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HAMBDEN TOWNSHIP
GEAUGA COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Hambden Township
Geauga County
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Hambden Township, Geauga County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Township prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of Hambden Township, Geauga County, Ohio as of December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 9, 2003 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 grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, the Board of Trustees and the audit committee, and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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June 9, 2003

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**HAMBDEN TOWNSHIP
GEAUGA COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$117,066	\$479,405	\$27,355	\$623,826
Intergovernmental	172,851	125,744	162,197	460,792
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		16,293		16,293
Earnings on Investments	15,501	3,514		19,015
Other Revenue	12,647	10,401	7,956	31,004
Total Cash Receipts	<u>318,065</u>	<u>635,357</u>	<u>197,508</u>	<u>1,150,930</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	196,281	15,268		211,549
Public Safety		154,260		154,260
Public Works	55,483	94,622		150,105
Health		295		295
Conservation - Recreation	475	10,472		10,947
Capital Outlay	66,801	316,757	195,244	578,802
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>319,040</u>	<u>591,674</u>	<u>195,244</u>	<u>1,105,958</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(975)</u>	<u>43,683</u>	<u>2,264</u>	<u>44,972</u>
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):				
Other Sources	420	1,950		2,370
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	<u>420</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,370</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(555)	45,633	2,264	47,342
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2002	264,308	563,525	73,210	901,043
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2002	<u><u>\$263,753</u></u>	<u><u>\$609,158</u></u>	<u><u>\$75,474</u></u>	<u><u>\$948,385</u></u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31, 2002	<u>\$14,330</u>	<u>\$55,094</u>	<u>\$32,430</u>	<u>\$101,854</u>

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

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$111,777	\$458,383	\$26,761	\$596,921
Intergovernmental	131,444	112,239	2,671	246,354
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		13,525		13,525
Earnings on Investments	26,470	6,617		33,087
Other Revenue	19,540	8,360		27,900
Total Cash Receipts	<u>289,231</u>	<u>599,124</u>	<u>29,432</u>	<u>917,787</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	169,545	15,629		185,174
Public Safety		142,471		142,471
Public Works	55,936	93,208		149,144
Health		560		560
Conservation - Recreation		7,168		7,168
Capital Outlay	10,103	253,368	613	264,084
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>235,584</u>	<u>512,404</u>	<u>613</u>	<u>748,601</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>53,647</u>	<u>86,720</u>	<u>28,819</u>	<u>169,186</u>
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):				
Other Sources	3,341	2,300	15	5,656
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	<u>3,341</u>	<u>2,300</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>5,656</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	56,988	89,020	28,834	174,842
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2001	<u>207,320</u>	<u>474,505</u>	<u>44,376</u>	<u>726,201</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2001	<u>\$264,308</u>	<u>\$563,525</u>	<u>\$73,210</u>	<u>\$901,043</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31, 2001	<u>\$9,376</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$34,657</u>	<u>\$44,033</u>

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

**HAMBDEN TOWNSHIP
GEAUGA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Hambden Township, Geauga County, Ohio, (the Township) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Township is directed by a publicly-elected three member Board of Trustees. The Township provides general governmental services, including road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection, and emergency services. The Geauga County Sheriff's department provides security of persons and property for the Township

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

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized 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 prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The investment in Star Ohio (the State Treasurer's investment pool) is valued at amounts reported by the State Treasurer.

D. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Township classifies its funds into the following types:

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Fund

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

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

Fire District Fund - This fund receives property tax money to provide fire protection to the Township's residents.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

3. Capital Project Fund

This fund is used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects. The Township had the following significant capital project fund:

Permanent Improvement Fund – This fund receives property taxes for the acquisition or construction of capital projects.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Township's Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

2. 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 also approve estimated resources.

3. Encumbrances

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

A summary of 2002 and 2001 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

G. Accumulated Leave

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001
(Continued)**

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Township maintains a cash and investments pool used by all funds. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	2002	2001
Demand deposits	(\$7,254)	\$112,773
Total deposits	(7,254)	112,773
STAR Ohio	955,639	788,270
Total investments	955,639	788,270
Total deposits and investments	\$948,385	\$901,043

Deposits: Deposits are either insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2002 and 2001 follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$241,678	\$318,485	\$76,807
Special Revenue	590,250	637,307	47,057
Capital Projects	187,764	197,508	9,744
Total	\$1,019,692	\$1,153,300	\$133,608

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$505,986	\$333,370	\$172,616
Special Revenue	1,153,775	646,768	507,007
Capital Projects	260,974	227,674	33,300
Total	\$1,920,735	\$1,207,812	\$712,923

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$242,956	\$292,572	\$49,616
Special Revenue	575,915	601,424	25,509
Capital Projects	28,000	29,447	1,447
Total	\$846,871	\$923,443	\$76,572

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$450,276	\$244,960	\$205,316
Special Revenue	1,050,420	512,404	538,016
Capital Projects	72,376	35,270	37,106
Total	\$1,573,072	\$792,634	\$780,438

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001
(Continued)**

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Township Council. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payments, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20th.

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

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

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

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's full-time employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2002 and 2001, members of OPERS contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2002 and 2001. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2002.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.

The Township is a member of the Ohio Township Assessment Risk Management Authority (the Authority). The Authority assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Township's policy. The Authority may assess supplemental premiums. The following risks are covered by the Authority:

- General liability and casualty
- Public officials liability; and
- Vehicles

The Township also provides health insurance and dental and vision coverage to full-time employees through a private carrier.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001
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6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty Coverage

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence. Claims exceeding \$250,000 are reinsured with APEEP up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, which the General Reinsurance Corporation will insure.

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

Property Coverage

OTARMA retains property risks including automobile physical damage up to \$100,000 on any specific loss. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures specific losses exceeding \$100,000. The Travelers Indemnity Company also provides aggregate excess coverage for property including automobile physical damage subject to an annual stop loss. When the stop loss is reached in any year, the Travelers Indemnity Company provides coverage in excess of \$10,000.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge OTARMA's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (latest information available and audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and report the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2001:

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2001</u>
Assets	\$23,703,776
Liabilities	<u>9,379,003</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$ 14,324,773</u>
<u>Property Coverage</u>	<u>2001</u>
Assets	\$5,011,131
Liabilities	<u>647,667</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$ 4,363,464</u>

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Hambden Township
Geauga County
13887 G.A.R. Highway
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Hambden Township, Geauga County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated June 9, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted a certain immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated June 9, 2003.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted another matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated June 9, 2003.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, the Board of Trustees and the audit committee, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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June 9, 2003



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GEAUGA COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JUNE 24, 2003**