

Bratton Township

Adams County

January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011

Years Audited Under GAGAS: 2011 and 2010



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Bratton Township, Adams County, prepared by Caudill & Associates, CPAs, for the audit period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. 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. Bratton Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

January 29, 2013

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Independent Auditor's Report

Bratton Township
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To the Township Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Bratton Township, Adams County, (the Township), for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. 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. 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 and 2010 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 and 2010, or its changes in financial position or cash flows of its proprietary fund for the years then ended.

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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 and 2010 and the reserves for encumbrances as of December 31, 2010 of Bratton Township, Adams County, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

As described in Note 1. F, during 2011, Bratton Township adopted 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 July 09, 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.

Caudill & Associates, CPA

Caudill & Associates, CPA
July 09, 2012

Bratton Township
Adams County
*Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and
Changes in Fund Cash Balances*
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Local Taxes	\$ 31,479	\$ 23,244	\$ 54,723
Intergovernmental	29,296	98,036	127,332
Earnings on Investments	22	25	47
Miscellaneous	3,229	-	3,229
	<u>64,026</u>	<u>121,305</u>	<u>185,331</u>
Total Cash Receipts			
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	38,957	1,422	40,379
Public Safety	400	14,573	14,973
Public Works	-	107,237	107,237
Health	-	3,000	3,000
Capital Outlay	1,935	-	1,935
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal	6,000	-	6,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,980	-	1,980
	<u>49,272</u>	<u>126,232</u>	<u>175,504</u>
Total Cash Disbursements			
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	14,754	(4,927)	9,827
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>12,121</u>	<u>73,766</u>	<u>85,887</u>
Fund Cash Balance, December 31			
Restricted	-	68,839	68,839
Unassigned (Deficit)	26,875	-	26,875
	<u>26,875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,875</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 26,875</u>	<u>\$ 68,839</u>	<u>\$ 95,714</u>

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

Bratton Township
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Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and
Changes in Fund Cash Balances
Proprietary Fund Type
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

	Proprietary Fund Type
	Enterprise
Operating Cash Receipts:	
Charges for Services	\$ 3,141
Total Cash Receipts	3,141
Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Purchased Services	3,119
Supplies and Materials	
Total Cash Disbursements	3,119
Operating Income/(Loss)	22
Non-Operating Cash Receipts:	
Miscellaneous Receipts	235
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	235
Net Receipt Over/(Under) Disbursements	257
Fund Cash Balances(Deficit), January 1	8,098
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 8,355

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Bratton Township
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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, 2010

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Local Taxes	\$ 28,056	\$ 24,756	\$ 52,812
Intergovernmental	27,363	102,486	129,849
Earnings on Investments	26	29	55
Miscellaneous	<u>2,647</u>		<u>2,647</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>58,092</u>	<u>127,271</u>	<u>185,363</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	43,270	1,422	44,692
Public Safety	400	14,828	15,228
Public Works	-	121,816	121,816
Health	37	2,600	2,637
Human Services	240	-	240
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal	6,000	-	6,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	<u>2,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,323</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>52,270</u>	<u>140,666</u>	<u>192,936</u>
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	5,822	(13,395)	(7,573)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>6,299</u>	<u>87,161</u>	<u>93,460</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 12,121</u>	<u>\$ 73,766</u>	<u>\$ 85,887</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10</u>	<u>\$ 10</u>

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

Bratton Township
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Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and
Changes in Fund Cash Balances
Proprietary Fund Type
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Proprietary Fund Type
	Enterprise
Operating Cash Receipts:	
Charges for Services	\$ 8,853
Total Cash Receipts	8,853
Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Purchased Services	6,941
Supplies and Materials	1,102
Total Cash Disbursements	8,043
Operating Income/(Loss)	810
Fund Cash Balances(Deficit), January 1	7,288
Fund Cash Balances(Deficit), December 31	\$ 8,098

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

**BRATTON TOWNSHIP
ADAMS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010**

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 Bratton Township, Adams 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, and general government services. The Township contracts with the Franklin Township to provide fire 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's funds are deposited in an interest-bearing checking account. All deposits are 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:

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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2. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund - This fund receives motor vehicle tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

3. Enterprise Funds

Enterprise funds may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. The Township's only enterprise fund is the water fund.

Water Fund – The water fund accounts for the provision of water to the residents and commercial users located within the Township.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

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

2. Estimated Resources

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

3. Encumbrances

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

A summary of 2011 and 2010 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Fund Balance

For December 31, 2011, 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.

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F. Fund Balance (Continued)

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.

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.

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2. 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	2010
Demand deposits	\$104,069	\$93,985
Total deposits	\$104,069	\$93,985

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2011 and 2010 follows:

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$51,755	\$64,026	\$12,271
Special Revenue	117,080	121,305	4,225
Enterprise	-	3,376	3,376
Total	\$168,835	\$188,707	\$19,872

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$80,080	\$49,272	\$30,808
Special Revenue	143,176	126,232	16,944
Enterprise	14,000	3,119	10,881
Total	\$237,256	\$178,623	\$58,633

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$52,084	\$58,092	\$6,008
Special Revenue	116,839	127,271	10,432
Enterprise	-	8,853	8,853
Total	\$168,923	\$194,216	\$25,293

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2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$73,635	\$52,270	\$21,365
Special Revenue	152,903	140,666	12,237
Enterprise	14,000	8,043	5,957
Total	\$240,538	\$200,979	\$39,559

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.

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, 2011 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Community Building Bond	\$30,000	5.75%
Total	\$30,000	

The Township issued general obligation bonds to finance the acquisition and construction of a community building.

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5. Debt (Continued)

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

Year ending December 31:	Community Building Bond Principal	Interest	Total Due
2012	\$6,000	\$1,636	\$7,636
2013	6,000	1,292	7,292
2014	6,000	947	6,947
2015	6,000	603	6,603
2016	6,000	258	6,258
Total	\$30,000	\$4,736	\$34,736

6. Retirement Systems

The Township's officials and employees (excluding volunteer firefighters) belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes these plans' benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2011 and 2010, OPERS 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.

7. 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.

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7. Risk Management (Continued)

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 and 2009 (the latest information available):

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Assets	\$35,855,252	\$38,982,088
Liabilities	<u>(10,664,724)</u>	<u>(12,880,766)</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$25,190,528</u>	<u>\$26,101,322</u>

At December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$9.9 and \$12.0 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$9.5 and \$11.5 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 940 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. 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 \$4,000.

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>	<u>2010</u>
\$5,005	\$4,390

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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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8. Compliance

Contrary to Ohio Rev. Code 5705.39, The Township's appropriations exceeded total estimated resources for 2010 and 2011, in the General Fund and Township Water Sales Fund.

Contrary to Ohio Rev. Code 5705.36, The Township's appropriations were greater than resources available for the General Fund in 2010, and the General fund and Township Water Sales Fund in 2011.



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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

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To the Township Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Bratton Township, Adams County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated July 09, 2012, wherein we noted the Township adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54 (GASB 54) in 2011. 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 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.

Bratton Township

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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

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 instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2011-001 to 2011-002.

The Township's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. We did not audit the Township's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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

Caudill & Associates, CPA

Caudill & Associates, CPA
July 09, 2012

Bratton Township
Adams County
Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

Findings Related to the Financial Statements Required to be Reported in Accordance With GAGAS
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Finding Number 2011-001

Noncompliance Citation – Ohio Rev. Code 5705.39

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39 states that total appropriations from each fund shall not exceed the total estimated resources.

During 2010 and 2011, appropriations exceeded estimated resources in the General Fund and Tower Water Fund. We recommend the Fiscal Officer more closely monitor appropriations in relationship to estimated resources.

Township Response:

The Township will monitor budgetary compliance more closely.

Finding Number 2011-002

Noncompliance Citation – Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36 states that upon determination by the fiscal officer of a subdivision that the revenue to be collected by the subdivision will be less than the amount included in an official certificate and that the amount of the deficiency will reduce available resources below the level of current appropriations, the fiscal officer shall certify the amount of the deficiency to the commission, and the commission shall certify an amended certificate reflecting the deficiency.

Notification of reduced receipts, resulting in resources below the level of current appropriations, was not made to the commission as required. Appropriations were greater than resources available for the General Fund in 2010 and General Fund and Tower Water Fund in 2011.

We recommend the Township monitor budgetary financial reports throughout the year to prevent budgetary expenditures from exceeding available resources.

Township Response:

The Township will monitor budgetary expenditures more closely to ensure compliance with budgetary laws.

Bratton Township
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Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
For the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain
2009-001	Material Weakness – Misclassification of receipts	Yes	Finding no longer valid
2009-002	Material Weakness – System Discrepancies	Yes	Finding no longer valid
2009-003	Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.10	Yes	Finding no longer valid
2009-004	Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41 (B)	Yes	Finding no longer valid
2009-005	Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41 (D)	Yes	Finding no longer valid

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BRATTON TOWNSHIP

ADAMS 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

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FEBRUARY 12, 2013**