



**WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2021 & 2020**

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, prepared by Canter & Associates, for the audit period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. 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. Weathersfield Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

October 04, 2023

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**WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Weathersfield Township
Trumbull County
1451 Prospect Street
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To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio (the Township), which comprises the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type combined total as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type combined total as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

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* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township, as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, or the changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Township, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by Township on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 12 to the financial statements, the financial 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Township's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Township's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 14, 2023, 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 grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's 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.



Canter & Associates

Poland, Ohio

July 14, 2023

Weathersfield Township

Trumbull County, Ohio

Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and

Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)

All Governmental Fund Types

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	
Cash Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 325,684	\$ 1,301,299	\$ -	\$ 1,626,983
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	70,770	195,953	-	266,723
Fines and Forfeitures	195,335	549,994	-	745,329
Intergovernmental	54,835	890,232	121,848	1,066,915
Special Assessments	-	46,798	-	46,798
Earnings on Investments	1,129	187	-	1,316
Miscellaneous	41,358	70,231	-	111,589
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>689,111</u>	<u>3,054,694</u>	<u>121,848</u>	<u>3,865,653</u>
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government	508,089	35,751	-	543,840
Public Safety	-	2,291,820	-	2,291,820
Public Works	5,655	364,519	135,505	505,679
Health	43,233	83,586	-	126,819
Conservation-Recreation	10,886	-	-	10,886
Capital Outlay	1,820	212,483	-	214,303
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	-	3,049	-	3,049
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>569,683</u>	<u>2,991,208</u>	<u>135,505</u>	<u>3,696,396</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>119,428</u>	<u>63,486</u>	<u>(13,657)</u>	<u>169,257</u>
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)				
Transfers In	-	154,158	151,119	305,277
Transfers Out	(305,277)	-	-	(305,277)
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(185,849)</u>	<u>217,644</u>	<u>137,462</u>	<u>169,257</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>577,289</u>	<u>1,127,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,704,959</u>
<i>Total Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 391,440</u>	<u>\$ 1,345,314</u>	<u>\$ 137,462</u>	<u>\$ 1,874,216</u>

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

Weathersfield Township

Trumbull County, Ohio

Statement of Additions, Deductions, and
Changes in Fund Balance (Regulatory Cash Basis)

Fiduciary Fund Type

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>Custodial</u>
Additions	
Deposits Received	\$ 24,049
Deductions	
Distributions of Deposits	<u>24,049</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	-
<i>Fund Cash Balance, January 1</i>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balance, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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

Weathersfield Township
Trumbull County

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services.

Public Entity Risk Pool

The Township participates in a public entity risk pool. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity, which is:

Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) – The risk sharing pool, available to Ohio Townships provides property and casualty insurance for its members. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements, and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members’ deductibles.

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

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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 additions, deductions and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all fiduciary fund types which are all organized on a fund type basis.

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:

Police District Fund The Police Fund accounts for and reports all revenues and expenditures of the Police Fund. The main source of revenue is derived from property tax levies.

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Fire District Fund The Fire Fund accounts for and reports all revenues and expenditures of the volunteer Fire Department. The main source of revenue is derived from property tax levies.

Gas Tax Fund The Gas Tax Fund accounts for and reports that portion of the State gasoline tax restricted for maintenance and repair of roads within the Township.

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund The American Rescue Plan Fund accounts for and reports proceeds received from the Federal government administered through the American Rescue Plan.

Capital Project Funds These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Township had the following significant capital project fund:

Ohio Public Works Commission Fund The Township received a grant from the State for an Issue II project. The proceeds are restricted for capital improvement.

Fiduciary Funds Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds and custodial funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement meeting certain criteria.

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 account holds insurance proceeds from 2021 fires at homes within the Township. The proceeds are returned to the named insured when repairs, removal, or securing of the structure has been completed and the required proof has been received by the Township.

For regulatory purposes, certain own source revenues are permitted to flow through clearing funds presented as custodial funds. The amounts distributed to the other funds of the entity are identified on the combined statement of additions, deductions and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) as fiduciary fund types. Also, for regulatory purposes, certain deposits and clearing funds are permitted to be presented as custodial funds.

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 Section 117-2-03 (C). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board 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 Section 117-2-03 (C) permit.

Budgetary Process

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

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

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. 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 2021 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Deposits and Investments

The Township's accounting basis includes investments 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.

Money market mutual funds are recorded at share values the mutual funds report. Investment in STAR Ohio is measured at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

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.

Accumulated Leave

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

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. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Township and the nonspendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

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.

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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*.

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 last 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.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 11.

Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending 2021 follows:

2021 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$788,576	\$689,111	(\$99,465)
Special Revenue	4,055,313	3,208,852	(846,461)
Capital Projects	486,000	272,967	(213,033)
Total	\$5,329,889	\$4,170,930	(\$1,158,959)

2021 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,365,866	\$883,091	\$482,775
Special Revenue	5,187,433	3,000,112	2,187,321
Capital Projects	486,000	272,967	213,033
Total	\$7,039,299	\$4,156,170	\$2,883,129

Weathersfield Township
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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Note 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 deposit and investment accounts are as follows:

	<u>2021</u>
<i>Cash Management Pool:</i>	
Demand deposits	<u>\$213,428</u>
Total deposits	<u>213,428</u>
STAR Ohio	<u>1,660,788</u>
Total investments	<u>1,660,788</u>
<i>Total carrying amount of deposits and investments held in the Pool</i>	<u>\$1,874,216</u>

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, 2021, the Township is holding \$31,373 in unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

At December 31, 2021, all of the Township’s deposits were insured or collateralized.

Investments

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

Note 5 – Property Taxes

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction 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.

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Trumbull County

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Note 6 – Risk Management

Workers' Compensation

Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State of Ohio. The Township pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

Risk Pool Membership

Weathersfield 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 Weathersfield 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>2021</u>
Cash and Investments	\$34,880,599
Actuarial liabilities	10,601,444

Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2021.

Social Security

Township employees contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

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Employees contributed 6.2 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 6.2 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2021.

Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment plan, which includes 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. 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 2021. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2021.

Note 9 – Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Township are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

Note 10 – Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2021, was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
OPWC Loan - CF29G	\$45,740	4.65%
Total	\$45,740	

The following is a schedule of the future payments required under the loan.

Year Ended December 31,	OPWC Loan
2022	\$3,049
2023	3,049
2024	3,049
2025	3,049
2026	3,049
2027-2031	15,247
2032-2037	15,248
Total	\$45,740

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Note 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. 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 these amounts were as follows:

<u>Fund Balances</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Total</u>
Outstanding Encumbrances	\$8,131	\$8,904	\$137,462	\$154,497
Total	<u>\$8,131</u>	<u>\$8,904</u>	<u>\$137,462</u>	<u>\$154,497</u>

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of capital projects funds are restricted, committed, or assigned. 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.

Note 12 – COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio’s state of emergency ended in June 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. During 2021, the Township received COVID-19 funding. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township. The impact on the Township’s future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

Weathersfield Township

Trumbull County, Ohio

Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and
Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 304,246	\$ 1,281,498	\$ 1,585,744
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	70,737	175,892	246,629
Fines and Forfeitures	111,875	334,760	446,635
Intergovernmental	502,710	883,114	1,385,824
Special Assessments	-	47,328	47,328
Earnings on Investments	8,222	557	8,779
Miscellaneous	13,892	109,901	123,793
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>1,011,682</u>	<u>2,833,050</u>	<u>3,844,732</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
General Government	466,324	13,151	479,475
Public Safety	-	2,507,285	2,507,285
Public Works	9,753	378,422	388,175
Health	25,561	66,224	91,785
Conservation-Recreation	23,749	-	23,749
Capital Outlay	31,490	287,074	318,564
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	-	3,049	3,049
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>556,877</u>	<u>3,255,205</u>	<u>3,812,082</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>454,805</u>	<u>(422,155)</u>	<u>32,650</u>
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)			
Transfers In	-	96,760	96,760
Transfers Out	(96,760)	-	(96,760)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)</i>	<u>(96,760)</u>	<u>96,760</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	358,045	(325,395)	32,650
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>219,244</u>	<u>1,453,065</u>	<u>1,672,309</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 577,289</u>	<u>\$ 1,127,670</u>	<u>\$ 1,704,959</u>

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Weathersfield Township
Trumbull County

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

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The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services.

Public Entity Risk Pool

The Township participates in a public entity risk pool. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity, which is:

Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) – The risk sharing pool, available to Ohio Townships provides property and casualty insurance for its members. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements, and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members’ deductibles.

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

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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 additions, deductions and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all fiduciary fund types which are all organized on a fund type basis.

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:

Police District Fund The Police Fund accounts for and reports all revenues and expenditures of the Police Fund. The main source of revenue is derived from property tax levies.

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Fire District Fund The Fire Fund accounts for and reports all revenues and expenditures of the volunteer Fire Department. The main source of revenue is derived from property tax levies.

Gas Tax Fund The Gas Tax Fund accounts for and reports that portion of the State gasoline tax restricted for maintenance and repair of roads within the Township.

Capital Project Funds These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Township had the following significant capital project fund:

Ohio Public Works Commission Fund The Township was awarded a grant from the State for an Issue II project. The proceeds are restricted for capital improvement.

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 Section 117-2-03 (C). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board 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 Section 117-2-03 (C) permit.

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 or object level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of 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 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Deposits and Investments

The Township's accounting basis includes investments 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.

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Money market mutual funds are recorded at share values the mutual funds report. Investment in STAR Ohio is measured at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

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.

Accumulated Leave

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

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. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Township and the nonspendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

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*.

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 last 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.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 11.

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Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending 2020 follows:

2020 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$1,052,562	\$1,011,682	(\$40,880)
Special Revenue	4,176,499	2,929,810	(1,246,689)
Capital Projects	284,000	0	(284,000)
Total	\$5,513,061	\$3,941,492	(\$1,571,569)

2020 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,174,415	\$669,176	\$505,239
Special Revenue	5,607,648	3,500,393	2,107,255
Capital Projects	284,000	0	284,000
Total	\$7,066,063	\$4,169,569	\$2,896,494

Note 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 deposit and investment accounts are as follows:

	2020
<i>Cash Management Pool:</i>	
Demand deposits	\$344,513
Total deposits	344,513
STAR Ohio	1,360,446
Total investments	1,360,446
<i>Total carrying amount of deposits and investments held in the Pool</i>	\$1,704,959

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 \$29,657 in unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

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At December 31, 2020, all of the Township's deposits were insured or collateralized.

Investments

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

Note 5 – Property Taxes

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction 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.

Note 6 – Risk Management

Workers' Compensation

Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State of Ohio. The Township pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

Risk Pool Membership

Weathersfield 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 Weathersfield 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

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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

Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Township employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan’s benefits, which include postretirement health care and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants’ gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2020.

Social Security

Township employees contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

Employees contributed 6.2 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 6.2 percent of participants’ gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2020.

Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment plan, which includes 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. 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.

Note 9 – Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Township are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

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Note 10 – Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2020, was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
OPWC Loan - CF29G	\$48,789	4.65%
Total	\$48,789	

The following is a schedule of the future payments required under the loan.

Year Ended December 31,	OPWC Loan
2021	\$3,049
2022	3,049
2023	3,049
2024	3,049
2025	3,049
2026-2030	15,245
2031-2035	15,245
2036-2037	3,054
Total	\$48,789

Note 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. 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 these amounts were as follows:

Fund Balances	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Total
Outstanding Encumbrances	\$15,539	\$245,188	\$0	\$260,727
Total	\$15,539	\$245,188	\$0	\$260,727

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of capital projects funds are restricted, committed, or assigned. These restricted, committed, and assigned amounts in the special revenue, and capital projects funds would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

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Note 12 – COVID-19

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

Note 13 – Change in Accounting Principles

Fund Balance Classifications - GASB Statement No. 54

For 2020, the District has made a change to their cash basis reporting model. This change includes removing the fund balance classifications from the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) – All Governmental Fund Types.

This change had no effect on beginning cash balances, as previously reported.

Fiduciary Activities - GASB Statement No. 84

For 2020, the Township has made changes to their cash basis reporting model. These changes include modifications 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 balances (regulatory cash basis) – all governmental fund types.

This change had no effect on beginning cash balances, as previously reported.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Weathersfield Township
Trumbull County
1451 Prospect Street
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type combined total as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County (the Township), and have issued our report thereon dated July 14, 2023, wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township.

Report Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. 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 of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2021-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Report Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Township's Response to Findings

The Township's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. The Township's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



CANTER & ASSOCIATES

Poland, Ohio

July 14, 2023

**WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2021**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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FINDING NUMBER 2021-001

MATERIAL WEAKNESS

Financial Reporting

Financial reporting is the responsibility of management, and it is essential that financial statements are presented fairly and free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs A14 & A16. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) states that a governmental accounting system is required to make it possible for the funds and activities of the governmental unit to be presented fairly and with full disclosure in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as well as to be able to determine and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions.

Auditor of State Bulletins 2000-008 and 2002-004 provide guidance for local governments participating in on-behalf programs with other governments as to the application of Statement No. 24 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. In general, when a local government enters into an on-behalf program agreement with another local government of the State (or the federal government, if applicable), whereby the local government or its residents are the beneficiaries under the agreement, the cash value benefit of the program received under the agreement should be recorded as memorandum receipts and disbursements in the year on-behalf disbursements are made. Per Auditor of State Bulletin 2002-004, the Township should record a receipt and expenditure transactions to account for any payments made on its behalf in the capital projects fund established for these transactions.

The following errors were noted 2020:

- Personal Property Tax Loss Reimbursement receipts of \$4,478, \$16,930, and \$5,708 from the county were incorrectly classified as property tax receipts rather than as intergovernmental receipts in the General Fund, Police Levy, and Fire Fund, respectively.
- Homestead and Rollback receipts of \$37,639, \$88,986, and \$41,372 from the county were incorrectly classified as property tax receipts rather than as intergovernmental receipts in the General Fund, Police Levy, and Fire Fund, respectively.
- Real Estate Property taxes of \$1,871, \$5,711, and \$2,061 from the county were incorrectly classified as intergovernmental receipts rather than as property tax receipts in the General Fund, Police Levy, and Fire Fund, respectively.
- Debt payments to OPWC in amount of \$3,049 were incorrectly posted to Public Works instead of Principal Retirement

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

FINDING NUMBER 2021-001 (continued)

MATERIAL WEAKNESS (continued)

The following errors were noted 2021:

- Homestead and Rollback receipts of \$40,148, \$86,180, and \$40,337 from the county were incorrectly classified as property tax receipts rather than as intergovernmental receipts in the General Fund, Police Levy, and Fire Fund, respectively.
- Real Estate Property taxes of \$1,780, \$5,036, and \$1,807 from the county were incorrectly classified as intergovernmental receipts rather than as property tax receipts in the General Fund, Police Levy, and Fire Fund, respectively.
- Debt payments to OPWC in amount of \$3,049 were incorrectly posted to Public Works instead of Principal Retirement
- The Township incorrectly posted 2 insurance receipts totaling \$24,049 in the General and should be accounted for in the Custodial Fund.
- The Township was the beneficiary of Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Issue II monies in the amount of \$121,348, which was paid directly to the vendors by OPWC. The Township did not record a receipt or expenditure relating to this transaction. An adjustment to record this activity was made in the Capital Projects fund as required by the above Auditor of State Bulletins.

In addition, **Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38** requires each public office, other than a state agency, shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office. The report shall be certified by the proper officer or board and filed with the Auditor of State within sixty days after the close of the fiscal year, except that public offices reporting pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles shall file their reports within one hundred fifty days after the close of the fiscal year.

The statute imposes a penalty of \$25 per day (\$750 maximum) for entities that file late or fail to file. Failure to file includes entities which fail to file under a mandated basis of accounting. The Auditor of State may waive all or any part of the penalty assessed under this section once the entity has filed the report via the Hinkle System. To be considered a complete annual financial report filing and avoid any penalties and/or noncompliance citations, the financial statements submitted via the Hinkle System must include all components, including the notes to the financial statements. Beginning with audits of financial periods ending in 2016, the Auditor of State will audit the financial statements uploaded and submitted to the Auditor of State via the Hinkle System.

While the Township timely filed statements and notes, the notes required material modifications in order to present the required financial disclosures in accordance with accounting standards.

We recommend the Fiscal Officer reference the note shells that are provided on the Auditor of States website when preparing the annual notes for the financial report.

The Township should have internal controls in place to reasonably assure that budgetary accounts are integrated into the financial accounting system. This means designing an accounting system to provide ongoing information on budgetary receipts and disbursements.

The Township enters budgetary data for estimated receipts and appropriations. However, the amounts entered do not always agree with the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources or approved appropriations. This can lead to decisions being made on faulty budgetary data and can lead to overspending and creating a negative fund balance if not monitored.

The Township should post the approved appropriations and Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to the UAN System by the first of the year. Any amendments to those official documents should be promptly posted to the system upon approval. This may help ensure correct budgetary information and Township decisions can be made on more accurate data.

Official's Response:

The Audit notes that a small number of receipts and two payments were incorrectly classified. There was no error as to the amounts, and a small number of errors in classification is to be expected in accounting for a large number of transactions over a two-year period. The Weathersfield Township Fiscal Officer will continue to endeavor to record receipts and payments to the proper classifications.

The Audit noted that Weathersfield Township has timely filed the financial reports with the Auditor of State required by O.R.C. §117.38 via the Hinkle System each year. As requested, in the future the Weathersfield Township Fiscal Officer will reference the note shells from the Auditor of State's website in preparing the annual notes for the financial report.

As recommended, the Weathersfield Township Fiscal Officer will post the approved appropriations and Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to the UAN System by the first of the year and will update with any amendments made during the year.



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WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUMBULL COUNTY

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2019-001	Financial Reporting	Not corrected	Repeated as Finding 2021-001

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

TRUMBULL 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.



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