

**KIRKWOOD TOWNSHIP  
BELMONT COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 - 2019**

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of Kirkwood Township, Belmont County, prepared by Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. 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. Kirkwood Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

November 05, 2021

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FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 - 2019**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Kirkwood Township  
Belmont County  
65733 Mount Olivett Road  
Barnesville, Ohio 43713

To the Township Trustees:

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type and fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 and for each governmental fund type and fiduciary fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and related notes of Kirkwood Township, Belmont County, Ohio.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Township's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinion.

**Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the Township prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Township does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis permitted is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

#### **Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Kirkwood Township, Belmont County as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, or changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

#### **Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type and fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, and related notes of Kirkwood Township, Belmont County, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 2.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 13 to the 2020 financial statements and Note 10 to the 2019 financial statements, during 2020, the impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

#### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated September 24, 2021, on our consideration of Kirkwood Township's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

***Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc.***  
Zanesville, Ohio  
September 24, 2021



**KIRKWOOD TOWNSHIP  
BELMONT COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 14,858	\$ 27,887	\$ 42,745
Intergovernmental	58,253	244,824	303,077
Earnings on Investments	58	-	58
Miscellaneous	355	5,960	6,315
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<u>73,524</u>	<u>278,671</u>	<u>352,195</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
Current:			
General Government	53,592	-	53,592
Public Safety	-	64,875	64,875
Public Works	6,461	125,798	132,259
Health	2,132	11,705	13,837
Capital Outlay	2,516	6,766	9,282
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<u>64,701</u>	<u>209,144</u>	<u>273,845</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>			
Bond Proceeds	-	112,500	112,500
Sale of Capital Assets	2,925	-	2,925
Other Financing Uses	-	(575)	(575)
<b>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>	<u>2,925</u>	<u>111,925</u>	<u>114,850</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Cash Balance</b>	11,748	181,452	78,350
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</b>	<u>65,933</u>	<u>115,746</u>	<u>181,679</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u><u>\$ 77,681</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 297,198</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 374,879</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

**KIRKWOOD TOWNSHIP  
BELMONT COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF ADDITIONS, DEDUCTIONS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<b>Fiduciary Funds</b>	
	<b>Private Purpose Trust</b>	<b>Custodial Funds</b>
<b>Additions:</b>		
Property and Other Local Taxes Collected for Distribution	\$ -	\$ 14,796
Intergovernmental	-	9,993
<b>Total Operating Cash Receipts</b>	-	24,789
<b>Deductions:</b>		
Other Distributions	-	14,796
<b>Total Operating Cash Disbursements</b>	-	14,796
<b>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</b>	-	9,993
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</b>	2,659	(9,916)
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	\$ 2,659	\$ 77

See notes to financial statements.

**KIRKWOOD TOWNSHIP  
BELMONT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**1. REPORTING ENTITY**

**Description of the Entity**

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Kirkwood Township, Belmont County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publically-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides general government services, road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, and fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Fairview and Community Volunteer Fire Department, the Moorefield Township Volunteer Fire Department, and the Village of Barnesville to provide fire protection and emergency medical services.

The Township participates in the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) public entity risk pool. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity.

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

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The Township's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types and a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all proprietary and fiduciary fund types which are organized on a fund type basis.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The Township uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Township are presented below:

**General Fund**

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported 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 account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

**Gasoline Tax Fund** – This fund receives gasoline tax monies to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

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

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds and custodial funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments which are not available to support the Township's own programs.

The Township's private purpose trust fund is for the benefit of certain individuals' grave sites located within the Mount Hope Cemetery and the Sewellsville Cemetery.

Custodial funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to report fiduciary activity that is not required to be reported in a trust fund. The Township's custodial fund accounts for the Village of Barnesville EMS pass-through.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code 117-2-03(D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements 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 the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code 117-2-03(D) permit.

**D. 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 fund, function and object level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. 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 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 2020 appears in Note 3.

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BELMONT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**E. Deposits and Investments**

The Township's accounting basis includes investment as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

**F. Capital Assets**

The Township records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

**G. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

**H. Fund Balance**

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Township must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

**Nonspendable**

The Township classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

**Restricted**

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

**Committed**

Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Township must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

**Assigned**

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by Township Trustees or a Township official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Unassigned**

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Township applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced, first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2020 is as follows:

2020 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 54,611	\$ 76,449	\$ 21,838
Special Revenue	134,878	391,171	256,293
Total	\$ 189,489	\$ 467,620	\$ 278,131

2020 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 115,985	\$ 65,786	\$ 50,199
Special Revenue	468,021	213,291	111,829
Total	\$ 584,006	\$ 279,077	\$ 169,511

Contrary to ORC 5705.39, the Township had funds where appropriations exceeded estimated resources. Contrary to ORC 5705.41(D), the Township made expenditures prior to certification.

**4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

To improve cash management, cash received by the Township is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. A summary of the Township's deposits and investment accounts are as follows:

<b><i>Cash Management Pool</i></b>	2020
Demand deposits	\$ 376,115
Certificates of deposits	1,500
Total Carrying Amount of Deposits and Investments held in Pool	\$ 377,615

**KIRKWOOD TOWNSHIP  
BELMONT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

The Township does not use a separate payroll clearing account. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statements reflect net payroll plus all remitted payroll withholdings. At December 31, 2020, the Township is holding \$0 in unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

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

**5. PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Township Trustees. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as intergovernmental receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, 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.

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

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township is a member of the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (The Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Township's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31:

	<u>2020</u>
Cash and investments	\$36,348,066
Actuarial liabilities	10,894,146

**KIRKWOOD TOWNSHIP  
BELMONT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

*Ohio Public Employees Retirement System*

The Township's full-time employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) of Ohio. OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes the plan benefits, which include postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2020, OPERS members contributed 10.0% of their gross wages and the Township contributed an amount equal to 14.0% of participant's gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2020.

**8. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. OPERS contributes 2 percent of the employer contribution to fund these benefits. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2020. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2020.

**9. PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL**

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 exceeding the member's deductible.

**10. DEBT**

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2020 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest rate</u>
USDA Equipment Bonds	\$ 112,500	2.25%
Total	<u>\$ 112,500</u>	

In 2020, the Township issued general obligation bonds to finance the purchase of a John Deere backhoe and Dump Truck through the United States Department of Agriculture. It will be repaid annually with 2.25% interest and will be paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund.



**KIRKWOOD TOWNSHIP  
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**10. DEBT (Continued)**

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

Year Ended December 31	Equipment Bonds
2021	\$ 12,534
2022	12,602
2023	12,770
2024	12,629
2025	12,686
2026-2030	63,466
Total	<u>\$ 126,687</u>

**11. FUND BALANCES**

Included in fund balance are amounts the Township cannot spend, including the balance of unclaimed monies, which cannot be spent for five years and the expendable corpus of the permanent funds. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilities effective cash planning and control. At year end, the balances of those amounts were as follows:

Fund Balances	General	Special Revenue	Total
Nonspendable:			
Corpus	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Outstanding Encumbrances	1,085	3,572	4,657
Total	<u>\$ 1,085</u>	<u>\$ 3,572</u>	<u>\$ 4,657</u>

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of debt service funds and capital projects funds are restricted, committed, or assigned. The fund balance of permanent funds that is not part of the nonspendable corpus is either restricted or committed. These restricted, committed and assigned amounts in the special revenue, debt service, capital projects and permanent funds would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

**12. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE**

For 2020, the Township has made changes to their cash basis reporting model. These changes include modification to the definition of fiduciary funds, adding a separate combined statement of additions, deductions, and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) – all fiduciary fund types and removing the fund balance classifications from the combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balance (regulatory cash basis) – all governmental fund types.

There was no effect to beginning cash balances due to this change.

**KIRKWOOD TOWNSHIP  
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**13. COVID-19**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township. The impact on the Township's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

During 2020, the Township did not receive CARES Act monies.

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
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ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 17,391	\$ 31,317	\$ 48,708
Licenses Permits and Fees	-	7,798	7,798
Intergovernmental	47,779	119,015	166,794
Earnings on Investments	103	9	112
Miscellaneous	1,413	50	1,463
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<u>66,686</u>	<u>158,189</u>	<u>224,875</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
Current:			
General Government	66,739	-	66,739
Public Safety	-	3,921	3,921
Public Works	5,737	134,327	140,064
Health	3,417	18,848	22,265
Capital Outlay	-	19,500	19,500
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<u>75,893</u>	<u>176,596</u>	<u>252,489</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Cash Balance</b>	(9,207)	(18,407)	(27,614)
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</b>	<u>75,140</u>	<u>134,153</u>	<u>209,293</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Restricted	-	102,215	102,215
Committed	-	13,531	13,531
Assigned	3,734	-	3,734
Unassigned (Deficit)	62,199	-	62,199
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u>\$ 65,933</u>	<u>\$ 115,746</u>	<u>\$ 181,679</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	<b>Fiduciary Funds</b>	
	<b>Private Purpose Trust</b>	<b>Custodial Funds</b>
<b>Operating Cash Disbursements:</b>		
Other	\$ -	\$ 9,993
<b>Total Operating Cash Disbursements</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,993</u>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	-	9,993
<b>Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)</b>		
Property and Other Local Taxes	-	77
<b>Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>77</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</b>	-	(9,916)
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</b>	<u>2,659</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u>\$ 2,659</u>	<u>\$ (9,916)</u>

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The Township's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types and a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all proprietary and fiduciary fund types which are organized on a fund type basis.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The Township uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Township are presented below:

**General Fund**

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported 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 account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

**Gasoline Tax Fund** – This fund receives gasoline tax monies to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

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

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds and custodial funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments which are not available to support the Township's own programs.

The Township's private purpose trust fund is for the benefit of certain individuals' grave sites located within the Mount Hope Cemetery and the Sewellsville Cemetery.

Custodial funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to report fiduciary activity that is not required to be reported in a trust fund. The Township's custodial fund accounts for the Village of Barnesville EMS pass-through.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code 117-2-03(D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements 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 the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code 117-2-03(D) permit.

**D. 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 fund, function and object level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. 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 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 2019 appears in Note 3.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**E. Deposits and Investments**

The Township's accounting basis includes investment as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

**F. Capital Assets**

The Township records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

**G. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

**H. Fund Balance**

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Township must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

**Nonspendable**

The Township classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

**Restricted**

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

**Committed**

Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Township must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

**Assigned**

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by Township Trustees or a Township official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Unassigned**

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Township applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced, first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2019 is as follows:

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 58,394	\$ 66,686	\$ 8,292
Special Revenue	164,857	158,189	(6,668)
Total	\$ 223,251	\$ 224,875	\$ 1,624

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 135,955	\$ 79,627	\$ 56,328
Special Revenue	296,381	184,552	111,829
Fiduciary	1,354	-	1,354
Total	\$ 433,690	\$ 264,179	\$ 169,511

Contrary to ORC 5705.39, the Township had funds where appropriations exceeded estimated resources. Contrary to ORC 5705.41(D), the Township made expenditures prior to certification.

**4. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH**

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

	2019
Demand Deposits	\$ 172,922
Certificates of Deposit	1,500
Total Deposits	\$ 174,422

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



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**5. PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Township Trustees. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as intergovernmental receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, 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.

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

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township is a member of the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (The Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Township's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31:

	2019
Cash and investments	<u>\$35,207,320</u>
Actuarial liabilities	10,519,942

**7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

*Ohio Public Employees Retirement System*

The Township's full-time employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) of Ohio. OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes the plan benefits, which include postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2019, OPERS members contributed 10.0% of their gross wages and the Township contributed an amount equal to 14.0% of participant's gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2019.

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**8. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. OPERS contributes 2 percent of the employer contribution to fund these benefits. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2019. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2019.

**9. PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL**

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 exceeding the member's deductible.

**10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The United State and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township. The impact on the Township's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

**WILSON, PHILLIPS & AGIN, CPA'S, INC.  
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS.**

Kirkwood Township  
Belmont County  
65733 Mount Olivett Road  
Barnesville, Ohio 43713

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards general accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental and the fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 and for each governmental and fiduciary fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019 and related notes of Kirkwood Township, Belmont County and have issued our report thereon dated September 24, 2021, wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered Kirkwood Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weakness or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings that we consider to be material weaknesses. We consider finding 2020-001, 2020-002 and 2020-005 to be material weaknesses.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of reasonably assuring whether Kirkwood Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the financial statements. However, opining on compliance was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed three instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2020-003, 2020-004 and 2020-005.

***Purpose of this Report***

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

***Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc.***  
Zanesville, Ohio  
September 24, 2021

**KIRKWOOD TOWNSHIP  
BELMONT COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

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

**FINDING NUMBER 2020-001**

**Material Weakness – Financial Reporting**

As a result of audit procedures, errors were noted that required reclassification and adjustment to the financial statement as follows:

The following is related to 2020:

- Other Financing Sources of \$2,925 were reclassified to Sale of Capital Assets for sale of equipment in the General Fund.
- Intergovernmental Receipts in the amount of \$112,500 were reclassified to Bond Proceeds within the Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund-USDA.

The following is related to 2019;

- Property and Other Local Taxes Receipts of \$2,173 were reclassified to Intergovernmental Receipts for Rollbacks in the General Fund.

All adjustments have been made to the accounting records and financial statements.

Sound financial reporting is the responsibility of the Township and is essential to help ensure the information provided to the readers of financial statements is complete and accurate. To help ensure the Township's financial statements and notes to the financial statements are complete and accurate, the Township should adopt policies and procedures to identify and correct errors and omissions. In addition, the Township should review the financial statements and notes prior to submission for audit.

Client Response: We have not received a response from the client.

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**FINDING NUMBER 2020-002**

**Material Weakness – Financial Reporting**

All local public offices shall maintain an accounting system and accounting records sufficient to enable the public office to identify, assemble, analyze, classify, record and report its transactions, maintain accountability for the related assets, document compliance with finance-related legal and contractual requirements and prepare financial statements.

The Ohio Township Handbook provides suggested fund balance classifications and clarifies the existing governmental fund type definitions. The fund balance classifications relate to constraints placed upon the use of resources reported in governmental funds. The five classifications are non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

The Township did not properly reflect its December 31, 2019 cash balances in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 54 – *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2010.

Financial statement errors identified for the year ended December 31, 2019 were as follows:

- Restricted Fund Balance was overstated and the Committed Fund Balance understated by \$13,531 for the Road and Bridge Fund.
- Unassigned Fund Balance was overstated and the Assigned Fund Balance understated by \$3,724 for the General Fund.

All adjustments have been made to the accounting records and financial statements.

The Township should develop internal control internal control procedures to ensure the financial statements of the Township accurately reflect the fund cash balance in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54 reporting requirements. The Township Fiscal Officer may refer to Auditor of State Bulletin 2011-004 for additional guidance.

Client Response: We have not received a response from the client.

**KIRKWOOD TOWNSHIP  
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**FINDING NUMBER 2020-003**

**Noncompliance**

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41 (D) (1) prohibits a subdivision or taxing authority from making any contract or ordering any expenditure of money unless a certificate signed by the fiscal officer is attached thereto. The fiscal officer must certify that the amount required to meet any such contract or expenditure has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury, or is in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrance.

There are several exceptions to the standard requirement stated above that a fiscal officer's certificate must be obtained prior to a subdivision or taxing authority entering into a contract or order involving the expenditure of money. The main exceptions are: "then and now" certificates, blanket certificates, and super blanket certificates, which are provided for in §§ 5705.41 (D) (1) and 5705.41 (D) (3), respectively, of the Ohio Revised Code.

1. "Then and Now" Certificate – If the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the fiscal officer is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the Township can authorize the drawing of a warrant for the payment of the amount due. The Township has thirty days from receipt of the "then and now" certificate to approve payment by ordinance or resolution.
2. Amounts of less than \$3,000 may be paid by the fiscal officer without a resolution or ordinance upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by the Township.
3. Blanket Certificate – Fiscal officers may prepare "blanket" certificates for a certain sum of money not in excess of an amount established by resolution or ordinance adopted by a majority of the members of the legislative authority against any specific line item account over a period not running beyond the current fiscal year. The blanket certificates may, but need not, be limited to a specific vendor. Only one blanket certificate may be outstanding at one particular time for any one particular line item appropriation.
4. Super Blanket Certificate – The Township may also make expenditures and contracts for any amount from a specific line item appropriation account in a specified fund upon certification of the fiscal officer for most professional services, fuel, oil, food items, and any other specific recurring and reasonably predictable operating expense. This certification is not to exceed beyond the current year. More than one super blanket certificate may be outstanding at a particular time for any line item appropriation.

The Fiscal Officer did not certify the availability of funds prior to purchase commitments for 62% of the expenditures tested in 2020 and 2019, and there was no evidence the Township followed the aforementioned exceptions.

Unless the exceptions noted above are used, prior certification is not only required by statute but is a key control in the disbursement process to assure that purchase commitments receive prior approval. To improve controls over disbursements and to help reduce the possibility of the Township's funds exceeding budgetary spending limitations, we recommend the Fiscal Officer certify that the funds are or will be available prior to an obligation being incurred by the Township. When prior certification is not possible, "then and now" certification should be used.

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**FINDING NUMBER 2020-003 (Continued)**

We recommend the Fiscal Officer certify purchases to which § 5705.41 (D) applies. The Fiscal Officer should sign the certification at the time the Township incurs a commitment, and only when the requirements of Ohio Revised Code § 5705.41 (D) are satisfied. The Fiscal Officer should post approved purchase commitments to the proper appropriation code, to reduce the available appropriation.

Client Response: We have not received a response from the client.

**FINDING NUMBER 2020-004**

**Noncompliance – Appropriations Exceeding Estimated Resources**

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39 provides that total appropriations from each fund shall not exceed the total of the estimated revenues available for expenditure as certified by the budget commission. In addition, no appropriation measure is to become effective until the County Auditor files a certificate that the total appropriations from each fund do not exceed the total estimate or amended official estimate.

Fund	Year	Estimated Resources	Appropriations	Variance
Misc. Special Revenue	2020	\$ -	\$ 39,486	\$ (39,486)
Misc. SR USDA	2020	-	212,500	(212,500)
MVL Tax	2019	18,095	23,643	(5,548)
Gasoline Tax	2019	133,844	138,324	(4,480)
Fire District	2019	33,299	35,272	(1,973)
Private Purpose Trust	2019	1,152	1,354	(202)

We recommend the Board of Trustees review estimated resources versus appropriations throughout the year. Also, the Board of Trustees should not approve appropriations greater than estimated resources. This could result in the Township spending more money than it receives and could cause possible negative fund balances.

Client Response: We have not received a response from the client.



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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
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**FINDING NUMBER 2020-005**

**Material Weakness/ Noncompliance**

Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 requires townships to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. For financial information to be considered complete, financial statements must include footnotes. We noted the footnotes did not include certain information and there were some noted variances, as described below:

For December 31, 2020 were as follows:

- The Township did not include the Budgetary Footnote
- The Township did not include the Deposits and Investment Footnote
- The Risk Management Footnote was updated.
- The Township did not include the Defined Benefit Plan Footnote.
- The Township did not include the Postemployment Benefits Footnote
- The Township did not include the Public Entity Risk Pool Footnote.
- The Township did not include the Debt Footnote.
- The Township did not include the Fund Balance Footnote.
- The Township did not include the Change in Accounting Principle Footnote.
- The Township did not include the COVID-19 Footnote.
- The Hinkle filing for 2020 was completed on 8/30/21 which is after the allotted time frame.

For December 31, 2019 were as follows:

- The Township did not include the Budgetary Footnote
- The Township did not include the Deposits and Investment Footnote
- The Risk Management Footnote was updated.
- The Township did not include the Defined Benefit Plan Footnote.
- The Township did not include the Postemployment Benefits Footnote
- The Township did not include the Public Entity Risk Pool Footnote.
- The Township did not include the Subsequent Event Footnote.
- The Hinkle filing for 2019 was completed on 9/16/21 which is after the allotted time frame.

We recommend the Township complete accurate and complete financial information.

Client Response: We have not received a response from the client.

**KIRKWOOD TOWNSHIP  
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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <b>Explain:</b>
2018-001	Material Weakness Financial Reporting	No	Not Corrected: Cited in current report as finding 2020-001
2018-002	Material Weakness Financial Reporting	No	Not Corrected: Cited in current report as finding 2020-002
2018-003	Noncompliance ORC 5705.41(D)	No	Not Corrected: Cited in current report as finding 2020-003
2018-004	Noncompliance ORC 117.38	No	Not Corrected: Cited in current report as finding 2020-005

# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**KIRKWOOD TOWNSHIP**

**BELMONT COUNTY**

## **AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

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



**Certified for Release 11/18/2021**

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