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Betty Montgomery**

TRURO TOWNSHIP
FRANKLIN COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Truro Township
Franklin County
6900 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Truro Township, Franklin County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2002. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Truro Township, Franklin County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 28, 2004, on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

April 28, 2004

**TRURO TOWNSHIP
FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Non-Expendable Trust</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$102,230	\$4,311,054	\$0	\$4,413,284
Intergovernmental	90,871	598,137	0	689,008
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	0	6,304	0	6,304
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	0	0	0	0
Earnings on Investments	18,197	1,582	2,573	22,352
Other Revenue	72	66,394	0	66,466
Total Cash Receipts	211,370	4,983,471	2,573	5,197,414
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	201,893	0	0	201,893
Public Safety	0	3,541,857	0	3,541,857
Public Works	8,743	56,618	0	65,361
Health	9,656	59,392	0	69,048
Supplies and Materials		1,000	6,782	7,782
Miscellaneous		16,119		16,119
Capital Outlay	0	225,279	0	225,279
Total Cash Disbursements	220,292	3,900,265	6,782	4,127,339
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(8,922)	1,083,206	(4,209)	1,070,075
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):				
Transfers-In		21,000	3,409	24,409
Transfers-Out	(24,409)	0	0	(24,409)
Miscellaneous Receipts	160	1,800	0	1,960
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(24,249)	22,800	3,409	1,960
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(33,171)	1,106,006	(800)	1,072,035
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	\$284,919	\$651,803	69,357	\$1,006,079
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$251,748	\$1,757,809	\$68,557	\$2,078,114

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

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Non- Expendable Trust</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$93,434	\$2,801,205	\$0	\$2,894,639
Intergovernmental	81,608	414,756	0	496,364
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	0	6,925	0	6,925
Earnings on Investments	18,721	1,797	1,747	22,265
Other Revenue	0	21,775	0	21,775
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Total Cash Receipts	193,763	3,246,458	1,747	3,441,968
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Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	185,721	0	0	185,721
Public Safety	0	3,184,403	0	3,184,403
Public Works	8,774	55,537	0	64,311
Health	7,901	62,956	0	70,857
Supplies and Materials	0	0	91	91
Miscellaneous	0	7,911	0	7,911
Capital Outlay	17,831	19,195	0	37,026
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Total Cash Disbursements	220,227	3,330,002	91	3,550,320
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Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(26,464)	(83,544)	1,656	(108,352)
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Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):				
Transfers-In	0	10,507	0	10,507
Transfers-Out	(10,507)	0	0	(10,507)
Other Sources	479	3,900	0	4,379
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Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(10,028)	14,407	0	4,379
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Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(36,492)	(69,137)	1,656	(103,973)
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Fund Cash Balances, January 1	321,411	720,940	67,701	1,110,052
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Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$284,919	\$651,803	\$69,357	\$1,006,079
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TRURO TOWNSHIP
FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

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

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

B. Basis of Accounting

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

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

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

U.S. Treasury Notes are valued at cost. Money market mutual funds (including STAR Ohio) are recorded at share values reported by the mutual fund.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

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

2. Special Revenue Funds

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

Fire District Fund - This fund receives property tax revenue and other intergovernmental revenue for maintaining and operating the Township fire department.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

3. Fiduciary Fund (Non-Expendable Trust)

This fund is used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements. The Township had the following significant Fiduciary Fund:

Silent Home Cemetery Bequest Fund – Interest earnings from this bequest are used for the maintenance of the Township's cemetery.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) 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 canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2003 and 2002 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Township's basis of accounting.

**TRURO TOWNSHIP
FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002
(Continued)**

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2003	2002
Demand deposits	\$696,799	\$241,360
Total deposits	696,799	241,360
STAR Ohio	1,316,315	699,719
U.S. Treasury Notes	65,000	65,000
Total investments	1,381,315	764,719
Total deposits and investments	\$2,078,114	\$1,006,079

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

Investments: U.S. Treasury Notes are held in book-entry form by the Federal Reserve, in the name of the Township's financial institution. The financial institution maintains records identifying the Township as owner of these securities.

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$200,602	\$211,530	\$10,928
Special Revenue	5,190,821	5,006,271	(184,550)
Non-Expendable Trust	3,456	5,982	2,526
Total	\$5,394,879	\$5,223,783	(\$171,096)

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$365,600	\$244,701	\$120,899
Special Revenue	5,066,786	3,900,265	1,166,521
Non-Expendable Trust	10,274	6,782	3,492
Total	\$5,442,660	\$4,151,748	\$1,290,912

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002
(Continued)**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$206,523	\$194,242	(\$12,281)
Special Revenue	3,415,721	3,260,865	(154,856)
Non-Expendable Trust	813	1,747	934
Total	\$3,623,057	\$3,456,854	(\$166,203)

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$351,893	\$230,734	\$121,159
Special Revenue	4,092,559	3,330,002	762,557
Non-Expendable Trust	3,500	91	3,409
Total	\$4,447,952	\$3,560,827	\$887,125

4. PROPERTY TAX

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

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

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

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

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's certified Fire Fighters belong to the Police and Fireman's Disability and Pension Funds (PFDPF). Other employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PFDPF and PERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. These plans provide retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2003 and 2002, the Township contributed the participants 10.0% and the employer's 24.0% to the PFDPF.

**TRURO TOWNSHIP
FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002
(Continued)**

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)

PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed the 8.5 % employee's share and the 13.55% of employer's share for the Administrator and Road and Cemetery Supervisor. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2003.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

Casualty Coverage

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

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

Property Coverage

OTARMA retains property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$10,000 on any specific loss with an annual aggregate of \$700,000 for 2001 and \$1,250,000 for 2002. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures losses exceeding \$10,000 if the annual aggregate is reached and all specific losses exceeding \$100,000. APEEP's Operating Fund and Guarantee Fund pay for losses and loss adjustment expenses should they exceed operating contributions.

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

Financial Position

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

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Assets	\$23,757,036	\$23,703,776
Liabilities	<u>9,197,512</u>	<u>(9,379,003)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$14,559,524</u>	<u>\$14,324,773</u>

TRURO TOWNSHIP
FRANKLIN COUNTY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002
(Continued)

6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

<u>Property Coverage</u>	2002	2001
Assets	\$6,596,996	\$5,011,131
Liabilities	<u>(1,204,326)</u>	<u>(647,667)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$5,392,670</u>	<u>\$4,363,464</u>

This is the latest information available.

The Township also provides health insurance and dental and vision coverage to full-time employees through a private carrier.



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

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Truro Township, Franklin County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated April 28, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted a certain immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated April 28, 2004.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated April 28, 2004.

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April 28, 2004



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FRANKLIN COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JUNE 17, 2004**