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Board of Trustees Marseilles Township Wyandot County 20258 Walnut Street Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351

We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of Marseilles Township, Wyandot County, prepared by Holbrook & Manter CPAs, for the audit period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2000. 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. Marseilles Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

JIM PETRO Auditor of State



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees Marseilles Township Wyandot County 20258 Walnut Street Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Marseilles Township, Wyandot County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended 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 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 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 of Marseilles Township, Wyandot County, as of December 31, 2000 and December 31, 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 8, 2001 on our consideration of the Government'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 management and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Certified Public Accountants

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February 8, 2001 Marion, Ohio

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$\frac{MARSEILLES\ TOWNSHIP}{WYANDOT\ COUNTY}$

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

					(1	Memorandum Only)
	_	General	_	Special Revenue	_	Total
Cash receipts:						
Local taxes	\$	15,729	\$	5,918	\$	21,647
Charges for services		0		3,750		3,750
Licenses, permits and fees		0		1,700		1,700
Intergovernmental		16,677		82,738		99,415
Interest		1,335		2,961		4,296
Miscellaneous	_	11	_	2,689	_	2,700
Total cash receipts	_	33,752	_	99,756	_	133,508
Cash disbursements:						
Current:						
Public health services		7,792		1,292		9,084
Public safety		0		8,340		8,340
Public works		284		37,015		37,299
General government		14,216		0		14,216
Capital outlay	_	0	_	47,260	_	47,260
Total cash disbursements	_	22,292	_	93,907	_	116,199
Excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements	_	11,460	_	5,849	_	17,309
Other financing receipts:						
Other financing sources	_	0	_	450	_	450
Total other financing receipts	_	0	_	450	_	450
Total cash receipts and other financing receipts over cash disbursements		11,460		6,299		17,759
Fund cash balances January 1, 2000	_	27,556	_	98,075	_	125,631
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2000	\$	39,016	\$	104,374	\$	143,390

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

MARSEILLES TOWNSHIP WYANDOT COUNTY

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

					(Memorandum Only)
	_	General	_	Special Revenue		Total
Cash receipts:						
Local taxes	\$	11,999	\$	11,961	\$	23,960
Charges for services		0		7,750		7,750
Licenses, permits and fees		0		1,400		1,400
Intergovernmental		12,277		55,594		67,871
Interest		1,155		2,075		3,230
Miscellaneous	_	15	_	6,754		6,769
Total cash receipts	_	25,446	_	85,534	•	110,980
Cash disbursements:						
Current:						
Public health services		3,791		2,474		6,265
Public safety		0		6,654		6,654
Public works		309		34,544		34,853
General government		14,406		0		14,406
Capital outlay	_	0	_	37,330		37,330
Total cash disbursements	_	18,506	_	81,002	•	99,508
Excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements	_	6,940	_	4,532	,	11,472
Fund cash balances January 1, 1999	_	20,616	_	93,543	•	114,159
Fund cash balances, December 31, 1999	\$	27,556	\$_	98,075	\$	125,631

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

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:-

<u>Description of the Entity</u> - Marseilles Township, Wyandot 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 three publicly-elected Trustees. The Township provides general governmental services.

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

<u>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).</u>

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

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:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required by law or contract to be restricted.

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:

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund

This fund receives motor vehicle tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing township roads.

Gasoline Tax Fund

This fund receives gasoline tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing township roads.

Cemetery Fund

This fund receives money from fees and services used to maintain the general upkeep of the cemetery.

Road and Bridge Tax Fund

This fund receives personal property tax money for maintaining and repairing township roads and bridges.

Fire Tax Fund

This fund receives personal property tax money for maintaining and funding the township fire department.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (continued)

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

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 Marion County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year-end.

Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The Wyandot County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

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

<u>Property, Plant and Equipment</u> - Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements

NOTE 2 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS:-

The Township maintains certificates of deposit 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:

	_	2000	_	1999
Deposits	\$	70,477	\$	55,741
Certificates of Deposit	_	72,913	-	69,890
Total Deposits	\$_	143,390	\$_	125,631

<u>Deposits</u> - The Townships deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. As of December 31, 2000 and 1999, deposits over \$100,000 were adequately collateralized by the financial institutions public entity deposit pool.

NOTE 3 – BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:-

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

2000 Budgeted VS. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	_	В	Budgeted Receipts	_	Actual Receipts	Variance
General		\$	35,302	\$	33,752	\$ (1,550)
Special Revenue		-	156,330	_	100,206	(56,124)
	Total	\$	191,632	\$	133,958	\$ (57,674)

2000 Budgeted VS. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	_	 ropriation uthority	udgetary penditures		Variance
General		\$ 52,750	\$ 22,292	\$	30,458
Special Revenue		 190,267	93,907	_	96,360
	Total	\$ 243,017	\$ 116,199	\$	126,818

NOTE 3 – BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:- (continued)

1999 Budgeted VS. Actual Receipts

Fund Type		<u> </u>	Budgeted Receipts	eted Receipts Actual 1		Receipts	
General		\$	39,916	\$	25,446	\$	(14,470)
Special Revenue		_	174,782		85,534	_	(89,248)
	Total	\$_	214,698	\$	110,980	\$_	(103,718)

1999 Budgeted VS. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	_	_	propriation Authority	<u>_ I</u>	Budgetary Expenditures	_	Variance
General		\$	39,250	\$	18,506	\$	20,744
Special Revenue			158,428		81,002	_	77,426
	Total	\$	197,678	\$	99,508	\$_	98,170

NOTE 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 Wyandot 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.

NOTE 4 – PROPERTY TAX:- (continued)

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the Wyandot 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.

NOTE 5 - 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 post-retirement 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 for January 1999 through June 2000 and an amount equal to 8.13% of participants' gross salaries for July 2000 through December 2000. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2000.

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT:-

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks from the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority:

- -Comprehensive property and general liability
- -Vehicles
- -Commercial Inland Marine



Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by Government Auditing Standards

Board of Trustees Marseilles Township Wyandot County 20258 Walnut Street Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Marseilles Township, Wyandot County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated February 8, 2001. We conducted our audits 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 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 matter 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 of 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.

We noted other matters involving compliance and internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to the Management of the Township in a separate letter dated February 8, 2001.

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

Certified Public Accountants

February 8, 2001 Marion, Ohio

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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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JULY 3, 2001