REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002-2001



Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

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Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Chippewa Township Wayne County P.O. Box 265 14228 Galehouse Road Doylestown, Ohio 44230-0265

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. 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 the Township as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, 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 31, 2003 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.

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Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

March 31, 2003

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$56,881	\$635,908		\$749,670
Intergovernmental	105,997	198,478		304,475
Special Assessments		396		396
Charges for Services Licenses. Permits, and Fees	20.687	8,110 350		8,110 21.037
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	20,687 4.029	350		4,029
Earnings on Investments	41,273	1,989		43,262
Other	2,473	2,274		4,747
Total Cash Receipts	231,340	847,505	\$0	1,135,726
Cash Disbursements: Current:				
General Government	176,928			176,928
Public Safety	37,959	282,135		320,094
Public Works		345,933		345,933
Health	32,898	100 942	752	32,898
Capital Outlay	1,049	190,842	152	192,643
Total Cash Disbursements	248,834	818,910	752	1,068,496
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(17,494)	28,595	(752)	10,349
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	547,055	1,449,892	27,045	2,023,992
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$529.561	<u>\$1.478.487</u>	\$26.293	\$2.034.341

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	Fiduci Fund T		
	Nonexpendable Trust	Agency	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Operating Cash Receipts: Earnings on Investments	\$136	\$0	\$136
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	7,198	426	7,624
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$7,334	\$426	\$7,760

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			
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$53,647	\$609,069		\$662,716
Intergovernmental	145,044	197,831		342,875
Special Assessments		368		368
Charges for Services Licenses, Permits, and Fees	21,247	7,151 150		7,151 21,397
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	1,868	150		1,868
Earnings on Investments	71,749	4,367		76,116
Other	5,374	3,941		9,315
Total Cash Receipts	298,929	822,877	\$0	1,121,806
Cash Disbursements: Current: General Government	170,426			170,426
Public Safety	31,865	266,415		298,280
Public Works		365,323		365,323
Health	32,771	070 000	45.040	32,771
Capital Outlay		279,883	15,616	295,499
Total Cash Disbursements	235,062	911,621	15,616	1,162,299
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	63,867	(88,744)	(15,616)	(40,493)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements): Proceeds from the Sale of Fixed Assets			7,000	7,000
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	63,867	(88,744)	(8,616)	(33,493)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	483,188	1,538,636	35,661	2,057,485
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$547.055	\$1,449,892	\$27,045	\$2,023,992

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

	Fiduci		
	Nonexpendable Trust	Agency	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Operating Cash Receipts: Earnings on Investments	\$272	\$0	\$272
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	6,926	426	7,352
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$7,198	\$426	\$7,624

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Chippewa Township, Wayne 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 road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with Wayne County to provide to provide police protection 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. Cash

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

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 has the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives tax money from the County Auditor for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

Fire & EMS Special Levy - This fund receives property tax money for providing fire and EMS services to the Township.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

3. Capital Projects Fund

This fund is used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects. The Township has the following Capital Projects fund:

Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund - This Capital Projects Fund accounts for the acquisition of fixed assets and repairing of Township roads and bridges.

4. 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 has the following fiduciary funds:

Easton Cemetery Non-Expendable Trust Fund - This fund accounts for monies to be used toward Cemetery maintenance and services.

Agency Fund - This fund is used to account for monies that the Township holds for others in an agency capacity.

E. Budgetary Process

Except for the Agency Fund, 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 the appropriation measure 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 re-appropriated.

A summary of 2001 and 2002 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as capital outlay 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:

	2002	2001
Demand deposits	\$881,249	\$902,286
Savings Account - Cemetery Trust	7,334	7,198
Certificates of deposit	1,153,518	1,122,132
Total deposits	\$2,042,101	\$2,031,616

Deposits: Deposits are either insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$276,797	\$231,340	(\$45,457)
Special Revenue	747,530	847,505	99,975
Capital Projects	20,000	0	(20,000)
Nonexpendable Trust	0	136	136
Total	\$1,044,327	\$1,078,981	\$34,654

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures				
Appropriation	Budgetary			
Authority	Expenditures	Variance		
\$700,945	\$248,834	\$452,111		
1,620,068	818,910	801,158		
47,045	752	46,293		
0	0	0		
\$2,368,058	\$1,068,496	\$1,299,562		
	Appropriation Authority \$700,945 1,620,068 47,045 0	Appropriation Authority Budgetary Expenditures \$700,945 \$248,834 1,620,068 818,910 47,045 752 0 0		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$296,755	\$298,929	\$2,174
Special Revenue	789,679	822,877	33,198
Capital Projects	0	7,000	7,000
Nonexpendable Trust	0	272	272
Total	\$1,086,434	\$1,129,078	\$42,644

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$600,000	\$235,062	\$364,938
Special Revenue	1,767,571	911,621	855,950
Capital Projects	35,660	15,616	20,044
Nonexpendable Trust	0	0	0
Total	\$2,403,231	\$1,162,299	\$1,240,932

4. **PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 proceeding 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 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. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a costsharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. This plan provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute per Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. The OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by making a written request to: 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or by calling (614) 466–2085 or 1–800–222–PERS (7377).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Continued)

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2002 and 2001, members of OPERS contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2002 and 2001. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2002.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.
- Public Officials and employee liability.

The Township also provides medical insurance for officials and full-time employees. The Township offers dental insurance to the employees; however, the employee is responsible for the coverage.

The Township participates in the Wayne County and Wayne County Subdivisions Medical and Dental Benefit Plans.

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

Chippewa Township Wayne County P.O. Box 265 14228 Galehouse Road Doylestown, Ohio 44230-0265

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2003. 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 an immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated March 31, 2003.

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.

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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 March 31, 2003.

This report is intended solely 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.

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March 31, 2003



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WAYNE 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 MAY 27, 2003