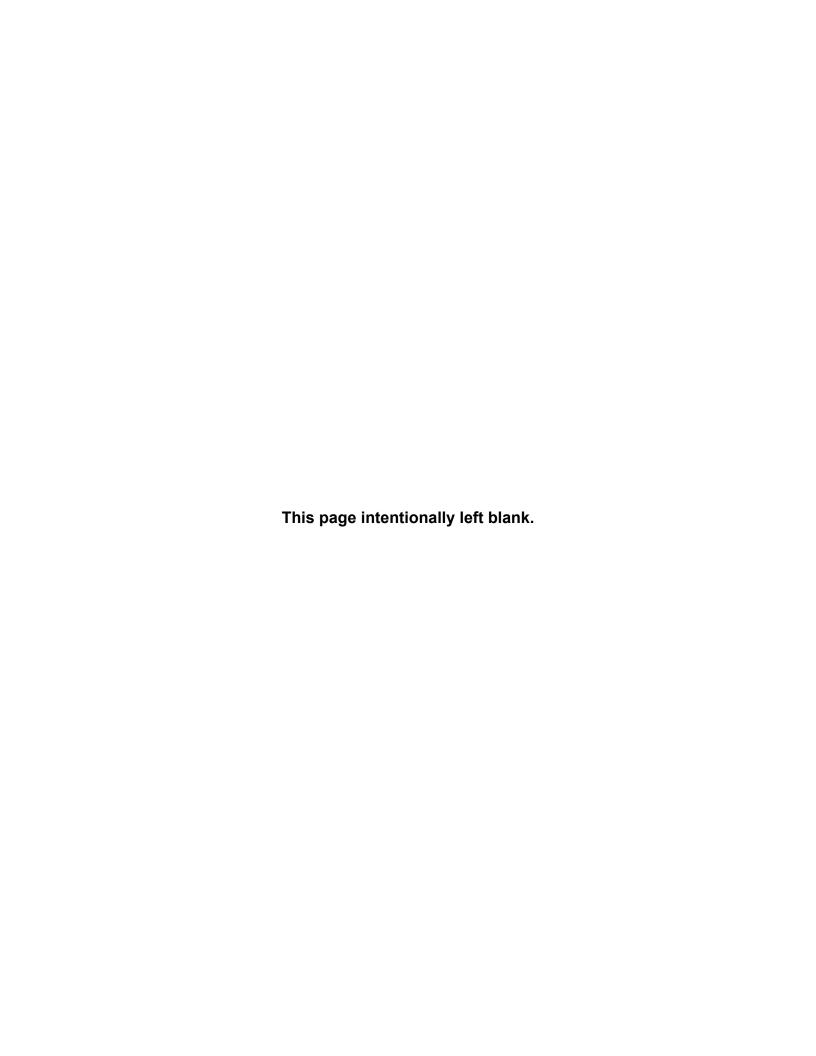




CROSBY TOWNSHIP HAMILTON COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Crosby Township Hamilton County 8910 Willey Road Harrison, Ohio 45030

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the Crosby Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (the Township), which comprises the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental and fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental and fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, 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, 2021 and 2020, or the changes in financial position 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.

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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 the 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.

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.

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.

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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 December 5, 2024, 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.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

December 5, 2024

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Hamilton County, Ohio Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	General	Special Revenue	Combined Total
Cash Receipts		•	
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$610,958	\$943,956	\$1,554,914
Charges for Services	2,288	65,747	68,035
Licenses, Permits and Fees	39,753	0	39,753
Intergovernmental	91,738	391,821	483,559
Earnings on Investments	1,587	214	1,801
Miscellaneous	16,416	29,762	46,178
Total Cash Receipts	762,740	1,431,500	2,194,240
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
General Government	431,239	2,215	433,454
Public Safety	20,982	1,048,814	1,069,796
Public Works	12,490	72,644	85,134
Health	6,764	0	6,764
Human Services	25,901	0	25,901
Conservation-Recreation	8,645	0	8,645
Capital Outlay	29,024	730,481	759,505
Total Cash Disbursements	535,045	1,854,154	2,389,199
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	227,695	(422,654)	(194,959)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	2,827,029	2,064,132	4,891,161
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$3,054,724	\$1,641,478	\$4,696,202

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Hamilton County Combined Statement of Additions, Deductions and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) All Fiduciary Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Fiduciary Fund Type
	Custodial
Additions	\$0
Deductions	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	0
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	4,900
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$4,900

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Hamilton County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Note 1 - Reporting Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Crosby Township, Hamilton 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, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Hamilton County Sheriff to provide police protection.

Public Entity Risk Pool

The Township participates in a public entity risk pool. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity.

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 government fund types, and a combined statement of additions, deductions, and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all fiduciary fund types which are 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 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 expenditures for specific purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Township has the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Gasoline Tax Fund - The gasoline tax fund accounts for and reports that portion of the State gasoline tax restricted for maintenance and repair of the roads within the Township.

Fire and EMS Fund - This fund receives monies for providing fire and EMS services to the residents of the Township.

Fire District Fund - This fund receives property tax money and customer billing money to provide fire and rescue services to the residents of the Township.

Hamilton County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Fiduciary Funds: Fiduciary Funds include private purpose trust funds, investment trust funds, and custodial funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement meeting certain criterial. The Township has no trust funds.

Custodial Funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to report fiduciary activity that is not required to e reported in a trust fund. The Township's custodial fund accounts for bond deposits related to new street development by builders.

For regulatory purposes, certain own source revenues are permitted to flow through clearing funds presented as custodial funds. For regulatory purposes, certain deposits and clearing funds are permitted to be presented as custodial funds.

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 the 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 (except certain custodial funds) be budgeted annually.

Appropriations Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Unencumbered 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 to be reappropriated.

A summary of 2021 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Hamilton County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Deposits and Investments

The Township's accounting basis includes investments as assets. The 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.

Investment in STAR Ohio is measured at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

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.

Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

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.

Restricted Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributions, 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*. Governmental funds other than the General Fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the General Fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by Township Trustees or a Township official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

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.

Hamilton County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

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 10.

Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

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

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$0	\$762,740	\$762,740
Special Revenue	0	1,431,500	1,431,500
Total	\$0	\$2,194,240	\$2,194,240
		Budgetary	
		Duugetary	
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Expenditures	Variance
Fund Type General	Appropriation Authority \$0	• .	Variance (\$545,910)
General	\$0	Expenditures \$545,910	(\$545,910)
	\$0	Expenditures	
General	\$0	Expenditures \$545,910	(\$545,910)

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

The Township maintains a deposit and investment pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits and investments as of December 31, was as follows:

Demand Deposits	\$3,920,806
Total Deposits	3,920,806
STAR Ohio	<u>780,341</u>
Total Investments	780,341
Total Deposits & Investments	\$4,701,147

Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

Hamilton County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

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 homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback 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.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

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 at December 31:

Cash and investments \$34,880,599

Actuarial liabilities \$10,601,444

Hamilton County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Township 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, survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contribute 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Township contributes an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries.

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F)

The Township's full time fire fighters belong to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). OP&F 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. OP&F participants contributed 12.25 percent of their wages. The Township contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 24 percent of full-time fire fighter wage.

Social Security

Several Township employees contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

Employees contributed 6.2 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed 6.2 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2021.

Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits

Both OPERS and OP&F offer 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, Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contribution allocated to health care for OPERS members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2021. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2021. OP&F contributes 0.5 percent to fund these benefits.

Beginning January 1, 2019, OP&F changes its retiree health care model to a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OP&F was placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees use to be reimbursed for health care expenses.

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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 and individual medical pla. 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 - Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Township are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

Note 10 - Fund Balances

Included in fund balance are amounts the Township cannot spend, including the balance of unclaimed monies which cannot be spent for five years. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and 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 balance of these amounts were as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	<u>Total</u>
Outstanding Encumbrances	\$10,865	\$68,140	\$79,005

Note 11 – Noncompliance

Contrary to Ohio law, the Township did not file an appropriation measure with the County Auditor and did not certify to the County Auditor the total amount from all sources available for expenditures from each fund. As a result, expenditures and outstanding encumbrances exceeded appropriations for all funds.

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Hamilton County, Ohio Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	General	Special Revenue	Combined Total
Cash Receipts			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$531,732	\$857,643	\$1,389,375
Charges for Services	0	67,442	67,442
Licenses, Permits and Fees	53,759	0	53,759
Intergovernmental	77,046	234,635	311,681
Earnings on Investments	7,545	2,688	10,233
Miscellaneous	2,845	16,173	19,018
Total Cash Receipts	672,927	1,178,581	1,851,508
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
General Government	200,413	1,985	202,398
Public Safety	19,600	834,187	853,787
Public Works	12,039	53,655	65,694
Health	10,558	0	10,558
Human Services	15,774	0	15,774
Conservation-Recreation	10,358	0	10,358
Capital Outlay	33,373	110,525	143,898
Total Cash Disbursements	302,115	1,000,352	1,302,467
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	370,812	178,229	549,041
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	2,456,217	1,885,948	4,342,165
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$2,827,029	\$2,064,177	\$4,891,206

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Hamilton County Combined Statement of Additions, Deductions and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) All Fiduciary Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Fiduciary Fund Type
	Custodial
Additions	\$0
Deductions	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	0
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	4,900
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$4,900

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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 to be reappropriated.

A summary of 2020 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Deposits and Investments

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.

Hamilton County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Investment in STAR Ohio is measured at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

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.

Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

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.

Restricted Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributions, 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*. Governmental funds other than the General Fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the General Fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by Township Trustees or a Township official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

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.

Hamilton County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 10.

Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2020, follows:

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$0	\$672,927	\$672,927
Special Revenue	0	1,178,581	1,178,581
Total	\$0	\$1,851,508	\$1,851,508

	Budgetary			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Variance		
General	\$0	\$363,121	(\$363,121)	
Special Revenue	0	\$1,255,473	(1,255,473)	
Total	\$0	\$1,618,594	(\$1,618,594)	

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

The Township maintains a deposit and investment pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits and investments as of December 31, 2020, was as follows:

Demand Deposits	<u>4,116,378</u>
Total Deposits	\$4,116,378
STAR Ohio	<u>779,728</u>
Total Investments	\$779,728
Total Deposits & Investments	\$4,896,106

Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

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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 homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback 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.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

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 at December 31:

<u>2020</u>

Cash and investments \$36,348,066

Actuarial liabilities \$10,894,146

Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Township employees who are not full-time firefighters 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, survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contribute 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Township contributes an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries.

Hamilton County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F)

The Township's full-time fire fighters belong to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). OP&F 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. OP&F participants contributed 12.25 percent of their wages. The Township contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 24 percent of full-time fire fighter wages.

Social Security

Several Township employees contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

Employees contributed 6.2 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed 6.2 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2020.

Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits

Both OPERS and OP&F offer 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, Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contribution allocated to health care for OPERS members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2020. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2020. OP&F contributes 0.5 percent to fund these benefits.

Beginning January 1, 2019, OP&F changed its retiree health care model to a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OP&F was placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees use to be reimbursed for health care expenses.

Note 9 - Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Township are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

Note 10 - Fund Balances

Included in fund balance are amounts the Township cannot spend, including the balance of unclaimed monies which cannot be spent for five years. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and 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 balance of these amounts were as follows:

Hamilton County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	General Fund	Special Revenue	<u>Total</u>
Outstanding Encumbrances	\$61,006	\$255,121	\$316,127

Note 11 – Noncompliance

Contrary to Ohio law, the Township did not file an appropriation measure with the County Auditor and also did not certify to the County Auditor the total amount from all sources available for expenditures from each fund. As a result, expenditures and outstanding encumbrances exceeded appropriations for all funds.

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

Crosby Township Hamilton County 8910 Willey Road Harrison, Ohio 45030

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental and fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements of Crosby Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (the Township), and have issued our report thereon December 5, 2024, wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(C) permit.

Report on 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) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purposes of expressing our opinion 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in accompanying schedule of findings as items 2023-001 and 2023-002 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free from 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 financial statements. 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2021-001 through 2021-006.

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 schedule of findings. 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.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio December 5, 2024

CROSBY TOWNSHIP HAMILTON COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2021 and 2020

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

FINDING NUMBER 2021-001

Noncompliance/Material Weakness

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.36(A)(1) provides, in part, on or about the first day of each fiscal year, the fiscal officer of each subdivision or other taxing unit shall certify to the county auditor the total amount from all sources available for expenditures from each fund set up in the tax budget or, if adoption of a tax budget was waived under 5705.281 of the Revised Code, from each fund created by or on behalf of the taxing authority. The budget commission, taking into consideration the balances and revenues to be derived from taxation and other sources, shall revise its estimate of the amounts that will be credited to each fund from such sources, and shall certify to the taxing authority of each subdivision an amended official certificate of estimated resources.

The Fiscal Officer did not certify to the County Auditor the total amount from all sources available for expenditures from each fund or obtain certificate of estimated resources from the Budget Commission in 2021 and 2020. This was not detected by the Township due to deficiencies in budgetary compliance and monitoring control policies and procedures. Failure to obtain the required amended certificate of estimated resources may lead to improper budgeting and limits the effectiveness of management monitoring.

The Fiscal Officer should, on or about the first day of each fiscal year, certify to the county auditor the total amount from all sources available for expenditures from each fund and obtain the approved amended official certificate of estimated resources.

Officials' Response:

We did not receive a response to this finding.

FINDING NUMBER 2021-002

Noncompliance/Material Weakness

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.38(A) requires that on or about the first day of each fiscal year, the taxing authority of each subdivision or other taxing unit shall pass an appropriation measure. If the taxing authority desires to postpone the passage of the annual appropriation measure until an amended certificate is received from the county budget commission based upon the actual year end balances, it may pass a temporary appropriation measure for meeting the ordinary expenses until no later than April 1.

In 2021 and 2020, an annual appropriation measure was not filed with the county auditor and therefore the appropriation measures were not in effect. This was not detected by the Township due to deficiencies in the budgetary compliance and monitoring control policies and procedures

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(B) prohibits a subdivision or taxing authority from making any expenditure of money unless it has been appropriated in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code. Due to inadequate policies and procedures and the appropriations measures not being in effect, all the Township's funds had budgetary expenditures in excess of appropriations for both 2021 and 2020 as follows:

FINDING NUMBER 2021-002 (Continued)

Year 2021

Fund	Appropriations	Disbursements Plus Encumbrances	Excess
General Fund	\$0	\$522,488	(\$522,488)
Zoning Fund	0	23,422	(23,422)
Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund	0	986	(986)
Gasoline Tax Fund	0	748,551	(748,551)
Road & Bridge Fund	0	457	(457)
Fire District Fund	0	1,158,153	(1,158,153)
Firefighter EMT	0	7,440	(7,440)
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund	0	6,705	(6,707)
Total	\$0	\$2,468,204	(\$2,468,204)

Year 2020

Fund	Appropriations	Disbursements Plus Encumbrances	Excess
General Fund	\$0	\$337,117	(\$337,117)
Zoning Fund	0	26,004	(26,004)
Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund	0	950	(950)
Gasoline Tax Fund	0	127,615	(127,615)
Road & Bridge Fund	0	661	(661)
Fire District Fund	0	1,107,656	(1,107,656)
Firefighter EMT	0	13,098	(13,098)
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund	0	5,492	(5,492)
Total	\$0	\$1,618,593	(\$1,618,593)

Failure to have adequate appropriations in place at the time expenditures are made cause expenditures to exceed available resources and may result in overspending and negative fund balances.

The Township should file budgetary documents with the county auditor and budget commission as required by Ohio law. The Board of Trustees should also closely monitor expenditures and appropriations.

Officials' Response:

Fiscal Officer's Response – The audit found that funds were never appropriated by the Board of Trustees for expenditure. This is not correct. While the County Auditor may not have been alerted to it, the Trustees did in fact make permanent appropriations in an open meeting on or about the first day of the year.

AOS Conclusion:

The minutes for 2021 and 2020 did not evidence the passage and adoption of permanent appropriations by the Board of Trustees in the minutes.

FINDING NUMBER 2021-003

Finding for Recovery/Noncompliance

Illegal Expenditures - Interest Paid to State Department of Taxation

Ohio Rev. Code § 5747.06(A) provides every employer, including the state and its political subdivisions, maintaining an office or transacting business within this state and making payments of any compensation to an employee who is a taxpayer shall deduct and withhold from such compensation for each payroll period a tax computed in such manner as a result, as far as practicable, in withholding from the employee's compensation during each calendar year an amount substantially equivalent to the tax reasonably estimated to be due form the employee under this chapter and chapter 5748 of the Revised Code with respect to the amount of such compensation included in the employee's adjusted gross income during the calendar year. The employer shall deduct and withhold the tax on the date that the employer directly, indirectly, or constructively pays the compensation to, or credits the compensation of the benefit of, the employee.

State tax withholdings for 2020 and 2019 were not remitted until November 2, 2021, resulting in the assessment of interest in the amount of \$2,008. State tax withholdings for 2021 and 2020 were not remitted until June 23, 2023, resulting in the assessment of interest in the amount of \$2,151.

The former Fiscal Officer (Robert Bibbo) and the current Fiscal Officer (Matthew Wallace) were responsible for the following interest amounts:

Robert Bibbo (January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020) - \$2,008 Matthew Wallace (April 4, 2020 through December 31, 2021) - \$2,151 Total Interest Paid - \$4,159

In accordance with the foregoing facts and circumstances and pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 117.28, a Finding for Recovery for public monies illegally expended is hereby issued against former Fiscal Officer Robert Bibbo in the amount of \$2,008 and current Fiscal Officer Matthew Wallace in the amount of \$2,151, and their bonding company, the Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, in the total amount of \$4,159, and in favor of the Township's General Fund.

Officials' Response:

Fiscal Officer's Response – By the time I began my term, our office had long ceased payment of state employee tax withholdings. By the time I was alerted to this, an audit from the State Department of Taxation had commenced. Once that process was started, the State Department of Taxation instructed me to not pay the taxes. Rather I was to wait until the conclusion of the audit and pay the delinquent taxes in the form of an assessment. Following the audit I repeatedly tried to work with the State Department of Taxation, to no avail, over a long period of time to get an account established in my name (rather than in the name of my predecessor, which I had no access to) for the purpose of making appropriate payments. Following repeated lack of response and inadequate response, this has finally been remedied. The Township now makes regular employee tax payments.

AOS Conclusion:

The Auditor of State issues findings for recovery at the time that interest and penalties are paid, not at the time of assessment.

FINDING NUMBER 2021-004

Finding for Recovery/Noncompliance

Illegal Expenditures - Penalties and Interest Paid to the Internal Revenue Service

The law requires employers to withhold taxes from employees' paychecks and remit those taxes to the government. The United States Internal Revenue Code, for example, requires employers to deduct from wages paid to employees the employees' share of FICA taxes and individual income taxes. See 26 U.S.C. §§ 3102(a) and 3402(a). Those withholdings are considered to be held in "a special fund in trust for the United States." 26 U.S.C. § 7501(a). The employer is liable for the withheld portion of the employee's wages and must pay over the full amount to the government each quarter. See United States v Farr, 536 F.3d 1174, 1176 (10th Circ. 2008).

During the year 2021 through February 2024, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) assessed and the Township paid penalties and interest due to failures to properly remit federal tax withholdings. The former Fiscal Officer (Robert Bibbo) and the current Fiscal Officer (Matthew Wallace) were responsible for the following amounts of penalties and interest:

Year 2021

Penalties	Interest	Total	Fiscal Officer
\$1,273	\$898	\$2,171	Former Fiscal Officer
			Robert Bibbo
6,065	1,422	7,487	Current Fiscal Officer
			Matthew Wallace

Year 2022

Penalties	Interest	Total	Fiscal Officer
\$21,231	\$4,875	\$26,106	Former Fiscal Officer
			Robert Bibbo
4,776	889	5,665	Current Fiscal Officer
			Matthew Wallace

Year 2023

Penalties	Interest	Total	Fiscal Officer
\$5,761	\$111	\$5,872	Fiscal Officer Matthew
			Wallace

Year 2024

Penalties	Interest	Total	Fiscal Officer
\$819	\$0	\$819	Fiscal Officer Matthew
			Wallace

In accordance with the foregoing facts and circumstances and pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 117.28, a Finding for Recovery for public monies illegally expended is hereby issued against former Fiscal Officer Robert Bibbo in the amount of \$28,277 and Fiscal Officer Matthew Wallace in the amount of \$19,843 and their bonding company, the Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, in the total amount of \$48,120, and in favor of the Township's General Fund.

FINDING NUMBER 2021-004 (Continued)

Officials' Response:

Fiscal Officer's Response – By the time I began my term, our office had long ceased payment of federal employee tax withholdings. Also, before my predecessor ceased all payments, there was a period of time when he made payments but did not record them in the accounting software. This resulted in a discrepancy in our ledger of around \$90,000. During the IRS audit of 2021, I was informed that multiple certified letters to our office had been ignored. During that audit we were able to rectify the withholdings that had not been paid. By the end of 2021 I was able to investigate the way payments that had not been recorded and get to the bottom of the accounting errors. Our office now makes regular, timely payments of employee tax withholdings to the IRS. It should be noted that, despite my predecessor's lack of consistent payment of IRS employee taxes beginning with the second quarter of 2016, this is the first instance of any finding for recovery made in the audit process.

AOS Conclusion:

The Auditor of State issues findings for recovery at the time that interest and penalties are paid, not at the time of assessment.

FINDING NUMBER 2021-005

Finding for Recovery/Noncompliance

Illegal Expenditures - Penalties Paid to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Ohio Rev. Code § 742.32(A) states, that the fiscal officer of each employer shall transmit monthly to the secretary of the board of trustees of the Ohio police and fire pension fund a report of employee deductions in such form as the board requires. The report shall show all deductions for the fund made pursuant to section 742.31 of the Revised Code and shall be accompanied by payments covering the total of such deductions. The report shall also include the name of each member for whom deductions were made and the portion of the payment attributed to that member. Separate payments shall be transmitted for that portion of such deductions made from the salaries of members of the police department and for that portion of such deductions made from the salaries of members of the fire department. The report and payment are due the last day of the month following the last business day of the reporting period.

The Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F) assessed and the Township paid penalties in the amounts of \$950, \$300, and \$300 for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023, respectively, due to failures to properly remit OP&F pension withholdings.

Township Fiscal Officer Matthew Wallace was responsible for the timely remitting of OP&F pension withholdings.

In accordance with the foregoing facts and circumstances and pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 117.28, a Finding for Recovery for public monies illegally expended is hereby issued against Fiscal Officer Matthew Wallace and his bonding company, the Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, in the amount of \$1,550, and in favor of the Township's Fire District Fund.

Officials' Response:

Fiscal Officer's Response – The late payments to OP&F were made for various reasons including the rejection of accompanying reports, the corrections of which required the late payment of withholdings. Similar issues were not included in findings or findings for recovery associated with the most recent audit by Bastin and Associates.

FINDING NUMBER 2021-005 (Continued)

AOS Conclusion:

The Auditor of State issues findings for recovery at the time that interest and penalties are paid, not at the time of assessment.

FINDING NUMBER 2021-006

Finding for Recovery/Noncompliance

Illegal Expenditures - Penalties Paid to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Ohio Rev. Code § 145.47 states the head of each state department and the fiscal officer of each local authority subject to this chapter shall transmit promptly to the public employees retirement system a report of contributions at such intervals and in such form as the system shall require, showing thereon all deductions for the system made from the earnable salary of each contributor employed, together with warrants or checks covering the total of such deductions within thirty days after the last day of such reporting period.

During the year 2021, 2023, and 2024, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) assessed and the Township paid penalties and interest due to failures to properly remit OPERS pension withholdings as follows:

Year	Penalties	Interest	Total
2021	\$339	\$36	\$375
2023	309	29	338
2024	40	30	75
Totals	\$668	\$95	\$783

Township Fiscal Officer Matthew Wallace was responsible for the timely remitting of OPERS pension withholdings.

In accordance with the foregoing facts and circumstances and pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 117.28, a Finding for Recovery for public monies illegally expended is hereby issued against Fiscal Officer Matthew Wallace and his bonding company, the Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, in the total amount of \$783, and in favor of the Township's General Fund.

Officials' Response:

Fiscal Officer's Response – The late payments to OPERS were made for various reasons including the rejection of accompanying reports, the correction of which required the late payment of withholdings. Similar issues were not included in findings or findings for recovery associated with the most recent audit by Bastin and Associates.

AOS Conclusion:

The Auditor of State issues findings for recovery at the time that interest and penalties are paid, not at the time of assessment.

Additional Fiscal Officer's Response

First, as to the Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings, it must be understood that the audit for 2019-2018 was completed December 20, 2022. It was impossible for any of the findings of that audit to be corrected during 2020-2021. To date, the findings in the 2019-2018 audit have been corrected.

The Township Fiscal Officer has provided additional narrative in response to the findings as a whole. You may obtain a copy of this additional response from Matthew Wallace, Fiscal Officer, phone number (513) 738-1440.

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FISCAL OFFICER Matthew Wallace

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2019-001	Bank Reconciliations did not accurately identify reconciling items between bank balances and balances recorded in the accounting system.	Partially Corrected	Reissued in Management Letter
2019-002	AU-C Section 210, Terms of Engagement, paragraph .06, management acknowledges its responsibility for preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements.	Partially Corrected	Reissued in Management Letter
2019-003	The Township could not provide support for approved appropriation measures and certificates of estimated resources from the county budget commission was not obtained.	Not Corrected	Reissued as Findings 2021-001 and 2021-002
2019-004	Purchase orders were not properly certified prior to incurring obligations.	Partially Corrected	Reissued in Management Letter
2019-005	Evidence of payroll tax filings to the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Ohio were not provide for audit.	Not Fully Corrected	Reissued as Findings 2021-003 and 2021- 004



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2019-006	The Township did not timely file	Not Fully Corrected	Reissued in
	its 2019 and 2018 annual		Management Letter
	reports with the Auditor of		
	State. The 2019 annual report		
	did not include requires		
	footnotes to the financial		
	statements.		



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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.



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