



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

**SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

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Sheffield Township
Ashtabula County
3252 Plymouth-Gageville Rd.
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS 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. Our Report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

July 20, 2005

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Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Sheffield Township
Ashtabula County
3252 Plymouth-Gageville Rd.
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Sheffield Township, Ashtabula County, (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 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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. The Township processes its financial transactions with the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to audit the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and as requested, operates UAN. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code §§ 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. We believe 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 (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 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 their 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 Sheffield Township, Ashtabula County, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

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 Township 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 July 20, 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.



Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

July 20, 2005

**SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>				<u>Fiduciary</u> <u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals</u> <u>(Memorandum</u> <u>Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Debt</u> <u>Service</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Projects</u>	<u>Agency</u>	
Cash Receipts:						
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$45,785	\$156,038	\$5,816			\$207,639
Intergovernmental	29,025	96,803				125,828
Charges for Services		3,377				3,377
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		4,075				4,075
Interest	1,411	271				1,682
Other Revenue	163	12,186		\$13,750		26,099
Total Cash Receipts	76,384	272,750	5,816	13,750		368,700
Cash Disbursements:						
Current:						
General Government	60,939	58,736				119,675
Public Safety		2,467				2,467
Public Works		116,481				116,481
Health	11,000	13,264				24,264
Other					16,000	16,000
Debt Service:						
Redemption of Principal		2,872	8,491			11,363
Interest and Fiscal Charges			470			470
Capital Outlay		26,313		13,750		40,063
Total Cash Disbursements	71,939	220,133	8,961	13,750	16,000	330,783
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	4,445	52,617	(3,145)		(16,000)	37,917
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):						
Transfers-In		700				700
Transfers-Out	(700)					(700)
Other Uses		(25)				(25)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(700)	675				(25)
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	3,745	53,292	(3,145)		(16,000)	37,892
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	19,335	245,299	2,916		16,000	283,550
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$23,080	\$298,591	(\$229)	\$0	\$0	\$321,442

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

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CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Agency	
Cash Receipts:						
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$44,952	\$130,670	\$11,965			\$187,587
Intergovernmental	17,493	81,384				98,877
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		4,196				4,196
Interest	2,206	317				2,523
Other Revenue	911	3,125	200	\$13,750	\$16,000	33,986
Total Cash Receipts	65,562	219,692	12,165	13,750	16,000	327,169
Cash Disbursements:						
Current:						
General Government	63,867	53,034				116,901
Public Works		108,704				108,704
Health	10,683	12,005				22,688
Debt Service:						
Redemption of Principal			10,963			10,963
Interest and Fiscal Charges			1,002			1,002
Capital Outlay		15,930		13,750		29,680
Total Cash Disbursements	74,550	189,673	11,965	13,750		289,938
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(8,988)	30,019	200		16,000	37,231
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):						
Transfers-In		1,000				1,000
Transfers-Out	(1,000)					(1,000)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(1,000)	1,000				
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(9,988)	31,019	200		16,000	37,231
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	29,323	214,280	2,716			246,319
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$19,335	\$245,299	\$2,916	\$0	\$16,000	\$283,550

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

**SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Sheffield Township, Ashtabula County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services.

The Township's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Township is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements 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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Cash and Investments

The Township's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or disbursements investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively. The Township maintained an interest bearing NOW general checking account, repurchase agreement sweep account, and certificates of deposit. Certificates of deposits and repurchase agreements are valued at cost.

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 reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds 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:

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

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

Road and Bridge Fund – This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

Fire Levy Fund – This fund's receipts are generated from a restricted Township levy and are only used to assist in providing the necessary equipment and fire protection for the Township residents.

Permissive Motor Vehicle License Fund – This fund receives gasoline tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

Misc. Fire and Rescue – This fund's receipts are generated from charges for ambulance services.

3. Debt Service Funds

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

Note Retirement Fund: This fund was used to repay debt incurred in the purchase of a new backhoe. Debt was paid off in 2004, no outstanding debt as of 1/1/05.

4. Capital Project Funds

The capital project fund is 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:

Permanent Improvement: This fund's receipts are generated from water-line hook ups and disbursements are for water-line refunds.

5. Fiduciary Funds (Agency Fund)

These funds account for resources for which the Township is acting in an agency capacity. The Township had the following significant Fiduciary fund:

Demolition Fund – This fund holds insurance proceeds as a security against the cost of removing, repairing, or securing damaged property.

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 object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The Ashtabula County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure and subsequent amendments. Appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

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

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

F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The Township records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

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 investment 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	\$14,971	\$15,000
Certificates of deposit	50,000	
Total deposits	64,971	15,000
Investments:		
Daily Sweep - Repurchase Agreement	256,471	268,551
Total deposits and investments	\$321,442	\$283,551

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

Investments: The Township's financial institution transfers securities to the Township's agent to collateralize repurchase agreements. The securities are not in the Township's name.

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DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
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3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2004 and 2003 follows:

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$60,770	\$76,384	\$15,614
Special Revenue	223,943	273,450	49,507
Debt Service	12,325	5,816	(6,509)
Capital Project	13,750	13,750	0
Total	<u>\$310,788</u>	<u>\$369,400</u>	<u>\$58,612</u>

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$80,268	\$72,639	\$7,629
Special Revenue	468,718	220,158	248,560
Debt Service	15,603	8,961	6,642
Capital Project	13,750	13,750	0
Total	<u>\$578,339</u>	<u>\$315,508</u>	<u>\$262,831</u>

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$59,770	\$65,562	\$5,792
Special Revenue	225,243	220,692	(4,551)
Debt Service	12,325	12,165	(160)
Capital Project	13,750	13,750	0
Total	<u>\$311,088</u>	<u>\$312,169</u>	<u>\$1,081</u>

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$90,093	\$75,550	\$14,543
Special Revenue	438,523	189,673	248,850
Debt Service	15,041	11,965	3,076
Capital Project	13,750	13,750	0
Total	<u>\$557,407</u>	<u>\$290,938</u>	<u>\$266,469</u>

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4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopt rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the Ashtabula County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, 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 the Ashtabula 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 employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 8.5 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equaling 13.55 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2004.

6. RISK POOL MEMBERSHIP

The Government belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. 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 claim, including loss adjustment expenses. OTARMA pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, 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 from the General Reinsurance Corporation.

If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP covers OTARMA losses up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
(Continued)**

6. RISK POOL MEMBERSHIP – (Continued)

Property Coverage

OTARMA retains property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss with an annual aggregate of \$1,250,000 for 2002. There is no aggregate for 2003 and future accident years. Beginning in 2003, OTARMA retains property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures losses exceeding \$100,000. APEEP's Guarantee Fund pays losses and loss adjustment expenses exceeding operating contributions.

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 township.

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31 2003 and 2002 (the latest information available):

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Assets	\$27,792,223	\$23,757,036
Liabilities	<u>(11,791,300)</u>	<u>(9,197,512)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$16,000,923</u>	<u>\$14,559,524</u>

<u>Property Coverage</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Assets	\$6,791,060	\$6,596,996
Liabilities	<u>(750,956)</u>	<u>(1,204,326)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$6,040,104</u>	<u>\$5,392,670</u>



Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Sheffield Township
Ashtabula County
3252 Plymouth-Gageville Rd.
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Sheffield Township, Ashtabula County (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated July 20, 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 also noted that the Township uses the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) to process its financial transactions. *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the Auditor of State's independence to audit the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. 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 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 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 material weaknesses. However, we noted one matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated July 20, 2005.

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 instance of noncompliance we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated July 20, 2005, we reported one matter we deemed immaterial.

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

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

July 20, 2005



**Auditor of State
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ASHTABULA 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
AUGUST 18, 2005**