KEENE TOWNSHIP AUDIT REPORT JANUARY 1, 2003 – DECEMBER 31, 2004



Board of Trustees Keene Township, Coshocton County 27218 County Road 406 Fresno, Ohio 43824

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Keene Township, Coshocton County, prepared by Wolfe, Wilson & Phillips, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

The financial statements in the attached report are presented in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State. Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Independent Auditor's Report* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Independent Auditor's Report* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State permits.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. Keene Township, Coshocton County, is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

BETTY MONTGOMERY

Betty Montgomeny

June 20, 2005

Auditor of State



27218 County Road 406 Keene, OH 43828

ELECTED OFFICIALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

NAME	TITLE	TERM	SURETY	AMOUNT	PERIOD
Bruce Horn	Trustee	01/01/04-12/31/07	(A)	\$1,000	(B)
Paul Schonauer	Trustee	01/01/02-12/31/05	(A)	\$1,000	(B)
Tom Raber	Trustee	01/01/02-12/31/05	(A)	\$1,000	(B)
Robert Raber 27218 County Road 406 Keene, Ohio 43828	Clerk	04/01/03-03/31/07	(A)	\$3,000	(B)

STATUTORY LEGAL COUNSEL

Robert Batchelor, Prosecutor Coshocton County 318 Chestnut Street. Coshocton, OH 43812

- (A) The Personal Service Insurance Co.
- (B) Concurrent with term

INDEX OF FUNDS

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

General Fund Type:

General Fund

Special Revenue Fund Types: Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund Gasoline Tax Fund Road and Bridge Fund Cemetery Fund Fire District Fund Special Levy Fund Permissive Tax Fund

WOLFE, WILSON, & PHILLIPS, INC. 37 SOUTH SEVENTH STREET ZANESVILLE, OHIO 43701

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees Keene Township Keene, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Keene Township as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. 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 and *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 described more fully in Note 1, the Township has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, we presume they are material.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Keene Township's combined funds as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and their changes in financial position.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Keene Township, Coshocton County, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, 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 a report dated May 19, 2005, on our consideration of Keene Township's internal control structure over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in conjunction with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Wolfe, Wilson, & Phillips, Inc. Zanesville, Ohio May 19, 2005

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

				Special	(Me	emorandum Only)
	General		Revenue		Total	
CASH RECEIPTS:						
Local taxes	\$	21,315	\$	49,494	\$	70,809
Charges for services		807		-		807
Intergovernmental		20,032		78,990		99,022
Interest		809		1,032		1,841
Miscellaneous				1,200		1,200
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS		42,963		130,716		173,679
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:						
Current:						
General government		23,729		30,674		54,403
Public work activities		7,100		11,074		18,174
Public health services		3,902		600		4,502
Capital outlay		43,249		-		43,249
Conservation - recreation		150				150
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS		78,130		42,348		120,478
TOTAL RECEIPTS OVER(UNDER) CASH DISBURSEMENTS		(35,167)		88,368		53,201
FUND CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1		90,999		155,509		246,508
FUND CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	\$	55,832	\$	243,877	\$	299,709

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

			Special		(Memorandum Only)		
	C	General		Revenue		Total	
CASH RECEIPTS:							
Local taxes	\$	19,509	\$	58,458	\$	77,967	
Charges for services		1,945		-		1,945	
Intergovernmental		26,308		70,037		96,345	
Interest		950		512		1,462	
Miscellaneous				2,850		2,850	
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS		48,712		131,857		180,569	
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:							
Current:							
General government		24,205		30,690		54,895	
Public safety services		4,455		10,812		15,267	
Public work activities		12,751		35,043		47,794	
Public health services		4,405		1,000		5,405	
Capital outlay		-		-		-	
Conservation - recreation		150				150	
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS		45,966		77,545		123,511	
TOTAL RECEIPTS OVER(UNDER)							
CASH DISBURSEMENTS		2,746		54,312		57,058	
OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS):							
Transfers-In		_		2,000		2,000	
Transfers-Out		(2,000)		-		(2,000)	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS							
(DISBURSEMENTS)		(2,000)		2,000			
EXCESS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND OTHER FINANCING	G						
RECEIPTS OVER/(UNDER) CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND OTHER FINANCING DISBURSEMENTS		746		56,312		57,058	
FUND CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1		90,253		99,197		189,450	
FUND CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	\$	90,999	\$	155,509	\$	246,508	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of the Entity

Keene Township (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 maintenance of Township roads, cemeteries, and fire protection. The Township contracts with the Three Rivers Fire District to provide fire protection.

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 cash 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 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

All cash is maintained in a pooled checking account. The Township has no investments.

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:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required by law or contract to be restricted.

Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund – This fund receives motor vehicle tax receipts for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

Gasoline Tax Fund – This fund receives gasoline tax receipts for maintaining and repairing Township roads.

Cemetery Fund – This fund generates money through the selling of cemetery lots and donations from the general public. This money is disbursed for the maintenance and upkeep of Township cemeteries.

Fire Fund (Special Levy) – This fund receives real estate tax for the cost associated with the fire protection contract with Tuscarawas Township.

Road Repair & Maintenance (Special Levy) – This fund receives real estate money for the construction, repair, and maintenance of Township roads and bridges.

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives real estate and personal property tax money for the construction, repair and maintenance of Township roads and bridges.

Permissive Motor Vehicle License Fund – This fund receives county motor vehicle license tax money for the construction, repair and maintenance of Township roads and bridges.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) be budgeted annually.

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. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

E. Budgetary Process (Continued)

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.

Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A Summary of 2004 and 2003 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 in 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. The carrying amount of cash at December 31 was as follows:

	2004		2003		
Demand deposits	\$	299,709	\$	246,508	

Deposits:

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, and collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the township.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 was as follows:

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budget	ed Receipts	Actual	Receipts_	Va	ariance
General		33,091		42,963		9,872
Special Revenue		127,247		130,716		3,469
Total	\$	160,338	\$	173,679	\$	13,341

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropri	Appropriation Authority		Actual Expenditures		Variance	
General Special Revenue	\$	124,090 282,754	\$	78,130 42,348	\$	45,960 240,406	
Total	\$	406,844	\$	120,478	\$	286,366	

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts		Actu	al Receipts	Variance		
General Special Revenue	\$	32,613 128,592	\$	48,712 133,857	\$	16,099 5,265	
	<u>\$</u>	161,205	\$	182,569	\$	21,364	

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation	<u>Authority</u>	Actual E	<u>xpenditures</u>	 Variance
General Special Revenue	\$	122,866 227,788	\$	47,966 77,545	\$ 74,900 150,243
Total	\$	350,654	\$	125,511	\$ 225,143

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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 payments, 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 Trustees, Clerk and part-time 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 health care, 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 2004 and 2003, members of PERS 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, 2004.

6. Risk Management

The Township maintains insurance coverage through Ohio Risk Management that provides the following coverages:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Vehicles
- Errors and omissions

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS.

Board of Trustees Keene Township Keene, Ohio

We have audited the financial statements of Keene Township as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated May 19, 2005, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Keene Township internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the combined financial statements and not to provide an opinion 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 weakness. A material weakness is a reportable 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 caused by error or fraud 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.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Keene Township's combined financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, 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 Standard*. However, we noted immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of Keene Township in a separate letter dated May 19, 2005.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Trustees, and the Auditor of State, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Wolfe, Wilson, & Phillips, Inc. Zanesville, Ohio May 19, 2005



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KEENE TOWNSHIP

COSHOCTON 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 JULY 5, 2005