REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999



Jim Petro Auditor of State

STATE OF OHIO

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Kingsville Township Ashtabula County 5450 Dibble Road Kingsville, Ohio 44048

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Kingsville Township, Ashtabula 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 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 May 23, 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 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

May 23, 2001

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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

	Governmental		
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Local Taxes	\$36,054	\$187,597	\$223,651
Intergovernmental	17,020	76,406	93,426
Special Assessments	,	15,603	15,603
Charges for Services		12,156	12,156
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	850	3,900	4,750
Interest	4,252	300	4,552
Other Revenue	5,675	4,561	10,236
Total Cash Receipts	63,851	300,523	364,374
Cash Disbursements: Current:			
General Government	52,651		52,651
Public Safety	52,051	42,872	42,872
Public Works	7,578	208,555	216,133
Health	10,165	8,877	19,042
Conservation - Recreation	811	0,011	811
Capital Outlay	1,877	38,936	40,813
Total Cash Disbursements	73,082	299,240	372,322_
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(9,231)	1,283	(7,948)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): Transfers-In		608	608
Transfers-Out	(608)	000	(608)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(608)	608	
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(9,839)	1,891	(7,948)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2000	57,893	183,812	241,705
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2000	\$48,054	\$185,703	\$233,757

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

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

	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$31,918	\$177,478		\$209,396
Intergovernmental	22,022	73,110	\$133,340	228,472
Special Assessments		15,762		15,762
Charges for Services		6,775		6,775
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	1,250	3,487		4,737
Interest	3,397	357		3,754
Other Revenue	2,421	2,296		4,717
Total Cash Receipts	61,008	279,265	133,340	473,613
Cash Disbursements: Current:				
General Government	54,691			54,691
Public Safety		44,373		44,373
Public Works	9,976	180,158		190,134
Health	9,820	8,602		18,422
Conservation - Recreation	942			942
Capital Outlay	3	29,944	133,340	163,287
Total Cash Disbursements	75,432	263,077	133,340	471,849
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(14,424)	16,188		1,764
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):				
Transfers-In		5,421		5,421
Transfers-Out	(5,421)			(5,421)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(5,421)	5,421		
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements				
and Other Financing Disbursements	(19,845)	21,609		1,764
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 1999	77,738	162,203		239,941
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 1999	\$57,893	\$183,812		\$241,705
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31, 1999	\$220	\$9,663		\$9,883

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Kingsville Township, Ashtabula 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. The Township provides general governmental services, including road maintenance, and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with certain adjacent Townships to provide fire protection and ambulance service.

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. 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:

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives real and personal property tax receipts for the purchase of equipment and constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

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

Fire Levy Fund - This fund receives tax money generated by a voted levy to provide fire protection and ambulance services to residents.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. Capital Project Funds

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant capital project funds:

Issue II Fund - The Township received a grant from the State of Ohio for the purpose of repairing and repaving Dibble Road.

D. 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. 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.

E. 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

F. Cash

Certificate of Deposits are valued at cost. Purchases of Certificates of Deposit are not recorded as disbursements, and sales are not recorded as receipts. Gains at the time of sale are recorded as receipts.

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

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

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Demand deposits Certificate of Deposits	\$125,757 108,000	\$181,705 60,000
Total deposits	233,757	241,705

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts				
Budgeted Actual				
Fund Type		Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General		\$63,500	\$63,851	\$351
Special Revenue		268,565	301,131	32,566
	Total	\$332,065	\$364,982	\$32,917

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures				
		Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type		Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General Special Revenue		\$121,175 424,366	\$73,690 299,240	\$47,485 125,126
	Total	\$545,541	\$372,930	\$172,611

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

	1999 Bu	dgeted vs. Actual	Receipts	
Budgeted Actual				
Fund Type		Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General		\$55,971	\$61,008	\$5,037
Special Revenue		268,965	284,686	15,721
Capital Projects		133,340	133,340	0
	Total	\$458,276	\$479,034	\$20,758
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		Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type		Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General Special Revenue Capital Projects		\$133,232 408,499 133,340	\$81,073 272,740 133,340	\$52,159 135,759 0
	Total	\$675,070	\$487,153	\$187,917

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 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.

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

5. LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

The Township is making installment payments on a 1998 Mack Truck. This obligation has an outstanding balance of \$45,432 at December 31, 2000.

The payment schedule for the installment purchase obligation as of December 31, 2000, is as follows:

	Lease
Year ending	Purchase
December 31:	Agreement
2001	\$22,716
2002	22,716
Total	\$45,432

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This 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, members of PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% (for 1999) and 10.84% (for 2000) of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2000.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township has obtained commercial insurance the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA).

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- General Liability and Casualty
- Public Official's Liability
- Automobile Liability
- Property Coverage

The Township also provides health insurance to certain officials through a private carrier.

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

Kingsville Township Ashtabula County 5450 Dibble Road Kingsville, Ohio 44048

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Kingsville Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated May 23, 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 Kingsville 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 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 one immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated May 23, 2001.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Kingsville 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 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 that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated May 23, 2001.

Kingsville Township Ashtabula County Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

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

Jim Petro Auditor of State

May 23, 2001



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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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED JUNE 12, 2001