

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
COLUMBUS REGION, UNION COUNTY
REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

Board of Trustees
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of Liberty Township, Union County, prepared by Holbrook & Manter, CPAs, for the audit period January 1, 2003 through 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 Auditors' 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 Auditors' 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. Liberty Township, Union County is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Betty Montgomery

BETTY MONTGOMERY
Auditor of State

November 22, 2005

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees
Liberty Township
Union County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Liberty Township, Union County, Ohio, (the 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 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 has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State of Ohio prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

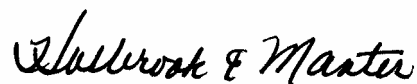
Revisions to GAAP would require the Township to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the year ended December 31, 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2004, (and 2003), the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2004. While the Township does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State of Ohio permits, but does not require, governments to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this Township does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the year ended December 31, 2004 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2004, or its changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Liberty Township, Union 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.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Township to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2004. The Government has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 14, 2005 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 grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



Certified Public Accountants

October 14, 2005

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>				<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash receipts:-					
Local taxes	\$ 104,403	\$ 258,051	\$ 0	\$ 68,011	\$ 430,465
Intergovernmental	37,711	90,386	0	4,421	132,518
Charges for services	0	176,247	0	0	176,247
Special assessments	0	2,359	0	0	2,359
Interest	5,508	106	0	0	5,614
Licenses, permits, and fees	13,988	0	0	0	13,988
Other revenue	27,351	61,988	0	0	89,339
Total cash receipts	188,961	589,137	0	72,432	850,530
Cash disbursements:-					
Current:					
General government	123,303	5,200	0	0	128,503
Human services	16,937	0	0	0	16,937
Public health services	11,107	5,822	0	0	16,929
Public works	0	57,886	0	0	57,886
Public safety	360	338,997	0	0	339,357
Debt service					
Redemption of principal	0	0	39,620	0	39,620
Interest and fiscal charges	0	0	744	0	744
Capital outlay	25,649	1,400	0	0	27,049
Total cash disbursements	177,356	409,305	40,364	0	627,025
Total receipts over (under) cash disbursements	11,605	179,832	(40,364)	72,432	223,505
Other financing receipts:-					
Other financing sources	1,434	3,707	0	0	5,141
Other financing uses	(188)	0	0	0	(188)
Transfers-in	0	0	40,364	0	40,364
Transfers-out	0	0	0	(40,364)	(40,364)
Total other financing receipts	1,246	3,707	40,364	(40,364)	4,953
Excess of cash receipts and other financing receipts over (under) cash disbursements and other financing disbursements	12,851	183,539	0	32,068	228,458
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2004	171,660	338,421	84	28,427	538,592
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2004	\$ 184,511	\$ 521,960	\$ 84	\$ 60,495	\$ 767,050

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

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
UNION COUNTY
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>				<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash receipts:-					
Local taxes	\$ 103,956	\$ 258,213	\$ 0	\$ 67,842	\$ 430,011
Intergovernmental	37,383	73,839	0	4,236	115,458
Charges for services	0	120,000	0	0	120,000
Special assessments	0	6,381	0	0	6,381
Interest	4,696	71	0	0	4,767
Licenses, permits, and fees	11,292	0	0	0	11,292
Other revenue	48,790	42,173	0	0	90,963
Total cash receipts	206,117	500,677	0	72,078	778,872
Cash disbursements:-					
Current:					
General government	136,299	3,936	0	0	140,235
Human services	13,553	0	0	0	13,553
Public health services	32,639	0	0	0	32,639
Public works	0	70,693	0	0	70,693
Public safety	7,913	375,162	0	0	383,075
Debt service					
Redemption of principal	0	0	59,636	0	59,636
Interest and fiscal charges	0	0	3,042	0	3,042
Capital outlay	36,404	0	0	0	36,404
Total cash disbursements	226,808	449,791	62,678	0	739,277
Total receipts over (under) cash disbursements	(20,691)	50,886	(62,678)	72,078	39,595
Other financing receipts:-					
Other financing sources	0	14	0	0	14
Other financing uses	(60)	0	0	0	(60)
Transfers-in	0	0	62,678	0	62,678
Transfers-out	0	0	0	(62,678)	(62,678)
Total other financing receipts	(60)	14	62,678	(62,678)	(46)
Excess of cash receipts and other financing receipts over (under) cash disbursements and other financing disbursements	(20,751)	50,900	0	9,400	39,549
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2003	192,411	287,521	84	19,027	499,043
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2003	\$ 171,660	\$ 338,421	\$ 84	\$ 28,427	\$ 538,592

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

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
UNION COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:-

Description of the Entity - Liberty Township, Union 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 three publicly - elected 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.

Basis of Accounting - These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State of Ohio, 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 of Ohio.

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

STAR Ohio (the State Treasurer's investment pool) is valued at amounts reported by the State Treasurer.

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:

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 (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:

Fire Fund

This fund receives property tax money from a specific fire levy to help cover the cost of fire protection.

Gasoline Tax Fund

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

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund

This fund receives motor vehicle tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

Debt Service Fund

The debt service fund is used to accumulate resources for the payment of note indebtedness.

Capital Projects Fund

This fund is 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).

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
UNION COUNTY
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:- (continued)

Budgetary Process - The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund 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 Union County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year-end.

Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The Union 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 canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2004 and 2003 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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.

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.

NOTE 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 and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	2004	2003
Demand Deposits	\$ 494,578	\$ 269,358
STAR Ohio	272,472	269,234
Total Deposits	\$ 767,050	\$ 538,592

Deposits - The Township's deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. As of December 31, 2004 and 2003, deposits over \$100,000 were collateralized by securities specifically held by a financial institution.

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NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:-

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2004 was as follows:

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 210,000	\$ 190,395	\$ (19,605)
Special Revenue	503,232	592,844	89,612
Debt Service	0	40,364	40,364
Capital Projects	<u>67,000</u>	<u>72,432</u>	<u>5,432</u>
Total	\$ <u>780,232</u>	\$ <u>896,035</u>	\$ <u>115,803</u>

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 381,125	\$ 177,544	\$ 203,581
Special Revenue	840,761	409,305	431,456
Debt Service	85	40,364	(40,279)
Capital Projects	<u>95,400</u>	<u>40,364</u>	<u>55,036</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,317,371</u>	\$ <u>667,577</u>	\$ <u>649,794</u>

Contrary to Ohio law, as of December 31, 2004, the budgetary expenditures exceeded the appropriation authority in the Debt Service fund by \$40,279. Also, contrary to Ohio law, appropriations exceeded available resources in the General Fund by \$19,070 as of December 31, 2004.

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
UNION COUNTY**
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NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:-

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2003 was as follows:

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 180,598	\$ 206,117	\$ 25,519
Special Revenue	455,901	500,691	44,790
Debt Service	63,000	62,678	(322)
Capital Projects	63,092	72,078	8,986
Total	\$ 762,591	\$ 841,564	\$ 78,973

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 372,625	\$ 226,868	\$ 145,757
Special Revenue	743,201	449,791	293,410
Debt Service	85	62,678	(62,593)
Capital Projects	81,940	62,678	19,262
Total	\$ 1,197,851	\$ 802,015	\$ 395,836

Contrary to Ohio law, as of December 31, 2003, the budgetary expenditures exceeded the appropriation authority in the Debt Service fund by \$62,593.

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NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAX:-

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the 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 Union 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.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to Union 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.

NOTE 5 – DEBT:-

	<u>Principal Balance December 31, 2004</u>	
General Obligation Notes	\$	744
Interest rate: 3.75%		

The general obligation notes were issued to finance the construction of a new community building. The notes are collateralized solely by the Township's taxing authority. The final payment is due January 15, 2005.

NOTE 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 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 2004 and 2003, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2003 and 2004. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2004.

NOTE 7 - RISK POOL MANAGEMENT:-

Commercial Insurance

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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



Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

Board of Trustees
Liberty Township
Union County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Liberty Township, Union County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated October 14, 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. 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 to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when 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. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated October 14, 2005, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its' compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated October 14, 2005, we reported other matters related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

We intended this report solely for the information and use of the management and Township Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

Holbrook & Manter

Certified Public Accountants

October 14, 2005



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LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

UNION 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
DECEMBER 6, 2005**