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Betty Montgomery**

HARRISON TOWNSHIP
CARROLL COUNTY

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Harrison Township
Carroll County
4025 Arrow Road Northwest
Carrollton, Ohio 44615

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Harrison Township (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 and reserves for encumbrances 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 February 28, 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 Board, management, 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

February 28, 2003

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP
CARROLL 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**

	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$36,281	\$48,822	\$7,286	\$92,389
Intergovernmental	55,000	83,554		138,554
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		2,300		2,300
Earnings on Investments	65	114		179
Other Revenue	1,985	3,095		5,080
Total Cash Receipts	93,331	137,885	7,286	238,502
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	57,058	10,473		67,531
Public Works	21,391	116,554		137,945
Health	10,634	3,308		13,942
Conservation - Recreation	66			66
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal	2,500		33,903	36,403
Interest and Fiscal Charges		1,327	506	1,833
Total Cash Disbursements	91,649	131,662	34,409	257,720
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	1,682	6,223	(27,123)	(19,218)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):				
Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt:				
Sale of Notes	0	0	27,123	27,123
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	0	0	27,123	27,123
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	1,682	6,223	0	7,905
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	1,771	24,380	0	26,151
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$3,453	\$30,603	\$0	\$34,056
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$241	\$1,041	\$0	\$1,282

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

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CARROLL COUNTY**

**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>	<u>Debt Service</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$27,626	\$39,978	\$16,330	\$83,934
Intergovernmental	51,874	82,632		134,506
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		3,425		3,425
Earnings on Investments	177	355		532
Other Revenue	1,888	5,285		7,173
	<u>81,565</u>	<u>131,675</u>	<u>16,330</u>	<u>229,570</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	47,439	13,981		61,420
Public Works	2,920	106,180		109,100
Health	20,634	3,918		24,552
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal	9,228	2,500	13,504	25,232
Interest and Fiscal Charges			2,826	2,826
Capital Outlay	50	2,375		2,425
	<u>80,271</u>	<u>128,954</u>	<u>16,330</u>	<u>225,555</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>1,294</u>	<u>2,721</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,015</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>477</u>	<u>21,659</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,136</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$1,771</u>	<u>\$24,380</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$26,151</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP
CARROLL COUNTY**

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Harrison 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 road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection 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. Cash and Investments

The Township maintains a general operating account and had no investments.

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)

3. Debt Service Funds

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

Debt Service Fund – This fund is used to retire a note for the purchase of a tractor/mower/ditcher.

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 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 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.

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Township's basis of accounting.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(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
Total deposits and investments	\$34,056	\$26,151

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

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	\$93,327	\$93,331	\$4
Special Revenue	132,807	137,885	5,078
Debt Service	7,286	34,409	27,123
Total	\$233,420	\$265,625	\$32,205

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$99,372	\$91,890	\$7,482
Special Revenue	149,734	132,703	17,031
Debt Service	48,888	34,409	14,479
Total	\$297,994	\$259,002	\$38,992

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$75,199	\$81,565	\$6,366
Special Revenue	127,382	131,675	4,293
Debt Service	14,872	16,330	1,458
Total	\$217,453	\$229,570	\$12,117

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY – (Continued)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$84,401	\$80,271	\$4,130
Special Revenue	145,118	128,954	16,164
Debt Service	16,330	16,330	0
Total	\$245,849	\$225,555	\$20,294

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. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2002 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
General Obligation Notes	17,842	3.73%
Total	\$17,842	

The general obligation notes were issued to finance the purchase of a tractor/mower/ditcher pump truck and plowing equipment to be used for Township road maintenance. The notes are collateralized solely by the tractor.

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

5. DEBT – (Continued)

Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

	<u>General Obligation Notes</u>
Year ending December 31:	
2003	14,100
2004	4,360
Total	<u><u>\$18,460</u></u>

6. 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, members of PERS 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.

7. 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 Insurance

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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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7. RISK MANAGEMENT – (Continued)

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 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.

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31: (The most current data available)

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

The Township also provides health insurance coverage to full-time employees through a private carrier.



Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

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

Harrison Township
Carroll County
4025 Arrow Road Northwest
Carrollton, Ohio 44615

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Harrison Township (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated February 28, 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 certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated February 28, 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 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 February 28, 2003.

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Betty Montgomery
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February 28, 2003



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HARRISON TOWNSHIP

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.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JUNE 12, 2003**