GREENWICH TOWNSHIP

HURON COUNTY, OHIO

REGULAR AUDIT

For the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021





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Board of Trustees Greenwich Township PO Box 23 Greenwich, OH 44837

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Greenwich Township, Huron County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. 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.

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. The Greenwich Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

September 11, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Greenwich Township Huron County P.O. Box 23 Greenwich, Ohio 44837

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Qualified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of Greenwich Township, Huron County, Ohio (the Township), which comprise the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting*, accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on* U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township, as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, or the changes in financial position, thereof for the years then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Township, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

The Township had prior audit adjustments that were not all posted to the Township's accounting system and have declined to make these adjustments. Had the Township agreed to these adjustments, the effect would have resulted in the General Fund cash balance decreasing by \$16,608 and the Road and Bridge cash balance increasing by \$16,608.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by Township on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 12 to the 2022 and 2021 financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township. We did not modify our opinions regarding this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Township's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Township's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 23, 2023, 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. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. June 23, 2023

GREENWICH TOWNSHIP HURON COUNTY COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY CASH BASIS ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Governmental Fund Types							
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Cash Receipts	•	40.000	•	00.005	•		•	70.004
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	12,296	\$	66,625	\$	-	\$	78,921
Licenses, Permits and Fees		960		-		-		960
Intergovernmental Earnings on Investments		20,401 118		212,799 79		-		233,200 197
Miscellaneous		200		4,873		-		5,073
Miscellarieous		200		4,075		-		5,075
Total Cash Receipts		33,975		284,376		-		318,351
Cash Disbursements								
Current:								
General Government		35,452		825		-		36,277
Public Works		574		244,990		-		245,564
Debt Service: Principal Retirement				25,209				25,209
Interest & Fiscal Charges		-		4,912		-		25,209 4,912
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Total Cash Disbursements		36,026		275,936		-		311,962
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(2,051)		8,440		-		6,389
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements) Sale of Capital Assets				1,703		_		1,703
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)		-		1,703		-		1,703
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances		(2,051)		10,143		-		8,092
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		24,763		215,206		2,087		242,056
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	22,712	\$	225,349	\$	2,087	\$	250,148

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

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Greenwich Township, Huron 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, and general government services.

Jointly Governed Organizations and Public Entity Risk Pool

The Township participates in one public entity risk pool and two jointly governed organizations. Notes 6 and 11 to the financial statements provide additional information for these entities. The organizations are:

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Jointly Governed Organizations: Tri-Community Joint Fire District provides fire protection services. Tri-Community Ambulance District provides emergency medical services.

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

Basis of Presentation

The Township's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types, which is organized on a fund type basis.

Fund Accounting

The Township uses funds 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. The funds of the Township are presented below:

General Fund The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported 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.

Special Revenue Funds These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Road and Bridge Fund The road and bridge fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges.

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

Permanent Funds These funds account for and report resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the reporting government's programs (for the benefit of the government or its citizenry). The Township had the following significant permanent fund:

Cemetery Endowment Fund The cemetery endowment fund accounts for and reports interest earned on the nonexpendable corpus from a trust agreement restricted for the general maintenance and upkeep of the Township's cemetery.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board 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 financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C) permit.

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. Appropriations lapse at year end.

Estimated Resources Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must approve estimated resources.

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

A summary of 2022 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Deposits

The Township's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The Township maintains a general checking account.

Capital Assets

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

Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Township must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable The Township classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Township and the nonspendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

Restricted Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Township must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

Unassigned Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Township applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 13.

Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2022 follows:

2022 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts						
	Budgeted Actual					
Fund Type	Receipts		I	Receipts	Variance	
General	\$	23,519	\$	33,975	\$10,456	
Special Revenue		207,286		286,079	78,793	

2022 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disburseme	nts
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	Appropriation Budgetary				
Fund Type	Authority		Dist	oursements	Variance
General	\$	45,614	\$	36,026	\$ 9,588
Special Revenue		422,468		275,936	146,532

Note 4 – Deposits

To improve cash management, cash received by the Township is pooled. Monies for all fund are maintained in this pool. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31, 2022 was as follows:

	 2022	
Demand deposits	\$ 250,148	

The Township does not use a separate payroll clearing account. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statements reflect net payroll plus all remitted payroll withholdings. At December 31, 2022, the Township did not have any unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

Note 5 – Property Taxes

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the 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.

The County is responsible for assessing property and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Township.

Note 6 – Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

The Township is a member of the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (The Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Township's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31 (latest information available):

	2021
Cash and investments	\$34,880,599
Actuarial liabilities	10,601,444

Workers' Compensation

Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State of Ohio. The Township pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

Note 7– Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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 health care and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries, and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2022.

Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0% during calendar year 2022. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the member-directed plan was 4% during calendar year 2022.

Effective January 1, 2022, OPERS discontinued the group plans currently offered to non-Medicare retirees and re-employed retirees. Instead, eligible non-Medicare retirees will select an individual medical plan. OPERS will provide a subsidy or allowance via an HRA allowance to those retirees who meet health care eligibility requirements. Retirees will be able to seek reimbursement for plan premiums and other qualified medical expenses.

Note 9 – Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2022, was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Case 580SN Loader Backhoe Lease	\$ 22,359	3.80%
Fendt Tractor Lease	81,949	3.79%
Total	\$104,308	

Financed Purchases

In 2019, the Township issued a \$52,924 equipment lease agreement for the purchase of a new Case 580SN Loader Backhoe to be paid over a five-year period.

In 2020, the Township issued a \$145,599 equipment lease to purchase a new Fendt Tractor. The Township traded in a Massy Tractor to reduce the principal balance by \$34,908. The lease will be paid back over a seven-year period.

Amortization

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

Year Ending	Loader Backhoe		Fendt Tractor					
December 31:	Lease		Lease		Lease			Lease
2023	\$	11,821	\$	18,299				
2024		11,821		18,299				
2025		-		18,299				
2026		-		18,299				
2027		-		18,299				
Total	\$	23,642	\$	91,495				

Note 10 - Contingent Liabilities

The Township may be a defendant in lawsuits. Although management cannot presently determine the outcome of any suit, management believes that the resolution of any matters will not materially adversely affect the Township's financial condition.

Note 11 – Jointly Governed Organizations

Tri-Community Joint Fire District

A three-member Board of Trustees governs Tri-Community Joint Fire District (the District). Each political subdivision within the District appoints one member. Those subdivisions are the Village of Greenwich, Greenwich Township, and Ripley Township. The District provides fire protection and rescue services within the District and by contract to areas outside the District. Financial Information can be obtained from Lisa Madison, Clerk, Tri-Community Joint Fire District, 49 Main Street, Greenwich, Ohio, 44837.

Tri-Community Ambulance District

A three-member Board of Trustees governs Tri-Community Ambulance District (the District). Each political subdivision within the District appoints one member. Those subdivisions are the Village of Greenwich, Greenwich Township, and Ripley Township. The District provides emergency medical services to residents of these political subdivisions. Financial information can be obtained from Traci Montgomery, Clerk, Tri-Community Ambulance District, 3720 Edwards Road, Greenwich, Ohio 44837.

Note 12 – COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June, 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. During 2022, the Township received COVID-19 funding. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township. The impact on the Township's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

Note 13 – Fund Balances

Included in fund balance are amounts the Township cannot spend, including the unexpendable corpus of the permanent funds. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end, the Township had zero encumbrances. At year end, the balance of the nonspendable corpus of the permanent fund is \$2,087.

The fund balances of special revenue funds are either restricted or committed. The fund balance of the permanent funds that is not part of the nonspendable corpus is either restricted or committed. If there are outstanding encumbrances, the restricted and committed amounts in the special revenue and permanent funds would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances would be considered assigned.

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	General		Special General Revenue		Permanent		Totals (Memorandur Only)	
Cash Receipts								
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	11,486	\$	66,616	\$	-	\$	78,102
Licenses, Permits and Fees		546		-		-		546
Intergovernmental		25,120		213,291		-		238,411
Earnings on Investments		65		42		-		107
Miscellaneous		2,250		156		-		2,406
Total Cash Receipts		39,467		280,105				319,572
Cash Disbursements								
Current:								
General Government		35,871		2,000		-		37,871
Public Safety		-		1,000		-		1,000
Public Works		929		136,694		-		137,623
Debt Service:								
Principal Retirement		-		24,288		-		24,288
Interest & Fiscal Charges				5,833				5,833
Total Cash Disbursements		36,800		169,815				206,615
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		2,667		110,290		-		112,957
Fund Cash Balances, January 1 (Restated)		22,096		104,916		2,087		129,099
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	24,763	\$	215,206	\$	2,087	\$	242,056

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Committed Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Township must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

Unassigned Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Township applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 13.

Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2021 follows:

2021 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts							
	Budgeted Actual						
Fund Type	Receipts		I	Receipts	Variance		
General	\$	20,234	\$	39,467	\$19,233		
Special Revenue		257,390		280,105	22,715		

2021 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements							
	Appropriation Budgetary						
Fund Type	Α	uthority	Disb	oursements	Variance		
General	\$	42,117	\$	36,800	\$ 5,317		
Special Revenue		361,305		169,815	191,490		

Note 4 – Deposits

To improve cash management, cash received by the Township is pooled. Monies for all fund are maintained in this pool. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31, 2021 was as follows:

	2021	
Demand deposits	\$	242,056

The Township does not use a separate payroll clearing account. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statements reflect net payroll plus all remitted payroll withholdings. At December 31, 2021, the Township did not have any unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

Note 5 – Property Taxes

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the 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.

The County is responsible for assessing property and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Township.

Note 6 – Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

The Township is a member of the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (The Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Township's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31:

	2021
Cash and investments	\$34,880,599
Actuarial liabilities	10,601,444

Workers' Compensation

Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State of Ohio. The Township pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

Note 7– Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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 health care and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries, and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2021.

Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0% during calendar year 2021. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the member-directed plan was 4% during calendar year 2021.

Note 9 – Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2021, was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Case 580SN Loader Backhoe Lease	\$ 32,930	3.80%
Fendt Tractor Lease	96,587	3.79%
Total	\$129,517	

Leases

In 2019, the Township issued a \$52,924 equipment lease agreement for the purchase of a new Case 580SN Loader Backhoe to be paid over a five-year period.

In 2020, the Township issued a \$145,599 equipment lease to purchase a new Fendt Tractor. The Township traded in a Massy Tractor to reduce the principal balance by \$34,908. The lease will be paid back over a seven-year period.

Note 9 – Debt (continued)

Amortization

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

Year Ending	Load	ler Backhoe	Fen	dt Tractor
December 31:	Lease			Lease
2022	\$	11,821	\$	18,299
2023		11,821		18,299
2024		11,821		18,299
2025		-		18,299
2026		-		18,299
2027		-		18,299
Total	\$	35,463	\$	109,794

Note 10 – Contingent Liabilities

The Township may be a defendant in lawsuits. Although management cannot presently determine the outcome of any suit, management believes that the resolution of any matters will not materially adversely affect the Township's financial condition.

Note 11 – Jointly Governed Organizations

Tri-Community Joint Fire District

A three-member Board of Trustees governs Tri-Community Joint Fire District (the District). Each political subdivision within the District appoints one member. Those subdivisions are the Village of Greenwich, Greenwich Township, and Ripley Township. The District provides fire protection and rescue services within the District and by contract to areas outside the District. Financial Information can be obtained from Lisa Madison, Clerk, Tri-Community Joint Fire District, 49 Main Street, Greenwich, Ohio, 44837.

Tri-Community Ambulance District

A three-member Board of Trustees governs Tri-Community Ambulance District (the District). Each political subdivision within the District appoints one member. Those subdivisions are the Village of Greenwich, Greenwich Township, and Ripley Township. The District provides emergency medical services to residents of these political subdivisions. Financial information can be obtained from Traci Montgomery, Clerk, Tri-Community Ambulance District, 3720 Edwards Road, Greenwich, Ohio 44837.

Note 12 – COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June, 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. During 2021, the Township received COVID-19 funding. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township. The impact on the Township's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

Note 13 – Fund Balances

Included in fund balance are amounts the Township cannot spend, including the unexpendable corpus of the permanent funds. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end, the Township had zero encumbrances. At year end, the balance of the nonspendable corpus of the permanent fund is \$2,087.

The fund balances of special revenue funds are either restricted or committed. The fund balance of the permanent funds that is not part of the nonspendable corpus is either restricted or committed. If there are outstanding encumbrances, the restricted and committed amounts in the special revenue and permanent funds would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances would be considered assigned.

In 2021, the Township adjusted its beginning fund balance due to void checks put back in the system. The effect increases General Fund balance by \$213 and Special Revenue Funds by \$976.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN <u>ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS</u>

Greenwich Township Huron County P.O. Box 23 Greenwich, Ohio 44837

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements of each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements of Greenwich Township, Huron County (the Township) and have issued our report thereon dated June 23, 2023, wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings that we consider a material weakness. We consider item 2022-001 to be a material weakness.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2022-002.

We also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated June 23, 2023.

Township's Responses to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Township's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying corrective action plan. The Township's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Charles Having Association

Charles E. Harris and Associates, Inc. June 23, 2023

GREENWICH TOWNSHIP HURON COUNTY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS December 31, 2022 and 2021

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

Finding Number 2022-001 - Material Weakness

During 2022 and 2021, the Township erroneously recorded several transactions. The more significant items are as follows:

- In 2021, \$667 and \$3,871 of homestead and rollback of the General and Road and Bridge funds, respectively, were booked as miscellaneous revenue instead of intergovernmental revenue.
- In 2022, \$671 and \$3,890 of homestead and rollback of the General and Road and Bridge funds, respectively, were booked as miscellaneous revenue instead of intergovernmental revenue.
- Prior fund balance adjustments required from the 2017/2018 and 2019/2020 audits were not made. These unadjusted errors were at \$16,608 at the end of 2020 and were carried forward into 2021 and 2022.
- In 2022, the debt principal and related interest payments of \$25,209 and \$4,912, respectively were classified as capital outlay expenditures rather than debt service.
- In 2021, the debt principal and related interest payments of \$24,287 and \$5,834, respectively were classified as capital outlay expenditures rather than debt service.
- In 2021, a grant from Huron County engineer's office of \$3,000 was classified as miscellaneous revenue rather than intergovernmental revenue.
- Various adjustments were necessary to correct errors or omissions in the notes to the financial statements.

Adjustments were made in the audited financial statements, except for the prior years' fund balance adjustments.

Sound financial reporting is the responsibility of the Township and is essential to ensure the information provided to the readers of the financial statements is complete and accurate. We recommend the Township adopt policies and procedures to identify and correct errors and omissions in a timely manner. Management can use the Ohio Township Handbook, the Uniform Accounting Network Manual, and other Auditor of State guidance to aid in properly identifying account classifications and preparing annual financial statements.

Management Response:

See corrective action plan.

Finding Number: 2022-002 – Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D)(1) prohibits a subdivision or taxing entity from making a contract or ordering any expenditure of money unless a certificate signed by a fiscal officer is attached thereto. The fiscal officer must certify that the amount required to meet any such contract or expenditure has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury, or is in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrance.

There are several exceptions to the standard requirement stated above that a fiscal officer's certificate must be obtained prior to a subdivision or taxing authority entering into a contract or order involving expenditure of money. The main exceptions are: "then and now" certificates, blanket certificates, and super blanket certificates, which are provided for in sections 5705.41(D)(1) and 5705.41(D)(3), respectively, of the Ohio Revised Code.

GREENWICH TOWNSHIP HURON COUNTY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS (Continued) December 31, 2022 and 2021

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

Finding Number: 2020-002 – Noncompliance (continued)

1. "Then and Now Certificates" – If the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that contract or order was made ("then") and at the time that the fiscal officer was completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the Township can authorize the drawing of a warrant for payment of the amount due. The Township has thirty days from the receipt of the "then and now" certificate to approve payment by resolution.

Amounts of less than \$3,000 may be paid by the fiscal officer without a resolution upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by the Township.

2. Blanket Certificates - Fiscal officers may prepare "blanket" certificates for a certain sum of money not in excess of an amount established by resolution adopted by a majority of members of the legislative authority against any specific line item amount over a period not running beyond the end of the current fiscal year. The blanket certificates may, but need not, be limited to a specific vendor. Only one blanket certificate may be outstanding at one particular time for any one particular line item appropriation.

3. Super Blanket Certificates – The Township may also make expenditures and contracts for any amount for a specific line-item appropriation account in a specified fund upon certification of the fiscal officer for most profession services, fuel, oil, food items, and any other specific recurring and reasonably predictable operating expense. This certification is not to extend beyond the current year. More than one super blanket certificate may be outstanding at a particular time for any line item appropriation.

The Township did not make the proper certification of funds for 20% of total disbursements tested in 2022 and 2021. Incurring obligations prior to the fiscal officer's certification could result in the Township spending more than appropriated.

Unless the exceptions noted above are used, prior certification is not only required by statute but is a key control in the disbursement process to assure that purchase commitments receive prior approval. To improve controls over disbursements and to help reduce the possibility of the Township's expenditures exceeding budgetary spending limitations, we recommend that the Township certify expenditures prior to incurring the liability. Also, we recommend the Township only use "then and now" certificates for items under \$3,000 and to have all certificates approved by the Board of Trustees. This will assist in keeping adequate controls over disbursements and encumbrances.

Management Response:

See Corrective Action Plan.

Greenwich Township Huron County Schedule of Prior Findings (Prepared by Management) December 31, 2022 and 2021

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2020-001	Material Weakness – Audit adjustments and reclassifications	Not corrected	
2020-002	Noncompliance – Ohio Rev. Code §5705.41(D)(1)	Not corrected	

GREENWICH TOWNSHIP HURON COUNTY

Corrective Action Plan December 31, 2022 and 2021 (Prepared by Management)

Finding Number	Planned Corrective Action	Anticipated Completion Date	Responsible Contact Person
2022-001	The Auditor explained how and where to find where to book the rollbacks and how to appropriate every cent. The fund balance adjustments were not made due to insufficiency of funds in the General Fund.	Immediately	Stacey Calame, Fiscal Officer
2022-002	I will be using then and now purchase orders when needed.	Immediately	Stacey Calame, Fiscal Officer

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GREENWICH TOWNSHIP

HURON COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



Certified for Release 9/21/2023

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