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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Huntington Township Brown County 3415 State Route 763 Manchester, Ohio 45144

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Huntington Township, Brown 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 May 29, 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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Betty Montgomery

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

May 29, 2003

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

	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Fiduciary Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Local Taxes Intergovernmental Charges for Services Licenses, Permits, and Fees Earnings on Investments Other Revenue	\$33,904 28,095 0 0 392 1,890	\$102,446 89,517 11,897 4,700 699 8,696	\$0 0 0 0 177 0	\$136,350 117,612 11,897 4,700 1,268 10,586
Total Cash Receipts	64,281	217,955	177	282,413
Cash Disbursements: Current: General Government Public Safety Public Works Health Purchased Services Debt Service: Redemption of Principal Interest and Fiscal Charges Total Cash Disbursements	53,849 0 0 9,977 0 8,644 2,327 74,797	0 214,751 50,930 4,410 0 11,612 8,051 289,754	0 0 0 0 26 0 0	53,849 214,751 50,930 14,387 26 20,256 10,378
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(10,516)	(71,799)	151	(82,164)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements): Transfers-In Transfers-Out Other Sources	0 (58) 0	58 0 117,396	0 0 0	58 (58) 117,396
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(58)	117,454	0	117,396
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements Fund Cash Balances, January 1	(10,574) 16,972	45,655 112,401	151 4,480	35,232 133,853
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$6.398	\$158.056	\$4.631	\$169.085
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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 FUND TYPES AND NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Fiduciary Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$35,660	\$77,654	\$0	\$113,314
Intergovernmental	28,703	81,938	0	110,641
Charges for Services	20,700	32,601	0	32,601
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	0	4,100	0	4,100
Earnings on Investments	707	1,131	203	2,041
Other Revenue			203	
Other Revenue	4,556	13,048		17,604
Total Cash Receipts	69,626	210,472	203	280,301
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	54,698	0	0	54,698
Public Safety	0 .,000	106,931	Ö	106,931
Public Works	Ö	78,099	Ö	78,099
Health	8,956	5,664	0	14,620
Purchased Services	0,550	0,004	311	311
Debt Service:	· ·	· ·	011	011
Redemption of Principal	8,144	35,661	0	43,805
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,827	2,555	0	5,382
Capital Outlay	2,027	138,573	0	138,573
Capital Outlay		100,070		100,010
Total Cash Disbursements	74,625	367,483	311	442,419
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(4,999)	(157,011)	(108)	(162,118)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):				
Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt:				
Sale of Notes	0	150,016	0	150,016
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	1,000	0	1,000
Other Sources	0	20,152	0	20,152
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	0	171,168	0	171,168
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Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing				
Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(4.000)	44.4==	(400)	0.050
and Other Financing Disbursements	(4,999)	14,157	(108)	9,050
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	21,971	98,244	4,588	124,803
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$16,972	\$112,401	\$4,480	\$133,853

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Huntington Township, Brown County, Ohio (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 governmental services, including 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 Deposits

The Township has certificates of deposit and a money market account which 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 had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Gasoline Tax Fund

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

Emergency Medical Service Fund

This fund receives money for emergency medical services.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fire Levy Fund

This fund receive property tax money for the provision of fire protection.

3. Nonexpendable Trust

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 had the following significant Nonexpendable Trust Funds:

Cemetery Bequest Funds

The Township has received various bequests for care of cemeteries.

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

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 deposits pool used by all funds, except for Cemetery Trust funds, which are maintained in various Certificates of Deposit. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31 was as follows:

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

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH (Continued)

	2002	2001
Demand deposits	\$140,367	\$105,706
Certificates of deposit	15,777	15,632
Savings accounts	2,941	2,515
Money market deposit account	10,000	10,000
Total deposits	\$169,085	\$133,853

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$63,500	\$64,281	\$781
Special Revenue	342,346	335,409	(6,937)
Total	\$405,846	\$399,690	(\$6,156)

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$80,472	\$74,855	\$5,617
Special Revenue	437,782	289,754	148,028
Total	\$518,254	\$364,609	\$153,645

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$68,820	\$69,626	\$806
Special Revenue	366,695	381,640	14,945
Total	\$435,515	\$451,266	\$15,751

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	_
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$90,791	\$74,625	\$16,166
Special Revenue	464,940	367,483	97,457
Total	\$555,731	\$442,108	\$113,623

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

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
Fire House Improvement Note	130,593	5.70%
Backhoe Lease	29,185	6.15%
Total	\$159,778	

The Fire House Improvement Note was issued in 2001 to finance the improvement of the fire house. The loan is collateralized by 1.8975 acres of real estate plus improvements located in Huntington Township. The backhoe lease was entered into in June 2000 to finance the purchase of a backhoe for Township purposes. The lease is collateralized by the equipment. Amortization of the above debt, including interest in the amount of \$40,200, is scheduled as follows:

Year ending December 31:	Fire House Improvement Note	Backhoe Lease
2003	\$19,663	\$10,971
2004	19,663	10,971
2005	19,663	10,900
2006	19,663	0
2007	19,663	0
2008 – 2011	68,821	0
Total	\$167,136	\$32,842

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

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Township Officials and other 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 post-retirement 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. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2002.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is a member of the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (the Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Township's policy. The Pool may assess supplemental premiums. The Pool covers the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability:
- · Vehicle; and
- · Wrongful Acts.

The Township also provides disability coverage through a private carrier and reimburses officials up to a maximum of \$250 monthly per board policy for hospitalization, dental and vision coverage they have obtained through a private carrier. The Township maintains insurance coverage on the emergency service vehicles and volunteers as well.

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.

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

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 \$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 (latest information available):

Casualty Coverage	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Assets	\$23,703,776	\$22,684,383
Liabilities	9,379,003	8,924,977
Retained earnings	<u>\$14,324,773</u>	<u>\$13,759,406</u>
Property Coverage	<u>2001</u>	2000
Assets	\$5,011,131	\$4,156,784
Liabilities	<u>647,667</u>	<u>497,831</u>
Retained earnings	\$4,363,464	<u>\$3,658,953</u>

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

Huntington Township Brown County 3415 State Route 763 Manchester, Ohio 45144

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Huntington Township, Brown County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated May 29, 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 Findings as item 2002-001. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated May 29, 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. 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. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2002-001.

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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 over financial reporting that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we do not believe the reportable condition described above is a material weakness.

We also noted other matters involving the internal control structure 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 May 29, 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.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

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May 29, 2003

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

Noncompliance Citation/Reportable Condition

Ohio Rev. Code, Section 5705.41 (D), requires that no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any contract or give any order involving the expenditure of money unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision that the amount required to meet the obligation 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. This certificate need be signed only by the subdivision's fiscal officer. Every contract made without such a certificate shall be void, and no warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due thereon. This Section also provides for two exceptions to the above requirement:

- A. Then-and-Now Certificates If no certificate is furnished as required, upon receipt of the fiscal officer's certificate that a sufficient sum was, both at the time of the contract or order and at the time of the certificate, appropriated and free of any previous encumbrances, the Board of Trustees may authorize the issuance of a warrant in payment of the amount due upon such contract or order by resolution within 30 days from the receipt of such certificate.
- B. If the amount involved is less than \$1,000, the fiscal officer may authorize payment through a Thenand-Now Certificate without affirmation of the Board of Trustees, if such expenditure is otherwise valid.

Where a continuing contract is to be performed in whole or in part in an ensuing fiscal year, only the amount required to meet those amounts in the fiscal year in which the contract is made need be certified.

Contrary to the above requirement, the availability of funds was not certified for 97% of the items tested for fiscal year 2002 and 2001. Failure to certify the availability of funds and encumber appropriations can result in overspending funds and negative cash balances. Therefore, we recommend the Township obtain approved purchase orders, which contain the Clerk's certification that the amount required to meet the obligation has been lawfully appropriated and authorized, prior to making a commitment.

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS 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; <i>Explain</i> :
2000-40408-001	Ohio Revised Code 5705.41(D), invoice dates preceded purchase order dates.	No	Not Corrected. Finding in current audit report.



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HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP

BROWN 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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JUNE 19, 2003