REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 - 1999



JIM PETRO AUDITOR OF STATE

STATE OF OHIO

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Perry Township Pickaway County 30 Church Street New Holland, Ohio 43145

To the Board of Trustees

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Perry Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 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 Perry Township, Pickaway 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 9, 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 and 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 9, 2001

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

	Governmenta		
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Property Tax and Other Local Taxes	\$13,779	\$66,936	\$80,715
Special Assessments	0	1,800	1,800
Intergovernmental Receipts	112,303	66,285	178,588
Fines, Licenses, and Permits	0	1,214	1,214
Earnings on Investments	3,788	3,717	7,505
Miscellaneous	0	282	282_
Total Cash Receipts	129,870	140,234	270,104
Cash Disbursements: Current:			
Public Safety	3,318	14,862	18,180
Public Works	633	56,784	57,417
Health	9,189	3,019	12,208
General Government	19,865	985	20,850
Capital Outlay	0	32,318	32,318
Total Disbursements	33,005	107,968	140,973
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	96,865	32,266	129,131
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):			
Other Financing Sources	587	0	587_
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	587	0	587_
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	97,452	32,266	129,718
Fund Cash Balances January 1	112,609	213,645	326,254
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$210,061	\$245,911	\$455,972

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 TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

	Goverr			
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Property Tax and Other Local Taxes	\$12,772	\$67,547	\$0	\$80,319
Special Assessments	¢,	1,644	֥	1,644
Intergovernmental Receipts	33,071	67,670	116,329	217,070
Fines, Licenses, and Permits	0	927	0	927
Earnings on Investments	3,285	2,931	0	6,216
Miscellaneous	21	808	0	829
Total Cash Receipts	49,149	141,527	116,329	307,005
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:	0.500	7 000	0	40 500
Public Safety	3,520	7,062	0	10,582
Public Health Services	8,239	2,800	0	11,039
Public Works General Government	705 37,613	52,379 791	0	53,084 38,404
Capital Outlay	220	38,808	116,329	155,357
Capital Oullay	220	30,000	110,329	100,007
Total Disbursements	50,297	101,840	116,329	268,466
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(1,148)	39,687	0	38,539
Fund Cash Balances January 1	113,757	173,958	0	287,715
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$112,609	\$213,645	\$0	\$326,254

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

Perry Township, Pickaway 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 emergency ambulance and fire services, and maintains the Township's roads and cemeteries.

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:

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.

Special Revenue Fund

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 construction, maintaining, and repairing township roads.

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

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Fund Accounting (Continued)

Capital Projects

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 fund:

OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) Fund - The Township received a grant from the State of Ohio to resurface and rebuild Crownover Road.

D. Budgetary Process

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

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. 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 County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

Encumbrances

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.

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.

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:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Demand deposits Certificates of Deposit	\$410,972 <u>45,000</u>	\$281,254
Total deposits	\$ <u>455,972</u>	\$ <u>326,254</u>

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts									
Budgeted Actual									
Fund Type			Receipts		Receipts		/ariance		
General Special Revenue		\$	48,207 142,106	\$	130,457 140,234	\$	82,250 <u>(1,872)</u>		
	Total	\$	190,313	\$	270,691	\$	80,378		

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures								
		Ap	Appropriation Budgetary					
Fund Type			Authority	Ex	penditures		Variance	
General Special Revenue		\$	153,333 325,174	\$	33,005 107,968	\$	120,328 217,206	
	Total	\$	478,507	\$	140,973	\$	337,534	

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts									
		E	Budgeted Actual						
Fund Type		Receipts		Receipts Receipt		Variance			
General Special Revenue Capital Projects		\$	40,507 132,702 134,295	\$	49,149 141,527 116,329	\$	8,642 8,825 (17,966)		
	Total	\$	307,504	\$	307,005	\$	(499)		

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	nd Type		Appropriation Authority		Budgetary penditures	 Variance
General Special Revenue Capital Projects		\$	150,605 282,005 134,295	\$	50,297 101,840 116,329	\$ 100,308 180,165 17,966
	Total	\$	566,905	\$	268,466	\$ 298,439

4. **PROPERTY TAX**

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

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 SYSTEMS

The Township's full and part-time employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is 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, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2000.

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

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Vehicles
- Public officials liability

7. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the principal. 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 ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Perry Township Pickaway County 30 Church Street New Holland, Ohio 43145

To the Board of Trustees

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Perry Township, Pickaway 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 9, 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 instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered 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 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 a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated February 9, 2001.

Perry Township Pickaway County Report on Compliance and 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

February 9, 2001



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PICKAWAY 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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED MARCH 20, 2001