

Jefferson Township
Scioto County
Regular Audit
For the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014



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Board of Trustees
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266 Greenbriar Road
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Jefferson Township, Scioto County, prepared by Millhuff-Stang, CPA, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. 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.

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. Jefferson Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

July 7, 2016

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees
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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of Jefferson Township, Scioto County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Township's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the Township has prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Township does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, or changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined cash balances of Jefferson Township, Scioto County, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 29, 2016 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. The report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Natalie Millhuff-Stang, CPA, CITP
President/Owner
Millhuff-Stang, CPA, Inc.
Portsmouth, Ohio

April 29, 2016

Jefferson Township
Scioto County
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and
Changes in Fund Cash Balances
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$67,685	\$338,818	\$406,503
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	0	7,300	7,300
Intergovernmental	16,693	103,913	120,606
Earnings on Investments	114	0	114
Miscellaneous	2,149	7,292	9,441
Total Cash Receipts	86,641	457,323	543,964
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	74,499	69,606	144,105
Public Safety	0	84,309	84,309
Public Works	0	417,907	417,907
Health	18,652	4,150	22,802
Human Services	0	8,163	8,163
Capital Outlay	0	30,320	30,320
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal	0	47,150	47,150
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	0	9,500	9,500
Total Cash Disbursements	93,151	671,105	764,256
Total Cash Receipts Under Cash Disbursements	(6,510)	(213,782)	(220,292)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	20,237	527,362	547,599
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted for:			
Emergency Medical Services	0	5,574	5,574
Fire Operations	0	209,410	209,410
Road and Bridge Maintenance and Improvements	0	14,490	14,490
Cemetery	0	1,875	1,875
Committed to:			
Road and Bridge Maintenance and Improvements	0	95,435	95,435
Unassigned (Deficit)	13,727	(13,204)	523
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$13,727	\$313,580	\$327,307

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

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All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$70,845	\$357,784	\$428,629
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	36,291	1,650	37,941
Intergovernmental	19,089	169,469	188,558
Earnings on Investments	62	0	62
Miscellaneous	7,026	9,260	16,286
Total Cash Receipts	133,313	538,163	671,476
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	114,136	5,681	119,817
Public Safety	0	91,779	91,779
Public Works	0	200,961	200,961
Health	19,029	7,075	26,104
Human Services	0	14,698	14,698
Capital Outlay	0	267,281	267,281
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal	0	19,128	19,128
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	0	1,446	1,446
Total Cash Disbursements	133,165	608,049	741,214
Total Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	148	(69,886)	(69,738)
Other Financing Sources:			
Other Debt Proceeds	0	247,281	247,281
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	4,300	4,300
Total Other Financing Sources	0	251,581	251,581
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	148	181,695	181,843
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	20,089	345,667	365,756
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted for:			
Emergency Medical Services	0	21,467	21,467
Fire Operations	0	202,186	202,186
Recreation Programs	0	20,344	20,344
Road and Bridge Maintenance and Improvements	0	197,207	197,207
Committed to:			
Road and Bridge Maintenance and Improvements	0	87,433	87,433
Unassigned (Deficit)	20,237	(1,275)	18,962
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$20,237	\$527,362	\$547,599

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Jefferson Township, Scioto County (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides general road and bridge services, including road and bridge maintenance (public works) and fire protection (public safety).

The Township participates in a public entity risk pool. Note 7 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity. This organization is the: Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk sharing pool available to all Townships for property and casualty insurance coverage.

The Township contracts with Minford Emergency Ambulance Services, Inc., for ambulance services.

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

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State of Ohio 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.

Cash

The Township maintains its cash pool in an interest-bearing checking account with a local commercial bank.

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

Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than those 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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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives tax money for the repairs and upkeep of the Township's roads.

Fire Fund - This fund receives tax money for providing fire protection services.

Firehouse & Equipment Fund – This fund receives tax money for the maintenance of the firehouse and fire equipment.

Budgetary Process

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

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.

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.

Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are cancelled and re-appropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of the 2015 and 2014 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Fund Balances

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

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

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.

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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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.

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 the Township Trustees or a Township official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State statute.

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.

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.

Note 2 – Equity in Pooled Cash

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

	2015	2014
Demand Deposits	<u>\$327,307</u>	<u>\$547,599</u>

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

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Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2015 follows:

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$78,936	\$86,641	\$7,705
Special Revenue	486,850	457,323	(29,527)
Total	\$565,786	\$543,964	(\$21,822)

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$63,838	\$93,151	(\$29,313)
Special Revenue	564,607	671,105	(106,498)
Total	\$628,445	\$764,256	(\$135,811)

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2014 follows:

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$92,836	\$133,313	\$40,477
Special Revenue	485,172	789,744	304,572
Total	\$578,008	\$923,057	\$345,049

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$233,100	\$133,165	\$99,935
Special Revenue	669,009	608,049	60,960
Total	\$902,109	\$741,214	\$160,895

Contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B), the Township had expenditures in excess of appropriations in 2015 and 2014.

Contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39, the Township had appropriations in excess of estimated resources in 2015 and 2014.

Contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D), the Township did not properly encumber funds in 2015 and 2014.

Note 4 – Property Taxes

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.

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Note 4 – Property Taxes (Continued)

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

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

Note 5 – Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2015 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Tractor Loan	\$29,036	2.99%
Fire Truck Lease	215,388	3.39%

The Township issued Ohio Department of Commerce – Small Government Fire Department Services Revolving Loan Program debt to finance the building of a new firehouse. This loan was paid in full in 2015.

The Township issued a promissory note with Desco Federal Credit Union to purchase a tractor in 2013.

The Township entered into a lease purchase agreement with Community First National bank to finance the purchase of a fire truck in 2014.

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

Year Ending December 31:	Tractor Loan	Fire Truck Lease Purchase
2016	\$12,174	\$40,276
2017	12,174	40,276
2018	6,087	40,276
2019	0	40,276
2020	0	40,276
2021	0	40,276
Total	\$30,435	\$241,656

Note 6 – Retirement System

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2015 and 2014, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries, with the Township contributing an amount equal to 14% of participants’ gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2015.

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Note 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. York Risk Pooling Services, Inc. (formally known as American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc.) (York or Management), functions as the administrator of the Pool and provides underwriting claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for the Pool. 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

The Pool is a member of American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by York. APEEP provides the Pool with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, OTARMA retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2015, OTARMA retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$250,000 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, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Assets	\$37,313,311	\$35,970,263
Liabilities	<u>(8,418,518)</u>	<u>(8,912,432)</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$28,894,793</u>	<u>\$27,057,831</u>

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$7.8 million and \$8.2 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$7.7 million and \$7.2 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 989 members and 957 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2015, the Township’s share of these unpaid claims collectable in future years is approximately \$8,000.

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.

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Note 7 – Risk Management (Continued)

Contributions to OTARMA	
2015	\$16,388
2014	14,981

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.

Note 8 – Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Township are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. 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.

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*

Board of Trustees
Jefferson Township
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We have audited 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, the financial statements of Jefferson Township, Scioto County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 29, 2016, wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Township’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township’s internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2015-001 and 2015-004, that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free from 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2015-002, 2015-003 and 2015-005.

Township's Responses to Findings

The Township's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Township's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Natalie Millhuff-Stang, CPA, CITP
President/Owner
Millhuff-Stang, CPA, Inc.
Portsmouth, Ohio

April 29, 2016

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FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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Finding Number 2015-001

Material Weakness – Financial Reporting

A monitoring system by the Township should be in place to prevent or detect misstatements for the accurate presentation of the Township’s financial statements. During 2015 and 2014, the Township erroneously posted various transactions and balances. These errors required reclassifications and adjustments, which are reflected in the accompanying financial statements, in order to properly present the activity of the Township for each year. The Township should implement additional monitoring procedures to ensure transactions are properly recorded.

Township Response:

The Township chose not to respond.

Finding Number 2015-002

Noncompliance Citation – Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B)

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B) states that no subdivision or taxing unit is to expend money unless it has been appropriated. The Township had expenditures in excess of appropriations in 2015 and 2014 for various funds. Failure to have appropriations in place prior to expenditure of funds subjects the Township to the risk of unauthorized or improper spending. The Township should ensure that appropriations are in place prior to expenditure of funds.

Township Response:

The Township chose not to respond.

Finding Number 2015-003

Noncompliance Citation – Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D)

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D) states that no orders or contracts involving the expenditure of money are to be made unless there is a certificate of the fiscal officer that the amount required for the order or contract has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances.

The statute provides the following exception to this basic requirement:

Then and Now Certificate: This exception provides that, if the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made and at the time that she is completing her certification, sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the taxing authority can authorize the drawing of a warrant. The taxing authority has 30 days from the receipt of such certificate to approve payment by resolution or ordinance. If approval is not made within 30 days, there is no legal liability on the part of the subdivision or taxing district.

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Finding Number 2015-003 (Continued)

Amounts of less than \$3,000 for political subdivisions other than counties may be paid by the fiscal officer without such affirmation of the taxing authority upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by the taxing authority.

During testing, we noted disbursements that were not certified at the time of commitment and there was no evidence that the Township followed the aforementioned exception. Failure to properly certify the availability of funds could result in overspending or unauthorized or improper expenditure of funds.

We recommend the Fiscal Officer certify that funds are or will be available prior to obligation by the Township. When prior certification is not possible, "then and now" certification should be used.

Township Response:

The Township chose not to respond.

Finding Number 2015-004

Material Weakness – Budgetary Postings within UAN

Accurate budgetary information within the Township's accounting system is pertinent to ensure that the Township has accurate and complete information for decision-making processes. Amendments to the budget should be properly documented in the minute record to provide assurance that changes to the budget have been authorized by the governing board. Additionally, all amendments should be filed with the County Auditor's office. Failure to properly document authorized budgetary amendments within the minute record results in an incomplete record of proceedings. Further, the amendment is not considered in effect until after filed with the County. During the course of testing, we noted amendments within the accounting system that we could not agree to the minutes or other authorized documents. The Township should implement the appropriate procedures to ensure that all authorized budgetary amendments are properly documented within the minute record and filed with the County Auditor to ensure that budgetary information disclosed in the financial records are adequately supported and that the formal record of proceedings is maintained accurately and completely.

Township Response:

The Township chose not to respond.

Finding Number 2015-005

Noncompliance Citation – Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39 states in part that total appropriations from each fund shall not exceed the total estimated resources. The Township's appropriations exceeded estimated resources in various funds in 2014 and 2015. Failure to properly monitor such financial activity subjects the Township to the risk of overspending without sufficient available funds. The Township should implement the appropriate procedures to ensure that appropriations do not exceed the amount of estimated resources.

Township Response:

The Township chose not to respond.

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Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
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Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
Finding 2013-001	Material Weakness – Financial Reporting	No	Reissued as Finding 2015-001
Finding 2013-002	Noncompliance Citation – Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41 (B)	No	Reissued as Finding 2015-002
Finding 2013-003	Noncompliance Citation – Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41 (D)	No	Reissued as Finding 2015-003
Finding 2013-004	Material Weakness – Budgetary Postings within UAN	No	Reissued as Finding 2015-004



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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 19, 2016**