## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FRANKLIN COUNTY

## REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019 & 2018





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Board of Trustees Washington Township 6200 Eiterman Road P.O. Box 3248 Dublin, Ohio 43016

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Washington Township, Franklin County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. 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. Washington Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

September 1, 2020



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Washington Township Franklin County 6200 Eiterman Road P.O. Box 3248 Dublin, Ohio 43016

To the Board of Trustees:

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Township's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support 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 Township prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects om the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Township does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

## 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* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above 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, 2019 and 2018, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

#### Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 2.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 10 to the 2019 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.

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## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 21, 2020, on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on 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. July 21, 2020

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

## COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)

## All Governmental Fund Types

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

		Governmental Fund Types		Totals
		Special	Debt	(Memorandum
	General	Revenue	Service	Only)
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Receipts:				
Property Taxes	\$ 1,017,831	\$ 18,558,311	\$ -	\$ 19,576,142
Charges for Service	-	1,195,200	-	1,195,200
Intergovernmental	149,677	2,103,110	-	2,252,787
Fines, Licenses and Permits	-	54,963	-	54,963
Interest	352,774	10,454	-	363,228
Miscellaneous	39,888	317,151		357,039
Total Receipts	1,560,170	22,239,189	-	23,799,359
Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	500,176	-	-	500,176
Public Safety	-	19,827,448	-	19,827,448
Public Works	-	20,674	-	20,674
Capital Outlay	62,499	1,155,439		1,217,938
Total Disbursements	562,675	21,003,561		21,566,236
Excess Receipts Over/(Under)				
Disbursements	997,495	1,235,628	-	2,233,123
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):				
Transfer in	-	258,911	-	258,911
Transfer out	(258,911)	-	-	(258,911)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(258,911)	258,911		
Excess of Receipts and Other Sources Over/(Under) Disbursements				
and Other Uses	738,584	1,494,539	-	2,233,123
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2019	7,597,346	26,357,462	19,559	33,974,367
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2019				
Restricted	-	27,852,001	19,559	27,871,560
Assigned	8,246,537	-	-	8,246,537
Unassigned	89,393			89,393
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 8,335,930	\$ 27,852,001	\$ 19,559	\$ 36,207,490

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

Franklin County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

## **Note 1 – Reporting Entity**

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

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

## 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 to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

*Fire Fund* The fire fund accounts for and reports the receipts of property tax monies restricted for the purpose of providing fire protection services to the residents of the Township.

**Debt Service Fund** These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted to expenditure for principal and interest. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

**Bond Fund** The bond fund accounts for and reports the receipt of monies set aside for the purpose of repaying the Township's bonds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

## **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

## 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 (D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary disbursements 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 (D) permit.

#### **Budgetary Process**

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

Appropriations Budgetary disbursements (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the object level for all funds 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 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 canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2019 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.

The Township values U.S. Treasury Notes at cost. 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

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

Franklin County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

## **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

#### Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Township's cash basis of accounting.

#### 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 through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

**Committed** The 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 the Trustees or a Township official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute. The Board may also assign fund balances as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget in the general fund.

*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.

Franklin County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

#### Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2019 is as follows:

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 1,327,684	\$ 1,560,170	\$ 232,486
Special Revenue	22,153,267	22,498,100	344,833
Debt Service	-	-	-

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements

	A	ppropriation		Budgetary	
Fund Type		Authority	_ Di	sbursements	Variance
General	\$	8,409,975	\$	821,586	\$ 7,588,389
Special Revenue		45,230,949		21,003,561	24,227,388
Debt Service		19,559		-	19,559

## 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 at December 31 was as follows:

	2019
Demand deposits	\$ 20,018,016
Total deposits	20,018,016
STAR Ohio	51,236
U.S government securities	16,138,238
Total investments	16,189,474
Total deposits and investments	\$ 36,207,490

#### **Deposits**

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township, 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.

#### **Investments**

The Federal Reserve holds the Township's U.S. Treasury Notes & U.S Government Securities in bookentry form in the name of the Township's financial institution. The financial institution maintains records identifying the Township as owner of these securities.

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## **Note 4 – Deposits and Investments (continued)**

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

## **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.

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

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.

#### Commercial Insurance

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Earthquake
- Electronic data processing
- Public official
- Vehicles: and
- Errors and omissions.

Settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years. There has been no significant change to coverage limits in the past three years.

#### Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

#### Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Most of the Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 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, 2019.

Franklin County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

### **Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)**

#### Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

The Township's full-time Firefighters 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 healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OP&F participants contributed 12.25 % of their wages. The Township contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 24% of full-time fire fighters' wages. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2019.

## **Social Security**

The Township's part-time firefighters contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

Employees contributed 6.2% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 6.2% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2019.

#### 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 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 2019, and OP&F contributed 0.5% 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**

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 matter will not materially adversely affect the Township's financial condition.

Franklin County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

#### **Note 10 – Subsequent Event**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township. The District's investment portfolio has incurred a significant decline in fair value, consistent with the general decline in financial markets. However, because the values of individual investments fluctuate with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of losses that will be recognized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. In addition, the impact on the Township's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

## COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)

## All Governmental Fund Types

For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

#### Governmental

		Totals			
		Fund Types Special	Debt	(Memorandum	
	General	Revenue	Service	Only)	
Receipts:					
Property Taxes	\$ 1,021,774	\$ 18,590,372	\$ -	\$ 19,612,146	
Charges for Service	Ψ 1,021,774	1,231,999	Ψ -	1,231,999	
Intergovernmental	148,815	2,048,442	_	2,197,257	
Fines, Licenses and Permits	140,013	70,864	_	70,864	
Interest	274,422	7,818	_	282,240	
Miscellaneous	12,304	369,616	_	381,920	
Miscellatieous	12,304	309,010		361,920	
Total Receipts	1,457,315	22,319,111	-	23,776,426	
Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	406,073	-	-	406,073	
Public Safety	-	19,549,190	-	19,549,190	
Public Works	-	10,259	_	10,259	
Capital Outlay	62,499	406,635		469,134	
Total Disbursements	468,572	19,966,084		20,434,656	
Excess Receipts Over/(Under)					
Disbursements	988,743	2,353,027	-	3,341,770	
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):					
Transfer in	-	218,045	-	218,045	
Transfer out	(218,045)	-	-	(218,045)	
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(218,045)	218,045			
Excess of Receipts and Other					
Sources Over/(Under) Disbursements					
and Other Uses	770,698	2,571,072	-	3,341,770	
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2018	6,826,648	23,786,390	19,559	30,632,597	
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Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2018 Restricted		26,357,462	19,559	26 277 024	
	7 000 004	20,337,402	19,559	26,377,021	
Assigned	7,082,291	-	-	7,082,291	
Unassigned	515,055			515,055	
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2018	\$ 7,597,346	\$ 26,357,462	\$ 19,559	\$ 33,974,367	

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Franklin County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

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Franklin County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

## **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

## Basis of Accounting

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#### **Budgetary Process**

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**Appropriations** Budgetary disbursements (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the object level for all funds 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 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 canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2018 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.

The Township values U.S. Treasury Notes at cost. 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

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

Franklin County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

## **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

#### Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Township's cash basis of accounting.

#### 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.

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**Committed** The 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 the Trustees or a Township official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute. The Board may also assign fund balances as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget in the General Fund.

*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.

Franklin County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

#### Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2018 is as follows:

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	 Variance
General	\$ 1,505,052	\$ 1,457,315	\$ (47,737)
Special Revenue	21,300,171	22,537,156	1,236,985

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements

			-		
	A	ppropriation		Budgetary	_
Fund Type		Authority	D	isbursements	Variance
General	\$	1,020,350	\$	686,617	\$ 333,733
Special Revenue		22,545,300		19,966,084	2,579,216

## **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 at December 31 was as follows:

	2018
Demand deposits	\$ 18,205,897
Total deposits	18,205,897
STAR Ohio	50,063
U.S government securities	15,718,407
Total investments	15,768,470
Total deposits and investments	\$ 33,974,367

#### **Deposits**

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township, 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.

#### **Investments**

The Federal Reserve holds the Township's U.S. Treasury Notes & U.S Government Securities in bookentry form in the name of the Township's financial institution. The financial institution maintains records identifying the Township as owner of these securities.

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## **Note 4 – Deposits and Investments (continued)**

Investments in STAR Ohio and mutual funds are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or bookentry form.

## **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.

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

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.

#### Commercial Insurance

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Earthquake
- Electronic data processing
- Public official
- Vehicles: and
- Errors and omissions.

Settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years. There has been no significant change to coverage limits in the past three years.

#### Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

#### Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Most of the Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 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, 2018.

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### **Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)**

#### Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

The Township's full-time Firefighters 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 healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OP&F participants contributed 12.25 % of their wages. The Township contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 24% of full-time fire fighters' wages. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2018.

## Social Security

The Township's part-time Firefighters contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants. Employees contributed 6.2% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 6.2% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2018.

### 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 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 2018, and OP&F contributed 0.5% to fund these benefits.

## **Note 9 - 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 matter will not materially adversely affect the Township's financial condition.

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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 ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Washington Township Franklin County 6200 Eiterman Road P.O. Box 3248 Dublin. Ohio 43016

#### To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type of Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 21, 2020, wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) 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

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements. 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 internal control deficiencies 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 to be a material weakness. We consider finding 2019-001 to be a material weakness.

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## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Township's Response to Finding

The Township's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. We did not subject the Township's response to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Charles Having Association

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. July 21, 2020

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FRANKLIN COUNTY

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

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

### FINDING NUMBER 2019-001 Material Weakness

#### **Incorrect Accounting Transactions**

The Township's management is responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements. The more significant adjustments are as follows.

- In 2019 and 2018, fund balances for the General Fund were not properly classified between Assigned and Unassigned based on Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54. Whenever general fund subsequent year appropriations exceed estimated receipts, the excess amount must be classified as assigned fund balance.
- In 2019 and 2018, a transfer from the General Fund to the Fire Fund was reported as Special Revenue, Miscellaneous Revenue. The amount should have been reported as Transfer In.
- In 2018, the District's beginning General Fund cash was overstated by \$5,639 and the Special Revenue Fund was understated by \$5,639.

The financial statements have been adjusted and reclassified to present the accounting information correctly and the Township has agreed with the required reclassifications.

We recommend the Fiscal Officer refer to Ohio Administrative Code and the Ohio Township Handbook for guidance to determine the proper establishment of receipt and disbursement accounts and posting receipts and disbursements. The Fiscal Officer should refer to GASB Statement No. 54 and, Auditor of State Bulletin 2011-004 for assistance in properly classifying fund balances.

We also recommend that consideration be given to analyzing the nature of transactions occurring during the normal course of business to ensure that they are posted to the proper accounts. We recommend further that all reports be reviewed and approved by the Township Board monthly.

Managements' Response – See Corrective Action Plan.



# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FRANKLIN COUNTY

# CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – Prepared by Management December 31, 2019 and 2018

FINDING NUMBER	PLANNED CORRECTIVE ACTION	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE	RESPONSIBLE CONTACT PERSON
2019-001	The Fiscal Officer will closely review all transfers to ensure that each is properly recorded and will properly allocate fund balances.	Immediately	Joyce Robinson, Fiscal Officer





#### **WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP**

#### **FRANKLIN 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 9/15/2020