



**SMITH TOWNSHIP
MAHONING COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

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

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Smith Township, Mahoning 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. Smith Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

August 24, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Smith Township
Mahoning County
846 North Johnson Road
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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 Smith Township, Mahoning 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 years ended December 31, 2021 and 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 years ended December 31, 2021 and 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 13 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 June 24, 2022, 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

June 24, 2022

Smith Township
Mahoning 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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 80,113	\$ 568,408	\$ -	\$ 648,521
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	18,637	458	-	19,095
Fines and Forfeitures	-	22,216	-	22,216
Intergovernmental	42,009	394,233	64,904	501,146
Earnings on Investments	925	513	-	1,438
Miscellaneous	2,143	8,975	-	11,118
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>143,827</u>	<u>994,803</u>	<u>64,904</u>	<u>1,203,534</u>
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government	146,942	-	-	146,942
Public Safety	-	562,173	-	562,173
Public Works	-	170,205	-	170,205
Health	2,041	-	-	2,041
Human Services	-	3,010	-	3,010
Other	-	293	-	293
Capital Outlay	22,450	42,735	64,904	130,089
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	-	14,001	-	14,001
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	2,091	-	2,091
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>171,433</u>	<u>794,508</u>	<u>64,904</u>	<u>1,030,845</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</i>	(27,606)	200,295	-	172,689
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)				
Other Financing Uses	(240)	-	-	(240)
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(27,846)	200,295	-	172,449
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	173,314	545,239	122	718,675
<i>Total Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 145,468</u>	<u>\$ 745,534</u>	<u>\$ 122</u>	<u>\$ 891,124</u>

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

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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	\$ -
Deductions	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	-
<i>Fund Cash Balance, January 1</i>	<u>600</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balance, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$ 600</u></u>

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

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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 Smith Township, Mahoning 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, police protection, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Village of Sebring and the Village of Beloit to provide fire services.

Public Entity Risk Pool

The Township participates in two public entity risk pools. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for these entities, which are:

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.

Sedgewick Managed Care Ohio (MCO) – The management care organization, available to Ohio Townships, is focused on helping injured employees return to work safely and quickly.

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:

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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.

Police 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.

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

Coronavirus Relief Fund The township received a grant from the U. S. Department of Treasury to make payment to recipients from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to be used in accordance with section 603(c) of the Social Act and guidance issued by the Department of Treasury.

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 – W. Pine Lake Road Upgrade, Phase 1 The Township received a grant from the State for capital improvements. 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 proceeds from a road bond project.

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) all 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.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

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 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.

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 12.

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	\$138,689	\$143,827	\$5,138
Special Revenue	965,361	994,803	29,442
Capital Projects	64,904	64,904	0
Total	\$1,168,954	\$1,203,534	\$34,580

2021 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$172,269	\$172,383	(\$114)
Special Revenue	843,894	848,086	(4,192)
Capital Projects	64,904	64,904	0
Total	\$1,081,067	\$1,085,373	(\$4,306)

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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>\$84,906</u>
Total deposits	<u>84,906</u>
Repurchase agreement	<u>806,818</u>
Total investments	<u>806,818</u>
<i>Total carrying amount of deposits and investments held in the Pool</i>	<u><u>\$891,724</u></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. The Township has paid all 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

The Township’s financial institution transfers securities to the Township’s agent to collateralize repurchase agreements. The securities are not in the Township’s name.

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.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

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.

The Township participates in the managed care organization, Sedgwick, for worker's compensation. Sedgwick Managed Care Ohio (MCO) was formed when CareWorks of Ohio and Comp Management Health Systems merged on December 21, 2020. Sedgwick MCO is a workers' compensation managed care organization focused on helping injured employees return to work safely and quickly. Their leaders have an average tenure of over 20 years with Sedgwick MCO. Sedgwick MCO handles more than half of all Ohio Workers' Compensation claims annually. Each year the participants pay an enrollment fee to the program to cover the costs of administering the program.

Risk Pool Membership

Smith 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 Smith 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

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

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

One Township employee 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, 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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 10 – Debt

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

	Principal	Interest Rate
Dump Truck Lease	\$30,029	4.65%
Total	\$30,029	

Lease

During 2019, the Township entered into a Lease/Purchase Agreement with FNB Equipment Finance for the lease/purchase of a dump truck in the amount of \$73,488 at 4.65% interest rate for five years. Lease costs for the year ended December 31, 2021, were \$16,092.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital lease.

Year Ended December 31,	2019 Dump Truck
2022	\$16,092
2023	16,092
Total	\$32,184
Less: Amount Representing Interest	(2,155)
<i>Present Value of Minimum Lease</i>	\$30,029

Note 11 – Construction and Contractual Commitments

The Township received approval of a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission in 2019 for a project entitled W. Pine Lake Road Safety Upgrades – Phase II. The total project cost was estimated at \$89,060. The grant from OPWC was in the amount of \$74,810, leaving \$14,250 as the Township’s commitment. This project was completed in 2021, which is when the Township will need to expend those funds from the various road funds.

Note 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:

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Fund Balances	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Total
Outstanding Encumbrances	710	53,578	0	54,288
Total	\$710	\$53,578	\$0	\$54,288

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of debt service funds and permanent 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 13 – 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.

The Township received \$173,520 in funding for 2021 and expects to receive \$173,520 in 2022.

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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>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 73,030	\$ 523,798	\$ -	\$ 596,828
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	18,787	781	-	19,568
Fines and Forfeitures	-	20,308	-	20,308
Intergovernmental	46,665	397,393	-	444,058
Earnings on Investments	1,761	696	-	2,457
Miscellaneous	2,388	12,182	-	14,570
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>142,631</u>	<u>955,158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,097,789</u>
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government	137,814	77	-	137,891
Public Safety	-	519,435	-	519,435
Public Works	-	147,369	-	147,369
Health	10,542	-	-	10,542
Other	-	3	-	3
Capital Outlay	-	17,391	-	17,391
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	-	13,365	-	13,365
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	2,727	-	2,727
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>148,356</u>	<u>700,367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>848,723</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>(5,725)</u>	<u>254,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>249,066</u>
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)				
Advances In	2,000	2,000	-	4,000
Advances Out	(2,000)	(2,000)	-	(4,000)
Other Financing Uses	(260)	-	-	(260)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)</i>	<u>(260)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(260)</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(5,985)</u>	<u>254,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248,806</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>179,299</u>	<u>290,448</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>469,869</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 173,314</u>	<u>\$ 545,239</u>	<u>\$ 122</u>	<u>\$ 718,675</u>

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

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Mahoning County, Ohio

Statement of Additions, Deductions, and
Changes in Fund Balance (Regulatory Cash Basis)
Fiduciary Fund Type
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	<u>Custodial</u>
Additions	
Other Amounts Collected for Distribution	\$ 600
Deductions	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	600
<i>Fund Cash Balance, January 1</i>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balance, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$ 600</u></u>

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

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Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Smith Township, Mahoning 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, police protection, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Village of Sebring and the Village of Beloit to provide fire 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:

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.

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Road and Bridge Fund The Road and Bridge Fund accounts for and reports all revenues and expenditures of the Road and Bridge Fund. The main source of revenue is derived from inside property tax millage. Smith Township does not have a road levy.

Police 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.

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

Coronavirus Relief Fund The Coronavirus Relief Fund accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for Covid-19 transactions.

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 – W. Pine Lake Road Upgrade, Phase 1 The Township received a grant from the State for capital improvements. 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 proceeds from a road bond project.

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) all 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.

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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.

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 12.

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	\$127,993	\$142,631	\$14,638
Special Revenue	689,607	955,158	265,551
Capital Projects	74,000	0	(74,000)
Total	\$891,600	\$1,097,789	\$206,189

2020 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$257,272	\$150,361	\$106,911
Special Revenue	852,721	714,557	138,164
Capital Projects	0	0	0
Total	\$1,109,993	\$864,918	\$245,075

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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>2020</u>
<i>Cash Management Pool:</i>	
Demand deposits	<u>\$85,136</u>
Total deposits	<u>85,136</u>
Repurchase agreement	<u>634,139</u>
Total investments	<u>634,139</u>
<i>Total carrying amount of deposits and investments held in the Pool</i>	<u><u>\$719,275</u></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, 2020, the Township is holding \$8,854 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, 2020, all of the Township’s deposits were insured or collateralized.

Investments

The Township’s financial institution transfers securities to the Township’s agent to collateralize repurchase agreements. The securities are not in the Township’s name.

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.

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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

Smith 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 Smith Township’s policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

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

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

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

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.

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Social Security

One Township employee 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.

Note 10 – Debt

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

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Dump Truck Lease	<u>\$44,030</u>	4.65%
Total	<u><u>\$44,030</u></u>	

Lease

During 2019, the Township entered into a Lease/Purchase Agreement with FNB Equipment Finance for the lease/purchase of a dump truck in the amount of \$73,488 at 4.65% interest rate for five years. Lease costs for the year ended December 31, 2020, were \$16,092.

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The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital lease.

Year Ended December 31,	2019 Dump Truck
2021	\$16,092
2022	16,092
2023	<u>16,092</u>
Total	\$48,276
Less: Amount Representing Interest	<u>(4,246)</u>
<i>Present Value of Minimum Lease</i>	<u>\$44,030</u>

Note 11 – Construction and Contractual Commitments

The Township received approval of a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission in 2019 for a project entitled W. Pine Lake Road Safety Upgrades – Phase II. The total project cost was estimated at \$89,060. The grant from OPWC was in the amount of \$74,810, leaving \$14,250 as the Township’s commitment. This project should be done in 2021, which is when the Township will need to expend those funds from the various road funds.

Note 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	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Total
Outstanding Encumbrances	<u>1,745</u>	<u>14,190</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,935</u>
Total	<u><u>\$1,745</u></u>	<u><u>\$14,190</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$15,935</u></u>

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of debt service funds and permanent 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.

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Note 13 – 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 14 – 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*

Smith Township
Mahoning County
846 North Johnson Road
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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 years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements of Smith Township, Mahoning County (the Township), and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2022, 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 material weaknesses.

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.



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Poland, Ohio

June 24, 2022

**SMITH TOWNSHIP
MAHONING 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.

The following errors were noted:

2020:

- Homestead and rollback receipts of \$40,767 were incorrectly posted to the General Fund instead of allocated to the correct funds of Road & Bridge of \$6,291, Police of \$30,862, and Fire of \$3,614.
- General Fund homestead and rollback receipts of \$3,927 were incorrectly posted to taxes instead of intergovernmental receipts.
- Permissive Motor Vehicle Fund License tax receipts of \$6,802 were incorrectly posted to taxes instead of intergovernmental receipts.
- Coronavirus receipts of \$162,710 were incorrectly posted to interest instead of intergovernmental. The Township created a P.O. for Police Wages from the Police Fund to the Coronavirus fund for \$162,710. While this is permissible according to AOS Bulletin 98-013, the fiscal officer posted the receipt in the Police fund and did not reduce wages. This resulted in the Coronavirus Fund reporting wages of \$162,710 and Police Fund reported wages of \$162,710. The wages should have been reduced in the Police Fund in order not to cause an overstatement of wages. The Police Fund also recorded a Miscellaneous Receipt of \$162,710, which resulted in an overstatement of revenue of \$162,710.

2021:

- Homestead and rollback receipts of \$20,430 were incorrectly posted to the General Fund instead of allocated to the correct funds of Road & Bridge of \$3,412, Police of \$15,235, and Fire of \$1,783.
- Homestead and rollback receipts of \$5,105 and \$11,617 were incorrectly posted to the Motor Vehicle Licenses Tax Fund and Road & Bridge, respectively, instead of allocated to the correct funds of Police of \$14,969, and Fire of \$1,753
- Homestead and rollbacks were incorrectly posted to taxes in the General Fund (\$201), Road & Bridge (\$81), Police (\$410), and Fire (\$52), instead of intergovernmental receipts.

<p style="text-align: center;">FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (continued)</p>

FINDING NUMBER 2021-001 (continued)

- Permissive Motor Vehicle License Fund license tax receipts of \$7,131 were incorrectly posted to taxes instead of intergovernmental receipts.
- The fiscal officer posted ARPA funds of \$173,443 to the Coronavirus Fund instead of creating an SLRF Fund.

The above adjustments have been reflected in the financial statements.

We recommend the Township ensure recording of financial transactions reporting to help ensure the information accurately reflects the activity of the Township and thereby increasing the reliability of the financial data throughout the year. The Fiscal Officer should reference applicable guidance from the Auditor of State, such as UAN manuals of the Ohio Township Manual when posting receipts and processing unusual transactions.

Official's Response:

Management agrees and has corrected going forward.

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**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
2 CFR 200.511(b)
FOR THE YEARS ENED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2019-001	Posting Receipts, Disbursements and Fund Balances	Not Corrected	Repeated as Finding 2021-001

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



SMITH TOWNSHIP

MAHONING 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 9/6/2022

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