

**MADISON TOWNSHIP
MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

AUDIT REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2003 – DECEMBER 31, 2004



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

Board of Trustees
Madison Township, Muskingum County
1975 Mollie's Rock Road
Dresden, Ohio 43821

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Madison Township, Muskingum County, prepared by Wolfe, Wilson & Phillips, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

The financial statements in the attached report are presented in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State. Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Independent Auditor's Report* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Independent Auditor's Report* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State permits.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. Madison Township, Muskingum County is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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BETTY MONTGOMERY
Auditor of State

August 23, 2005

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**MADISON TOWNSHIP
MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

**1975 Mollie's Rock Road
Dresden, Ohio 43821**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004**

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>TITLE</u> | <u>TERM</u> | <u>SURETY</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>PERIOD</u> |
|--|--------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Clifford L. Spiker | Trustee | 01/01/04-12/31/07 | (B) | \$5,000 | (C) |
| Raymond Mohler | Trustee | 01/01/02-12/31/06 | (A) | \$5,000 | (C) |
| Linda Miller | Trustee | 09/01/04-12/31/05 | (B) | \$5,000 | (C) |
| Michael Miller | Trustee | 01/01/02-08/31/04 | (A) | \$5,000 | (C) |
| Dixie Hooper 1975 Mollie's Rock Road Dresden, Ohio 43821 | Clerk | 04/01/04-03/31/08 | (B) | \$25,000 | (C) |

STATUTORY LEGAL COUNSEL

Michael D. Haddox, Prosecutor
Muskingum County
27 North 5th Street
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

- (A) Ohio Government Risk Management Plan
- (B) Old Republic Surety Company
- (C) Concurrent with term

**MADISON TOWNSHIP
MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

INDEX OF FUNDS

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

General Fund Type:

General Fund

Special Revenue Fund Types:

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund

Gasoline Tax Fund

Road and Bridge Fund

Cemetery Fund

Special Levy Fund

Debt Service Fund Type:

General (bond) (note) Retirement

Fiduciary Fund Type:

Cemetery Non-Expendable Trust Fund

Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund

**WOLFE, WILSON, & PHILLIPS, INC.
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees
Madison Township
Dresden, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Madison Township, Muskingum County as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

As described more fully in Note 1, the Township has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, we presume they are material.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Madison Township's combined funds as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and their changes in financial position.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Madison Township, Muskingum County, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated May 25, 2005, on our consideration of Madison Township's internal control structure over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in conjunction with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Wolfe, Wilson, & Phillips, Inc.
Zanesville, Ohio
May 25, 2005

**MADISON TOWNSHIP
MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES-
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

| | Governmental Fund Types | | | Fiduciary | (Memorandum |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Debt Service | Fund Type Expendable Trust | Only) Total |
| CASH RECEIPTS: | | | | | |
| Local taxes | \$ 17,271 | \$ 17,174 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 34,445 |
| Charges for services | 800 | - | - | - | 800 |
| Licenses, permits, and fees | - | 400 | - | - | 400 |
| Intergovernmental | 23,486 | 63,759 | - | - | 87,245 |
| Interest | 116 | 152 | - | - | 268 |
| Earnings on investments | - | - | - | 4 | 4 |
| Miscellaneous | - | 300 | - | - | 300 |
| TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS | 41,673 | 81,785 | - | 4 | 123,462 |
| CASH DISBURSEMENTS: | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | |
| General government | 32,878 | 9,929 | - | - | 42,807 |
| Public work activities | - | 64,862 | - | - | 64,862 |
| Public health services | 2,130 | - | - | - | 2,130 |
| Capital outlay | - | 9,086 | - | - | 9,086 |
| Debt Service: | | | | | |
| Redemption of principal | - | - | 8,570 | - | 8,570 |
| Interest and other fiscal charges | - | - | 2,544 | - | 2,544 |
| TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS | 35,008 | 83,877 | 11,114 | - | 129,999 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS OVER(UNDER) CASH DISBURSEMENTS | 6,665 | (2,092) | (11,114) | 4 | (6,537) |
| OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS: | | | | | |
| Other financing source | - | - | 11,114 | - | 11,114 |
| FUND CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1 | 9,747 | 78,250 | 7,409 | 1,082 | 96,488 |
| FUND CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31 | \$ 16,412 | \$ 76,158 | \$ 7,409 | \$ 1,086 | \$ 101,065 |

See notes to financial statements.

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MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES-
FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

| | <u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u> Nonexpendable Trust |
|--|--|
| CASH RECEIPTS: | |
| Earnings on investments | \$ 13 |
| CASH DISBURSEMENTS: | |
| Capital outlay | - |
| FUND CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1 | <u>\$ 3,299</u> |
| FUND CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31 | <u><u>\$ 3,312</u></u> |

See notes to financial statements.

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MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

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

| | Governmental Fund Type | | | Fiduciary | (Memorandum Only) Total |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Debt Service | Fund Type Expendable Trust | |
| CASH RECEIPTS: | | | | | |
| Local taxes | \$ 3,029 | \$ 13,490 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 16,519 |
| Charges for services | - | - | - | - | - |
| Licenses, permits, and fees | - | - | - | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | 26,688 | 60,941 | - | - | 87,629 |
| Special assessments | - | 2,745 | - | - | 2,745 |
| Interest | 36 | 8 | - | - | 44 |
| Earnings on investments | - | - | - | 14 | 14 |
| Miscellaneous | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS | 29,753 | 77,184 | - | 14 | 106,951 |
| CASH DISBURSEMENTS: | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | |
| General government | 42,603 | 8,203 | - | - | 50,806 |
| Public work activities | - | 59,609 | - | - | 59,609 |
| Public health services | 2,000 | - | - | - | 2,000 |
| Other | - | 72,000 | - | - | 72,000 |
| Capital outlay | - | - | - | - | - |
| Debt Service: | | | | | |
| Redemption of principal | - | - | - | - | - |
| Interest and other fiscal charges | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS | 44,603 | 139,812 | - | - | 184,415 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS OVER(UNDER) CASH DISBURSEMENTS | (14,850) | (62,628) | - | 14 | (77,464) |
| OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS: | | | | | |
| Loan proceeds | - | 59,990 | - | - | 59,990 |
| Other financing source | - | - | 7,409 | - | 7,409 |
| Transfers in | 50 | 1,256 | - | - | 1,306 |
| Transfers out | - | (1,306) | - | - | (1,306) |
| FUND CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1 | 24,547 | 80,938 | - | 1,068 | 106,553 |
| FUND CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31 | \$ 9,747 | \$ 78,250 | \$ 7,409 | \$ 1,082 | \$ 96,488 |

See notes to financial statements.

**MADISON TOWNSHIP
MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES-
FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

| | Fiduciary Fund Type |
|--|---------------------------------|
| | <u>Nonexpendable Trust</u> |
| CASH RECEIPTS: | |
| Earnings on investments | \$ 45 |
| CASH DISBURSEMENTS: | |
| Capital outlay | 280 |
| FUND CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1 | <u>\$ 3,534</u> |
| FUND CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31 | <u><u>\$ 3,299</u></u> |

See notes to financial statements.

**MADISON TOWNSHIP
MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of the Entity

Madison Township (the Township) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Township is directed by a publicly elected three-member Board of Trustees. The Township provides general governmental services, including maintenance of Township roads and cemeteries.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

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

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

C. Cash and Investments

All cash is maintained in a pooled checking account. Certificates of Deposits are valued at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

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

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required by law or contract to be restricted.

Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

**MADISON TOWNSHIP
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund – This fund receives motor vehicle tax receipts for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

Gasoline Tax Fund – This fund receives gasoline tax receipts for maintaining and repairing Township roads and to pay the Trustees' salaries.

Road and Bridge Fund – This fund receives real estate and personal property tax money for the construction, repair and maintenance of township roads and bridges.

Cemetery Fund - This fund generates money through the selling of cemetery lots and donations from the general public. This money is disbursed for the maintenance and upkeep of Township cemeteries.

Special Levy Fund – This fund receives real estate tax for the cost associated with the fire and EMS protection contracts with the Village of Adamsville and Village of Dresden.

Debt Service Fund

This fund is used to accumulate resources to pay principal and interest on long-term debt.

Fiduciary Funds (Trust and Agency Funds)

Trust funds are used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements. If the agreement requires the Township to maintain the corpus of the trust, the fund is classified as a nonexpendable trust fund. The Township had the following significant Fiduciary Funds:

Sarah Mahon Non-Expendable Cemetery Bequest Fund – This fund receives interest from principal that is invested in a certificate of deposit. The interest is only to be used to keep the burial grounds in good repair and especially the graves and tombstones of the Mahon family.

Elinor King Expendable Cemetery Bequest Fund – This fund receives money to be used to restore gravestones.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) be budgeted annually.

**MADISON TOWNSHIP
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process (Continued)

Appropriations

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

Estimated Resources

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

Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A Summary of 2004 and 2003 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

2. Equity in Pooled Cash

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

| | <u>2004</u> | <u>2003</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Demand deposits | \$ 99,377 | \$ 94,745 |
| Certificate of Deposits | <u>5,000</u> | <u>5,042</u> |
| Total Deposits | <u>\$ 104,377</u> | <u>\$ 99,787</u> |

Deposits:

Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged at the financial institution of the Township.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 was as follows:

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

| <u>Fund Type</u> | <u>Budgeted Receipts</u> | <u>Actual Receipts</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| General | \$ 39,458 | \$ 41,673 | \$ 2,215 |
| Special Revenue | 66,757 | 81,785 | 15,028 |
| Debt Service | 10,771 | 11,114 | 343 |
| Expendable Trust | 10 | 4 | (6) |
| Nonexpendable Trust | <u>20</u> | <u>13</u> | <u>(7)</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 117,016</u> | <u>\$ 134,589</u> | <u>\$ 17,573</u> |

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Expenditures

| <u>Fund Type</u> | <u>Appropriation Authority</u> | <u>Actual Expenditures</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| General | \$ 44,000 | \$ 39,841 | \$ 4,159 |
| Special Revenue | 137,500 | 79,044 | 58,456 |
| Debt Service | 11,114 | 11,114 | - |
| Expendable Trust | 1,088 | - | 1,088 |
| Nonexpendable Trust | <u>200</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>200</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 193,902</u> | <u>\$ 129,999</u> | <u>\$ 63,903</u> |

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

| <u>Fund Type</u> | <u>Budgeted Receipts</u> | <u>Actual Receipts</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| General | \$ 29,753 | \$ 29,803 | \$ 50 |
| Special Revenue | 129,860 | 138,430 | 8,570 |
| Debt Service | 7,409 | 7,409 | - |
| Expendable Trust | 10 | 14 | 4 |
| Nonexpendable Trust | <u>20</u> | <u>45</u> | <u>25</u> |
| | <u>\$ 167,052</u> | <u>\$ 175,701</u> | <u>\$ 8,649</u> |

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MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. Budgetary Activity (Continued)

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Expenditures

| <u>Fund Type</u> | <u>Appropriation Authority</u> | <u>Actual Expenditures</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| General | \$ 49,416 | \$ 44,603 | \$ 4,813 |
| Special Revenue | 187,796 | 141,118 | 46,678 |
| Debt Service | - | - | - |
| Expendable Trust | 1,065 | - | 1,065 |
| Nonexpendable Trust | <u>421</u> | <u>280</u> | <u>141</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 238,698</u> | <u>\$ 186,001</u> | <u>\$ 52,697</u> |

Contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39, the Township had appropriations greater than estimated resources in the Fire District Fund in the amount of \$212 in 2003.

Contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705-.41(B), the Township had expenditures greater than appropriations in various budgetary level of control line items for 2004 and 2003.

4. Property Tax

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

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

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

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

5. Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2004 was as follows:

| | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest rate</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Century National Bank Loan | \$ 51,420 | 4.24% |
| Total | <u>\$ 51,420</u> | |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. Debt (Continued)

The Century National Bank Loan was for the purchase of a new grader, which was to be paid from tax distributions from the County Auditor. The payments are due May 1 of each year with the final payment due in 2010. The equipment purchased collateralizes the loan.

Amortization of the above debt, including interest is scheduled as follows:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Grader Loan</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|
| 2005 | \$ 10,750 |
| 2006 | 10,387 |
| 2007 | 10,023 |
| 2008 | 9,660 |
| 2009 | 9,297 |
| Thereafter | 8,933 |
| Total | <u>\$ 59,050</u> |

6. Retirement Systems

The Township’s Trustees, Clerk and part-time employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including post-retirement health care, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2004 and 2003, members of PERS contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants’ gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2004.

7. Risk Management

The Township belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the “Plan”), an unincorporated non-profit association with over 600 governmental entity members providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is deemed a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverage’s, modified for each member’s needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceeded the member’s deductible.

The Plan uses conventional insurance coverage’s and reinsures these coverage’s 100%, rather

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. Risk Management (Continued)

than using a risk pool of member funds to pay individual and collective losses. Therefore, the individual members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member.

The following risks are covered by the Plan:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Wrongful Acts
- Automobile
- Bond
- Inland Marine
- Electronic Data Processing

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

**WOLFE, WILSON, & PHILLIPS, INC.
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ZANESVILLE, OHIO 43701**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS.**

Board of Trustees
Madison Township
Dresden, Ohio

We have audited the financial statements of Madison Township as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated May 25, 2005, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financing Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Madison Township internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts the would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to the management of Madison Township in a separate letter dated May 25, 2005.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Madison Township's combined financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instance of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to the management of Madison Township in a separate letter dated May 25, 2005.

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

Wolfe, Wilson, & Phillips, Inc.
Zanesville, Ohio
May 25, 2005

**MADISON TOWNSHIP
MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003**

| Finding Number | Finding Summary | Fully Corrected | Not Corrected, Partially Corrected Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain: |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 2002-41060-001 | Finding for adjustment | Yes | No longer valid adjustment made in 2003. |



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MADISON TOWNSHIP

MUSKINGUM COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
SEPTEMBER 6, 2005**