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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Marietta Township Washington County 138 Forshey Road Marietta, Ohio 45750-9736

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Marietta Township, Washington County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 21, 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 Marietta Township, Washington County, 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 11, 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 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

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

February 11, 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

		G	overnmenta	al Fu	ind Types			
	 General		Special Revenue		Debt Service	Capital Projects	(Me	Totals morandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Local Taxes Intergovernmental Special Assessments Earnings on Investments Other Revenue	\$ 89,786 107,370 3,204 516	\$	202,797 78,909 13,776 421 190	\$	49,791 66,684	\$ 203,000	\$	292,583 439,070 80,460 3,625 706
Total Cash Receipts	 200,876		296,093		116,475	 203,000		816,444
Cash Disbursements: Current: General Government Public Safety Public Works Health Debt Service: Redemption of Principal Interest and Fiscal Charges	123,432 776 42,544 18,542		121,029 156,821		250,000 11,751			123,432 121,805 199,365 18,542 250,000 11,751
Capital Outlay	 10,533				296,677	 203,000		510,210
Total Cash Disbursements	 195,827		277,850		558,428	 203,000		1,235,105
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	 5,049		18,243		(441,953)	 0		(418,661)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt: Sale of Bonds Sale of Notes Advances-In Advances -Out	 20,000 (20,000)		20,000 (20,000)		198,000 250,000			198,000 250,000 40,000 (40,000)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	 0		0		448,000	 0		448,000
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements Fund Cash Balances, January 1	5,049 118,424		18,243 91,641		6,047	 0		29,339 210,065
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 123,473	\$	109,884	\$	6,047	\$ 0	\$	239,404
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$ 0	\$	13,000	\$	0	\$ 0	\$	13,000

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 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	Go	overnmenta	l Fur	nd Types		
		eneral		Special Sevenue	(Me	Totals morandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Local Taxes Intergovernmental Special Assessments Earnings on Investments Other Revenue	\$	79,822 68,351 3,055 1,912	\$	224,001 79,908 13,129 514 4,778	\$	303,823 148,259 13,129 3,569 6,690
Total Cash Receipts		153,140		322,330		475,470
Cash Disbursements: Current: General Government Public Safety Public Works Health Capital Outlay		87,272 12,187 40,093 19,376 12,132		117,993 209,384		87,272 130,180 249,477 19,376 12,132
Total Cash Disbursements		171,060		327,377		498,437
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements		(17,920)		(5,047)		(22,967)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		136,344		96,688		233,032
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	118,424	\$	91,641	\$	210,065
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0

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

Marietta Township, Washington 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, 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 Clerk invests all available funds of the Township in an interest-bearing checking account.

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 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.

EMT Special Levy Fund - This fund receives funds to maintain and equip emergency medical technicians.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

3. Debt Service Fund

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

General Bond/Note Retirement Fund – This fund received monies from the sale of notes and bonds to replace Township roads in the Sunnyview Subdivision.

4. Capital Project Fund

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects. The Township had the following significant Capital Project Fund:

Sunnyview Works Project Fund - The Township received a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission to replace Township roads in the Sunnyview Subdivision.

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.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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.

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	\$ 239,404	\$ 210,065

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or (2) 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 Bud	dgete	d vs. Actual	Rece	eipts		
	B	Budgeted		Actual		
Fund Type	F	Receipts		Receipts	V	'ariance
General	\$	206,281	\$	220,876	\$	14,595
Special Revenue		338,384		316,093		(22,291)
Debt Service		564,475		564,475		0
Capital Projects		203,000		203,000		0
Total	\$	1,312,140	\$	1,304,444	\$	(7,696)

	2002 Budgeted vs.	Actua	I Budgetary	Basi	s Expenditur	res	
		Ар	propriation	В	udgetary		
Fund Type			Authority	Ex	penditures		Variance
General		\$	256,785	\$	215,827	\$	40,958

Special Revenue	426,068	310,850	115,218
Debt Service	414,123	558,428	(144,305)
Capital Projects	 203,000	 203,000	 0
Total	\$ 1,299,976	\$ 1,288,105	\$ 11,871

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts						
	В	udgeted		Actual		
Fund Type	R	Receipts	R	leceipts	V	ariance
General	\$	158,088	\$	153,140	\$	(4,948)
Special Revenue		330,650		322,330		(8,320)
Total	\$	488,738	\$	475,470	\$	(13,268)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures						
	Ap	oropriation	В	udgetary		
Fund Type	A	Authority	Exp	oenditures	V	ariance
General	\$	263,176	\$	171,060	\$	92,116
Special Revenue		415,353		327,377		87,976
Total	\$	678,529	\$	498,437	\$	180,092

Contrary to Ohio law, actual receipts plus unencumbered cash was less than estimated resources and the appropriation authority was more than the actual receipt plus unencumbered cash at December 31, 2001 in the Road and Bridge Fund. This also occurred at December 31, 2002 in the Road and Bridge, Fire Levy, and Permissive Sales Tax Funds.

Contrary to Ohio law, appropriations exceeded estimated resources in the Sunnyview Project Bond Fund by \$50,209 as of December 31, 2002.

Contrary to Ohio law, the expenditures exceeded appropriations at December 31, 2002 in the Fire Levy Fund by \$18,865, Sunnyview Project Bond Fund by \$130,763, and OPWC Loan Fund by \$49,791.

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.

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

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2002 was as follows:

	F	Principal	Interest Rate
Special Assessment Bond	\$	198,000	4.6%
Ohio Public Works Commission Loan		49,791	2.0%
Lease/Purchase		17,260	5.75%
Total	\$	265,051	

The special assessment bond and the Ohio Public Works Commission Loan were issued to finance the construction of Township roads in the Sunnyview Subdivision. Special assessments levied against property owners in the subdivision have been pledged to repay the debt. The OPWC Loan is backed by the full faith and credit of the Township for repayment.

The Township entered into the lease/purchase agreement in September 1, 1999, with Case Credit Corporation for a mower. The original lease agreement was for \$52,662, with a yearly payment due of \$10,532. The full faith and credit of the Township is pledged to repay this debt. The equipment purchased collateralizes the lease/purchase.

Year ending December 31:	Special ssessment Bonds	nio Public Works ommision Loan	Lease/ Purchase
2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 – 2012 2012 2017	\$ 24,808 25,186 25,213 25,203 25,157 125,978	\$ 501 5,518 5,518 5,518 5,518 27,592	10,532 6,728
2013 – 2017 Total	\$ 251,545	\$ 5,518 55,683	17,260

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

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's elected officials and 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 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 employer contributions required through December 31, 2002.

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

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 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.

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, 2002 and 2001 (the latest information available):

Casualty Coverage	 2001	2000
Assets Liabilities	\$ 23,703,776 9,379,003	\$ 22,684,383 8,924,977
Retained Earnings	\$ 14,324,773	\$ 13,759,406
Property Coverage	 2001	 2000
Assets Liabilities	\$ 5,011,131 647,667	\$ 4,156,784 497,831



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

Marietta Township Washington County 138 Forshey Road Marietta, Ohio 45750

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Marietta Township, Washington County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated February 11, 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 instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as items 2002-41084-001 to 2002-41084-003. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated February 11, 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 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 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 February 11, 2003.

Marietta Township Washington County Independent Accountants' Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

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.

Betty Montgomery

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

February 11, 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 2002-41084-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36 allows all subdivisions to request reduced amended certificates upon determination by the fiscal officer that revenue to be collected will be less than the amount in the official certificate of estimated resources. The Township must request a reduced amended certificate when actual receipts plus January 1 unencumbered cash will be less than amounts appropriated.

Estimated resources exceeded actual revenue plus unencumbered cash and appropriations were greater than actual revenue plus unencumbered cash at December 31, 2001, as follows:

	Actual Revenue					
	Total Plus					
	Estimated		Unencumbered		Appropriation	
Fund	Resources		Cash		Authority	
Road and Bridge	\$	162,905	\$	158,664	\$	160,592

Estimated resources exceeded actual revenue plus unencumbered cash and appropriations were greater than actual revenue plus unencumbered cash at December 31, 2002, as follows:

		Actual Revenue					
		Total		Plus			
	E	Estimated		Unencumbered		Appropriation	
Fund	R	Resources		Cash		Authority	
Road and Bridge	\$	145,438	\$	142,888	\$	145,438	
Fire/Ambulance		70,061		67,994		69,993	
Permissive Sales Tax		35,420		0		35,420	

This could result in more money being appropriated than will actually be available for expenditure.

We recommend the Township Clerk monitor estimated and actual revenues for all funds on a regular basis. In the situation where budgeted revenue exceeds actual revenue and appropriations exceed actual revenue, a reduced amended certificate must be obtained and appropriations adjusted accordingly.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

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

FINDING NUMBER 2002-41084-002

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 states that appropriations from each fund shall not exceed the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission.

Appropriations exceeded estimated resources as of December 31, 2002, in the following fund:

	Es	stimated				
Fund	Resources		Appropriations		Variance	
Sunnyview Project Bonds	\$	49,791	\$	100,000	\$	(50,209)

This could result in the Township expending more money than is available.

We recommend appropriations for each fund not exceed the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission.

FINDING NUMBER 2002-41084-003

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Section 5705.41(B) states that no subdivision or taxing unit is to expend money unless it has been appropriated.

We found that expenditures exceeded appropriations at the fund level as of December 31, 2002, in the following funds:

	Арр	prorpriation					
Fund	A	Authority		Expenditures		Variance	
Fire District	\$	54,869	\$	73,734	\$	(18,865)	
Sunnyview Project Bonds		314,123		444,886		(130,763)	
OPWC Loan		0		49,791		(49,791)	

We recommend the Township routinely monitor the appropriations and expenditures to ensure that expenditures do not exceed appropriations.



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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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED MARCH 18, 2003