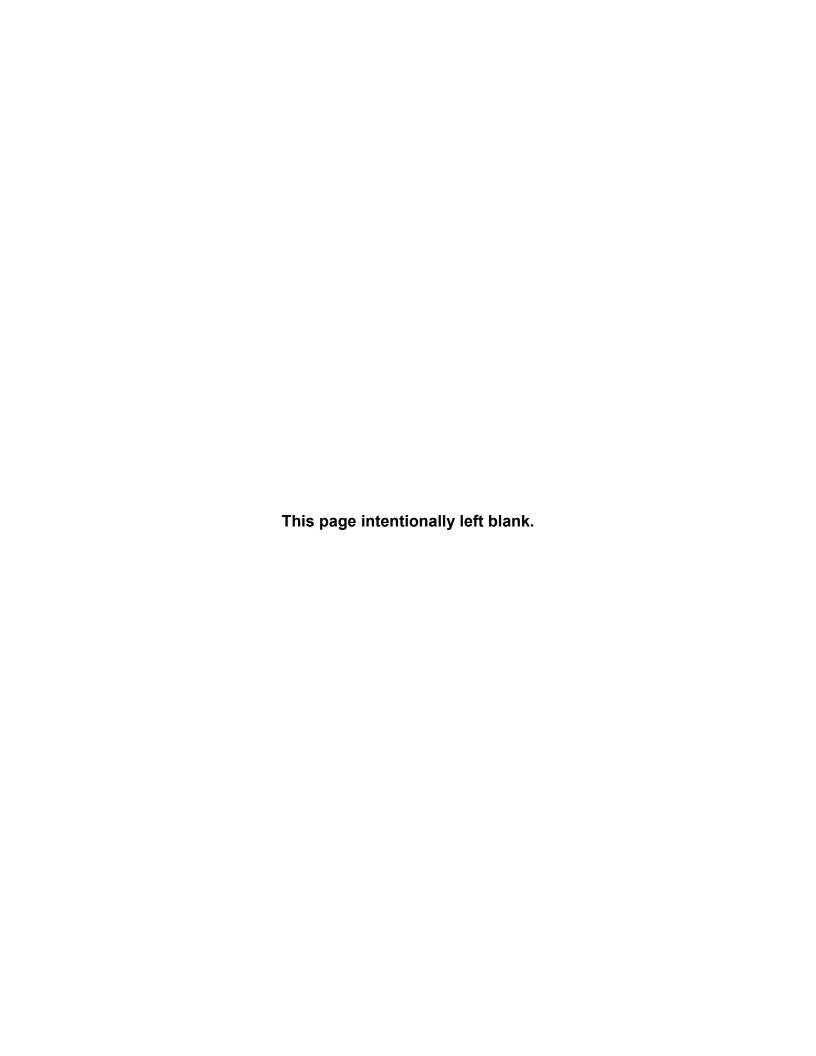




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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Orange Township Carroll County 8132 Antigua Road SW Sherrodsville, Ohio 44675

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Orange Township, Carroll County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000. 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 and reserves for encumbrances of Orange Township, Carroll County, as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, 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 April 3, 2002 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 audit committee, 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

April 3, 2002

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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, 2001

Governmental Fund Types

| | Governmentari unu Types | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
| Cash Receipts: | | | |
| Local Taxes | \$9,889 | \$43,433 | \$53,322 |
| Intergovernmental | 15,664 | 73,920 | 89,584 |
| Earnings on Investments | 405 | 151 | 556 |
| Other Revenue | 7,765 | 5,818 | 13,583 |
| Total Cash Receipts | 33,723 | 123,322 | 157,045 |
| Cash Disbursements: | | | |
| Current: | 07.077 | | 07.077 |
| General Government | 27,877 | 40.040 | 27,877 |
| Public Safety | | 10,843 | 10,843 |
| Public Works Health | 507 | 115,038 | 115,038 507 |
| Capital Outlay | 270 | | 270 |
| Capital Outlay | | | |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 28,654 | 125,881 | 154,535 |
| Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements | 5,069 | (2,559) | 2,510 |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | 15,851 | 39,351 | 55,202 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | \$20,920 | \$36,792 | \$57,712 |
| Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31 | \$2,470 | \$7,509 | \$9,979 |

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES -ALL FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES -FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES

| | Non-Expendable Trust | Agency | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
|--|-------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Other Non-Operating Receipts | | \$3,500 | \$3,500 |
| Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts | | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Non-Operating Cash Disbursements: Other Non-Operating Cash Disbursements | | 3,120 | 3,120_ |
| Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements | | 3,120 | 3,120 |
| Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements | | 380 | 380 |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | \$255 | 353 | 608 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | <u>\$255</u> | \$733 | \$988 |

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 | Governmental Fund Types | |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
| Cash Receipts: | | | |
| Local Taxes | \$9,927 | \$42,923 | \$52,850 |
| Intergovernmental | 19,412 | 73,680 | 93,092 |
| Earnings on Investments | 593 | 277 | 870 |
| Other Revenue | 146 | 1,215 | 1,361 |
| Total Cash Receipts | 30,078 | 118,095 | 148,173 |
| Cash Disbursements: | | | |
| Current: | | | |
| General Government | 25,319 | | 25,319 |
| Public Safety | | 10,828 | 10,828 |
| Public Works | | 101,652 | 101,652 |
| Health | 535 | | 535 |
| Capital Outlay | 336 | | 336 |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 26,190 | 112,480 | 138,670 |
| Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements | 3,888 | 5,615 | 9,503 |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | 11,963 | 33,736 | 45,699 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | <u>\$15,851</u> | \$39,351 | \$55,202 |
| Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31 | \$49 | \$25,059 | \$25,108 |
| 1000110 for Endumbrances, December of | | + -, | |

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

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES

| | Non-Expendable Trust | Agency | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
|--|-------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Operating Cash Receipts: Interest | \$9 | | \$9 |
| Total Operating Cash Receipts | 9 | | 9 |
| Operating Cash Disbursements: Supplies and Materials | 19 | | 19 |
| Total Operating Cash Disbursements | 19 | | 19_ |
| Operating Income/(Loss) | (10) | | (10) |
| Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Other Non-Operating Receipts | | \$2,500 | 2,500 |
| Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts | | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Non-Operating Cash Disbursements: Other Non-Operating Cash Disbursements | | 2,820 | 2,820 |
| Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements | | 2,820 | 2,820 |
| Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements | (10) | (320) | (330) |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | 265_ | \$673_ | 938 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | <u>\$255</u> | \$353 | \$608 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Orange Township, Carroll 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, and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with volunteer fire departments to provide fire protection.

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:

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 to construct, maintain and repair Township roads and bridges.

Gasoline Tax Fund - This fund receives gasoline tax money to construct, maintain and repair Township roads and bridges.

3. Fiduciary Funds (Trust and Agency Funds)

These funds are used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements and funds for which the Township is acting in an agency capacity. The Township had the following significant Fiduciary Funds:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Cemetery Trust Fund - This fund receives interest from a savings account which is used for cemetery maintenance.

Road Bond Fund -This fund is used to account for bonds given by companies and held by the township until the road use is completed.

D. Budgetary Process

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

1. 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. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered 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 carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2001 and 2000 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.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

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

| | 2001 | 2000 |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Demand deposits | \$ <u>58,700</u> | \$ <u>55,810</u> |

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 follows:

| 2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| | | Budgeted | Actual | | |
| Fund Type | | Receipts | Receipts | Variance | |
| General | | \$34,156 | \$33,723 | (\$433) | |
| Special Revenue | | 126,039 | 123,322 | (2,717) | |
| | Total | \$160,195 | \$157,045 | (\$3,150) | |

| | 2001 Budgeted | vs. Actual Budgetary | / Basis Expenditures |
|--|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|--|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|

| Fund Type | | Appropriation Authority | Budgetary Expenditures | Variance |
|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| General Special Revenue | | \$39,168 168,349 | \$31,124 133,390 | \$8,044 34,959 |
| | Total | \$207,517 | \$164,514 | \$43,003 |

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

| Fund Type | | Budgeted Receipts | Actual Receipts | Variance |
|----------------------------|-------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| General Special Revenue | | \$27,265 119,634 | \$30,078 118,095 | \$2,813 (1,539) |
| | Total | \$146,899 | \$148,173 | \$1,274 |

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

| Fund Type | | Appropriation Authority | Budgetary Expenditures | Variance |
|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| General Special Revenue | | \$34,984 165,346 | \$26,239 137,539 | \$8,745 27,807 |
| | Total | \$200,330 | \$163,778 | \$36,552 |

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 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

4. PROPERTY TAX (Continued)

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 SYSTEM

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 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 2001 and 2000, members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2001 and from January 1, 2000 through June 30, 2000. PERS temporarily reduced the employer contribution rate to 8.13%, effective July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township belongs to the Public Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty insurance for its members. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgements, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

A. Casualty Insurance

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per claim. Claims exceeding \$250,000 are reinsured with APEEP up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000 from the General Reinsurance Corporation. If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP covers OTARMA losses up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

B. Property Insurance

OTARMA retains property risks including automobile physical damage up to \$100,000 on any specific loss. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures specific losses exceeding up \$100,000. The Travelers Indemnity Company also provides aggregate excess coverage for property including automobile physical damage subject to an annual stop loss. When the stop loss is reached in any year, The Travelers Indemnity Company provides coverage in excess of \$10,000.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge OTARMA's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

C. Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principals, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31: (latest information available)

| Casualty Coverage | <u>2001</u> | <u>2000</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Assets | \$23,703,776 | \$22,684,383 |
| Liabilities | 9,379,003 | 8,924,977 |
| Retained Earnings | \$14,324,773 | \$13,759,406 |
| Property Coverage | | |
| Assets | \$5,011,131 | \$4,156,784 |
| Liabilities | 647,667 | 487,831 |
| Retained Earnings | \$4,363,464 | \$3,658,953 |

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

Orange Township Carroll County 8132 Antigua Road SW Sherrodsville, Ohio 44675

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Orange Township (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated April 3, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 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 April 3, 2002.

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 April 3, 2002.

Orange Township Carroll County Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, 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

April 3, 2002

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

| Finding Number | Finding Summary | Fully Corrected ? | Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i> : |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| 1999-41210-001 | ORC § 5705.41 (D) Disbursements were not properly certified. | Yes | |
| 1999-41210-002 | ORC § 5705.36 and 5705.39 Appropriations exceeded total estimated revenue. | No | Cited again in the Management Letter. |



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CARROLL 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 JUNE 11, 2002