# **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**

Reed Township Seneca County 14557 East County Road 36 Attica, Ohio 44807-9576

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Reed Township (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 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 the Township 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 March 16, 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.

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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

March 16, 2001

#### 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 Fund Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$18,345	\$34,085		\$52,430
Intergovernmental	40,585	72,360	\$46,444	159,389
Earnings on Investments	3,063	623	139	3,825
Other Revenue		125		125_
Total Cash Receipts	61,993	107,193	46,583	215,769
Cash Disbursements: Current:				
General Government	44,326			44,326
Public Safety	763			763
Public Works		126,153		126,153
Health	3,904	390		4,294
Capital Outlay			53,044	53,044
Total Cash Disbursements	48,993	126,543	53,044	228,580
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	13,000	(19,350)	(6,461)	(12,811)
Other Financing Receipts:				
Note Proceeds			6,600	6,600
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing				
Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	13,000	(19,350)	139	(6,211)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	12,131	39,158	28,487	79,776
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$25,131	\$19,808	\$28,626	\$73,565

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	\$14,281	\$27,820		\$42,101
Intergovernmental	35,767	71,399	\$28,561	135,727
Earnings on Investments	1,162	463	972	2,597
Total Cash Receipts	51,210	99,682	29,533	180,425
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	46,453			46,453
Public Safety	746			746
Public Works		87,837		87,837
Health	2,953	252		3,205
Capital Outlay	62		28,560	28,622
Total Cash Disbursements	50,214	88,089	28,560	166,863
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	996	11,593	973	13,562
Other Financing Receipts:				
Transfers-In		4,000	28,487	32,487
Transfers-Out	(9,000)		(23,487)	(32,487)
Other Sources	6,742			6,742
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(2,258)	4,000	5,000	6,742
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements				
and Other Financing Disbursements	(1,262)	15,593	5,973	20,304
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	13,393	23,565	22,514	59,472
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$12,131</u>	\$39,158	\$28,487	\$79,776

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

Reed Township, Seneca 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 and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance.

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

The Township maintains cash balances in certificates of deposits and an interest-bearing checking account.

#### D. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is 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 property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

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

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999 (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 fund:

Issue II Fund - The Township received a grant from the State of Ohio for reconstruction of Road 122 in 2000 and for improvements to Township Road 80 in 1999.

#### 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, 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. 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.

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 disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

#### 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.

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

#### 2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

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

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Demand deposits	\$48,565	\$54,776
Certificates of deposit	25,000	25,000
Total deposits	\$73,565	\$79,776

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

#### 3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

	2000 Bu	dgeted vs. Actua	Receipts	
		Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type		Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General		\$59,640	\$61,993	\$2,353
Special Revenue		104,025	107,193	3,168
Capital Projects		54,244	53,183	(1,061)
	Total	\$217,909	\$222,369	\$4,460

2000 Bu	dgeted vs	Actual Budgetar	y Basis Expenditur	es
		Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type		Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General		\$62,574	\$48,993	\$13,581
Special Revenue		137,000	126,543	10,457
Capital Projects		29,200	53,044	(23,844)
	Total	\$228,774	\$228,580	\$194

	1999 Bu	ldgeted vs. Actua	I Receipts	
		Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type		Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General		\$55,700	\$57,952	\$2,252
Special Revenue		95,237	103,682	8,445
Capital Projects		29,384	58,020	28,636
	Total	\$180,321	\$219,654	\$39,333

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

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures				
		Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type		Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General		\$62,048	\$59,214	\$2,834
Special Revenue		117,200	88,089	29,111
Capital Projects		23,000	52,047	(29,047)
	Total	\$202,248	\$199,350	\$2,898

#### 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 payments, 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. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2000 was as follows:

		Interest
	Principal	Rate
Ohio Public Works Commission Loan	\$6,600	0%

The Ohio Public Works Commission Loan was to fund the reconstruction of Road 122. This biannual interest free loan was for 8 years, with the final payment being made in the year 2019.

Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

OPWC Loan
\$413
825
825
825
825
2,887
\$6,600

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

#### 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

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

#### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is a member of the Ohio Township Associations Risk Management Authority 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 following risks are covered by the Pool:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Public official's liability; and
- Vehicle.

The Township also provides cancer insurance coverage to the full-time employee and township officials through a private carrier.

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

Reed Township Seneca County 14557 East County Road 36 Attica, Ohio 44807-9576

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Reed Township (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated March 16, 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 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*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated March 16, 2001.

#### 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 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 March 16, 2001

Reed Township Seneca 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

March 16, 2001



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## SENECA 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 APRIL 5, 2001