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FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

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Killbuck Township
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Killbuck, Ohio 44637

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Killbuck Township, Holmes County, prepared by BHM CPA Group, 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. Killbuck Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

October 06, 2021

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Holmes County
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Killbuck Township
Holmes County
520 North Main St
Killbuck, Ohio 44637

To the Board of 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 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 and for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and related notes of Killbuck Township, Holmes County, Ohio (the Township).

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 such 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 opinions.

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 of America (GAAP), 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 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 the Township, as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the respective 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 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 and for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and related notes of the Township, 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 14 to the 2020 financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing measure 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 our report dated June 28, 2021, 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. 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.



BHM CPA Group Inc.
Piketon, Ohio
June 28, 2021

Killbuck Township
Holmes County
*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>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 15,275	\$ 318,157	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 333,432
Intergovernmental	26,014	513,914	-	-	539,928
Charges for Services	-	52,782	-	-	52,782
Interest	106	-	-	14	120
Miscellaneous	22,875	25,904	-	-	48,779
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>64,270</u>	<u>910,757</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>975,041</u>
Cash Disbursements					
Current:					
General Government	31,337	83,178	-	-	114,515
Public Safety	8,349	491,899	-	-	500,248
Public Works	-	228,358	-	-	228,358
Health	5,767	-	-	-	5,767
Capital Outlay	-	77,108	-	-	77,108
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>45,453</u>	<u>880,543</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>925,996</u>
<i>Excess of Cash Receipts Over /(Under) Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>18,817</u>	<u>30,214</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>49,045</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	18,817	30,214	-	14	49,045
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1 (Restated - See Note 11)</i>	<u>9,350</u>	<u>259,369</u>	<u>(4,404)</u>	<u>2,348</u>	<u>266,663</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 28,167</u>	<u>\$ 289,583</u>	<u>\$ (4,404)</u>	<u>\$ 2,362</u>	<u>\$ 315,708</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**Killbuck Township
Holmes County**

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

1. REPORTING ENTITY

A. Description of the Entity

Primary Government

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Component Unit

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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, which is organized on a fund type basis.

B. Accounting Basis

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 (D). 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 (D) permit.

**Killbuck Township
Holmes County**

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. 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.

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 reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

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

Road and Bridge – This fund receives property tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing township roads.

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

Fire Levy Fund – This fund receives property tax money to pay for providing and maintaining fire apparatus, buildings, ambulance equipment, and fire and ambulance service.

3. Debt Service Fund

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest. The Township had the following significant Debt Service fund:

General Obligation Debt Service – This fund is used to account for the retirement of the Township's debt.

**Killbuck Township
Holmes County**

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

4. Permanent Fund

This fund accounts for and reports resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the reporting government's programs (for the benefit of the government or its citizenry). The Township had the following significant permanent fund:

Cemetery Endowment Fund – This fund receives interest earned on the nonexpendable corpus from a trust agreement. These earnings are used for the general maintenance and upkeep of the Township's cemetery.

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 carried over and need not be reappropriated. The Township did not encumber all commitments required by Ohio law. Management has included audit adjustments in the accompanying budgetary presentations for material items that should have been encumbered.

A summary of the 2020 budgetary activity appears in Note 4.

**Killbuck Township
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**Notes to The Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. 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:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

5. 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.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 12.

**Killbuck Township
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**Notes to The Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

H. 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.

3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

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

	<u>2020</u>
Demand deposits	\$313,708
Certificates of deposit	<u>2,000</u>
Total deposits	<u>315,708</u>
<i>Total carrying amount of deposits and investments held in the Pool</i>	<u><u>\$315,708</u></u>

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

**Killbuck Township
Holmes County**

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

4. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2020 follows:

2020 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 45,690	\$ 64,270	\$ 18,580
Special Revenue	889,965	910,757	20,792
Permanent	13	14	1
Total	\$ 935,668	\$ 975,041	\$ 39,373

2020 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 54,225	\$ 45,453	\$ 8,772
Special Revenue	1,140,460	880,543	259,917
Total	\$ 1,194,685	\$ 925,996	\$ 268,689

5. PROPERTY TAX

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 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 property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due to 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. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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.

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

7. 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. 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.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles, and
- Errors and omissions

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.

10. KILLBUCK TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

As indicated in Note 1 to the financial statements, the following disclosure is made on behalf of the Killbuck Township Volunteer Fire Department (the Fire Department); The Fire Department is governed by an executive committee that, in association with the Township Trustees, oversees the operation of the Fire Department. The Fire Departments' grant activity and equipment and maintenance expenses are accounted for on the Township's financial accounting system. However, the Fire Department also receives private donations and fundraiser contributions which do not flow through the Township's financial accounting system. We were not able to obtain the information from the Volunteer Fire Department as it relates to the receipts and expenses for 2019.

**Killbuck Township
Holmes County**

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

11. Beginning Balance Restatement

Special Revenue Fund Balance, January 1, 2020- As previously stated	\$ 258,108
Voided checks from prior period – Fund 2021	1,137
Voided checks from prior period – Fund 2191	<u>124</u>
Special Revenue Fund Balance, January 1, 2020- Restated	<u><u>\$ 259,369</u></u>

12. 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 unexpendable 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 these amounts were as follows:

Fund Balances	Permanent
Nonspendable:	
Corpus	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	<u><u>\$2,000</u></u>

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of debt service funds 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, and permanent funds would including the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

13. Change in Accounting Principle

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

The effect of this change had no effect on the Township’s beginning cash balances.

**Killbuck Township
Holmes County**

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

14. 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. The Township's investment portfolio fluctuates with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of gains or losses that will be realized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. 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.

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Killbuck Township
Holmes County
*Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements
and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)*
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 16,679	\$ 345,482	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 362,161
Intergovernmental	24,037	129,534	-	-	153,571
Charges for Services	-	36,742	-	-	36,742
Interest	156	-	-	13	169
Miscellaneous	317	79,143	-	-	79,460
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>41,189</u>	<u>590,901</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>632,103</u>
Cash Disbursements					
Current:					
General Government	53,398	69,713	-	-	123,111
Public Safety	6,485	207,897	-	-	214,382
Public Works	-	204,810	-	-	204,810
Health	5,623	-	-	-	5,623
Capital Outlay	-	103,999	-	-	103,999
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>65,506</u>	<u>586,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>651,925</u>
<i>Excess of Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>(24,317)</u>	<u>4,482</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>(19,822)</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(24,317)</u>	<u>4,482</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>(19,822)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1 (Restated - See Note 11)</i>	<u>33,667</u>	<u>253,626</u>	<u>(4,404)</u>	<u>2,335</u>	<u>285,224</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
Restricted	-	258,108	-	348	258,456
Unassigned (Deficit)	9,350	-	(4,404)	-	4,946
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 9,350</u>	<u>\$ 258,108</u>	<u>\$ (4,404)</u>	<u>\$ 2,348</u>	<u>\$ 265,402</u>

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**Notes to The Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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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 carried over and need not be reappropriated. The Township did not encumber all commitments required by Ohio law. Management has included audit adjustments in the accompanying budgetary presentations for material items that should have been encumbered.

A summary of the 2019 budgetary activity appears in Note 4.

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**Notes to The Financial Statements
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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. 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:

1. Nonspendable

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

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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**Notes to The Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

H. 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.

3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

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

	2019
Demand Deposits	\$ 263,402
Certificates of Deposits	2,000
Total Deposits	\$ 265,402

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

4. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2019 follows:

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 37,510	\$ 41,189	\$ 3,679
Special Revenue	484,520	590,901	106,381
Permanent	-	13	13
Total	\$ 522,030	\$ 632,103	\$ 110,073

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 71,023	\$ 65,506	\$ 5,517
Special Revenue	732,400	586,419	145,981
Permanent	335	-	335
Total	\$ 803,758	\$ 651,925	\$ 151,833

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

5. PROPERTY TAX

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 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 property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due to 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. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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, 2019.

7. 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. 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.

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8. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles, and
- Errors and omissions

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.

10. KILLBUCK TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

As indicated in Note 1 to the financial statements, the following disclosure is made on behalf of the Killbuck Township Volunteer Fire Department (the Fire Department); The Fire Department is governed by an executive committee that, in association with the Township Trustees, oversees the operation of the Fire Department. The Fire Departments' grant activity and equipment and maintenance expenses are accounted for on the Township's financial accounting system. However, the Fire Department also receives private donations and fundraiser contributions which do not flow through the Township's financial accounting system. We were not able to obtain the information from the Volunteer Fire Department as it relates to the receipts and expenses for 2019.

11. Beginning Balance Restatement

Special Revenue Fund Balance, January 1, 2019- As previously stated	\$ 246,647
Voided checks from prior period – Fund 2191	54
Voided checks from prior period – Fund 2192	6,925
Special Revenue Fund Balance, January 1, 2019- Restated	<u>\$ 253,626</u>



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Killbuck Township
Holmes County
520 North Main St.
Killbuck, Ohio 44637

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 and for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and related notes of the Killbuck Township, Holmes County, (the Township) and have issued our report thereon dated June 28, 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. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider material weaknesses and a significant deficiency.

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. We consider findings 2020-002 and 2020-003 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be material weaknesses.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of internal control deficiencies less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider finding 2020-001 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the 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 statement. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2020-002 and 2020-004.

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 report is not suitable for any other purpose.

BHM CPA Group

BHM CPA Group Inc.
Piketon, Ohio
June 28, 2021

**Killbuck Township
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**Schedule of Audit Findings
For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019**

Finding Number 2020-001

Significant Deficiency – Killbuck Township Volunteer Fire Department – Reporting Entity

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) establishes standards of accounting and financial reporting for state and local governmental entities. Standards set by GASB guide the preparation of external financial reports for those entities.

GASB Codification Section 2100 established standards for defining and reporting on the financial reporting entity. Per section 2100.111, the financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The Killbuck Township Volunteer Fire Department is a legally separate not-for-profit organization. The Fire Department was organized for the preservation and protection of life and property during such fires and emergencies as may occur in Killbuck Township and to lend assistance to neighboring villages and townships when requested. Despite the Fire Department being an entity legally separate from the Township, the Fire Department is a component unit that is neither blended or discretely presented but rather should be a component unit recognized in a fiduciary capacity of the Township for financial reporting purposes since the nature and significance of the Fire Department's relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

As a result, it is necessary for the Fire Department to provide financial statement activity to the Township for inclusion in the Township's annual financial report.

Currently, the Fire Department does not have an annual audit performed.

The Township should also ensure that such financial activity is obtained timely in order to comply with the annual financial reporting deadline established by Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 and appropriately included in the financial statements based in accordance with the basis of accounting utilized by the Township for reporting purposes.

Client Response: We did not receive a response form the client.

Finding Number 2020-002

Noncompliance Citation/Material Weakness

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10 states that money paid into a fund must be used only for the purposes for which such fund has been established. As a result, a negative fund balance indicates that money from one fund was used to cover the expenses of another fund.

The Debt Service Fund (\$4,404) at December 31, 2019 and 2020.

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**Schedule of Audit Findings
For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019**

**Finding Number 2020-002
(Continued)**

A budgetary cycle should be in place for all governments. The budgetary process is a plan to coordinate expenditures and resources. The State Legislature has adopted laws to control expenditures using tax budgets and appropriations. The Auditor of State believes budgeting, properly used, provides the most important monitoring control a government has. It is impossible to incur a cash deficit if a government complies with the budgetary law. Additionally, the budget is an instrument of public policy. A governing board expresses its desire for using a government's limited resources through its appropriations.

We recommend the Fiscal Officer review the Ohio Compliance Supplement for budgetary requirements to implement a budgetary cycle for the Township. We further recommend the Township monitor spending to ensure deficit balances do not occur.

Client Response: We did not receive a response form the client.

Finding Number 2020-003

Material Weakness

Sound financial reporting is the responsibility of the Fiscal Officer and Board and is essential to ensure information provided to readers of the financial statements is accurate and complete.

Material and immaterial misstatements were identified during the course of the audit which have not been prevented or detected by the Township's internal controls over financial reporting. Misstatements were identified in the following areas:

- 2019 and 2020 Permanent Fund balance was reclassified from restricted to nonspendable for endowment funds.
- 2019 and 2020 Notes to the Financial Statements required updates and corrections.

Misstatements have been posted to the financial statements.

To ensure the Township's financial statements are accurate and complete, we recommend the Township review the prepared financial report or hire someone knowledgeable of the financial reporting process and accounting standards to assist in the preparation and/or review of the financial report. We further recommend the Township post financial activity in accordance with the Township Handbook.

Client Response: We did not receive a response form the client.

**Killbuck Township
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**Schedule of Audit Findings
For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019**

Finding Number 2020-004

Material Noncompliance

26 U.S.C. §§ 3401, 3402, 3403, 3404, 3405, and 3102(a) require the employing government to withhold federal income and employment related taxes (such as Medicare). These Sections also require the government to report and remit those tax matters to the appropriate tax authorities and the recipients.

The Township failed to timely submit the required federal payroll taxes or quarterly 941 Tax Forms as required by the Internal Revenue Service. The Township did not file or make payments for the first three quarters of 2019 until January 2020. Failure to implement controls over the payroll process has caused the Township to endure penalties and interest to the IRS.

The Fiscal Officer should implement controls to aid in submitting the required reports and contribution/withholding remittances in a timely manner to help ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations and to avoid interest and penalties.

Client Response: We did not receive a response form the client.

**Killbuck Township
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**Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
For the Years 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; Explain:
2018-001	Material Weakness – no documentation to support revenues collected for chip and seal	Yes	
2018-002	Significant Deficiency – fire department needs to provide financial statement activity to the township for inclusion in the townships annual financial report	No	Reissued as Finding 2020-001
2018-003	Noncompliance and material weakness – ORC 5705.10H	No	Reissued as Finding 2020-002
2018-004	Material Weakness – Financial Reporting	No	Reissued as Finding 2020-003
2018-005	Noncompliance – Federal Income Taxes	No	Reissued as Finding 2020-004

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



KILLBUCK TOWNSHIP

HOLMES 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 10/19/2021

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