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Betty Montgomery**

DUDLEY TOWNSHIP
HARDIN COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Dudley Township
Hardin County
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Dudley Township, Hardin County (the "Township"), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Township prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Township as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 15, 2003, on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

April 15, 2003

**DUDLEY TOWNSHIP
HARDIN COUNTY**

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$15,110	\$20,603		\$35,713
Intergovernmental	39,640	66,470	63,542	169,652
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	2,715			2,715
Earnings on Investments	1,225	286		1,511
Other Revenue	436			436
	<u>59,126</u>	<u>87,359</u>	<u>63,542</u>	<u>210,027</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
	<u>59,126</u>	<u>87,359</u>	<u>63,542</u>	<u>210,027</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	34,634			34,634
Public Works	3,425	47,729		51,154
Health	11,804			11,804
Capital Outlay	1,275	45,947	63,542	110,764
	<u>51,138</u>	<u>93,676</u>	<u>63,542</u>	<u>208,356</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
	<u>51,138</u>	<u>93,676</u>	<u>63,542</u>	<u>208,356</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	7,988	(6,317)		1,671
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	31,262	48,744		80,006
	<u>31,262</u>	<u>48,744</u>		<u>80,006</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$39,250</u>	<u>\$42,427</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$81,677</u>

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

**DUDLEY TOWNSHIP
HARDIN COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Local Taxes	\$15,341	\$20,676	\$36,017
Intergovernmental	29,020	67,301	96,321
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	1,200		1,200
Earnings on Investments	2,000	831	2,831
Other Revenue	<u>3,834</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>3,954</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>51,395</u>	<u>88,928</u>	<u>140,323</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	35,723		35,723
Public Safety		6,603	6,603
Public Works	3,080	29,778	32,858
Health	5,132	231	5,363
Capital Outlay	<u>3,900</u>	<u>72,248</u>	<u>76,148</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>47,835</u>	<u>108,860</u>	<u>156,695</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	3,560	(19,932)	(16,372)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>27,702</u>	<u>68,676</u>	<u>96,378</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$31,262</u></u>	<u><u>\$48,744</u></u>	<u><u>\$80,006</u></u>

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

**DUDLEY TOWNSHIP
HARDIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Dudley Township, Hardin County, (the "Township"), is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Township is directed by a publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees. The Township provides general governmental services, including road maintenance, cemetery maintenance, and fire protection.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

Certificates of Deposit, and the savings account is valued at cost. The investment in STAR Ohio (the State Treasurer's investment pool) is valued at amounts reported by the State Treasurer.

D. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Township classifies its funds into the following types:

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund - This fund receives motor vehicle tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

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HARDIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

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

3. Capital Project Funds

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

Issue II Fund – This fund is used to account for road projects funded by Issue II grant money. The activity in this fund is “memo” only since the Township did not constructively receive and expend this money.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are cancelled and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2002 and 2001 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

**DUDLEY TOWNSHIP
HARDIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001
(Continued)**

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2002	2001
Demand deposits	\$46,293	\$35,483
Certificates of Deposit	30,970	35,262
Savings account	4,414	8,828
Total Deposits	81,677	79,573
STAR Ohio		433
Total deposits and investments	\$81,677	\$80,006

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund.

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

The Township had its demand deposits, certificates of deposit, and savings account in a credit union which is not an eligible depository per Ohio Rev. Code Section 135.03.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001 follows:

	2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts		
	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$50,832	\$59,126	\$8,294
Special Revenue	89,418	87,359	(2,059)
Capital Projects	63,542	63,542	
Total	\$203,792	\$210,027	\$6,235

	2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures		
	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditure	Variance
General	\$79,190	\$51,138	\$28,052
Special Revenue	141,066	93,676	47,390
Capital Projects	63,542	63,542	
Total	\$283,798	\$208,356	\$75,442

**DUDLEY TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001
(Continued)**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$50,551	\$51,395	\$844
Special Revenue	89,349	88,928	(421)
Total	\$139,900	\$140,323	\$423

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$75,395	\$47,835	\$27,560
Special Revenue	163,509	108,860	54,649
Total	\$238,904	\$156,695	\$82,209

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Board of Trustees. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payment, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

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

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2002 and 2001, members of PERS contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2002.

**DUDLEY TOWNSHIP
HARDIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001
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6. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Risk Pool Membership

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

B. Casualty Coverage

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence. Claims exceeding \$250,000 are reinsured with APEEP up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, which the General Reinsurance Corporation will reinsure.

If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP covers OTARMA losses up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

C. Property Coverage

OTARMA retains property risks including automobile physical damage up to \$100,000 on any specific loss. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures specific losses exceeding \$100,000. The Travelers Indemnity Company also provides aggregate excess coverage for property including automobile physical damage subject to an annual stop loss. When the stop loss is reached in any year, The Travelers Indemnity Company provides coverage in excess of \$10,000.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge OTARMA's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

D. Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform to generally accepted accounting principles, and report the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31: (the latest information available)

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Assets	\$23,703,776	\$22,684,383
Liabilities	<u>9,379,003</u>	<u>8,924,977</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$14,324,773</u>	<u>\$13,759,406</u>

<u>Property Coverage</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Assets	\$5,011,131	\$4,156,784
Liabilities	<u>647,667</u>	<u>497,831</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$4,363,464</u>	<u>\$3,658,953</u>

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

Dudley Township
Hardin County
19213 CR 144
Kenton, OH 43326

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Dudley Township, Hardin County (the "Township"), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated April 15, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could 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 an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2002-40233-001. We also noted an immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated April 15, 2003.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated April 15, 2003.

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

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

April 15, 2003

**DUDLEY TOWNSHIP
HARDIN COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001**

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

FINDING NUMBER 2002-40233-001

Ohio Rev. Code Section 135.03 states eligible depositories include national banks and banks defined in ORC Section 1101.01. Ohio Rev. Code Section 1101.01(B) states that a "Bank" means a corporation that solicits, receives, or accepts money or its equivalent for deposit as a business, whether the deposit is made by check or is evidenced by a certificate of deposit, passbook, note, receipt, ledger card, or otherwise. "Bank" also includes a state bank or a corporation doing business as a bank or savings bank under authority granted by the bank regulatory authority of another state of the United States or another country, but does not include a savings association, savings bank, or credit union.

The Township had their checking account, savings accounts, and certificate of deposit invested with a local credit union which is not an eligible depository.

All Township funds should be deposited in institutions that are eligible per this code section.

**DUDLEY TOWNSHIP
HARDIN COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain:</i>
2000-40233-001	Ohio Rev. Code 5705.10 - special levy tax revenue posted to the wrong fund.	Yes	
2000-40233-002	Ohio Rev. Code 135.03 - eligible depository for Township funds.	No	Repeated as finding 2002-40233-001



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DUDLEY TOWNSHIP

HARDIN COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MAY 15, 2003**