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HARRISON TOWNSHIP
PAULDING COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Harrison Township
Paulding County
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Harrison Township, Paulding 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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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 audits 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 audits provide 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 20, 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 audits.

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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

March 20, 2003

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP
PAULDING COUNTY**

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$28,501	\$32,812		\$61,313
Intergovernmental	32,062	69,226	\$27,721	129,009
Charges for Services	15			15
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		3,250		3,250
Earnings on Investments	1,411	1,511		2,922
Other Revenue	142	635		777
	<u>62,131</u>	<u>107,434</u>	<u>27,721</u>	<u>197,286</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	40,208			40,208
Public Safety		11,104		11,104
Public Works		32,524		32,524
Health		5,202		5,202
Capital Outlay		39,045	27,721	66,766
	<u>40,208</u>	<u>87,875</u>	<u>27,721</u>	<u>155,804</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
	<u>21,923</u>	<u>19,559</u>		<u>41,482</u>
Total Receipts Over Disbursements				
	<u>1,170</u>	<u>2,261</u>		<u>3,431</u>
Other Financing Receipts:				
Other Sources	1,170	2,261		3,431
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	23,093	21,820		44,913
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>170,731</u>	<u>178,234</u>		<u>348,965</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$193,824</u></u>	<u><u>\$200,054</u></u>		<u><u>\$393,878</u></u>

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

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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**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Local Taxes	\$24,581	\$32,173	\$56,754
Intergovernmental	30,026	68,546	98,572
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	255	5,170	5,425
Earnings on Investments	2,920	2,475	5,395
Other Revenue	133	127	260
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Total Cash Receipts	57,915	108,491	166,406
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Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	43,949		43,949
Public Safety		10,227	10,227
Public Works		38,758	38,758
Health	503	9,565	10,068
Capital Outlay	73,992	67,163	141,155
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Total Cash Disbursements	118,444	125,713	244,157
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Total Disbursements Over Receipts	(60,529)	(17,222)	(77,751)
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Other Financing Receipts:			
Other Sources	9,308	1,979	11,287
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Excess of Cash Disbursements Over Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts	(51,221)	(15,243)	(66,464)
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Fund Cash Balances, January 1	221,952	193,477	415,429
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Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$170,731</u>	<u>\$178,234</u>	<u>\$348,965</u>

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

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Harrison Township, Paulding 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, including road and bridge maintenance and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the Village of Payne and the Village of Antwerp for fire protection 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

The Township's Certificates of Deposit are valued at cost.

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursement, respectively.

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 had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund - This fund receives motor vehicle registration fees for maintaining and repairing Township roads.

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

3. Capital Project Funds

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant capital project fund:

Capital Project Fund - The Township received SCIP money for 2002 road improvements.

E. 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 grand total fund 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. The Township did not use the encumbrance method of accounting.

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.

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:

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	2002	2001
Demand deposits	\$343,878	\$298,965
Certificates of deposit	50,000	50,000
Total deposits	\$393,878	\$348,965

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 ending December 31, 2002 and 2001 follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$30,256	\$63,301	\$33,045
Special Revenue	101,912	109,695	7,783
Capital Projects	31,422	27,721	(3,701)
Total	\$163,590	\$200,717	\$37,127

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$149,400	\$40,208	\$109,192
Special Revenue	256,984	87,875	169,109
Capital Projects	34,915	27,721	7,194
Total	\$441,299	\$155,804	\$285,495

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$27,955	\$67,223	\$39,268
Special Revenue	102,038	110,470	8,432
Total	\$129,993	\$177,693	\$47,700

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$249,907	\$118,444	\$131,463
Special Revenue	226,286	125,713	100,573
Total	\$476,193	\$244,157	\$232,036

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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 Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS 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, 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

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.

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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:

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

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

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

Harrison Township
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8148 Road 51
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Harrison Township, Paulding County (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated March 20, 2003. We conducted our audits 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 audits 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 2002-40263-001. We also noted a certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated March 20, 2003.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits, 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 a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated March 20, 2003.

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March 20, 2003

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

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

FINDING NUMBER 2002-40263-001

Finding for Recovery

Ohio Revised Code § 505.602 states a board of trustees may procure and pay all or any part of the cost of group life insurance to insure the lives of officers and full time employees of the Township. The amount of the group life insurance coverage provided by the board to insure the lives of the officers of the Township shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars.

During 2001 and 2002 the Township paid for individual life insurance policies for two of the officials. There is no statutory authority allowing individual premium payments.

In accordance with the forgoing facts and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 117.28 which states when an audit report sets forth any public money has been illegally expended, the Township's legal counsel may institute civil action to recover the money illegally expended, findings for recovery are hereby returned against the officials and their bonding companies listed below, jointly and severally, in the amounts listed below and in favor of the Township Treasury.

Official	Bonding Company	Improper Individual Life Insurance Premium Payments
John W. Phipps, Trustee	Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority	\$1,131.50
Anthony Wannemacher, Trustee	The Cincinnati Insurance Company	\$425.00

We recommend the Township discontinue payment of individual life insurance premiums.

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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FISCAL YEAR END**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid
2000-40263-001	ORC § 5705.41(D) Certification of funds	Yes	
2000-40263-002	ORC § 5705.42 Issue II Funds	Yes	
2000-40263-003	ORC § 505.602 Improper Life Insurance payments	No	The finding has been reissued in this report as item 2002-40263-001



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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
APRIL 17, 2003**