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**RICH HILL TOWNSHIP
MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

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Muskingum County
4235 Herron Road
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To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS 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. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Rich Hill Township
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4235 Herron Road
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To the Board of Trustees

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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. The Township processes its financial transactions with the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to audit the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and as requested, operates UAN. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code §§ 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. We believe 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 (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity-wide statements and also presenting the Township's larger (i.e., major) funds separately. While the Township does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require townships to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The Township has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 17, 2009, on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



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June 17, 2009

**RICH HILL TOWNSHIP
MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	Governmental Fund Types				Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	
Cash Receipts:					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$13,687	\$23,907	\$5,000		\$42,594
Intergovernmental	18,781	101,876		\$18,501	139,158
Earnings on Investments	7,540	1,562			9,102
Total Cash Receipts	40,008	127,345	5,000	18,501	190,854
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	26,830	1,180			28,010
Public Safety		6,958			6,958
Public Works	550	120,344			120,894
Health	560				560
Capital Outlay	14,606	47,000		18,501	80,107
Debt Service:					
Redemption of Principal		4,600			4,600
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges		362			362
Total Cash Disbursements	42,546	180,444	0	18,501	241,491
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(2,538)	(53,099)	5,000	0	(50,637)
Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements):					
Sale of Bonds		47,000			47,000
Sale of Fixed Assets		5,343			5,343
Transfers-In				5,000	5,000
Transfers-Out		(5,000)			(5,000)
Total Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements)	0	47,343	0	5,000	52,343
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over / (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(2,538)	(5,756)	5,000	5,000	1,706
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	149,564	130,473	0	5,369	285,406
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$147,026	\$124,717	\$5,000	\$10,369	\$287,112

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

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$13,319	\$25,914		\$39,233
Intergovernmental	18,574	111,870		130,444
Earnings on Investments	8,150	2,694		10,844
Miscellaneous	40			40
Total Cash Receipts	<u>40,083</u>	<u>140,478</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>180,561</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	27,454	1,713		29,167
Public Safety		6,823		6,823
Public Works	539	129,264		129,803
Health	400			400
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal		4,600		4,600
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges		527		527
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>28,393</u>	<u>142,927</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>171,320</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>11,690</u>	<u>(2,449)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,241</u>
Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements):				
Transfers-In			5,000	5,000
Transfers-Out		(5,000)		(5,000)
Total Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements)	<u>0</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over / (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	<u>11,690</u>	<u>(7,449)</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>9,241</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>137,874</u>	<u>137,922</u>	<u>369</u>	<u>276,165</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$149,564</u></u>	<u><u>\$130,473</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,369</u></u>	<u><u>\$285,406</u></u>

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

**RICH HILL TOWNSHIP
MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County (the Township), as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Village of New Concord and the Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department to provide fire services and emergency medical services.

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

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Deposits and Investments

The Township values certificates of deposit at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

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

2. Special Revenue Funds

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

Gasoline Tax Fund - This fund receives gasoline tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges.

3. Debt Service Funds

These funds account for resources the Township accumulates to pay bond and note debt. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

New Holland Tractor/Alamo Mower Debt Fund - This fund was established to retire bonds issued for the purchase of a tractor with a side mower to be used for Township road maintenance.

4. Capital Project Funds

These funds account for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects. The Township had the following significant Capital Project Fund:

Reserve-Balance Cinder Building Fund – This fund was established to set aside funds to construct a storage building to house cinders for the Township.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

1. Appropriations

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

2. Estimated Resources

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

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

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MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process (Continued)

A summary of 2008 and 2007 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

2. Equity in Pooled Deposits and Investments

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

	2008	2007
Demand deposits	\$287,112	\$46,602
Certificates of deposit		238,804
Total deposits	\$287,112	\$285,406

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

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2008 and 2007 follows:

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$40,124	\$40,008	(\$116)
Special Revenue	179,758	179,688	(70)
Debt Service	5,000	5,000	0
Capital Projects	23,501	23,501	0
Total	\$248,383	\$248,197	(\$186)

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$189,681	\$42,546	\$147,135
Special Revenue	303,714	185,444	118,270
Capital Projects	18,870	18,501	369
Total	\$512,265	\$246,491	\$265,774

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

3. Budgetary Activity (Continued)

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$35,785	\$40,083	\$4,298
Special Revenue	136,104	140,478	4,374
Capital Projects	5,000	5,000	0
Total	\$176,889	\$185,561	\$8,672

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$173,659	\$28,393	\$145,266
Special Revenue	269,396	147,927	121,469
Total	\$443,055	\$176,320	\$266,735

4. Property Tax

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

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, 2008 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
2004 General Obligation Road Equipment Notes	\$4,600	3.84%
2008 General Obligation Road Equipment Bonds	47,000	4.50%
Total	\$51,600	

In 2004, the Township issued general obligation road equipment notes to finance the purchase of a dump truck for use in constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads. The full faith and credit of the Township are pledged for the timely payment of the securities. The debt has been retired from the Special Revenue Gasoline Tax Fund and Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund since 2005.

**RICH HILL TOWNSHIP
MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

5. Debt (Continued)

In 2008, the Township issued general obligation road equipment bonds to finance the purchase of a TS-110 New Holland Tractor with a side mounted 17' Alamo Bloom Mower for use in constructing, maintaining and repairing township roads. The full faith and credit of the Township are pledged for the timely payment of securities. The debt will be retired through a Debt Service Fund with property tax proceeds starting in 2009.

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

Year ending December 31:	General Obligation Notes	General Obligation Bonds
2009	\$4,771	\$10,582
2010		10,582
2011		10,582
2012		10,582
2013		10,582
Total	<u>\$4,771</u>	<u>\$52,910</u>

6. Retirement System

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2008 and 2007, OPERS members contributed 10% and 9.5%, respectively, of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14.00% and 13.85% respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2008.

7. Risk Management

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Automobile;
- Inland Marine;
- Linebacker; and
- Bonding of public officials.

The Township also provides cancer insurance coverage for its officials and employees through a private carrier.

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

Rich Hill Township
Muskingum County
4235 Herron Road
Chandlersville, Ohio 43727

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated June 17, 2009, 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 also noted the Township uses the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) to process its financial transactions. *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the Auditor of State's independence to audit the Township. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code §§ 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Township's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Township's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Township's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note certain noncompliance or other matters that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated June 17, 2009.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Trustees. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Taylor".

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Auditor of State

June 17, 2009



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RICH HILL 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
JULY 21, 2009**