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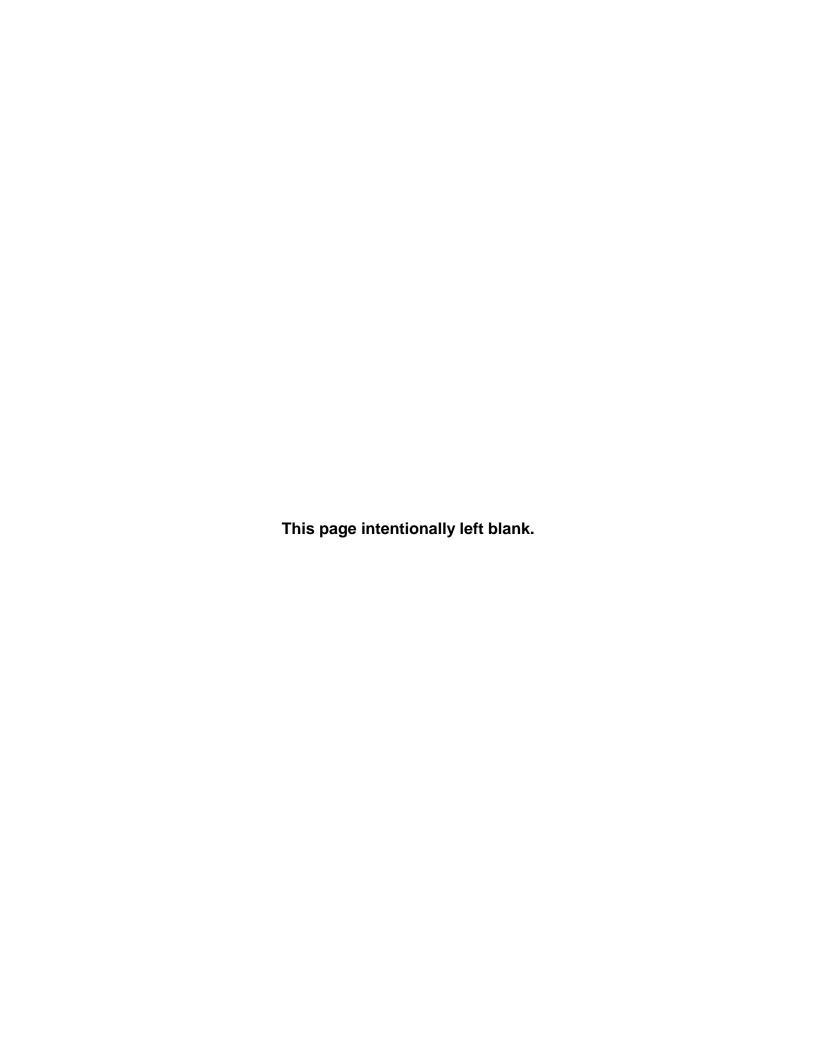
REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 - 1999



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Monday Creek Township Perry County 5875 Township Road 430 Logan, Ohio 43138

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Monday Creek Township, Perry 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 of Monday Creek Township, Perry 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 June 1, 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 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

June 1, 2001

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MONDAY CREEK TOWNSHIP MORGAN COUNTY

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

Governmental Fund Types

	G	eneral	ecial venue	luciary unds	(Men	Totals norandum Only)
Cash Receipts:						
Local Taxes	\$	9,124	\$ 3,361	\$	\$	12,485
Intergovernmental		7,907	61,883			69,790
Earnings on Investments		2,204		52		2,256
Special Assessments			568			568
Other Revenue		882	 1,058	 		1,940
Total Cash Receipts		20,117	66,870	 52		87,039
Cash Disbursements:						
Current:						
General Government		28,431				28,431
Public Safety			6,138			6,138
Public Works		65	43,359			43,424
Health		180				180
Capital Outlay			3,322	 		3,322
Total Cash Disbursements		28,676	52,819	 0		81,495
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements		(8,559)	 14,051	52		5,544
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		18,367	 26,489	 4,110		48,966
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	9,808	\$ 40,540	\$ 4,162	\$	54,510

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 AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

Governmental Fund Types

	G	eneral	ecial venue	Fiduciary Funds	(1	Totals Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:						
Local Taxes	\$	7,971	\$ 3,345	\$	\$	11,316
Intergovernmental		8,154	65,588			73,742
Earnings on Investments				53		53
Special Assessments			424			424
Other Revenue		608	 			608
Total Cash Receipts		16,733	 69,357	53		86,143
Cash Disbursements:						
Current:						
General Government		16,282				16,282
Public Safety			3,582			3,582
Public Works		60	46,045			46,105
Health		185				185
Capital Outlay			 40,000			40,000
Total Cash Disbursements		16,527	 89,627	0		106,154
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements		206	 (20,270)	53		(20,011)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		18,161	 46,759	4,057		68,977
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	18,367	\$ 26,489	\$ 4,110	<u>\$</u>	48,966

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

Monday Creek Township, Perry 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 the 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.

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

C. Cash and Investments

The Township Clerk invests all available funds of the Township in an interest-bearing checking account. The Township's nonexpendable trust fund monies are invested in a passbook savings account.

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 for trusts) 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 license 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.

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)

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

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

3. Fiduciary Fund (Trust Fund)

Trust funds are used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements. If the agreement requires the Township to maintain the corpus of the trust, the fund is classified as a Nonexpendable Trust Fund. The Township had the following Fiduciary Fund:

Harmony Cemetery Bequest Fund - This Nonexpendable Trust Fund receives interest from gifts.

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 fund and function 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. 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 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 canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year. The Township did not encumber all commitments required by law.

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

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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.

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:

		<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Demand Deposits	<u>\$</u>	54,510	\$ 48,966

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type		Budgeted Receipts		Actual Receipts		\	Variance	
General Special Revenue Nonexpendable Trust		\$	14,010 58,820 96	\$	20,117 66,870 52	\$	6,107 8,050 (44)	
	Total	\$	72,926	\$	87,039	\$	14,113	

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type		Appropriation Authority		Budgetary Expenditures		Variance	
General Special Revenue Nonexpendable Trust		\$	34,608 83,076 4,153	\$	26,676 52,819 0	\$	5,932 30,257 4,153
	Total	\$	121,837	\$	81,495	\$	40,342

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 Special Revenue Nonexpendable Trust		\$	14,606 60,705 100	\$	16,733 69,357 53	\$	2,127 8,652 (47)
	Total	\$	75,411	\$	86,143	\$	10,732

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type		Appropriation Authority		Budgetary Expenditures		Variance	
General Special Revenue Nonexpendable Trust		\$	33,577 106,653 4,160	\$	16,527 89,627 0	\$	17,050 17,026 4,160
	Total	\$	144,390	\$	106,154	\$	38,236

3. 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 statement 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.

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

5. CAPITAL LEASE

The capital lease balance outstanding at December 31, 2000 was as follows:

	<u>Pr</u>	rincipal	Interest Rate
Loader/Backhoe Capital Lease	\$	9,860	6.00%

The Township entered into a capital lease with Case Credit, in 1999 for the purchase of a grader. The original lease amount was for \$69,187, with an advance payment of \$55,000. Annual payments of \$2,837 are required over 5 years. At the signing of the lease agreement, a grader was traded-in for the loader/backhoe with a trade-in allowance of \$15,000 and a \$40,000 down-payment was paid which comprised the advance payment on the lease agreement. The lease is secured solely by the grader. At the end of the lease agreement, the Township has the option to assume ownership of the loader/backhoe at no additional expense.

Amortization of the capital lease, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

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Year ending	Cap	ital Lease
2001 2002 2003 2004	\$	2,837 2,837 2,837 2,837
Total	\$	11,348

6. 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 PERS 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.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

General liability and casualty	Public officials' liability
Vehicle	Property

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

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

Monday Creek Township Perry County 5875 Township Road 430 Logan, Ohio 43138

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Monday Creek Township, Perry County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated June 1, 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 instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item numbers 2000-41064-001 and 2000-41064-002. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated June 1, 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 June 1, 2001.

Monday Creek Township Perry 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 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

June 1, 2001

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

FINDING NUMBER 2000-41064-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) states that no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any contract or order any expenditure of money unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision that the amount required to meet the same has been lawfully appropriated for such purpose and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. Every such contract made without such a certificate shall be null and void and no warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due thereon.

This section also provides two "exceptions" to the above requirements:

- A. Then and Now Certificate If no certificate is furnished as required, upon receipt of the fiscal officer's certificate that a sufficient sum was appropriated and free of any previous encumbrances, the Board of Trustees may authorize the issuance of a warrant in payment of the amount due upon such contract or order by resolution within 30 days from the receipt of such certificate, if such expenditure is otherwise valid.
- B. If the amount involved is less than one thousand dollars, the fiscal officer may authorize it to be paid without the affirmation of the Board of Trustees.

One hundred percent of disbursements tested for 1999 and sixty-seven percent for 2000, greater than \$1,000, were not properly certified by the Clerk and were not encumbered until the time of payment. These commitments were not subsequently approved by the Board of Trustees by resolution within the 30 day time period with a "then and now" certificate.

We recommend the Township obtain the Clerk's certification prior to incurring an obligation of funds.

FINDING NUMBER 2000-41064-002

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38 states that on or about the first day of each fiscal year, an appropriation measure is to be passed. If the taxing authority wants to postpone the passage of the annual appropriation measure until an amended certificate is received from the County Budget Commission based upon the actual year end balances, it may pass a temporary appropriation measure for meeting the ordinary expenses until April 1.

During 1999, the Township did not adopt a temporary appropriation measure. The permanent appropriation measure for 1999 was not passed until March 8, 1999.

We recommend the Township adopt a temporary appropriation measure on or about the first day of each fiscal year to cover current expenditures if it is anticipated that the adoption of the permanent appropriation measure will be postponed. The temporary measure should also be filed with the County Auditor and maintained in the Township's files.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999 (Continued)

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)

FINDING NUMBER 2000-41064-003

Finding for Adjustment

Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.24 states that the Township Trustees shall be paid from the Township General Fund or from such other Township funds in such proportions as the board may specify by resolution. The salary resolution must allocate the salary distribution from various funds in the same proportion as the Trustees' service bears to the activities supported by such funds, as determined by the Board.

During our audit, we noted that the Trustees were paid a combined total of \$18,144 in 2000 and \$14,209 in 1999. For both years, 100% of the Trustees' salaries were paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund. There was no resolution in effect which indicated that Trustees' salaries should be paid from any fund other than the General Fund.

The Trustees' believed that at least 90% of their salaries should be paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund, based upon the estimated level of service provided by the Trustees during the audit period. Based upon this percentage, a combined total of \$1,814 in 2000 and \$1,421 in 1999 should have been paid from the General Fund.

In accordance with the foregoing facts, and pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.24, a Finding for Adjustment for monies incorrectly expended is hereby issued against the General Fund and in favor of the Gasoline Tax Fund, in the amount of \$3,235 as of December 31, 2000.

Although these adjustments are reflected in the accompanying financial statements, the Township has not recorded them in their books and records until after the audit period.

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; <i>Explain</i> :	
1998-41064-001	A material noncompliance citation was issued under Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38, for not adopting a temporary appropriation measure in 1997 and 1998.	No	Not Corrected: Repeated in the current audit as finding 2000-41064-002.	
1998-41064-002	A material noncompliance citation was issued under Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) for failing to properly encumber funds prior to expenditure in 1997 and 1998.	No	Not Corrected: Repeated in the current audit as finding 2000-41064-001.	
1998-41064-003	A material noncompliance citation was issued under 26 U.S.C. 3402 for failing to remit federal income tax withheld to the Internal Revenue Service in 1997.	Yes	N/A	



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MONDAY CREEK TOWNSHIP

PERRY 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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JULY 3, 2001