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**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

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Springfield Township
Summit County
2459 Canfield Road
Akron, Ohio 44312

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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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

May 31, 2012

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Springfield Township
Summit County
2459 Canfield Road
Akron, Ohio 44312

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Springfield Township, Summit County, (the Township) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011. 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(A) mandates 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.

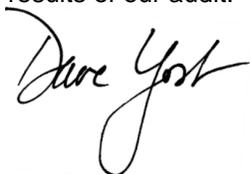
Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Township's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Township does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the 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, 2011 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, 2011, 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 as of December 31, 2011 of Springfield Township, Summit County, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

As described in Note 2, Springfield Township restated its January 1, 2011 governmental fund balances due to changes in fund structure as a result of implementing the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 31, 2012 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.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

May 31, 2012

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$385,905	\$3,150,958		\$3,536,863
Charges for Services		877,167		877,167
Licenses, Permits and Fees	120,516	619		121,135
Fines and Forfeitures		25,037		25,037
Intergovernmental	811,279	1,162,078		1,973,357
Special Assessments	27,011			27,011
Earnings on Investments	4,323	613		4,936
Miscellaneous	54,017	71,103		125,120
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>1,403,051</u>	<u>5,287,575</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,690,626</u>
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government	690,599			690,599
Public Safety	13,825	4,573,629		4,587,454
Public Works	108,791	847,302		956,093
Health	97,636			97,636
Human Services		54,235		54,235
Conservation-Recreation	183,430	4,513		187,943
Capital Outlay	12,898	145,909		158,807
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>1,107,179</u>	<u>5,625,588</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,732,767</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>295,872</u>	<u>(338,013)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(42,141)</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)				
Transfers In		170,079		170,079
Transfers Out	(170,079)			(170,079)
Advances In	303,096	285,500		588,596
Advances Out	(285,500)	(303,096)		(588,596)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(152,483)</u>	<u>152,483</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	143,389	(185,530)	0	(42,141)
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1 (Restated)</i>	<u>2,163,262</u>	<u>1,040,279</u>	<u>25,989</u>	<u>3,229,530</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Restricted		854,750		854,750
Assigned	150,247		25,989	176,236
Unassigned	2,156,404			2,156,404
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$2,306,651</u>	<u>\$854,750</u>	<u>\$25,989</u>	<u>\$3,187,390</u>

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

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)
AGENCY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	<u>Agency</u>
Operating Cash Disbursements	
Salaries	\$27,224
Employee Fringe Benefits	4,085
Other	<u>84,684</u>
<i>Total Operating Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>115,993</u>
<i>Operating Income (Loss)</i>	<u>(115,993)</u>
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	
Miscellaneous Receipts	<u>142,639</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	26,646
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>15,376</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$42,022</u></u>

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

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011**

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 Springfield Township, Summit 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 participates in a joint venture, a related organization, and a public entity risk pool. Notes 8, 10, and 11 to the financial statements provides additional information for these entities. These organizations are:

Joint Venture:

Joint Economic Development District

Related Organization:

Springfield Township Local Cable Communications Board, Inc.

Public Entity Risk Pool:

Ohio Township Association Risk management Authority (OTARMA)

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's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The investment in an overnight repurchase agreement is valued 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:

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

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:

Police District Fund - This fund receives property tax money for general operations of the police department.

3. Capital Project Funds

These funds account for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant capital project funds

Capital Equipment Fund – This fund receives transfers from the General Fund and is used to account for capital equipment. There was no activity in the fund in 2011.

4. Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments which are not available to support the Township's own programs.

Agency funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to hold resources for individuals, organizations or other governments. The Township disburses these funds as directed by the individual, organization or other government. The Township's agency fund accounts for bond monies held in escrow in accordance with contracts issued for construction and rehabilitation projects.

E. Budgetary Process

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

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process (Continued)

1. Appropriations

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

2. 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.

3. Encumbrances

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

A summary of 2011 budgetary activity appears in Note 4.

F. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Township must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

1. Nonspendable

The Township classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

2. Restricted

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

3. Committed

Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Township must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

F. Fund Balance (Continued)

4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by Township Trustees or a Township official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

5. Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Township applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

G. 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.

H. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

2. Change in Accounting Principle and Restatement of Net Assets/Fund Equity

For fiscal year 2011, the Township reclassified certain funds as required by the revised fund classification guidance in Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement No. 54. Implementing GASB Statement No. 54 had the following effect on fund balances previously reported:

	Fund Balance at December 31, 2010	GASB 54 Change in Fund Structure	Adjusted Fund Balance at December 31, 2010
General	\$2,098,600	\$64,662	\$2,163,262
Special Revenue	1,104,941	(64,662)	1,040,279

The Zoning, Senior Center, Marine, Accumulated Leave, and Community Center Funds were reclassified to the General Fund from the Special Revenue Fund due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 54.

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011
(Continued)**

3. Equity in Pooled Deposits and Investments

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

	2011
Demand deposits	(\$30,588)
Investments:	
Repurchase agreement	3,260,000
Total deposits and investments	\$3,229,412

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

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

4. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending 2011 follows:

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$1,411,405	\$1,656,070	\$244,665
Special Revenue	6,198,561	5,924,231	(274,330)
Capital Projects	0	0	0
Total	\$7,609,966	\$7,580,301	(\$29,665)

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$2,044,411	\$1,632,240	\$412,171
Special Revenue	6,288,201	6,213,916	74,285
Capital Projects	25,989	0	25,989
Total	\$8,358,601	\$7,846,156	\$512,445

Some funds are included in the general fund (cash basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis). Therefore, the above budgetary comparison information differs from the year-end financial statements information.

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011
(Continued)**

5. 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.

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.

6. Leases

Leases outstanding at December 31, 2011 were as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Building and Equipment Leases	\$410,679	4.00 - 5.05%

The Township has entered into several leases for equipment or other assets. These include a Front-End Loader in 2007, an Ambulance in 2008, a Snow Plow Truck in 2009, and the Maintenance Garage and Salt Garage in 2010.

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

	Equipment Leases
Year ending December 31:	
2012	\$101,855
2013	94,511
2014	73,816
2015	55,792
2016	55,792
2017-2021	83,689
Total	\$465,455

7. Retirement Systems

The Township's certified Fire Fighters belong to the Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). Other employees, including full-time Police Officers, belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OP&F and OPERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes these plans' benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011
(Continued)**

7. Retirement Systems (Continued)

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2011, OP&F participants contributed 10% of their wages. For 2011, the Township contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 24% of full-time fire fighters' wages. For 2011, OPERS full-time police officer members contributed 11.61% of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 18.10%. All other non-law enforcement members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2011.

8. Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The Township insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc. (ARPCO), a division of York Insurance Services Group, Inc. (York), functions as the administrator of OTARMA and provides underwriting, claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for OTARMA. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by ARPCO. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty and Property Coverage

APEEP provides OTARMA with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement,

OTARMA retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2010, OTARMA retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$150,000 for property claims

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

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2010 (the latest information available):

	<u>2010</u>
Assets	\$35,855,252
Liabilities	<u>(10,664,724)</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$25,190,528</u>

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011
(Continued)**

8. Risk Management (Continued)

At December 31, 2010, the liabilities above include approximately \$9.9 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$9.5 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 940 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2010. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2010, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$64,587.

Based on discussions with OTARMA, the expected rates OTARMA charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to OTARMA for each year of membership.

<u>Contributions to OTARMA</u>
<u>2011</u>
\$66,714

After one year of membership, a member may withdraw on the anniversary of the date of joining OTARMA, if the member notifies OTARMA in writing 60 days prior to the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to the pool. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to the withdrawal.

9. Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the township are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

10. Joint Economic Development District

The Township is a member of a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) with the City of Akron. The City of Akron provides city services to business within the District and subsequently is permitted to collect income tax on those employees of the business district. At the same time, the JEDD prevents the annexation of Township property by the City and maintains the Township's property tax base. The Township has no equity interest in the JEDD. Complete financial statements can be obtained from the City of Akron.

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011
(Continued)**

11. Related Organizations

The Township appoints four of the five members of the Springfield Township Local Cable Communications Board, Inc. (Board). The Board operates, maintains, manages, and regulates the cable television programming and charges and receives 2% franchise fees on behalf of its member communities (Lakemore Village and Springfield Township). The Board hires and fires its own staff and does not rely on the Township to finance deficits. The Township is not financially accountable for the Board nor is the Board financially dependent on the Township. The Board serves as its own budgeting, taxing and debt issuance authority. Per agreement between all parties, the Township performs the payroll function for the Board for the Director's salary and the Board reimburses the Township on a quarterly basis. The Township received \$41,973 of reimbursable salary expenditures during 2011. Complete financial statements can be obtained from the Springfield Township Local Cable Communications Board, Inc.

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

Springfield Township
Summit County
2459 Canfield Road
Akron, Ohio 44312

To the Township Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated May 31, 2012 wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and wherein we noted the Township adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54. We also noted 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(A) mandates 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 the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining 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 *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, 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 matter we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated May 31, 2012.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State

May 31, 2012

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
SUMMIT COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2011**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2010-001	Overpayment of fire fighter gross pay of \$679.32.	Yes	Corrected – Employee repaid amount of overpayment in 2011.



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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

SUMMIT COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JUNE 19, 2012**