Financial Statements (Audited)

For The Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

PATRICIA COEN, CLERK



Township Trustees Milton Township P.O. Box 205 Sterling, Ohio 44276

We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of Milton Township, Wayne County, prepared by Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003. 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. Milton Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Betty Montgomeny

BETTY MONTGOMERY Auditor of State

April 1, 2004



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Independent Auditor's Report

Township Trustees Milton Township P. O. Box 205 Sterling, Ohio 44276

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Milton Township, (the "Township"), Wayne County, Ohio, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, as listed in the table of contents. 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 discussed in Note 2, the Township, prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined cash balances and fund balances of Milton Township, Wayne County as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and it's combined cash receipts and disbursements, combined budget and actual receipts and budgeted and actual disbursements and encumbrances for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 2.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated March 8, 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 and contracts. 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 Milton Township's management 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 specific parties.

Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc. March 8, 2004

COMBINED STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES ALL FUND TYPES - CASH BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

Cash and Cash Equivalents	2003	2002
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 322,915	\$ 278,578
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 322,915	\$ 278,578
Fund Balances		
Governmental Fund Types: General Fund Special Revenue Funds	\$ 109,410 213,505	\$ 91,612 186,966
Total Governmental Fund Types	322,915	278,578
Total Fund Balances	\$ 322,915	\$ 278,578

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

Governmental Fund Types

	<u>General</u>	Special Revenue	Total (Memorandum Only)
Cash receipts:			
Taxes	\$ 62,220	\$ 213,231	\$ 275,451
Charges for services	-	1,819	1,819
Intergovernmental	114,355	111,206	225,561
Interest	3,016	366	3,382
Miscellaneous	1,214	7,670	8,884
Total cash receipts	180,805	334,292	515,097
Cash disbursements: Current:			
General government	65,028	-	65,028
Public safety	=	78,360	78,360
Public works	62,459	186,086	248,545
Health	10,986	-	10,986
Capital outlay	29,657	44,483	74,140
Total cash disbursements	168,130	308,929	477,059
Total cash receipts over cash disbursements	12,675	25,363	38,038
Other financing receipts: Sale of fixed assets	5,123	1,176	6,299
Excess of cash receipts and other financing receipts over cash disbursements	17,798	26,539	44,337
Cash fund balances, January 1, 2003	91,612	186,966	278,578
Cash fund balances, December 31, 2003	\$ 109,410	\$ 213,505	\$ 322,915

THE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND ENCUMBRANCES COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Receipts						Disbursements																
		County																					
		Certified				Total			V	ariance	Prior	Year							Encu	mbrances		V	ariance
	Une	encumbered			E	stimated	A	ctual 2003	Fa	avorable	Carr	yover		2003			A	ctual 2003	Out	standing		Fa	vorable
Fund Types		Cash		Budget	R	lesources]	Receipts	(Un	favorable)	Approp	riations	App	propriations		Total	Dis	bursements	at 1	2/31/03	 Total	(Un	favorable)
Governmental:																							
General	\$	91,612	\$	143,417	\$	235,029	\$	185,928	\$	42,511	\$	-	\$	194,935	\$	194,935	\$	168,130	\$	410	\$ 168,540	\$	26,395
Special Revenue		186,966		289,268		476,234		335,468		46,200				407,975		407,975		308,929		7,625	316,554		91,421
Total (Memorandum Only)	\$	278,578	\$	432,685	\$	711,263	\$	521,396	\$	88,711	\$		\$	602,910	\$	602,910	\$	477,059	\$	8,035	\$ 485,094	\$	117,816

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

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	General	Special Revenue	Total (Memorandum Only)
Cash receipts:			
Taxes	\$ 56,357	\$ 194,387	\$ 250,744
Charges for services	-	3,000	3,000
Intergovernmental	86,510	103,150	189,660
Interest	4,941	401	5,342
Miscellaneous	2,989	3,115	6,104
Total cash receipts	150,797	304,053	454,850
Cash disbursements:			
Current:			
General government	64,352	-	64,352
Public safety	-	72,589	72,589
Public works	29,706	153,494	183,200
Health	10,592	-	10,592
Capital outlay	53,491	51,688	105,179
Total cash disbursements	158,141	277,771	435,912
Total cash receipts over (under) cash disbursements	(7,344)	26,282	18,938
Cash fund balances, January 1, 2002	98,956	160,684	259,640
Cash fund balances, December 31, 2002	\$ 91,612	\$ 186,966	\$ 278,578

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND ENCUMBRANCES COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

		Receipts						Disbursements												
		County																		
		Certified		Total		V	ariance	Prior	r Year							Encum	brances			Variance
	Une	encumbered		Estimated	Actual 2002	Fa	vorable	Carr	yover		2002			Ac	ctual 2002	Outsta	anding			Favorable
Fund Types		Cash	Budget	Resources	Receipts	(Uni	favorable)	Approp	oriations	App	ropriations		Total	Dis	bursements	at 12/	31/02	Total		(Unfavorable)
Governmental:																				
General	\$	98,956	\$ 146,904	\$ 245,860	\$ 150,797	\$	3,893	\$	-	\$	206,400	\$	206,400	\$	158,141	\$	-	\$ 158,14	1	\$ 48,259
Special Revenue		128,882	288,180	417,062	304,053		15,873		-		356,400		356,400		277,771			277,77	1	78,629
Total (Memorandum Only)	\$	227,838	\$ 435,084	\$ 662,922	\$ 454,850	\$	19,766	\$		\$	562,800	\$	562,800	\$	435,912	\$		\$ 435,91	2	\$ 126,888

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

Milton Township ("the Township") is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio.

The Township operates under a trustee form of government and provides the following services: emergency medical, fire protection, street maintenance and repair, as well as other services.

Management believes the financial statements included in this report represent all of the funds of the Township over which the Township officials are financially accountable.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The most significant of the Township's accounting policies are described below.

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION - FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the Township are maintained on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. The following fund types are used by the Township.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

General Fund

The general fund is used to account for all activities of the Township not required to be included 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 are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditure for specific purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The Township had the following significant special revenue funds:

Fire District Fund - This fund receives property tax revenue money which is used to provide fire fighting assistance to the Township.

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives property tax revenue money which is used to provide street maintenance.

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. <u>BUDGETARY PROCESS</u>

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriation resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified. All funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The primary level of budgetary control is at the item level within each fund. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Township's Trustees.

Tax Budget:

A budget of estimated cash receipts and disbursements is submitted to the County Auditor, as secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20 of each year, for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year. All funds are legally required to be budgeted. The expressed purpose of the tax budget is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Estimated Resources:

The County Budget Commission determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy the full amount of authorized property tax rates and reviews receipt estimates. The County Budget Commission certifies its actions to the Township by September 1. As part of this certification, the Township receives the official certificate of estimated resources, which states the projected receipts of each fund. On or about January 1, the certificate is amended to include unencumbered fund balances at December 31 of the preceding year. Further amendments may be made during the year if the Township determines that receipts collected will be greater than or less than the prior estimates, and the Budget Commission find the revised estimates to be reasonable. Prior to December 31, the Township must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from a fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure.

Appropriations:

A temporary appropriation measure to control cash disbursements may be passed on or about January 1 of each year for the period January to March 31. An annual appropriation measure must be passed by April 1 of each year for the period January 1 to December 31. The appropriations measure may be amended or supplemented during the year as new information becomes available. Appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Township legally adopted several supplemental appropriations during 2003 and 2002.

Encumbrances:

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve the portion of the applicable appropriation.

At the close of each year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated. The Township had outstanding encumbrances at December 31, 2003 and no outstanding encumbrances at December 31, 2002.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

D. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For reporting purposes, the Township considers "Cash and Cash Equivalents" to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and all investments held by the Township with a maturity date less than or equal to three months from the date of purchase. Interest earned on investments held by the treasurer is credited to the General Fund and allocated amongst funds as required by Ohio law. Interest income earned and received by the Township totaled \$3,382 and \$5,342, for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

E. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Fixed assets are not capitalized in any of the Township's funds. Instead, capital acquisition and construction costs are reflected as expenditures in the fund in the year expended. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs are also expended, along with improvements. Depreciation is not recorded.

F. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

Intergovernmental revenues, such as entitlements are recorded when received in accordance with the Township's cash basis method of accounting.

G. UNPAID VACATION AND SICK LEAVE

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the basis of accounting used by the Township.

H. TOTAL COLUMNS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Total columns on the financial statements are captioned "Total (Memorandum Only)" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Interfund-type eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

NOTE 3 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Township maintains a cash and investment 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
Deposits	\$ 107,284	\$ 25,381
Investments in STAR Ohio	215,631	253,197
Total deposits and investments	\$ 322,915	\$ 278,578

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

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

NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the Township. 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 annually. However, if the property owner elects, they may make semiannual payments.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. This plan provides retirement benefits, including post-retirement 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, members of OPERS contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. As of December 31, 2003, the Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2003 and 2002.

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT

In 2003 and 2002, the Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Vehicles
- Errors and omissions
- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability

NOTE 7 - CONTINGENT LIABILITY

LITIGATION

The Township is not currently involved in litigation.

NOTE 8 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

The Township Road Supervisor is owner of a company from which the Township contracted with during December 31, 2003 and 2002. The Township paid the company \$5,060 in 2003 and \$200 in 2002.

NOTE 9 - SUBSEQENT EVENT

Sandy Gassel was elected the new clerk of the Township effective April 1, 2004.

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Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

Township Trustees Milton Township P. O. Box 205 Sterling, Ohio 44276

We have audited the financial statements of Milton Township, Wayne County (the "Township") as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated March 8, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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 the management of the Township in a separate letter dated March 8, 2004.

Township Trustees Milton Township

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 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 other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to the management of the Township in a separate letter dated March 8, 2004.

This report is intended for the information of the Trustees and management of Milton Township, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc. March 8, 2004



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WAYNE 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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED APRIL 20, 2004