

PLAIN TOWNSHIP FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Cash Basis Financial Statements

For the Year Ended
December 31, 2025

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

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Accountant's Compilation Report

To the Board of Trustees
Plain Township, Ohio

Management is responsible for the accompanying basic financial statements of Plain Township which comprise the statements listed in the table of contents as of December 31, 2025, and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on the financial statements.

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The accompanying management's discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison schedules, and the notes to the supplementary information are presented for additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management. The supplementary information was subject to our compilation engagement. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

Julian & Grube, Inc.

Westerville, Ohio
February 23, 2026

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

The management's discussion and analysis of Plain Township's (the "Township") financial performance provides an overall review of the Township's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2025 within the limitations of the Township's cash basis of accounting. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Township's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the cash-basis basic financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Township's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2025 are as follows:

- For 2025, the total net position of the Township increased 39.58%.
- For 2025, general cash receipts accounted for \$15,221,277 or 92.03% of total governmental activities cash receipts, program specific cash receipts accounted for \$1,317,415 or 7.97% of total governmental activities.
- For 2025, the Township had \$13,098,747 in cash disbursements related to governmental activities; \$1,317,415 of these cash disbursements were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General cash receipts (primarily taxes) of \$15,221,277 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The Township's major funds are the general fund and the fire district fund. The general fund, one of the Township's major funds, had cash receipts of \$1,929,121 in 2025. The cash disbursements and other financing disbursements of the general fund totaled \$1,337,821 in 2025. The general fund's fund balance increased \$591,300 from 2024 to 2025.
- The fire district fund, a Township major fund, had cash receipts of \$12,860,980 in 2025. The fire district fund had cash disbursements of \$10,139,535 in 2025. The fire district fund balance increased \$2,721,445 from 2024 to 2025.

Using this Cash Basis Basic Financial Statements (BFS)

This cash basis annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Township's cash basis of accounting. The statement of net position - cash basis and statement of activities - cash basis provide information about the activities of the whole Township, presenting an aggregate view of the Township's cash basis finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the Township's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the Township, there are three major governmental funds. The general fund and fire district fund are the Township's major funds.

Reporting the Township as a Whole

Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities - Cash Basis

The statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis answer the question, "How did we do financially during 2025?" These statements include only net position using the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This basis of accounting takes into account only the current year's receipts and disbursements if the cash is actually received or paid.

These two statements report the Township's net position and changes in that position on a cash basis. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Township as a whole, the cash basis financial position of the Township has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the Township's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio, availability of Federal and State funding, facility conditions, mandated Federal and State programs and other factors.

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As a result of the use of the cash basis of accounting, certain assets, deferred outflows and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not collected) and liabilities, deferred inflows and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

In the statement of net position- cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis, the governmental activities include the Township's programs and services, including fire protection, road and bridge maintenance and repair, and ambulance services.

Reporting the Township's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Township, like other State and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Township are classified as governmental or fiduciary funds.

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the Township's major funds. The Township uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the Township's most significant funds. The Township's major governmental funds are the general fund and fire district fund.

Governmental Funds

All of the Township's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed view of the Township's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer cash basis financial resources that can be readily spent to finance various Township programs. Since the Township is reporting on the cash basis of accounting, there are no differences in the net position and fund cash balances or changes in net position and changes in fund balances. Therefore, no reconciliation is necessary between such financial statements. However, differences will be apparent when comparing gross receipts and disbursements on the fund financial statements to the statement of activities - cash basis due to transfers between governmental funds being eliminated for reporting in the statement of activities - cash basis.

The Township's budgetary process accounts for transactions on the budgetary basis of accounting. The difference between the budgetary basis of accounting and the cash basis of accounting is that encumbrances at year-end are recorded as a disbursement on the budgetary basis of accounting whereas on the cash basis, the disbursement is only recorded when cash is paid. The budgetary statements for the general fund, the fire district fund and the gasoline tax fund are presented to demonstrate the Township's compliance with annually adopted budgets.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to gain a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain supplementary information concerning the Township's budgetary schedules.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Recall that the statement of net position - cash basis provides the perspective of the Township as a whole. The table below provides a summary of the Township's net position at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 12,130,216	\$ 8,690,271
Total assets	<u>12,130,216</u>	<u>8,690,271</u>
<u>Net cash position</u>		
Restricted	7,459,853	4,767,413
Unrestricted	<u>4,670,363</u>	<u>3,922,858</u>
Total net cash position	<u>\$ 12,130,216</u>	<u>\$ 8,690,271</u>

For 2025, net position of the Township increased \$3,349,945 or 39.58%. The balance of government-wide unrestricted net cash position of \$4,670,363 at December 31, 2025 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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The table below shows the changes in net position for years 2025 and 2024.

	Governmental Activities <u>2025</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2024</u>
Cash Receipts:		
Program cash receipts:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 1,102,339	\$ 1,190,609
Operating grants and contributions	<u>215,076</u>	<u>219,779</u>
Total program cash receipts	<u>1,317,415</u>	<u>1,410,388</u>
General cash receipts:		
Property and other taxes	13,786,962	9,583,472
Unrestricted grants	651,049	635,935
Investment receipts	381,996	285,392
Miscellaneous	<u>401,270</u>	<u>362,373</u>
Total general cash receipts	<u>15,221,277</u>	<u>10,867,172</u>
Total cash receipts	<u>16,538,692</u>	<u>12,277,560</u>
Cash Disbursements:		
Current:		
General government	1,097,634	1,173,149
Public safety	9,461,771	9,526,392
Public works	159,361	721,919
Health	532,623	205,123
Conservation and recreation	497,343	520,420
Capital outlay	1,226,878	474,163
Debt service:		
Principal retirement	112,000	115,000
Interest	<u>11,137</u>	<u>13,817</u>
Total cash disbursements	<u>13,098,747</u>	<u>12,749,983</u>
Change in net position	3,439,945	(472,423)
Net position at beginning of year	<u>8,690,271</u>	<u>9,162,694</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 12,130,216</u>	<u>\$ 8,690,271</u>

Governmental Activities

Governmental net position increased by \$3,349,945 in 2025 from 2024.

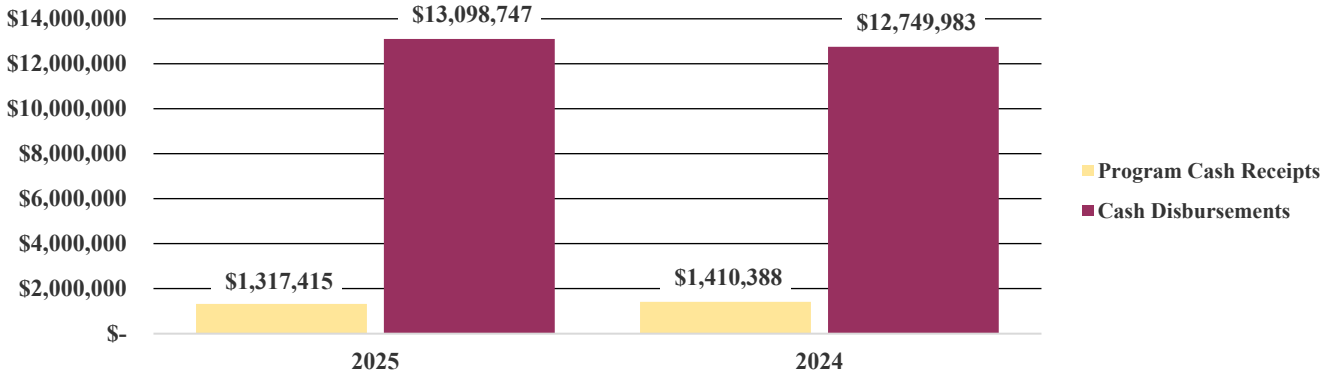
General government represents activities related to the governing body as well as activities that directly support Township programs. In 2025, general government cash disbursements totaled \$1,097,634 or 8.38% of total governmental cash disbursements. General government programs were supported by \$43,245 in direct charges to users for services. In 2025, the public safety programs accounted for \$9,461,771 or 72.23% of total governmental cash disbursements. These operations are primarily supported through taxes. The large increase was due to the passage of a 3.0 mill tax levy to be used for fire operations.

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The statement of activities - cash basis shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following graph shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the program cash receipts for 2025 and 2024. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax receipts and unrestricted State grants and entitlements.

Governmental Activities - Program Cash Receipts vs. Total Cash Disbursements



The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State grants and entitlements.

	Governmental Activities			
	Total Cost of Services <u>2025</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2025</u>	Total Cost of Services <u>2024</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2024</u>
Cash disbursements:				
Current:				
General government	\$ 1,097,634	\$ 1,054,389	\$ 1,173,149	\$ 1,107,262
Public safety	9,461,771	8,953,625	9,526,392	8,988,751
Public works	532,623	317,547	721,919	502,140
Health	159,361	110,178	205,123	154,805
Conservation and recreation	497,343	(4,422)	520,420	(16,343)
Capital outlay	1,226,878	1,226,878	474,163	474,163
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	112,000	112,000	115,000	115,000
Interest	11,137	11,137	13,817	13,817
Total	\$ 13,098,747	\$ 11,781,332	\$ 12,749,983	\$ 11,339,595

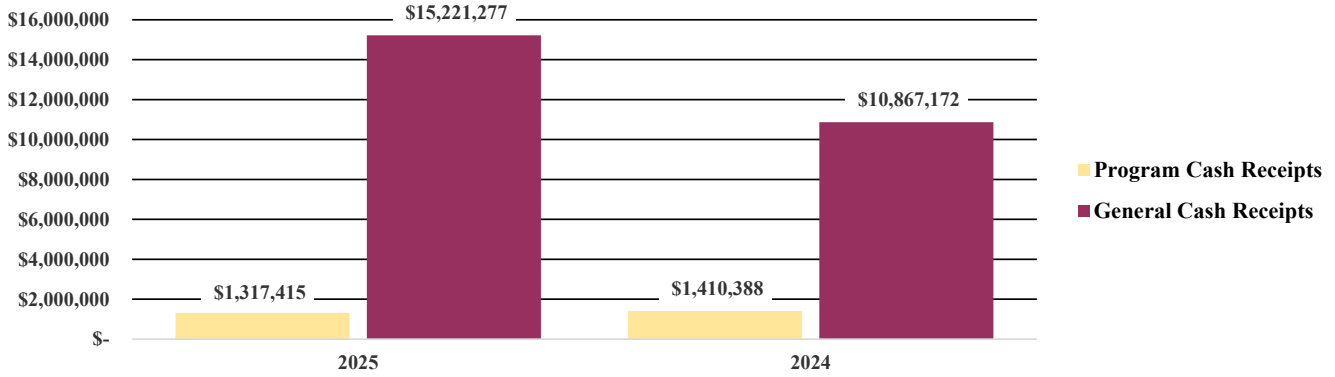
The dependence upon general cash receipts for governmental activities is apparent with 89.94% and 88.94% of cash disbursements supported through taxes and other general cash receipts during 2025 and 2024, respectively.

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The graph below presents the Township’s governmental receipts for 2025 and 2024.

Governmental Activities - General and Program Cash Receipts



Financial Analysis of the Government’s Funds

As noted earlier, the Township uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The Township’s governmental funds are accounted for using the cash basis of accounting.

At December 31, 2025, the Township’s governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$12,130,216, which is \$3,439,945 more than the 2024 total of \$8,690,271. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 for all major and nonmajor governmental funds.

	Fund Balance <u>December 31, 2025</u>	Change In <u>Major Funds</u>	Fund Balance <u>December 31, 2024</u>	<u>Change</u>
Major Funds:				
General	\$ 3,567,302	\$ -	\$ 2,976,002	\$ 591,300
Fire district	5,253,691	-	2,532,246	2,721,445
Gasoline tax	-	(1,159,806)	1,159,806	-
Nonmajor funds	<u>3,309,223</u>	<u>1,159,806</u>	<u>2,022,217</u>	<u>127,200</u>
Total	<u>\$ 12,130,216</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,690,271</u>	<u>\$ 3,439,945</u>

General Fund

The general fund, one of the Township’s major funds, had cash receipts of \$1,929,121 in 2025. The cash disbursements and other financing disbursements of the general fund totaled \$1,353,917 in 2025. The general fund’s fund balance increased \$591,300 from 2024 to 2025.

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The table that follows assists in illustrating the cash receipts of the general fund.

	<u>2025</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Cash Receipts:</u>			
Taxes	\$ 1,275,240	\$ 1,221,037	\$ 54,203
Intergovernmental	205,062	201,119	3,943
License, permits and fees	28,777	38,773	(9,996)
Interest	381,995	285,391	96,604
Rental income	18,381	22,646	(4,265)
Miscellaneous	<u>19,666</u>	<u>20,728</u>	<u>(1,062)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,929,121</u>	<u>\$ 1,789,694</u>	<u>\$ 139,427</u>

Interest cash receipts increased due to higher interest rates earned on investments.

The table that follows assists in illustrating the expenditures of the general fund.

	<u>2025</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Cash Disbursements</u>			
General government	\$ 1,097,634	\$ 1,173,149	\$ (75,515)
Public safety	44,276	22,610	21,666
Health	47,889	60,959	(13,070)
Conservation and recreation	<u>24,885</u>	<u>24,885</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,214,684</u>	<u>\$ 1,281,603</u>	<u>\$ (66,919)</u>

Fire District Fund

The fire district fund, a Township major fund, had cash receipts of \$12,860,980 in 2025. The fire district fund had cash disbursements and other financing disbursements of \$10,139,535 in 2025. The fire district fund balance increased \$2,721,445 from 2024 to 2025. The large increase was due to the passage of a 3.0 mill levy that began collections in 2025.

Budgeting Highlights - General Fund

The Township's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the general fund.

For 2025, the final budgetary basis receipts of \$1,807,272 were \$141,100 more than the original budget basis receipts of \$1,666,172. Actual cash receipts of \$1,929,121 were \$121,849 greater than final budget basis receipts. The final budgeted disbursements and other financing disbursements were \$2,203,718. Actual budgetary basis disbursements and other financing disbursements of \$1,353,917 were less than final budget estimates by \$849,801.

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Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The Township does not record capital assets in the accompanying cash basis basic financial statements, but records payments for capital assets as disbursements. The Township had capital outlay disbursements of \$1,226,878 and \$474,163 during 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Debt Administration

The Township had the following debt outstanding at December 31, 2025 and 2024:

	Governmental Activities <u>2025</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2024</u>
Refunding Bonds - Pool - direct borrowing	<u>\$ 366,000</u>	<u>\$ 478,000</u>

See Note 6 for more information on the Township's debt.

Current Financial Related Activities

The following economic factors were taken into consideration in preparing the budget for 2026:

Plain Township is located in Franklin County in central Ohio. Unemployment in Franklin County typically is slightly below the State and national levels.

State funding is uncertain due to projected budget cuts at the State level. For Plain Township the Local government revenue funds were increased by 3.91% in 2025. Sales and property tax revenues are expected to remain consistent as well as expenditures for 2026. We monitor the real estate tax delinquency information provided by Franklin County for potential revenue shortfall. The voters approved a 2.9 mil fire levy replacement and reduction (from the 1990 3.0 mil fire levy) for collection in 2015 and payment in 2016 collections. On November 5, 2024, Township voters approved an additional 3.0 mil fire levy.

These economic factors were considered in preparing the Township's budget for 2026. The Township has continued to practice conservative budgetary practices in order to preserve a positive financial position in future years.

Contacting the Township's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Township's finances and to show the Township's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer, Plain Township, 45 Second Street, P.O. Box 273, New Albany, Ohio, 43054.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2025
(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 12,130,216
Total assets	12,130,216
Net cash position:	
Restricted for:	
Public works	1,698,306
OneOpioid	54,372
Public safety	5,497,953
Health and human services	204,022
Ulry cemetery	3,166
Nonexpendable	2,034
Unrestricted	4,670,363
Total net cash position	\$ 12,130,216

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025
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		Program Cash Receipts		Net (Cash Disbursements) Cash Receipts and Changes in Net Position
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 1,097,634	\$ 43,245	\$ -	\$ (1,054,389)
Public safety	9,461,771	508,146	-	(8,953,625)
Health	159,361	49,183	-	(110,178)
Public works	532,623	-	215,076	(317,547)
Conservation and recreation	497,343	501,765	-	4,422
Capital outlay	1,226,878	-	-	(1,226,878)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	112,000	-	-	(112,000)
Interest	11,137	-	-	(11,137)
Total governmental activities	\$ 13,098,747	\$ 1,102,339	\$ 215,076	(11,781,332)
		General receipts:		
		Property and other taxes levied for:		
			General purposes	1,275,240
			Public safety - Fire district	12,158,853
			Road and bridge improvements	339,521
			Permissive taxes	13,348
			Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs	651,049
			Investment receipts	381,996
			Miscellaneous	401,270
			Total general receipts	15,221,277
			Change in net position	3,439,945
			Net cash position at beginning of year	8,690,271
			Net cash position at end of year	\$ 12,130,216

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STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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	<u>General</u>	<u>Fire District</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 3,567,302	\$ 5,253,691	\$ 3,309,223	\$ 12,130,216
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,034	\$ 2,034
Restricted	-	5,253,691	2,204,128	7,457,819
Committed	-	-	1,103,061	1,103,061
Assigned	245,506	-	-	245,506
Unassigned	3,321,796	-	-	3,321,796
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 3,567,302</u>	<u>\$ 5,253,691</u>	<u>\$ 3,309,223</u>	<u>\$ 12,130,216</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND
CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025
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	General	Fire District	<i>(Formerly Major)</i> Gasoline Tax	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash receipts:					
Taxes	\$ 1,275,240	\$ 12,158,853		\$ 339,521	\$ 13,773,614
Charges for services	-	-		1,009,911	1,009,911
Licenses, permits and fees	28,777	-		49,183	77,960
Fines, forfeitures and settlements	-	-		14,468	14,468
Intergovernmental	205,062	413,364		203,515	821,941
Interest	381,995	-		57,533	439,528
Rental income	18,381	-		-	18,381
Miscellaneous	19,666	288,763		74,460	382,889
Total cash receipts	<u>1,929,121</u>	<u>12,860,980</u>		<u>1,748,591</u>	<u>16,538,692</u>
Cash disbursements:					
Current:					
General government	1,097,634	-		-	1,097,634
Public safety	44,276	8,820,535		596,960	9,461,771
Health	47,889	-		111,472	159,361
Public works	-	-		532,623	532,623
Conservation and recreation	24,885	-		472,458	497,343
Capital outlay	-	-		1,226,878	1,226,878
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	-	-		112,000	112,000
Interest	-	-		11,137	11,137
Total cash disbursements	<u>1,214,684</u>	<u>8,820,535</u>		<u>3,063,528</u>	<u>13,098,747</u>
Excess (deficiency) of cash receipts over (under) cash disbursements	<u>714,437</u>	<u>4,040,445</u>		<u>(1,314,937)</u>	<u>3,439,945</u>
Other financing receipts (disbursements):					
Transfers in	-	-		1,442,137	1,442,137
Transfers out	(123,137)	(1,319,000)		-	(1,442,137)
Total other financing receipts (disbursements)	<u>(123,137)</u>	<u>(1,319,000)</u>		<u>1,442,137</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	591,300	2,721,445		127,200	3,439,945
Fund balance as previously reported	2,976,002	2,532,246	1,159,806	2,022,217	8,690,271
Adjustment - change in major fund to nonmajor fund	-	-	(1,159,806)	1,159,806	-
Fund balances at beginning of year, as adjusted	<u>2,976,002</u>	<u>2,532,246</u>		<u>3,182,023</u>	<u>8,690,271</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 3,567,302</u>	<u>\$ 5,253,691</u>		<u>\$ 3,309,223</u>	<u>\$ 12,130,216</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE TOWNSHIP

Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Township") is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising 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 the following services: fire protection, road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance and emergency medical services as well as general governmental services. Beginning on December 15, 2024, the Township contracted with the Licking County Emergency Management Agency for dispatching services. 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

As discussed further in Note 2.D., these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. In cases where these cash basis statements contain items that are the same as, or similar to, those items in the financial statements prepared in conformity with GAAP, similar informative disclosures are provided. Following are the more significant of the Township's accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the Township's Basic Financial Statements (BFS) include all funds, agencies, boards, commissions, and departments for which the Township is financially accountable. Financial accountability, as defined by the GASB, exists if the Township appoints a voting majority of an organization's Governing Board and is either able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific burdens on, the Township. The Township may also be financially accountable for governmental organizations with a separately elected Governing Board, a Governing Board appointed by another government, or a jointly appointed Board that is fiscally dependent on the Township. The Township also took into consideration other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Township are such that exclusion would cause the Township's basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Township has no component units.

The following organizations are described due to their significant relationship to the Township:

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

New Albany - Plain Local Joint Park District

The New Albany Plain-Local Joint Park District (the "Park District") is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the participating entities as follows: (1) The City of New Albany; (2) Plain Township; (3) The New Albany-Plain Local School District. The Park District possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority.

Rocky Fork-Blacklick Accord

The Rocky Fork-Blacklick Accord is an initiative of the City of New Albany, the City of Columbus, and Plain Township to establish long-range planning guidelines to manage future growth and development in the planning area.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

The Township is a participant in the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), a jointly governed organization. MORPC is composed of 74 representatives appointed by member governments who make up the Commission, the policy-making body of MORPC, and the oversight board. MORPC is a voluntary association of local governments in central and south central Ohio and a regional planning agency whose membership includes 42 political subdivisions in and around Franklin, Ross, Fayette, Delaware, Pickaway, Madison, Licking and Fairfield Counties, Ohio. The purpose of the organization is to improve the quality of life for member communities by improving housing conditions, to promote and support livability/sustainability measures as a means of addressing regional growth challenges, and to administer and facilitate the availability of regional environment infrastructure program funding to the full advantage of MORPC's members.

Metropolitan Emergency Communications Consortium Regional Council of Governments

The Township is a participant in the Metropolitan Emergency Communications Consortium Regional Council of Governments (MECC RCOG), a jointly governed organization. MECC RCOG is composed of representatives from Mifflin, Truro, Violet, Jefferson and Plain Townships. The purpose of the organization is to enable its members to more effectively manage the provision of shared services and programs, including efficient methods of delivery of public safety dispatch operations, fire, law enforcement and emergency medical and related services, technology services and selected benefit services, and to promote cooperative agreements and contracts between its members or other governmental agencies. The Township currently contracts with the MECC RCOG for EMS medical director services.

JOINT VENTURE

New Albany Performing Arts Center

In 2004, the Township entered into a joint operating agreement with New Albany-Plain Local School District (the "District"), the City of New Albany (the "City") and the New Albany Community Foundation (the "Foundation") for the operations of the New Albany Performing Arts Center (the "Center"). The Center was constructed through a joint collaboration between the Township, District and City. Each of these entities owns a portion of the Center, as tenants in common, equal to their financial contribution of the construction. The City, District and Township committed amounts not to exceed \$5 million, \$5 million and \$3 million, respectively, to supplement the construction of the Center. The Township made the \$3 million dollar contribution to the Center on behalf of the Township from an area tax increment financing agreement. The Foundation has committed to use its best efforts to raise approximately \$2.3 million to be applied to an endowment for the purpose of subsidizing the operation of the Center. The Center will serve both school and community needs, including music, theater, dance and ballet.

Until October 15, 2025, the Center was operated by a 15-member Board of Directors (the "Board") consisting of 3 members appointed by the District, 3 members appointed by the Township, 3 members appointed by the City and 3 member appointed by the Foundation. A revised New Albany Performing Arts Center Joint Operating Agreement was adopted on October 15, 2025, restructuring the McCoy Board of Directors. The McCoy Board of Directors is now composed of 4 representatives appointed by the District, 4 appointed by the City, and 3 appointed by the Township. The New Albany Community Foundation is represented by one ex officio (non-voting) member. The Township does not appoint a voting majority of the Board.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The Township has no ongoing financial interest or responsibility in the operation of the Center other than it is obligated to pay 3/13 of the capital expenses approved on an annual basis. The Board of Directors approves the operating budget of the Center. The operating budget is prepared by the Board of Education and delivered to the Board of Directors and Owners annually by May 31st of each year, including projected expenses, the budget year costs from the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, and the Board of Education Usage Charge. "Owners" means the City, District and the Township. Complete financial statements for the Center may be obtained from the Treasurer of the New Albany-Plain Local School District at 55 North High Street, New Albany, OH 43054.

PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL

Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority

The Township participates in the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a public entity risk pool. 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' deductible. This organization is discussed in Note 9.

B. Basis of Presentation

The Township's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and a fund financial statement which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements - The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Township as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of net position presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the Township at year end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each of the Township's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the Township is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services, grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and receipts of interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on a cash basis or draws from the Township's general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements - During the year, the Township segregates transactions related to certain Township functions or activities in separate funds to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Township at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

C. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting 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. Funds are used to segregate resources that are restricted as to use. The funds of the Township are divided into three categories, governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. The Township has no proprietary or fiduciary funds.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Governmental Funds - The Township classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants) and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The following are the Township's major governmental funds:

General fund - This fund is used to account for all financial activities of the Township except those required to be accounted for 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.

Fire district fund - This fund is used to account for all financial activities of the fire operations.

Other governmental funds of the Township are used to account for:

Nonmajor special revenue funds - Special revenue funds are used to 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.

Nonmajor capital projects funds - Capital projects funds are used to 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.

Nonmajor debt service funds - Debt service funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

Nonmajor permanent funds - Permanent funds are used to account for and report 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 – that is, for the benefit of the government or its citizenry.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in the preceding paragraphs.

D. Basis of Accounting

The Township's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the Township's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received, but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

E. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the Township is pooled and invested. Individual fund integrity is maintained through Township records. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and investments".

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as 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 negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

Investments were limited to Commercial Paper, U.S. Treasury notes, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporations (FHLMC) securities, Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) securities, Negotiable CDs, U.S Government money market mutual fund and the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio). STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." The Township measures its investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit participant transactions to \$250 million per day. Transactions in all of a participant's accounts will be combined for this purpose. Twenty-four hours advance notice to STAR Ohio is appreciated for purchases or redemptions of \$100 million or more. For 2025, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates.

Interest earnings are allocated to Township funds according to State statutes, grant requirements, or debt related restrictions. Interest receipts credited to the general fund during 2025 were \$381,995 which includes \$243,864 assigned from other Township funds.

F. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The Township reports disbursements for inventories and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

G. Capital Assets

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

H. Accumulated Leave

For the Township, a compensated absence includes leave for which employees may receive cash payments when the leave is used for time off or receive cash payments for unused leave upon termination of employment. These payments could occur during employment or upon termination of employment. Compensated absences generally do not have a set payment schedule. The Township does not offer noncash settlements.

Township employees earn sick and vacation time that can be used for time off. In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave.

I. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The Township recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. In addition to these disbursements the Township also contributes the entire employee share. As described in Notes 7 and 8, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for other postemployment benefits (OPEB); these amounts are the required amounts and are not necessarily the amounts that are paid.

J. Long-term Obligations

The Township's cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds or other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when the cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid. Since recording a capital asset (including the intangible right to use asset) when entering into a lease, SBITA or finance purchase transaction is not the result of a cash transaction, neither another financing source nor a capital outlay disbursement is reported at inception. Lease payments, SBITA payments and finance purchase payments are reported when paid.

K. Net Cash Position

Net cash position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

The Township first applies restricted resources when an obligation is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

L. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Township is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

Restricted - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Township Board of Trustees (the highest level of decision making authority). Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Township Board of Trustees removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Township for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted nor committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the Township Board of Trustees, which includes giving the Fiscal Officer the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes.

Unassigned - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The Township applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) fund balance is 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.

M. Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing receipt (disbursement) in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements. Interfund transfers between government funds are eliminated for reporting in the statement of activities.

N. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of management and are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during 2025.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

O. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

P. Leases

Accruals related to leases (as defined by GASB 87) are not reflected under the Township's cash basis of accounting. Lease receipts/disbursements are recognized when they are received/paid.

Q. Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements

Accruals related to Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangement (SBITA) contracts (as defined by GASB 96) are not reflected under the Township's cash basis of accounting. SBITA disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

R. Settlement Monies

Ohio has reached settlement agreements with various distributors of opioids which are subject to the OneOhio memorandum of understanding. The original settlement was reached in 2021 with annual payments anticipated through 2038. For 2025, distributions of \$14,468 are reflected as fines and forfeitures revenue in the OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

Change in Accounting Principles

For 2025, the Township has implemented GASB Statement No. 102, "*Certain Risk Disclosures*".

GASB Statement No. 102 improves financial reporting by providing users with timely information regarding certain concentrations or constraints and related events that have occurred or have begun to occur that make a government vulnerable to a substantial impact. As a result, users will have better information with which to understand and anticipate certain risks to a government's financial condition. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 102 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Township.

Change within the Financial Reporting Entity

For 2025, the Township's gasoline tax fund presentation was adjusted from major to nonmajor due to no longer meeting the quantitative threshold for a major fund. This change is separately displayed in the financial statements.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the Township into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the Township treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Township has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use, but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Interim monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions or the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings accounts including but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in items 1 and 2 above, and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool, State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);
8. Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days and two hundred seventy days, respectively, from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed forty percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met; and,
9. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Protection of the Township's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by the financial institutes participating in the Ohio Pooled Collateral Systems (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited, except as noted above. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Township and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Fiscal Officer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At December 31, 2025, the carrying amount of all Township deposits was \$947,396 and the bank balance of all Township deposits was \$950,503. Of the bank balance, \$659,195 was covered by the FDIC and the remaining was potentially exposed to custodial credit risk discussed below because those deposits were uninsured and could be uncollateralized. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the Township to a successful claim by the FDIC.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the Township will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Township has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or protected by (1) eligible securities pledged to the Township and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose fair value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured, or (2) participation in 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. OPCS requires the total fair value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a reduced rate set by the Treasurer of State. For 2025, the Township's financial institutions were approved for a reduced collateral rate of 50 percent through the OPCS. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the Township to a successful claim by the FDIC.

B. Investments

As of December 31, 2025, the Township had the following investments and maturities:

Investment type	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Investment Maturities				
			6 months or less	7 to 12 months	13 to 18 months	19 to 24 months	Greater than 24 months
FHLB	\$ 380,691	\$ 379,667	\$ 280,124	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,543
FHLMC	218,695	223,793	-	-	-	-	223,793
US Treasury Note	1,156,565	1,177,965	-	-	-	-	1,177,965
Commercial Paper	242,024	246,982	246,982	-	-	-	-
Negotiable CDs	2,002,196	2,012,599	248,367	548,077	194,956	535,693	485,506
US Government money market	39,066	39,066	39,066	-	-	-	-
STAR Ohio	7,143,583	7,143,583	7,143,583	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 11,182,820	\$ 11,223,655	\$ 7,958,122	\$ 548,077	\$ 194,956	\$ 535,693	\$ 1,986,807

The weighted average maturity of investments is 0.83 years.

Interest Rate Risk: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the Township's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Credit Risk: STAR Ohio and the US Government money market fund carry a rating of AAAM by Standard & Poor's. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard service rating. The Township's investments in federal agency securities (FHLB, FHLMC) and US Treasury Notes were rated AA+ and Aa1 by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively.

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Township will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The federal agency securities are exposed to custodial credit risk in that they are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent, but not in the Township's name. The Township has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the Fiscal Officer or qualified trustee.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The Township places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the Township at December 31, 2025:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
FHLB	\$ 380,691	3.40
FHLMC	218,695	1.96
US Treasury Note	1,156,565	10.34
Commercial Paper	242,024	2.16
Negotiable CDs	2,002,196	17.90
US Government money market	39,066	0.35
STAR Ohio	<u>7,143,583</u>	<u>63.89</u>
Total	<u>\$ 11,182,820</u>	<u>100.00</u>

C. Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to the Statement of Net Position

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net position - cash basis as of December 31, 2025:

<u>Cash and investments per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 947,396
Carrying amount of investments	<u>11,182,820</u>
Total	<u>\$ 12,130,216</u>
<u>Cash and investments per statement of net position</u>	
Governmental activities	<u>\$ 12,130,216</u>
Total	<u>\$ 12,130,216</u>

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NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAX

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the Township. Taxes collected from real property taxes (other than public utility) in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on the assessed value as of January 1 of that preceding year, the lien date. Assessed values are established by the County Auditor at 35 percent of appraised market value. All property is required to be revaluated every six years. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes collected in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values determined as of December 31 of the second year preceding the tax collection year, the lien date. Public utility tangible personal property is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2025 public utility property taxes became a lien December 31, 2024, are levied after October 1, 2025, and are collected in 2026 with real property taxes. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property taxes described previously.

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County, including the Township. The County Auditor periodically remits to the Township its portion of the taxes collected.

The full tax rate for all Township operations for the year ended December 31, 2025, was \$18.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real and tangible personal property upon which 2024 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

	<u>2025</u>
Real property tax	\$ 1,121,483,690
Public utility tangible personal property	<u>69,682,880</u>
Total assessed valuation	<u>\$ 1,191,166,570</u>

NOTE 6 - DEBT OBLIGATIONS

Transactions for the year ended December 31, 2025 are summarized as follows:

<u>Description</u>	Balance December 31, 2023	Proceeds	Payments	Balance December 31, 2025
Refunding Bonds - Pool - direct borrowing	\$ 478,000	\$ -	\$ (112,000)	\$ 366,000
Total	<u>\$ 478,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (112,000)</u>	<u>\$ 366,000</u>

General obligation bonds and notes are direct obligations of the Township for which its full faith, credit and resources, are pledged and are payable from tax levies on all taxable property in the Township.

Series 2015 Capital Facilities Refunding Bonds: On March 30, 2015, the Township issued \$1,515,000 in pool refunding bonds to refund the Series 2004 capital facilities bonds that were for the construction of the township aquatic center. These bonds are considered a direct borrowing in that the terms have been negotiated directly between the Township and the lender and are not offered for public sale. The bonds were issued for a thirteen year period, with final maturity on December 1, 2028 at an interest rate of 2.33%. The bonds are being retired from the debt service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

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NOTE 6 - DEBT OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

The principal and interest requirements to retire the debt obligations outstanding at December 31, 2025, are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	<u>Current Interest Bonds - direct borrowing</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2026	\$ 120,000	\$ 8,528	\$ 128,528
2027	122,000	5,732	127,732
2028	<u>124,000</u>	<u>2,889</u>	<u>126,889</u>
Total	<u>\$ 366,000</u>	<u>\$ 17,149</u>	<u>\$ 383,149</u>

Under the cash basis of accounting, debt obligations at year end are not reported on the financial statements.

NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Net Pension Liability and Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

The net pension liability and the net OPEB liability (asset) reported on the statement of net position represents a liability or asset to employees for pensions and OPEB, respectively.

Pensions and OPEB are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period.

The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) represents the Township’s proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan’s collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the Township’s obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The Township cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions/OPEB are financed; however, the Township does receive the benefit of employees’ services in exchange for compensation including pension and OPEB.

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system’s board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The net pension liability and net OPEB liability (asset) are not reported on the face of the financial statements, but rather are disclosed in the notes because of the use of the cash basis framework.

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NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

The remainder of this note includes the pension disclosures. See Note 8 for the OPEB disclosures.

Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - Township employees, other than full-time police and firefighters, participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system which administers two separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, and the member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan.

Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions.

The traditional pension plan also includes members of the legacy combined plan, a hybrid defined benefit/defined contribution plan referred to as the combined plan division of the traditional pension plan throughout this disclosure. Prior to January 1, 2024, the combined plan was a separate pension plan. Effective January 1, 2022, the combined plan was no longer available for member selection. In October 2023, the legislature approved House Bill (HB) 33 which allowed for the consolidation of the combined plan into the traditional pension plan. The combined plan was consolidated into the traditional pension plan effective January 1, 2024, and is tracked as a separate division within the traditional pension plan. No changes were made to the benefit design features of the combined plan as part of this consolidation so that members in this plan will experience no changes. Throughout this disclosure, references to the traditional pension plan are inclusive of the combined plan division, unless otherwise noted.

Members of the combined plan division earn a formula benefit similar to, but at a factor less than, the traditional pension plan benefit. This defined benefit is funded by employer contributions and associated investment earnings. Additionally, combined plan division member contributions are deposited into a defined contribution account in which the member self-directs the investment. Upon retirement or termination, the member may choose a defined contribution retirement distribution that is equal in amount to the member's contributions to the plan and investment gains or losses on those contributions. Members in this division may also elect to annuitize their defined contribution account balances.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the traditional and combined plans were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group.

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NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional and combined plans as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

Group A Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	Group B 20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Group C Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local	State and Local	State and Local
Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Traditional Plan Formula: (Excluding Combined Plan Division) 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: (Excluding Combined Plan Division) 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: (Excluding Combined Plan Division) 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35
Combined Plan Division Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Division Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Division Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 35

Traditional pension plan state and local members (excluding the combined plan division) who retire before meeting the age-and-years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The amount of a member's pension benefit vests at retirement.

Combined plan division members retiring before age 65 with less than 30 years of service credit receive a percentage reduction in benefit.

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NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Final average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, the member is eligible for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the member's original base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the combined plan division receive a cost-of-living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost-of-living adjustment is 3.00%. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3.00%.

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Member-directed plan and combined plan division members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan division consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. Combined plan division members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20 percent each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of the benefit (which includes joint and survivor options and will continue to be administered by OPERS), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

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NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	Traditional Pension Plan State and Local Divisions	
	Excluding Combined Plan Division	Combined Plan Division
	2025 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates	
Employer	14.0 %	14.0 %
Employee *	10.0 %	10.0 %
2025 Actual Contributions Rates		
Employer:		
Pension ****	14.0 %	12.0 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits ****	0.0	2.0
Total Employer	14.0 %	14.0 %
Employee	10.0 %	10.0 %

* Member contributions within the combined plan division are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement allowance.

** These pension and employer health care rates are for the traditional plan. The employer contributions rate for the member-directed plan is allocated 4 percent for health care with the remainder going to pension; however, effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate is funded with reserves.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined within the constraints of statutory limits for each division and expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

For 2025, the Township’s contractually required contribution for the Traditional Pension Plan (excluding Combined Plan Division) and Combined Plan Division was \$102,484 and for the member directed plan was \$11,534.

Plan Description - Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund (OP&F)

Plan Description - City full-time firefighters participate in Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by OP&F. OP&F provides retirement and disability pension benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by the Ohio State Legislature and are codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code. OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information and detailed information about OP&F fiduciary net position. The report that may be obtained by visiting the OP&F website at www.op-f.org or by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

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NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Upon attaining a qualifying age with sufficient years of service, a member of OP&F may retire and receive a lifetime monthly pension. OP&F offers four types of service retirement: normal, service commuted, age/service commuted and actuarially reduced. Each type has different eligibility guidelines and is calculated using the member's average annual salary. The following discussion of the pension formula relates to normal service retirement.

For members hired after July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 52 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit. For members hired on or before July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 48 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit.

The annual pension benefit for normal service retirement is equal to a percentage of the allowable average annual salary. The percentage equals 2.50% for each of the first 20 years of service credit, 2.00% for each of the next five years of service credit and 1.50% for each year of service credit in excess of 25 years. The maximum pension of 72.00% of the allowable average annual salary is paid after 33 years of service credit (see OP&F Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for Deferred Retirement Option Plan provisions and reduced and unreduced benefits).

Under normal service retirement, retired members who are at least 55 years old and have been receiving OP&F benefits for at least one year are eligible for a cost-of-living allowance adjustment. The age 55 provision for receiving a COLA does not apply to those who are receiving a permanent and total disability benefit, statutory survivors, and annuity beneficiaries. Members participating in the DROP program have separate eligibility requirements related to COLA.

The COLA amount for members who have 15 or more years of service credit as of July 1, 2013, and members who are receiving a pension benefit that became effective before July 1, 2013, will be equal to 3.00% of the member's base pension benefit.

The COLA amount for members who have less than 15 years of service credit as of July 1, 2013, and members whose pension benefit became effective on or after July 1, 2013, will be equal to a percentage of the member's base pension benefit where the percentage is the lesser of 3.00% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index, if any, over the twelve-month period that ends on the thirtieth day of September of the immediately preceding year, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percent.

Members who retired prior to July 24, 1986, or their surviving beneficiaries under optional plans are entitled to cost-of-living allowance increases. The annual increase is paid on July 1st of each year. The annual COLA increase is \$360 under a Single Life Annuity Plan with proportional reductions for optional payment plans.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	<u>Firefighters</u>
2025 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates	
Employer	24.00 %
Employee	12.25 %
2025 Actual Contribution Rates	
Employer:	
Pension	23.50 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	0.50 %
Total Employer	24.00 %
Employee	12.25 %

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Township's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$1,039,858 for 2025.

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NOTE 8 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

See Note 7 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers two separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan and the member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust, the 115 Health Care Trust (115 Trust), which was established in 2014 to fund health care for the Traditional Pension and Member-Directed plans. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

With one exception, OPERS-provided health care coverage is neither guaranteed nor statutorily required. Ohio law currently requires Medicare Part A equivalent coverage or Medicare Part A premium reimbursement for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents.

OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents.

OPERS members enrolled in the Traditional Pension Plan or Combined Plan retiring with an effective date of January 1, 2022, or after must meet the following health care eligibility requirements to receive an HRA allowance:

Age 65 or older Retirees Minimum of 20 years of qualifying service credit

Age 60 to 64 Retirees Based on the following age-and-service criteria:

Group A 30 years of total service with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit;

Group B 31 years of total service credit with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit;
or

Group C 32 years of total service credit with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit.

Age 59 or younger Based on the following age-and-service criteria:

Group A 30 years of qualified health care service credit;

Group B 32 years of qualified health care service credit at any age or 31 years of qualified health care service credit and at least age 52; or

Group C 32 years of qualified health care service credit and at least age 55.

Retirees who do not meet the requirement for coverage as a non-Medicare participant can become eligible for coverage at age 65 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying service.

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NOTE 8 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

Members with a retirement date on or prior to December 1, 2014, with at least 10 years of qualifying health care service credit will continue to be eligible for the OPERS health care program. Members with a retirement date after December 1, 2014, but prior to January 1, 2022, who were eligible to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022, as summarized in the following table:

Group A	Group B	Group C
Age and Service Requirements <i>December 1, 2014 or Prior</i>	Age and Service Requirements <i>December 1, 2014 or Prior</i>	Age and Service Requirements <i>December 1, 2014 or Prior</i>
Any Age with 10 years of service credit	Any Age with 10 years of service credit	Any Age with 10 years of service credit
<i>January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021</i>	<i>January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021</i>	<i>January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021</i>
Age 60 with 20 years of service credit or Any Age with 30 years of service credit	Age 52 with 31 years of service credit or Age 60 with 20 years of service credit or Any Age with 32 years of service credit	Age 55 with 32 years of service credit or Age 60 with 20 years of service credit

See the Age and Service Retirement section of the OPERS ACFR for a description of Groups A, B and C.

Beginning January 1, 2014, qualifying contributing service credit for health care will be accumulated only if the member’s eligible salary is at least \$1,000 per month. Partial health care credit will not be granted for months in which eligible salary is less than \$1,000. Credit earned prior to January 2014 will not be affected by this requirement.

Recipients of disability benefits prior to January 1, 2014, have continued access to the health care program while the disability benefit continues and will not be subject to the five-year rule described below. The allowance will be determined in the same manner as an age-and-service retiree. If the recipient does not meet minimum age-and-service requirements, the minimum allowance will be used. Recipients with an initial disability effective date on or after January 1, 2014, will have coverage during the first five years of disability benefits. After five years, the recipient must meet minimum age-and-service health care eligibility requirements or be enrolled in Medicare (due to disability status) to remain enrolled in the OPERS health care program. If enrolled, the allowance will be determined in the same way as an age-and-service retiree.

Eligible retirees may receive a monthly HRA allowance for reimbursement of health care coverage premiums and other qualified medical expenses. Monthly allowances are determined using a percentage based on years of service and the age when the individual is first eligible for the HRA, multiplied by the base allowance as determined by the Board.

The base allowance was \$1,200 per month for non-Medicare retirees and \$350 per month for Medicare retirees throughout 2024. The base allowance for Medicare retirees increased to \$400 per month in January 2025. Monthly allowances range between 51.00% and 90.00% of the base allowance for both non-Medicare and Medicare retirees.

Retirees will have access to the OPERS Connector, which is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees participating in the health care program. The OPERS Connector may assist retirees in selecting and enrolling in the appropriate health care plan. While Medicare eligible retirees must use the Connector to select a vendor to be eligible to receive an HRA, non-Medicare eligible retirees may use the Connector or another vendor and still be eligible to receive an HRA.

When members become Medicare-eligible, recipients enrolled in OPERS health care programs must enroll in Medicare Part A (hospitalization) and Medicare Part B (medical).

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NOTE 8 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

OPERS reimburses retirees who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A (hospitalization) for their Part A premiums as well as any applicable surcharges (late-enrollment fees). Retirees within this group must enroll in Medicare Part A and select medical coverage, and may select prescription coverage, through the OPERS Connector. OPERS also will reimburse 50 percent of the Medicare Part A premium and any applicable surcharges for eligible spouses. Proof of enrollment in Medicare Part A and confirmation that the retiree is not receiving reimbursement or payment from another source must be submitted. The premium reimbursement is added to the monthly pension benefit.

Participants in the Member-Directed Plan have a portion of the employer contribution credited to an individual retiree medical account. Interest accrues based on the investment performance of the stable value fund, not to exceed 4.00%. Members with an account prior to July 1, 2015, become vested in the account at a rate of 20.00% for each year of participation until the member is fully vested at the end of five years. Members establishing accounts on or after July 1, 2015, vest over 15 years at a rate of 10.00% each year starting with the sixth year of participation.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority allowing public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care for the traditional plan (except for the combined division).

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. For 2025, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.00% of earnable salary. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2025, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan. Beginning July 1, 2022, there was a 2.00% allocation to health care for the Combined Plan Division which has continued through 2025. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the member-directed plan for 2025 was 4.00%. Effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves which has continued through 2025.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Township's contractually required contribution was \$4,614 for 2025.

Plan Description - Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund (OP&F)

Plan Description – The Township contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F) sponsored healthcare program, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined post-employment health care plan administered by a third-party provider. This program is not guaranteed and is subject to change at any time upon action of the Board of Trustees. On January 1, 2019, OP&F implemented a stipend model for health care.

A stipend funded by OP&F via the Health Care Stabilization Fund (HCSF) is available to eligible members through a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and can be used to reimburse retirees for qualified health care expenses. This stipend model allows eligible members the option of choosing an appropriate health care plan on the insurance exchange. Implementation of the stipend model has helped OP&F meet the funding goal of a 15-year future solvency projection in the HCSF.

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NOTE 8 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

Regardless of a benefit recipient's participation in the health care program, OP&F is required by law to pay eligible recipients of a service pension, disability benefit and spousal survivor benefit for their Medicare Part B insurance premium, up to the statutory maximum provided the benefit recipient is not eligible to receive reimbursement from any other source. Once OP&F receives the necessary documentation, a monthly reimbursement is included as part of the recipient's next benefit payment. The stipend provided by OP&F meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75.

OP&F maintains funds for health care in two separate accounts: one account for health care benefits and one account for Medicare Part B reimbursements. A separate health care trust accrual account is maintained for health care benefits under IRS Code Section 115 trust. IRS Code Section 401(h) account is maintained for Medicare Part B reimbursements.

The Ohio Revised Code allows, but does not mandate, OP&F to provide OPEB benefits. Authority for the OP&F Board of Trustees to provide health care coverage to eligible participants and to establish and amend benefits is codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code.

OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information for the plan. The report may be obtained by visiting the OP&F website at www.op-f.org or by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides for contribution requirements of the participating employers and of plan members to the OP&F defined benefit pension plan. Participating employers are required to contribute to the pension plan at rates expressed as percentages of the payroll of active pension plan members, currently 19.50% and 24.00% of covered payroll for police and fire employer units, respectively. The Ohio Revised Code states that the employer contribution may not exceed 19.50% of covered payroll for police employer units and 24.00% of covered payroll for fire employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions for retiree health care benefits. For 2025, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0.50% of covered payroll. The amount of employer contributions allocated to the health care plan each year is subject to the Trustees' primary responsibility to ensure that pension benefits are adequately funded.

The Township's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$23,274 for 2025.

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NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The 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 the 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 (the latest information available):

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash and investments	\$ 32,822,076
Actuarial liabilities	12,568,762

Insurance Benefits - Health Insurance

The Township provides health insurance to employees through United Health Care.

NOTE 10 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Litigation

The Township is currently not party to any pending litigation.

B. Grants

The Township receives significant financial assistance from numerous Federal, State and local agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on any of the financial statements of the individual funds included herein or on the overall financial position of the Township at December 31, 2025.

C. Jefferson Health Plan Claims

The Township was previously a member of the Jefferson Health Plan (the "Health Plan"), a claims servicing insurance pool organized under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167, for the purpose of establishing and carrying out a cooperative program to administer medical, prescription, vision and dental benefits for employees of the participating entities and their eligible dependents. Upon leaving the Health Plan, the Township assumed responsibility for any incurred but not reported (IBNR) claims. At the date of the report, it was unclear the impact these claims would have on future cash disbursements of the Township.

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NOTE 11 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2025, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund financial statements:

<u>Transfers to a nonmajor governmental fund from:</u>	
General fund	\$ 123,137
Fire district fund	<u>1,319,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,442,137</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. All transfers were made in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16.

Interfund transfers between governmental funds are eliminated for reporting in the statement of activities.

NOTE 12 - OTHER COMMITMENTS

The Township utilizes encumbrance accounting as part of its budgetary controls. Encumbrances outstanding at year end may be reported as part of restricted, committed, or assigned classifications of fund balance. At year end, the Township’s commitments for encumbrances in the governmental funds were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year-End Encumbrances</u>
General fund	\$ 16,096
Fire district	536,600
Other governmental	<u>6,100</u>
Total	<u>\$ 558,796</u>

NOTE 13 - TAX ABATEMENTS

The Township, along with the City of New Albany entered into property tax abatement agreements with property owners under The Ohio Community Reinvestment Area (“CRA”) program. The CRA program is a directive incentive tax exemption program benefiting property owners who renovate or construct new buildings. Under this program, the Township and/or Township designates areas to encourage revitalization of the existing housing stock and the development of new structures. The Township has over 20 properties that are receiving tax abatements. The total value of taxes abated for 2025 was \$1,099,336.

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NOTE 14 - FUND BALANCE

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the Township is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources in the governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

Fund balance	General	Fire District Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable:				
Permanent fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,034	\$ 2,034
Total Nonspendable	-	-	2,034	2,034
Restricted:				
OneOpioid programs	-	-	54,372	54,372
Public safety programs	-	5,253,691	244,262	5,497,953
Public works programs	-	-	1,698,306	1,698,306
Health programs	-	-	204,022	204,022
Ulry cemetery	-	-	3,166	3,166
Total Restricted	-	5,253,691	2,204,128	7,457,819
Committed:				
Conservation and recreation programs	-	-	183,115	183,115
Public works programs	-	-	373,038	373,038
Capital improvements - fire	-	-	543,757	543,757
Capital improvements - swimming pool	-	-	3,151	3,151
Total Committed	-	-	1,103,061	1,103,061
Assigned:				
General government	16,096	-	-	16,096
Subsequent year appropriation	229,410	-	-	229,410
Total Assigned	245,506	-	-	245,506
Unassigned	3,321,796	-	-	3,321,796
Total Fund Balances	\$ 3,567,302	\$ 5,253,691	\$ 3,309,223	\$ 12,130,216

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SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025
(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Budgetary</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
			<u>Basis</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>
				<u>Actual Amounts</u>
Budgetary receipts:				
Taxes	\$ 1,389,526	\$ 1,243,026	\$ 1,275,240	\$ 32,214
Intergovernmental	100,000	187,600	205,062	17,462
License, permits and fees	34,000	34,000	28,777	(5,223)
Interest	100,000	300,000	381,995	81,995
Rental income	20,000	22,646	18,381	(4,265)
Miscellaneous	22,646	20,000	19,666	(334)
Total budgetary receipts	<u>1,666,172</u>	<u>1,807,272</u>	<u>1,929,121</u>	<u>121,849</u>
Budgetary disbursements:				
Current:				
General government	1,808,632	1,793,081	1,113,730	(679,351)
Public safety	46,500	54,500	44,276	(10,224)
Health	173,000	153,000	47,889	(105,111)
Conservation - recreation	30,000	30,000	24,885	(5,115)
Total budgetary disbursements	<u>2,058,132</u>	<u>2,030,581</u>	<u>1,230,780</u>	<u>(799,801)</u>
Budgetary excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	<u>(391,960)</u>	<u>(223,309)</u>	<u>698,341</u>	<u>921,650</u>
Budgetary other financing uses:				
Transfers out	(173,137)	(173,137)	(123,137)	50,000
Total budgetary other financing uses	<u>(173,137)</u>	<u>(173,137)</u>	<u>(123,137)</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Net change in fund cash balance	(565,097)	(396,446)	575,204	971,650
Budgetary fund balance at beginning of year	2,711,776	2,711,776	2,711,776	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	<u>264,226</u>	<u>264,226</u>	<u>264,226</u>	<u>-</u>
Budgetary fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 2,410,905</u>	<u>\$ 2,579,556</u>	<u>\$ 3,551,206</u>	<u>\$ 971,650</u>

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SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
FIRE DISTRICT FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025
(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Budgetary</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
			<u>Basis</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>
				<u>Actual Amounts</u>
Budgetary receipts:				
Taxes	\$ 7,923,021	\$ 12,193,843	\$ 12,158,853	\$ (34,990)
Intergovernmental	400,000	413,315	413,364	49
Miscellaneous	105,278	262,278	288,763	26,485
Total budgetary receipts	<u>8,428,299</u>	<u>12,869,436</u>	<u>12,860,980</u>	<u>(8,456)</u>
Budgetary disbursements:				
Current:				
Public safety	10,325,315	12,195,759	10,676,135	(1,519,624)
Total budgetary disbursements	<u>10,325,315</u>	<u>12,195,759</u>	<u>10,676,135</u>	<u>(1,519,624)</u>
Net change in fund cash balance	(1,897,016)	673,677	2,184,845	1,511,168
Budgetary fund balance at beginning of year	2,290,608	2,290,608	2,290,608	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	241,638	241,638	241,638	-
Budgetary fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 635,230</u>	<u>\$ 3,205,923</u>	<u>\$ 4,717,091</u>	<u>\$ 1,511,168</u>

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NOTE 1 - BUDGETARY PROCESS

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis presented for the general fund and each major special revenue fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis are as follows:

1. Outstanding year end encumbrances are treated as a cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (cash basis).
2. Some funds are included in the general fund (cash basis) but have separate legally adopted budgets (budgetary basis).

Adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations at the end of the year on the budgetary basis to the cash basis are as follows:

	General	Fire District Fund
Budgetary basis	\$ 575,204	\$ 2,184,845
Encumbrances	16,096	536,600
Cash basis	\$ 591,300	\$ 2,721,445