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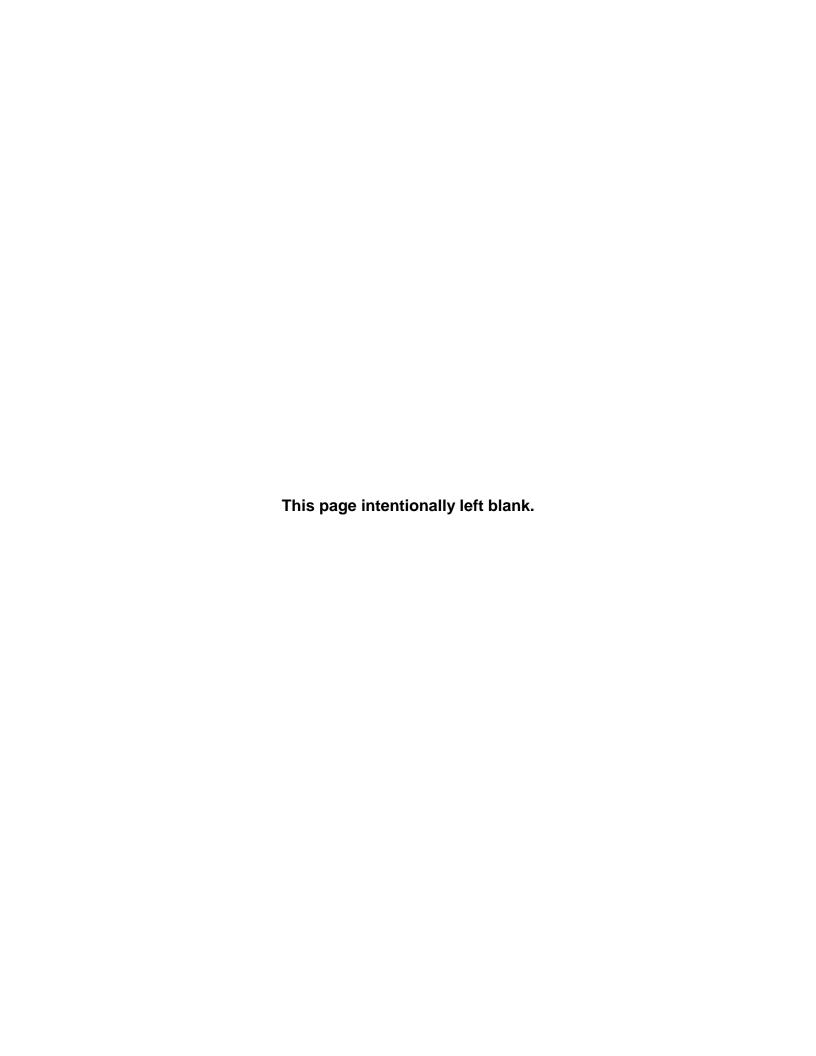
**REGULAR AUDIT** 

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000-1999



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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Greenfield Township Huron County 442 Peru Center Road Monroeville. Ohio 44847-9557

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Greenfield Township, Huron County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999. 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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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 audits 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 audits provide 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 of the Township as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, 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 15, 2001, 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 audits.

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 § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

June 15, 2001

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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, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$33,297	\$54,018		\$87,315
Intergovernmental	37,533	69,439	\$439,847	546,819
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	12,864	22,122	<b>+</b> 100,011	12,864
Earnings on Investments	5,798	2,774		8,572
Other Revenue		297		297
Total Cash Receipts	89,492	126,528	439,847	655,867
Cash Disbursements: Current:				
General Government	42,621			42,621
Public Safety	10,390	29,628		40,018
Public Works	13,395	69,838	439,847	523,080
Health	4,829	09,636 25	439,047	4,854
Capital Outlay	12,500	21,434		33,934
Total Cash Disbursements	83,735	120,925	439,847	644,507
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	5,757	5,603		11,360
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Other Financing Receipts:				201
Other Sources	64	300		364
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing				
Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	5,821	5,903		11,724
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	68,428	64,544		132,972
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$74,249	\$70,447		\$144,696

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, 1999

	Governmental		
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Local Taxes	\$32,266	\$52,412	\$84,678
Intergovernmental	71,104	69,551	140,655
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	7,306	,	7,306
Earnings on Investments	1,761	1,140	2,901
Other Revenue		1,477	1,477
Total Cash Receipts	112,437	124,580	237,017
Cash Disbursements: Current:			
General Government	33,852		33,852
Public Safety	9,056	29,972	39,028
Public Works	2,747	54,701	57,448
Health	3,074	25	3,099
Capital Outlay	6,402	5,864	12,266
Total Cash Disbursements	55,131	90,562	145,693
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	57,306	34,018	91,324
Other Financing Receipts:	7		-
Other Sources	7		7
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing			
Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	57,313	34,018	91,331
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	11,115	30,526	41,641
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$68,428	\$64,544	\$132,972

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

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Description of the Entity

Greenfield Township, Huron 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 general governmental services, including road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the City of Willard and Fairfield Township to provide fire protection services. The Township also contracts with the City of Willard to provide 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

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

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.

#### 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.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999 (Continued)

#### 2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than 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.

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

Fire / EMT Special Levy Fund - This fund receives tax levy monies used to pay for fire and ambulance services.

#### 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 during 2000:

Issue II Fund - The Township received two grants from the State of Ohio for road 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 Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year end.

#### 2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus 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 canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2000 and 1999 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999 (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.

#### 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:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Demand deposits	\$144,696	\$72,972
Certificates of deposit		60,000
Total deposits	\$144,696	\$132,972

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

#### 3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2000 and 1999 follows:

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual			
	Receipts	Receipts	Variance		
	\$72,349	\$89,556	\$17,207		
	129,307	126,828	(2,479)		
	440,392	439,847	(545)		
Total	\$642,048	\$656,231	\$14,183		
	Total	Receipts \$72,349 129,307 440,392	Receipts         Receipts           \$72,349         \$89,556           129,307         126,828           440,392         439,847		

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type		Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General Special Revenue Capital Projects		\$140,777 193,851	\$83,735 120,925 439,847	\$57,042 72,926 (439,847)
	Total	\$334,628	\$644,507	(\$309,879)

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999 (Continued)

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type		Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General Special Revenue	_	\$68,109 118,353	\$112,444 124,580	\$44,335 6,227
	Total	\$186,462	\$237,024	\$50,562

1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type		Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General Special Revenue		\$79,224 148,879	\$55,131 90,562	\$24,093 58,317
	Total	\$228,103	\$145,693	\$82,410

Expenditures in excess of appropriations in fiscal year 2000 were due to the recording of on-behalf payments associated with two Issue II road projects within the Township during the year. These payments are made by the State of Ohio directly to the vendors completing the project and were not included in the Township's appropriations.

#### 4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding 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 payments, 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. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's employees 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.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999 (Continued)

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2000 and 1999, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% and 10.84% of participants' gross salaries for 1999 and 2000, respectively. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2000.

#### 6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Public officials' liability.

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

Greenfield Township Huron County 442 Peru Center Road Monroeville, Ohio 44847-9557

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Greenfield Township, Huron County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated June 15, 2001. We conducted our audits 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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits 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 June 15, 2001.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audits, 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 other 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 June 15, 2001.

Greenfield Township Huron County Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

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

Jim Petro Auditor of State

June 15, 2001



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#### **GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP**

#### **HURON 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 JULY 5, 2001