



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Goshen Township
Champaign County
250 W. Main Street
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Goshen Township, Champaign County, (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 April 17, 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 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.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

April 17, 2003

**GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$30,143	\$117,500	\$147,643
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	6,160		6,160
Intergovernmental	32,984	71,719	104,703
Earnings on Investments	3,478	217	3,695
Miscellaneous	572	150	722
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Total Cash Receipts	73,337	189,586	262,923
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	67,397	2,169	69,566
Public Safety		70,805	70,805
Public Works		118,043	118,043
Health	7,734	7,036	14,770
Capital Outlay	500		500
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Total Cash Disbursements	75,631	198,053	273,684
Total Receipts (Under) Disbursements	(2,294)	(8,467)	(10,761)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements):			
Transfers In		2,915	2,915
Transfers Out	(2,915)		(2,915)
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Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(2,915)	2,915	
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements And Other Financing Disbursements	(5,209)	(5,552)	(10,761)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2002	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2002	<u>32,042</u>	<u>187,085</u>	<u>219,127</u>

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

**GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$26,856	\$99,336	\$126,192
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	4,750		4,750
Intergovernmental	26,228	70,882	97,110
Earnings on Investments	7,101	155	7,256
Miscellaneous	2,976	500	3,476
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Total Cash Receipts	67,911	170,873	238,784
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	90,941	2,394	93,335
Public Safety	5	51,903	51,908
Public Works		62,060	62,060
Health	7,157	2,828	9,985
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Total Cash Disbursements	98,103	119,185	217,288
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(30,192)	51,688	21,496
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements):			
Transfers In		3,148	3,148
Transfers Out	(3,148)		(3,148)
Other Financing Uses		(223)	(223)
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Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(3,148)	2,925	(223)
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements And Other Financing Disbursements	(33,340)	54,613	21,273
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2001	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	70,591	138,024	208,615
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2001	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	\$37,251	\$192,637	\$229,888

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

**GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Goshen Township, Champaign 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 government services, road and bridge maintenance and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the Village of Mechanicsburg to provide fire and ambulance 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 and Investments

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost. Money market mutual funds (including STAR Ohio) are recorded at share values reported by the mutual fund.

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 (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.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund - This fund receives motor vehicle license tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing state highways through the Township.

Road District Fund - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

Cemetery Fund - This fund receives money from the sale of grave plots and burials to manage the cemetery.

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 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 2002 and 2001 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.

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

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Township maintains a cash and investments 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:

	2002	2001
Demand deposits	\$70,091	\$170,047
Certificates of deposit	38,005	59,841
Total deposits	108,096	229,888
 STAR Ohio	111,031	
Total deposits and investments	\$219,127	\$229,888

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

Investments: Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$51,406	\$73,337	\$21,931
Special Revenue	187,562	192,501	4,939
Total	\$238,968	\$265,838	\$26,870

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$88,657	\$78,546	\$10,111
Special Revenue	380,200	198,053	182,147
Total	\$468,857	\$276,599	\$192,258

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$59,962	\$67,911	\$7,949
Special Revenue	172,441	174,021	1,580
Total	\$232,403	\$241,932	\$9,529

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$130,552	\$101,251	\$29,301
Special Revenue	310,466	119,408	191,058
Total	\$441,018	\$220,659	\$220,359

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 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.

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

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 2002 and 2001, PERS members 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.

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

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

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.

A. 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.

B. 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.

C. 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 (the latest information available):

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Casualty Coverage		
Assets	\$23,703,776	\$22,684,383
Liabilities	<u>9,379,003</u>	<u>8,924,977</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$14,324,773</u>	<u>\$13,759,406</u>

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Property Coverage		
Assets	\$5,011,131	\$4,156,784
Liabilities	<u>647,667</u>	<u>497,831</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$4,363,464</u>	<u>\$3,658,953</u>

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

Goshen Township
Champaign County
250 W. Main Street
Mechanicsburg, OH 43044

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Goshen Township, Champaign County, (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated April 17, 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 an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of finding as item 2002-001. We also noted an immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated April 17, 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. 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 17, 2003.

Goshen Township
Champaign County
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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.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

April 17, 2003

**GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001**

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

FINDING NUMBER 2002-001

Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.42 states that competitive bidding is required in the purchase of equipment for fire protection purposes pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Sections 505.37 to 505.42, and must be awarded in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Rev. Code Sections 731.14 to 731.16. The Township purchased a thermal imaging camera for the fire department without following the bidding process. The price of the camera exceeded the \$15,000 limit for bidding requirements. This expenditure totaled \$15,270, or 8% of Special Revenue Fund expenditures for the year.

The Board of Trustees should advertise and accept bids for any purchase of equipment over the \$15,000 bid limit. This citation was issued in the 1999/2000 report for a purchase of a truck.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 and 2001

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2000-40311-001	Ohio Revised Code Section 505.42, not following proper bid procedures	No	Not Corrected



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CHAMPAIGN 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 Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JUNE 12, 2003**