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**GORHAM TOWNSHIP  
FULTON COUNTY**

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**

Gorham Township  
Fulton County  
405 North Fayette Street  
Fayette, Ohio 43521-9590

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Gorham Township, Fulton County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions 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 opinions.

As discussed in Note 2, the accompanying financial statements and notes follow the modified cash accounting basis. This is a comprehensive accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Gorham Township, Fulton County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2005, and the respective changes in modified cash financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General, Gasoline Tax, Road and Bridge, Fire Levy, and Fire & Rescue Ambulance EMS Service funds thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting Note 2 describes.

For the year ended December 31, 2005, the Township revised its financial presentation comparable to the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 13, 2006, 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.

Management's discussion and analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.



**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

November 13, 2006

**GORHAM TOWNSHIP  
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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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This discussion and analysis of Gorham Township's (the Township) financial performance provides an overall review of the Township's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2005, within the limitations of Gorham Township's modified cash basis accounting. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Township's financial performance.

**Highlights**

Key highlights for 2005 are as follows:

- Net assets of governmental activities increased \$65,349, or 27 percent, a significant change from the prior year. The fund most affected by the increase in cash and cash equivalents was the Gasoline Tax Fund, which realized a strong gasoline tax revenue increase of \$21,645 in 2005.
- The Township's general receipts are primarily property taxes and other local taxes. These receipts represent 53 percent of the total cash received for general receipts during the year. Property tax receipts for 2005 changed very little compared to 2004 as development within the Township has leveled.

**Using the Basic Financial Statements**

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Township's modified cash basis of accounting.

**Report Components**

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities provide information about the cash activities of the Township as a whole.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. Funds are created and maintained on the financial records of the Township as a way to segregate money whose use is restricted to a particular specified purpose. These statements present financial information by fund, presenting funds with the largest balances or most activity in separate columns.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government wide and fund financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

**Basis of Accounting**

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. The Township has elected to present its financial statements on a modified cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under the Township's modified cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid.

As a result of using the modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the modified cash basis of accounting.

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**Reporting the Township as a Whole**

Police protection is under the jurisdiction of the Fulton County Sheriff.

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities reflect how the Township did financially during 2005, within the limitations of modified cash basis accounting. The statement of net assets presents the cash balances and investments of the governmental activities of the Township at year end. The statement of activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each governmental program activity. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function draws from the Township's general receipts.

These statements report the Township's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting, you can think of these changes as one way to measure the Township's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the Township's cash position is one indicator of whether the Township's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the Township's financial condition, you should also consider other nonfinancial factors as well, such as the Township's property tax base, the condition of the Township's capital assets and infrastructure, the extent of the Township's debt obligations, the reliance on non-local financial resources for operations and the need for continued growth in the major local revenue sources such as property and income taxes.

In the statement of net assets and the statement of activities, we report governmental activities which include the Township's basic services such as fire protection and road maintenance. State grants and property taxes finance most of these activities. Benefits provided through governmental activities are not necessarily paid for by the people receiving them.

**Reporting the Township's Most Significant Funds**

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the Township's major funds - not the Township as a whole. The Township establishes separate funds to better manage its many activities and to help demonstrate that money that is restricted as to how it may be used is being spent for the intended purpose. The funds of the Township are governmental funds.

The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the Township's governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the Township's programs. The Township's significant governmental funds are presented on the financial statements in separate columns. The information for nonmajor funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) is combined and presented in total in a single column. The Township's major governmental funds are the General, Gas Tax, Road & Bridge, Fire Levy, and Fire & Rescue Ambulance EMS Service Funds. The programs reported in governmental funds are the same as those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements.

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**The Township as a Whole**

Table 1 provides a summary of the Township's net assets for 2005 compared to 2004 on a modified cash basis:

**Net Assets**

	Governmental Activities	
	2005	2004
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 306,676	\$ 241,327
Total Assets	\$ 306,676	\$ 241,327
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Restricted for:		
Other Purposes	184,301	129,859
Unrestricted	122,375	111,468
Total Net Assets	\$306,676	\$241,327

As mentioned previously, net assets of governmental activities increased \$65,349 or 27 percent during 2005. The primary reasons contributing to the increases in cash balances are as follows:

- The gasoline tax receipts increased from \$61,840 in 2004 to \$83,485 in 2005.
- The Township had public works expenditures decreased from \$119,430 in 2004 to \$103,155 in 2005 for various road projects.

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Table 2 reflects the changes in net assets in 2005. Since the Township did not prepare financial statements in this format for 2004, a comparative analysis of government-wide data has not been presented. In future years, when prior year information is available, a comparative analysis will be presented.

(Table 2)  
**Changes in Net Assets**

	Governmental Activities 2005
Receipts:	
Program Receipts:	
Charges for Services and Sales	\$113,648
Operating Grants and Contributions	96,673
Capital Grants and Contributions	58,977
Total Program Receipts	269,298
General Receipts:	
Property Taxes Levied for:	
General Purposes	44,428
Road and Bridge	34,309
Fire Levy	47,289
Other Taxes	30,916
Grants and Entitlements Not Restricted to Specific Programs	120,935
Interest	4,137
Miscellaneous	3,620
Total General Receipts	285,634
Total Receipts	554,932
Disbursements:	
General Government	103,221
Security of Persons and Property:	
Public Safety	155,976
Public Works	103,155
Health	23,255
Capital Outlay	55,340
Principal Retirement	42,059
Interest and Fiscal Charges	6,577
Total Disbursements	489,583
Increase in Net Assets	65,349
Net Assets, January 1, 2005	241,327
Net Assets, December 31, 2005	\$306,676

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Program receipts represent 49 percent of total receipts and are primarily comprised of restricted intergovernmental receipts such as motor vehicle license and gas tax money, EMS contract & Fire contract services, and federal money.

General receipts represent 51 percent of the Township's total receipts, and of this amount, 53 percent are local taxes. State and federal grants and entitlements make up the balance of the Township's general receipts (42 percent). Interest and miscellaneous receipts are insignificant and are somewhat unpredictable revenue sources.

Disbursements for General Government represent the overhead costs of running the Township and the support services provided for the other Township activities. These include the costs of the board of trustees and fiscal officer, as well as internal services such as payroll and purchasing.

Public Safety is the cost of fire protection services; Public Works is the cost of maintaining the roads; and Capital Outlay is the cost of fire equipment purchased with federal money.

**Governmental Activities**

If you look at the Statement of Activities, you will see that the first column lists the major services provided by the Township. The next column identifies the costs of providing these services. The major program disbursements for governmental activities are public safety, which accounts for 32 percent of all governmental disbursements. General government and public works also represent, significant costs, of about 21 percent, respectively. The next three columns of the Statement entitled Program Receipts identify amounts paid by people who are directly charged for the service and grants received by the Township that must be used to provide a specific service. The net Receipt (Disbursement) column compares the program receipts to the cost of the service. This "net cost" amount represents the cost of the service which ends up being paid from money provided by local taxpayers. These net costs are paid from the general receipts which are presented at the bottom of the Statement. A comparison between the total cost of services and the net cost is presented in Table 3.

(Table 3)

	Total Cost Of Services 2005	Net Cost of Services 2005
General Government	\$103,221	\$103,221
Public Safety	155,976	33,859
Public Works	103,155	6,482
Health	23,255	23,255
Capital Outlay	55,340	4,832
Principal Retirement	42,059	42,059
Interest and Fiscal Charges	6,577	6,577
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$489,583</b>	<b>\$220,285</b>

The dependence upon property taxes and unrestricted state grants and entitlements is apparent as 55 percent of Governmental activities are supported through these general receipts.

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**The Township's Funds**

Total government funds had receipts of \$554,932 and disbursements of \$489,583. The greatest change within governmental funds occurred within the Gasoline Tax Fund. The fund balance of the Gasoline Tax Fund increased \$23,566 as the result of the \$21,645 increase in Gasoline Taxes.

**General Fund Budgeting Highlights**

The Township's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances.

During 2005, the Township did amend its General Fund budget. Budgeted receipts were less than actual receipts which reflect a conservative approach to the budget process.

The Township appropriates over 81% of its estimated receipts and available fund balance. Final disbursements were budgeted at \$275,506 while actual disbursements were \$242,185. The Township kept spending under budgeted amounts. The result is an increase in fund balance of \$9,095 for 2005.

**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

**Capital Assets**

The Township does not record capital assets in the accompanying basic financial statements, but records payments for capital assets as disbursements

**Debt**

At December 31, 2005, the Township's outstanding debt included \$128,941 for fire truck note.

**Current Issues**

The challenge for all Townships is to provide quality services to the public while staying within the restrictions imposed by limited, and in some cases shrinking funding.

The Township's administration has kept expenditures in line with revenues. The result is a continued strong net asset figure at the end of 2005. The Township relies heavily on local taxes and has very little industry to support the tax base. Sources of revenue were reviewed and determined that increases were unlikely. Disbursement history of the Township was reviewed and the Township has reduced planned road projects, in favor of repairs and maintenance so as to have the least impact on other services provided. Departments are reducing spending for non essential supplies that will not affect services to the taxpayers.

**Contacting the Township's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Township's finances and to reflect the Township's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Michael Figgins, Fiscal Officer, Gorham Township, 405 North Fayette Street, Fayette, Ohio, 43521-9590.

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***Statement of Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis  
December 31, 2005***

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$306,676</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u><u>\$306,676</u></u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Restricted for:	
Other Purposes	184,301
Unrestricted	<u>122,375</u>
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u><u>\$306,676</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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***Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005***

	Program Cash Receipts			Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets	
Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
General Government	\$103,221			(\$103,221)	
Public Safety	155,976	113,648		(33,859)	
Public Works	103,155		96,673	(6,482)	
Health	23,255			(23,255)	
Capital Outlay	55,340		50,508	(4,832)	
Debt Service	48,636			(48,636)	
Total	<u>\$489,583</u>	<u>\$113,648</u>	<u>\$96,673</u>	<u>\$58,977</u>	<u>(220,285)</u>
<b>General Receipts</b>					
Property Taxes Levied for:					
General Purposes				44,428	
Road and Bridge				34,309	
Fire Levy				47,289	
Other Taxes				30,916	
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs				120,935	
Interest				4,137	
Miscellaneous				3,620	
<i>Total General Receipts</i>				<u>285,634</u>	
Change in Net Assets				65,349	
<i>Net Assets Beginning of Year</i>				<u>241,327</u>	
<i>Net Assets End of Year</i>				<u>\$306,676</u>	

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**Statement of Modified Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2005**

	General	Gasoline Tax	Road and Bridge	Fire Department	Fire & Rsc Ambulance EMS Serv	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>							
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$122,375	\$54,939	\$37,928	\$5,429	\$67,268	\$18,737	\$306,676
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$122,375</u>	<u>\$54,939</u>	<u>\$37,928</u>	<u>\$5,429</u>	<u>\$67,268</u>	<u>\$18,737</u>	<u>\$306,676</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>							
Reserved:							
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$1,812		\$1,155			\$4,924	\$7,891
Unreserved:							
Undesignated, Reported in:							
General Fund	\$120,563						120,563
Special Revenue Funds		54,939	36,773	5,429	67,268	13,813	178,222
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$122,375</u>	<u>\$54,939</u>	<u>\$37,928</u>	<u>\$5,429</u>	<u>\$67,268</u>	<u>\$18,737</u>	<u>\$306,676</u>

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**Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Modified-Cash Basis Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005**

	General	Gasoline Tax	Road and Bridge	Fire Levy	Fire & RSC Ambulance EMS Serv	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Receipts</b>							
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$44,428		\$34,309	\$47,289		\$30,916	\$156,942
Charges for Services	33,648				\$80,000		113,648
Intergovernmental	166,042	83,485	3,997	5,422		17,639	276,585
Interest	3,542	509				86	4,137
Other	3,620						3,620
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>251,280</u>	<u>83,994</u>	<u>38,306</u>	<u>52,711</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>48,641</u>	<u>554,932</u>
<b>Disbursements</b>							
Current:							
General Government	101,407		743	1,071			103,221
Public Safety	90,997				64,979		155,976
Public Works		60,428	15,484			27,243	103,155
Health						23,255	23,255
Capital Outlay	47,969			7,371			55,340
Debt Service:							
Principal Retirement				42,059			42,059
Interest and Fiscal Charges				6,577			6,577
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>240,373</u>	<u>60,428</u>	<u>16,227</u>	<u>57,078</u>	<u>64,979</u>	<u>50,498</u>	<u>489,583</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	10,907	23,566	22,079	(4,367)	15,021	(1,857)	65,349
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<u>111,468</u>	<u>31,373</u>	<u>15,849</u>	<u>9,796</u>	<u>52,247</u>	<u>20,594</u>	<u>241,327</u>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$122,375</u></u>	<u><u>\$54,939</u></u>	<u><u>\$37,928</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,429</u></u>	<u><u>\$67,268</u></u>	<u><u>\$18,737</u></u>	<u><u>\$306,676</u></u>

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**GORHAM TOWNSHIP  
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***Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes  
In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis  
General Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005***

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Receipts</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$44,428	(\$572)
Charges for Services	20,000	20,000	33,648	13,648
Intergovernmental	107,260	160,260	166,042	5,782
Interest	1,000	1,000	3,542	2,542
Other	2,110	2,110	3,620	1,510
<i>Total receipts</i>	<u>175,370</u>	<u>228,370</u>	<u>251,280</u>	<u>22,910</u>
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
General Government	122,476	112,976	101,407	11,569
Public Safety	112,030	112,030	92,809	19,221
Capital Outlay	41,000	50,500	47,969	2,531
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>275,506</u>	<u>275,506</u>	<u>242,185</u>	<u>33,321</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(100,136)	(47,136)	9,095	56,231
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>111,468</u>	<u>111,468</u>	<u>111,468</u>	
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$11,332</u></u>	<u><u>\$64,332</u></u>	<u><u>\$120,563</u></u>	<u><u>\$56,231</u></u>

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***Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes  
In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis  
Gasoline Tax Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005***

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	(Optional) Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Receipts</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$83,485	\$28,485
Interest	100	100	509	409
<i>Total receipts</i>	55,100	55,100	83,994	28,894
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
Public Works	77,750	77,750	60,428	17,322
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	77,750	77,750	60,428	17,322
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(22,650)	(22,650)	23,566	46,216
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	31,373	31,373	31,373	
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	\$8,723	\$8,723	\$54,939	\$46,216

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**GORHAM TOWNSHIP  
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***Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes  
In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis  
Road and Bridge Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005***

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Receipts</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$34,309	\$2,809
Intergovernmental	4,800	4,800	3,997	(803)
<i>Total receipts</i>	<u>36,300</u>	<u>36,300</u>	<u>38,306</u>	<u>2,006</u>
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
General Government	800	800	743	57
Public Works	47,900	47,900	16,639	31,261
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>48,700</u>	<u>48,700</u>	<u>17,382</u>	<u>31,318</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(12,400)	(12,400)	20,924	33,324
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>15,849</u>	<u>15,849</u>	<u>15,849</u>	
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$3,449</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,449</u></u>	<u><u>\$36,773</u></u>	<u><u>\$33,324</u></u>

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***Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes  
In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis  
Fire Levy Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005***

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Receipts</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$47,289	(\$711)
Intergovernmental	6,128	6,128	5,422	(706)
<i>Total receipts</i>	54,128	54,128	52,711	(1,417)
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
General Government	1,200	1,200	1,071	129
Capital Outlay	3,000	9,500	7,371	2,129
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	42,286	42,286	42,059	227
Interest and Fiscal Charges	6,614	6,614	6,577	37
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	53,100	59,600	57,078	2,522
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	1,028	(5,472)	(4,367)	1,105
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	9,796	9,796	9,796	
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	\$10,824	\$4,324	\$5,429	\$1,105

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**GORHAM TOWNSHIP  
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***Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes  
In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis  
Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005***

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b>Receipts</b>				
Charges for Services	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	
<i>Total receipts</i>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>	
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
Public Safety	88,000	88,000	64,979	\$23,021
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>88,000</u>	<u>88,000</u>	<u>64,979</u>	<u>23,021</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(8,000)	(8,000)	15,021	23,021
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>52,247</u>	<u>52,247</u>	<u>52,247</u>	
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$44,247</u></u>	<u><u>\$44,247</u></u>	<u><u>\$67,268</u></u>	<u><u>\$23,021</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**GORHAM TOWNSHIP  
FULTON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

**NOTE 1 - REPORTING ENTITY**

Gorham Township, Fulton County, Ohio (the Township), is a body politic and corporate 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 also has an elected Township Fiscal Officer.

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government.

A. Primary Government

The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Township. The Township provides general government services, maintenance of Township roads and bridges, cemetery maintenance, fire protection, and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with Life Star Ambulance to provide ambulance services. Police protection is provided by the Fulton County Sheriff.

B. Component Units

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Township is financially accountable. The Township is financially accountable for an organization if the Township appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the Township is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Township is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Township is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide support to, the organization; or the Township is obligated for the debt of the organization. The Township is also financially accountable for any organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Township in that the Township approves their budget, the issuance of their debt or the levying of their taxes. Component units also include legally separate, tax-exempt entities whose resources are for the direct benefit of the Township, are accessible to the Township and are significant in amount to the Township.

Based on these criteria, the Township has no component units.

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

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

As discussed further in Note 2.C, these financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting. This modified cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the modified cash basis of accounting. In the government-wide financial statements, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, have been applied, to the extent they are applicable to the modified cash basis of accounting, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case GASB prevails. Following are the more significant of the Township's accounting policies.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005  
(Continued)**

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)**

A. Basis of Presentation

The Township's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the Township as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of net assets presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the Township at year end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each of the Township's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the Township is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services, grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on a modified cash basis or draws from the Township's general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the Township segregates transactions related to certain Township functions or activities in separate funds to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Township at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

B. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds are used to segregate resources that are restricted as to use. The funds of the Township are categorized as governmental.

Governmental Funds

The Township classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The Township's major governmental funds are as follows:

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005  
(Continued)**

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)**

**1. General Fund**

The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund balance is available to the Township for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

**2. Gasoline Tax Fund**

The Gasoline Tax Fund receives state fuel excise taxes to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

**3. Road and Bridge Fund**

The Road and Bridge Fund received property tax monies for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges.

**4. Fire Levy Fund**

The Fire Levy Fund receives property tax monies for providing fire protection within the Township.

**5. Fire & Rescue Ambulance EMS Service Fund**

The Fire & Rescue Ambulance EMS Service Fund receives contract monies from Fulton County to provide fire & EMS services within the Township.

The other governmental funds of the Township account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

The Township's financial statements are prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the Township's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

**GORHAM TOWNSHIP  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005  
(Continued)**

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)**

D. Budgetary Process

All funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations ordinance, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Township may appropriate.

The appropriations ordinance is the Township's authorization to spend resources and sets limits on disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Township. The legal level of control has been established at the fund, department, and object level for all funds.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Township Fiscal Officer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificated of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Township.

The appropriations resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation resolution for that fund that covered the entire year. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Township during the year.

E. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the Township is pooled and invested. Individual fund integrity is maintained through Township records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

During 2005, the Township invested in nonnegotiable certificates of deposit. The nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are reported at cost.

Interest earnings are allocated to Township funds according to State statutes, grant requirements, or debt related restrictions. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during 2005 was \$3,542.

F. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The Township reports disbursements for inventories and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

G. Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005  
(Continued)**

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)**

H. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The Township recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 8 and 9, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

I. Long-Term Obligations

The Township's modified cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds or other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when the cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid.

J. Net Assets

Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net assets restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for road and bridge construction, maintenance, and repair, and fire protection.

The Township's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an obligation is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

K. Fund Balance Reserves

Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund balance which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund balance reserves have been established for encumbrances.

**NOTE 3 - CHANGE IN BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND RESTATEMENT OF FUND EQUITY**

Last year the Township reported fund financial statements by fund type using the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed by the State Auditor's Office. This year the Township has implemented the modified cash basis of accounting described in note 2. The fund financial statements now present each major fund in a separate column with nonmajor funds aggregated and presented in a single column, rather than a column for each fund type.

**NOTE 4 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis presented for the general fund and major special revenue funds are prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the modified cash basis is outstanding year end encumbrances are treated as disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (modified cash basis). The encumbrances outstanding at year end (budgetary basis) amounted to \$1,812 for the General Fund and \$1,155 for the Road and Bridge Fund.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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(Continued)**

**NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

Monies held by the Township are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the Township treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the Township treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Trustees have identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

Interim monies held by the Township can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2 percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or Ohio local governments;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).

**GORHAM TOWNSHIP  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS – (Continued)**

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Township, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

Deposits

The Township has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the Township or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured.

**NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property, public utility property, and tangible personal property located in the Township. Real property tax receipts received in 2005 represent the collection of 2004 taxes. Real property taxes received in 2005 were levied after October 1, 2004, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2004, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax receipts received in 2005 represent the collection of 2004 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in 2004 became a lien on December 31, 2003, were levied after October 1, 2004, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

Tangible personal property tax receipts received in 2005 (other than public utility property) represent the collection of 2005 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in 2005 were levied after October 1, 2004, on the true value as of December 31, 2004. Tangible personal property is currently assessed at 25 percent of true value for capital assets and 23 percent for inventory. Amounts paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semiannually. If paid annually, the first payment is due April 30; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20.

The full tax rate for all Township operations for the year ended December 31, 2005, was \$52.58 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property, public utility property, and tangible personal property upon which 2005 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES – (Continued)**

Real Property	
Residential	\$17,327,810
Agriculture	8,137,750
Commercial/Industrial	3,671,770
Public Utility Property	
Real	17,810
Personal	1,847,490
Tangible Personal Property	5,083,029
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$36,085,659</u>

**NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Risk Pool Membership**

The Township belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the "Plan"), an unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to approximately 460 Ohio governments ("Members").

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages, modified for each Member's needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the Member's deductible.

The Plan issues its own policies and reinsures the Plan with A- VII or better rated carriers, except for the 15% casualty and the 10% property portions the Plan retains. The Plan pays the lesser of 15% or \$37,500 of casualty losses and the lesser of 10% or \$100,000 of property losses. Individual Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member.

Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

Plan members are responsible to notify the Plan of their intent to renew coverage by their renewal date. If a member chooses not to renew with the Plan, they have no other obligation to the Plan. The former member's covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of the Plan.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005  
(Continued)**

**NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT – (Continued)**

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31:

	<b><u>2005</u></b>
Assets	\$8,219,430
Liabilities	<u>(2,748,639)</u>
Members' Equity	<u>\$5,470,791</u>

You can read the complete audited financial statements for The Ohio Government Risk Management Plan at the Plan's website, [www.ohioplan.org](http://www.ohioplan.org).

**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The Township participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20 percent per year). Under the member directed plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of the member and vested employer contributions plus any investment earnings.

The combined plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and a defined contribution plan. Under the combined plan, employer contributions are invested by the retirement system to provide a formula retirement benefit similar to the traditional plan benefit. Member contributions, whose investment is self-directed by the member, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the member directed plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Members of the member directed plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-6705 or (800) 222-7377.

For the year ended December 31, 2005, the members of all three plans were required to contribute 8.5 percent of their annual covered salaries. The Township's contribution rate for pension benefits for 2005 was 9.55 percent. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The Township's required contributions for pension obligations to the traditional and combined plans for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were \$10,647, \$10,163, and \$10,646 respectively. The full amount has been contributed for 2005, 2004, and 2003.

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FULTON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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(Continued)**

**NOTE 9 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) provides postretirement health care coverage to age and service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit with either the traditional or combined plans. Health care coverage for disability recipients and primary survivor recipients is available. Members of the member-directed plan do not qualify for postretirement health care coverage. The health care coverage provided by the retirement system is considered an Other Postemployment Benefit as described in *GASB Statement No. 12*. A portion of each employer's contribution to the traditional or combined plans is set aside for the funding of postretirement health care based on authority granted by State statute. The 2005 local government employer contribution rate was 13.55 percent of covered payroll; 4.00 percent of covered payroll was the portion that was used to fund health care.

Benefits are advance-funded using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Significant actuarial assumptions, based on OPERS's latest actuarial review performed as of December 31, 2003, include a rate of return on investments of 8.00 percent, an annual increase in active employee total payroll of 4.00 percent compounded annually (assuming no change in the number of active employees) and an additional increase in total payroll of between .50 percent and 6.3 percent based on additional annual pay increases. Health care premiums were assumed to increase between 1.00 and 6.00 percent annually for the next eight years and 4.00 percent annually after eight years.

All investments are carried at market. For actuarial valuation purposes, a smoothed market approach is used. Assets are adjusted to reflect 25 percent of unrealized market appreciation or depreciation on investment assets annually.

The number of active contributing participants in the traditional and combined plans was 376,109. Actual employer contributions for 2005 which were used to fund postemployment benefits were \$2,654. The actual contribution and the actuarially required contribution amounts are the same. OPERS's net assets available for payment of benefits at December 31, 2004, (the latest information available) were \$10.8 billion. The actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability were \$29.5 billion and \$18.7 billion, respectively.

On September 9, 2004, the OPERS Retirement Board adopted a Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) with an effective date of January 1, 2007. In addition to the HCPP, OPERS has taken additional action to improve the solvency of the Health Care Fund in 2005 by creating a separate investment pool for health care assets. As an additional component of the HCPP, member and employer contribution rates increased as of January 1, 2006, which will allow additional funds to be allocated to the health care plan.

**NOTE 10 - DEBT**

The Township's long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2005, was as follows:

	Interest Rate	Balance 12/31/04	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/05	Due Within One Year
<u>Governmental Activities</u>						
General Obligation Note 2004 Issue (\$219,000)	3.50%	\$171,000		\$42,059	\$128,941	\$44,049

**GORHAM TOWNSHIP  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 10 – DEBT – (Continued)**

The general obligation note is supported by the full faith and credit of the Township and is payable from voted property tax receipts to the extent that other resources are not available to meet annual principal and interest payments.

The following is a summary of the Township's future annual debt service requirements:

Year	G.O. Note	
	Principal	Interest
2006	\$ 44,049	\$ 4,588
2007	45,616	3,021
2008	39,276	1,398
Totals	<u>\$128,941</u>	<u>\$ 9,007</u>

The Ohio Revised Code provides that net general obligation debt of the Township, exclusive of certain exempt debt, issued without a vote of the electors shall never exceed 5.5 percent of the tax valuation of the Township. The Revised Code further provides that total voted and unvoted net debt of the Township less the same exempt debt shall never exceed amount equal to 10.5 percent of its tax valuation. The effects of the debt limitations at December 31, 2005, were an overall debt margin of \$3,660,053 and an unvoted debt margin of \$1,984,711.



**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***

Gorham Township  
Fulton County  
405 North Fayette Street  
Fayette, Ohio 43521-9590

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Gorham Township, Fulton County (the Township) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 13, 2006, wherein, we noted the Township uses a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. We also noted 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 in order 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. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated November 13, 2006, we reported a matter involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem a reportable condition.

### **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 we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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.



**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

November 13, 2006



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**GORHAM TOWNSHIP**

**FULTON 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 21, 2006**