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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Harrison Township Gallia County 6613 State Route 218 Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

To the Board of Township Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Harrison Township, Gallia County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002. 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.

The Township's financial transactions were processed using the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to conduct the audit of the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code Section 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code Sections 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed 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 Harrison Township, Gallia County, as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, 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 August 5, 2004 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.

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

Betty Montgomeny

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

August 5, 2004

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Local Taxes	\$7,035	\$10,335	\$17,370
Intergovernmental	15,961	135,036	150,997
Charges for Services		2,000	2,000
Interest	104	141	245
Total Cash Receipts	23,100	147,512	170,612
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	21,005		21,005
Public Safety		9,990	9,990
Public Works		60,707	60,707
Health	1,900		1,900
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal		10,232	10,232
Interest and Fiscal Charges		1,461	1,461
Capital Outlay		80,518	80,518
Total Cash Disbursements	22,905	162,908	185,813
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	195	(15,396)	(15,201)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):			
Other Sources		4,865	4,865
Other Uses		(300)	(300)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	0	4,565	4,565
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing			
Receipts Over Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	195	(10,831)	(10,636)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	13,021	52,033	65,054
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$13,216	\$41,202	\$54,418
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

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

	Governmental Fund Types		_
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Local Taxes	\$5,963	\$9,983	\$15,946
Intergovernmental	10,295	70,055	80,350
Charges for Services		2,000	2,000
Interest	186	253	439
Total Cash Receipts	16,444	82,291	98,735
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	22,989		22,989
Public Safety		15,081	15,081
Public Works		36,934	36,934
Health	830		830
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal		9,589	9,589
Interest and Fiscal Charges		2,104	2,104
Capital Outlay	493		493
Total Cash Disbursements	24,312	63,708	88,020
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(7,868)	18,583	10,715
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	20,889	33,450	54,339
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$13,021	\$52,033	\$65,054
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$181	\$429	\$610

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Harrison Township, Gallia County (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 road and bridge maintenance (public works) and fire protection (public safety).

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. 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 Funds

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:

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund – This fund receives motor vehicle tax money for maintaining Township roads.

Gasoline Tax Fund - This fund receives gasoline tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

Fire Fund – This fund receives tax money for maintaining Township fire protection.

FEMA Fund – This fund receives Federal Emergency Management Agency funds to assist with emergency repairs to Township road and equipment as a result of the 2003 ice storm.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. 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 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 individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2003 and 2002 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

E. 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.

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:

	2003	2002
Demand deposits	\$54,418	\$65,054

Deposits: Deposits are either insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2003 and 2002 follows:

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$36,646	\$23,100	(\$13,546)
Special Revenue	136,121	152,377	16,256
Total	\$172,767	\$175,477	\$2,710

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Appropriation Budgetary			
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$32,827	\$22,905	\$9,922
Special Revenue	136,550	163,208	(26,658)
Total	\$169,377	\$186,113	(\$16,736)

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$38,889	\$16,444	(\$22,445)
Special Revenue	111,279	82,291	(28,988)
Total	\$150,168	\$98,735	(\$51,433)

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$38,888	\$24,493	\$14,395
Special Revenue	110,290	64,137	46,153
Total	\$149,178	\$88,630	\$60,548

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

4. **PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceeding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Board of Trustees. 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 payment, 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.

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. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2003 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Capital Lease – Tractor/Mower	\$10,938	6.90%

The capital lease was issued to finance the purchase of a new tractor/mower to be used for Township road maintenance.

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

	Capital Lease
Year ending December 31:	
2004	\$11,693

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township Clerk and Board of Trustees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The 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 2003 and 2002, PERS employee members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2003.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. 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 claim, including loss adjustment expenses. OTARMA pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, 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 from the General Reinsurance Corporation.

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 with an annual aggregate of \$1,250,000 for 2002. There is no aggregate for 2003 and future accident years. Beginning in 2003, OTARMA retains property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures losses exceeding \$100,000. APEEP's Guarantee Fund pays losses and loss adjustment expenses exceeding operating contributions.

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 township.

Financial Position

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

Casualty Coverage	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Assets	\$27,792,223	\$23,757,036
Liabilities	<u>(11,791,300)</u>	<u>(9,197,512)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$16,000,923</u>	<u>\$14,559,524</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Risk Pool Membership (Continued)

Financial Position (Continued)

Property Coverage	<u>2003</u>	2002
Assets	\$6,791,060	\$6,596,996
Liabilities	<u>(750,956)</u>	<u>(1,204,326)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$6,040,104</u>	<u>\$5,392,670</u>

8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, based on prior experience, management believes such refunds, if any, would not be material.



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

Harrison Township Gallia County 6613 State Route 218 Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

To the Board of Township Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Harrison Township, Gallia County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated August 5, 2004 wherein we noted that the Township's financial transactions were processed using the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to conduct the audit of the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *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 tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2003-001. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated August 5, 2004.

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 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 matters involving the internal control over financial reporting the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to the management of the Township in a separate letter dated August 5, 2004.

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Betty Montgomeny

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

August 5, 2004

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

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

FINDING NUMBER 2003-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.24 states the amount of the annual salary approved by the board shall be no more than the maximum amount that could be received annually by a trustee if the trustee were paid on a per diem basis as specified in this division, and shall be paid only from the township general fund or from such funds in proportions as the board may specify by resolution.

The Township adopted a retroactive resolution on July 6, 2004 authorizing 10% of the Township Trustees' salaries to be paid from the General fund, 15% from the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, and 75% from the Gasoline Tax Fund in 2002, 2003 and for future years.

The Township Trustees were not paid according to this resolution. In addition, the allocation of Trustees' salaries and fringe benefits for 2002 and 2003 was not property posted according to the resolution passed by the Township Trustees. The Township Trustees were paid 17% from the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund and 83% from the Gasoline Tax Fund. Therefore, an adjustment of \$1,925 was required in the General Fund to increase expenditures, an adjustment of \$1,604 was required in the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund to decrease expenditures, and an adjustment of \$1,604 was required in the Gasoline Tax Fund to decrease expenditures in 2002. An adjustment of \$1,942 was required in the General Fund to increase expenditures of \$324 was required in the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund to decrease expenditures of \$324 was required in the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund to decrease expenditures of \$324 was required in the Gasoline Tax Fund to decrease expenditures of \$324 was required in the General Fund to increase expenditures, an adjustment of \$1,618 was required in the Gasoline Tax Fund to decrease expenditures were made to increase General Fund expenditures to 10%, reduce Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund expenditures to 15% and reduce the Gasoline Tax Fund to 75%.

We recommend that the Township Clerk pay salaries based on the resolution approved by the Board of Trustees. We further recommend the Township adopt a formal resolution at the organizational meeting each year addressing the allocation of the total compensation. Each resolution should address the appropriate proportions and funds from which the salaries and fringe benefits are to be paid. Benefits such as health insurance and the employer's portion of retirement and Medicare should be paid out of the same funds, and in the same proportions, as the salaries. The necessary adjustments have been made to the Township's financial statements to reflect the resolution approved at the July 6, 2004 meeting, as well as their financial records maintained by the Clerk.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i> :
2001-40727-01	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D), not certifying availability of funds prior to incurring an obligation	No	Partially Corrected – Unencumbered expenditures reduced drastically. Reported in the Management Letter.



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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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED SEPTEMBER 16, 2004