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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Pleasant Township Fairfield County 1170 Hillbrook Drive Lancaster, Ohio 43130

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Pleasant Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003, and December 31, 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 mandates the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments.

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 Pleasant Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2002, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 1, 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, 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 Montgomery Auditor of State

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September 1, 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	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$44,363	\$625,211	\$195,342	\$864,916
Intergovernmental	96,466	167,887	23,985	288,338
Charges for Services	0	12,000	0	12,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	16,574	9,309	0	25,883
Earnings on Investments	19,673	953	3,319	23,945
Other Revenue	3,520	3,599	0	7,119
Total Cash Receipts	180,596	818,959	222,646	1,222,201
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	91,135	12,536	0	103,671
Public Safety	0	389,113	19,221	408,334
Public Works	26,092	283,313	0	309,405
Health	27,787	0	0	27,787
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal	0	0	212,268	212,268
Interest and Fiscal Charges	3,795	0	18,000	21,795
Capital Outlay	36,631	84,596	599,237	720,464
Total Cash Disbursements	185,440	769,558	848,726	1,803,724
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(4,844)	49,401	(626,080)	(581,523)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):				
Transfers-In	0	18,500	53,435	71,935
Transfers-Out	(51,935)	(20,000)	0	(71,935)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(51,935)	(1,500)	53,435	0
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements				
and Other Financing Disbursements	(56,779)	47,901	(572,645)	(581,523)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	217,633	561,044	726,038	1,504,715
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$160,854	\$608,945	\$153,393	\$923,192
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$2,300	\$3,073	\$0	\$5,373

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	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$43,389	\$607,732	\$190,075	\$841,196
Intergovernmental	211,996	183,413	237,612	633,021
Charges for Services	. 0	2,500	0	2,500
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	13,948	10,524	0	24,472
Earnings on Investments	26,033	1,730	18,913	46,676
Other Revenue	2,801	11,454	0	14,255
Total Cash Receipts	298,167	817,353	446,600	1,562,120
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	94,003	11,558	0	105,561
Public Safety	0	382,578	26,546	409,124
Public Works	0	310,596	0	310,596
Health	29,757	0	0	29,757
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal	0	0	11,696	11,696
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	0	19,279	19,279
Capital Outlay	514	50,231	1,250,815	1,301,560
Total Cash Disbursements	124,274	754,963	1,308,336	2,187,573
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	173,893	62,390	(861,736)	(625,453)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):				
Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt:				
Sale of Bonds	0	0	625,000	625,000
Transfers-In	0	1,000	296,910	297,910
Transfers-Out	(277,910)	(20,000)	0	(297,910)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(277,910)	(19,000)	921,910	625,000
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing				
Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(104,017)	43,390	60,174	(453)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	321,650	517,654	665,864	1,505,168
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$217,633	\$561,044	\$726,038	\$1,504,715
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$58	\$524	\$0	\$582

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

Pleasant Township, Fairfield 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, fire protection and emergency medical services.

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.

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost. Money market mutual funds (including STAR Ohio) are recorded at share values reported by the mutual fund.

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:

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.

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:

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

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

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

Fire Operation Fund - This fund receives property tax money and intergovernmental revenues for fire protection services for the Township.

Capital Projects Funds

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant Capital Projects Funds:

Issue II Fund - The Township received a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission to repair Marietta Road.

Fire Station Construction Fund - This fund received debt proceeds for the construction of a fire house.

E. Budgetary Process

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

Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the legal level of control. For the Township, the legal level of control was fund, function, and object in 2002 and fund in 2003. In addition, 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.

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.

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.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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.

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	\$547,847	\$43,345
Certificates of deposit	0_	809,639
Total deposits	547,847	852,984
STAR Ohio	375,345	651,731
Total investments	375,345	651,731
Total deposits and investments	\$923,192	\$1,504,715

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, 2003 and December 31, 2002 follows:

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$172,618	\$180,596	\$7,978
Special Revenue	767,425	837,459	70,034
Capital Projects	264,250	276,081	11,831
Total	\$1,204,293	\$1,294,136	\$89,843

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

3. **BUDGETARY ACTIVITY** (Continued)

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Appropriation	Budgetary	
Authority	Expenditures	Variance
\$268,903	\$239,675	\$29,228
887,347	792,631	94,716
849,450	848,726	724
\$2,005,700	\$1,881,032	\$124,668
	Authority \$268,903 887,347 849,450	Authority Expenditures \$268,903 \$239,675 887,347 792,631 849,450 848,726

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$168,443	\$298,167	\$129,724
Special Revenue	736,885	818,353	81,468
Capital Projects	1,345,049	1,368,510	23,461
Total	\$2,250,377	\$2,485,030	\$234,653

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Appropriation	Budgetary	_
Authority	Expenditures	Variance
\$430,070	\$402,242	\$27,828
851,814	775,487	76,327
1,864,463	1,308,336	556,127
\$3,146,347	\$2,486,065	\$660,282
	Authority \$430,070 851,814 1,864,463	Authority Expenditures \$430,070 \$402,242 851,814 775,487 1,864,463 1,308,336

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the 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 payments, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

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 DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2003 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
General Obligation Bonds	\$424,428	4%

The general obligation bonds were issued to finance the construction of the fire station. The bonds are collateralized solely by the Township's taxing authority.

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

	General
	Obligation
	Bonds
Year ending December 31:	
2004	\$222,367
2005	222,367
Total	\$444,734

In addition to the debt described above, the Township entered into a lease with the Ford Motor Credit Company for the purchase of fire apparatus. Debt outstanding on the lease at December 31, 2003 was \$10.721.

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's officials and full-time employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS 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 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. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2003.

The Township's part-time firefighters belong to the Social Security Administration and pay FICA taxes. FICA contribution rates are approved by the United States Congress. Members of FICA contributed 6.2% of their wages to FICA. The Township also contributed an amount equal to 6.2% of their wages.

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

Commercial Insurance

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

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

Risk Pool Membership

In 2003, the Township joined 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, 2003:

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

7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Casualty Coverage	<u>2003</u>
Assets	\$27,792,223
Liabilities	(11,791,300)
Retained earnings	<u>\$16,000,923</u>

<u>Property Coverage</u> <u>2003</u>

 Assets
 \$6,791,060

 Liabilities
 (750,956)

 Retained earnings
 \$6,040,104

8. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION

Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission: The Township appoints a representative to the 48 member board of the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission. The Township pays a membership fee annually. The fee is based on the per capita of the Township's population. There is no ongoing financial interest of responsibility by the Township.

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

Pleasant Township Fairfield County 1170 Hillbrook Drive Lancaster, Ohio 43130

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Pleasant Township, Fairfield County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated September 1, 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 performed tests of 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 no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated September 1, 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 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.

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However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated September 1, 2004.

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

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

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September 1, 2004



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FAIRFIELD 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 OCTOBER 5, 2004