



**SUNFISH TOWNSHIP  
PIKE COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999**



**JIM PETRO**  
**AUDITOR OF STATE**  

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PIKE COUNTY**

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Sunfish Township  
Pike County  
6105 Laurel Ridge Road  
Piketon, Ohio 45661

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of Sunfish Township, Pike County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement 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 statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. 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 statement 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 statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Sunfish Township, Pike County, as of December 31, 1999, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the year 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 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

February 9, 2001

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**SUNFISH TOWNSHIP  
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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, 1999**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>			
Local Taxes	\$6,457	\$11,817	\$18,274
Intergovernmental	19,356	74,136	93,492
Earnings on Investments	599	799	1,398
Other Revenue	715		715
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Total Cash Receipts	27,127	86,752	113,879
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
Current:			
General Government	33,438		33,438
Public Safety		6,530	6,530
Public Works		59,925	59,925
Health		1,750	1,750
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Total Cash Disbursements	33,438	68,205	101,643
Excess of Cash Receipts Over/ (Under) Cash Disbursements	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(6,311)	18,547	12,236
<b>Other Financing Sources/(Uses):</b>			
Transfers-In		12,632	12,632
Transfers-Out		(12,632)	(12,632)
Sale of Assets		2,600	2,600
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	0	2,600	2,600
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Sources Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Uses	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(6,311)	21,147	14,836
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	20,045	78,026	98,071
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<b>\$13,734</b>	<b>\$99,173</b>	<b>\$112,907</b>

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

Sunfish Township, Pike 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 and fire protection.

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

**B. Basis of Accounting**

This financial statement follows 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.

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

**C. Cash**

The Township had one primary checking account during our audit period.

**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 that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999  
(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**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 cancelled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 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 statement.

**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><b>1999</b></u>
<b>Demand deposits</b>	<u><b>\$112,907</b></u>

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999  
(Continued)**

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 1999 follows:

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$22,250	\$27,127	\$4,877
Special Revenue	52,390	101,984	49,594
Total	\$74,640	\$129,111	\$54,471

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Actual Disbursements	Variance
General	\$45,952	\$33,438	\$12,514
Special Revenue	126,760	80,837	45,923
Total	\$172,712	\$114,275	\$58,437

**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 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 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999  
(Continued)**

**5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The Township's employees, as well as the Township Clerk and the Board of Trustees, 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 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, 1999.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Vehicles
- Errors and omission



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

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Pike County  
6105 Laurel Ridge Road  
Piketon, Ohio 45661

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of Sunfish Township, Pike County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the year ended 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 statement is 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 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 February 9, 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 statement 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 statement 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 February 9, 2001.

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Pike County  
Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on  
Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards*  
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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

February 9, 2001

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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999**

<u>Finding Number</u>	<u>Finding Summary</u>	<u>Fully Corrected?</u>	Not Corrected; Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <b><i>Explain:</i></b>
1998-40766-001	Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(B) - total disbursements exceeded total appropriations in the Fire and Cemetery Funds	Yes	Fully Corrected







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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 Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
MARCH 1, 2001**