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STATE OF OHIO

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Sunsbury Township Monroe County 51612 SR 145 Beallsville, Ohio 43716

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Sunsbury Township, Monroe County, Ohio (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 of Sunsbury Township, Monroe 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 July 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 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.

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July 3, 2002

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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, 2001

	Govern	mental Fund	Types	Fiduciary Fund	
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Nonexpendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Taxes Intergovernmental Interest Other Revenue	\$9,284 16,560 62 14	\$13,939 61,456 123 1,019	\$ 7,200	\$25	\$23,223 85,216 210 1,033
Total Cash Receipts	25,920	76,537	7,200	25	109,682
Cash Disbursements: Current: General Government Public Safety Public Works Health Debt Service: Note Principal Payments Interest	19,177 1,230 5,648	79,857	4,608 216		19,177 1,230 79,857 5,648 4,608 216
Total Cash Disbursements	26,055	79,857	4,824	0	110,736
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(135)	(3,320)	2,376	25	(1,054)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	3,556	4,843	1,600	1,095	11,094
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$3,421	\$1,523	\$3,976	\$1,120	\$10,040

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, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Governmental Fund Types Fund		T -4-1-
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Nonexpendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Taxes Intergovernmental Interest Other Revenue	\$8,780 21,900 172 8	\$13,473 64,553 256 493	\$ 5,600	\$	\$22,253 92,053 428 501
Total Cash Receipts	30,860	78,775	5,600	0	115,235
Cash Disbursements: Current: General Government Public Safety Public Works Health Debt Service:	20,888 1,222 5,000 5,881	77,988			20,888 1,222 82,988 5,881
Note Principal Payments Interest			4,149 430		4,149 430
Total Cash Disbursements	32,991	77,988	4,579	0	115,558
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(2,131)	787	1,021	0	(323)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): Transfers-In Advances-In Transfers-Out Advances-Out	1,500 (27) (1,500)	5,173 1,500 (5,173) (1,500)		27	5,200 3,000 (5,200) (3,000)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(27)	0	0	27	0
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(2,158)	787	1,021	27	(323)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	5,714	4,056	579	1,068	11,417
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$3,556	\$4,843	\$1,600	\$1,095	\$11,094

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Sunsbury Township, Monroe 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 road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Beallsville Volunteer Fire Department to provide fire and emergency medical services.

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 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 for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

3. Debt Service Fund

The debt service fund is used to accumulate resources for the payment of bonds and note indebtedness. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Fund Accounting (Continued)

3. Debt Service Fund (Continued)

Note Retirement Fund – This fund receives gasoline tax money to pay principal and interest on outstanding note debt. The Township's note debt was paid off during 2001.

4. Fiduciary Fund (Trust Fund)

This fund is used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements. The Township had the following significant Fiduciary Fund:

Cemetery Trust Fund – This nonexpendable trust fund receives interest from a savings account with the interest to be used for the betterment of the Township cemetery.

D. 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. The Township did not encumber all commitments required by Ohio law.

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.

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

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 and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	2001	2000
Demand deposits	\$10,040	\$11,094

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts				
	Budgeted	Actual		
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance	
General	\$24,581	\$25,920	\$1,339	
Special Revenue	77,400	76,537	(863)	
Debt Service	7,200	7,200	0	
Fiduciary	34	25	(9)	
Total	\$109,215	\$109,682	\$467	

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures				
	Appropriation	Budgetary		
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance	
General	\$28,185	\$26,055	\$2,130	
Special Revenue	77,915	79,857	(1,942)	
Debt Service	8,800	4,824	3,976	
Fiduciary	1,129	0	1,129	
Total	\$116,029	\$110,736	\$5,293	

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts					
	Budgeted	Actual			
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance		
General	\$39,589	\$30,860	(\$8,729)		
Special Revenue	84,192	83,948	(244)		
Debt Service	4,800	5,600	800		
Fiduciary	33	27	(6)		
Total	\$128,614	\$120,435	(\$8,179)		

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures					
	Appropriation	Budgetary			
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance		
General	\$37,136	\$33,018	\$4,118		
Special Revenue	74,900	83,161	(8,261)		
Debt Service	5,379	4,579	800		
Fiduciary	1,101	0	1,101		
Total	\$118,516	\$120,758	(\$2,242)		

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.

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 employees as well as the Trustees and Clerk, 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, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for January 1 through June 30, 2000, and for 2001. 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.

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

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage 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 judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty Coverage

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence. 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, which the General Reinsurance Corporation will reinsure.

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.

Property Coverage

OTARMA retains property risks including automobile physical damage up to \$100,000 on any specific loss. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures specific losses exceeding \$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.

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and report the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2001 and 2000 (the latest information available):

<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
\$23,703,776	\$22,684,383
<u>9,379,003</u>	<u>8,924,977</u>
<u>\$14,324,773</u>	<u>\$13,759,406</u>
2001	2000
<u> </u>	2000
\$5,011,131	<u> </u>
\$5,011,131 <u>647,667</u>	
	\$23,703,776 <u>9,379,003</u> <u>\$14,324,773</u>

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

Sunsbury Township Monroe County 51612 SR 145 Beallsville, Ohio 43716

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Sunsbury Township, Monroe County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated July 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 an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2001-41056-001. *W*e also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated July 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. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Township's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A reportable condition is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2001-41056-002.

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. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe the reportable condition described above is not a material weakness. We also 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 July 3, 2002.

Sunsbury Township Monroe 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

July 3, 2002

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

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

FINDING NUMBER 2001-41056-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code § 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 This exception provides that, if the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time the contract or order was made and at the time that she is completing her certification, sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any encumbrance, the taxing authority can authorize the drawing of a warrant. The taxing authority has 30 days from the receipt of such certificate to approve payment by resolution or ordinance. If approval is not made within 30 days, there is no legal liability on the part of the subdivision or taxing district.
- B. If the amount involved is less than one thousand dollars, the Clerk may authorize it to be paid without the affirmation of the Board of Trustees.

Not all of the obligations paid by the Township had a statement attached indicating the purchase was lawfully appropriated or in the process of collection to the credit of the appropriate fund, free from any previous encumbrance. We also identified instances where a statement was attached indicating that the purchase was lawfully appropriated, however, this certification was dated subsequent to incurring the obligation for 56% of transactions tested.

We recommend the Township monitor the use of purchase orders more carefully to help ensure expenditures are certified as to the availability of funds prior to incurring the obligation.

FINDING NUMBER 2001-41056-002

Reportable Condition

Township expenditures approved by the Clerk and Trustees should be supported by and agree to original invoices.

Approximately 26% of expenditures tested were not supported by original invoices. By not attaching the proper supporting documentation, the Trustees could approve inappropriate and unallowable expenditures.

We recommend the Clerk determine that appropriate documentation exists prior to processing the expenditures incurred by the Township. In addition, the Trustees should thoroughly review all expenditures before noting their approval which would help deter paying inappropriate or unallowable expenditures.

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> :
1999-41056-001	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) provides that expenditures are not to be made unless prior certification of available funds.	No	Reissued as finding number 2001- 41056-001.
1999-41056-002	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) provides that no subdivision or taxing authority to expend money unless it has been appropriated.	Partially Corrected	We reported this finding in the management letter.



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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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED AUGUST 15, 2002