fiduciary	48,500	38,757	9,743
Proprietary	589,500	574,124	15,376
Total	<u>\$7,021,735</u>	<u>\$4,769,077</u>	<u>\$2,252,658</u>

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999
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4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the 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 payments, 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.

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. DEBT

The Township has a \$16,195 Ohio Public Works Commission loan outstanding at December 31, 2000. The original 1991 Ohio Public Works Commission issue of \$107,976 was for storm sewer improvements to be paid over a period of 10 years with no interest. Payments are made twice a year.

Amortization of the above debt is scheduled as follows:

Year ending <u>December 31:</u>	<u>OPWC Loan</u>
2001	\$10,798
2002	<u>5,397</u>
Total	<u><u>\$16,195</u></u>

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's certified Fire Fighters belong to the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund (PFDPF). Other employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PFDPF and PERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. These plans provide 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, members of PFDPF contributed 10% of their wages to the PFDPF. The Township contributed an amount equal to 24% of their wages. PERS members who are policemen contributed 9% of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equal to 16.7% of participants' gross salaries. Other PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 10.84% and 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2000 and 1999, respectively. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2000.

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999
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7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is a member of the Ohio Municipal League Joint Self Insurance Pool (the Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Township's policy. The Pool may assess supplemental premiums. The risks covered by the Pool are:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Vehicle

The Township has also established a medical self-insurance fund for the purpose of paying medical claims of the Township's full-time employees and their covered dependents. Claim allowability and payment is handled by a third-party administrator (TPA). The Self-Insurance Fund collects money from other funds in relation to the salaries paid from those other funds and based on historical claims data, and then remits those monies to the TPA to pay the actual claims.

8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Township is defendant in several lawsuits. Although the outcome of these suits is not presently determinable, management believes that the resolution of these matters will not materially adversely affect the Township's financial condition.

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, based on prior experience, management believes such refunds, if any, would not be material.

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

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated August 20, 2001. We conducted our audits in accordance with audit 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.

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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits 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*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits, 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 August 20, 2001.

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This report is intended for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and the Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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August 20, 2001



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SUMMIT COUNTY

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

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SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**