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**BAY TOWNSHIP
OTTAWA COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Bay Township
Ottawa County
5530 West Little Portage East Road
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452-9549

To the Board of Trustees:

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 Bay Township, Ottawa County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

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 2 of the financial statements, the Township 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.

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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, 2016 and 2015, 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 Bay Township, Ottawa County, Ohio as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, 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 2.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 16, 2017, 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. That 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.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

August 16, 2017

Bay Township

Ottawa County, Ohio

Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements,
and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)

All Governmental Fund Types

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$50,449	\$96,197	\$146,646
Licenses, Permits and Fees	8,489		8,489
Intergovernmental	22,718	102,564	125,282
Earnings on Investments	783	223	1,006
Miscellaneous	2,156	1,539	3,695
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>84,595</u>	<u>200,523</u>	<u>285,118</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
General Government	73,634		73,634
Public Safety	5,413	42,598	48,011
Public Works	380	129,035	129,415
Health	7,125		7,125
Capital Outlay	500	59,907	60,407
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	2,579	18,088	20,667
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>89,631</u>	<u>249,628</u>	<u>339,259</u>
<i>Excess of Disbursements Over Receipts</i>	<u>(5,036)</u>	<u>(49,105)</u>	<u>(54,141)</u>
Other Financing Receipts			
Other Financing Sources		59,272	59,272
<i>Net Changes in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(5,036)	10,167	5,131
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>68,348</u>	<u>323,337</u>	<u>391,685</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted		249,308	249,308
Committed		84,196	84,196
Assigned	55,111		55,111
Unassigned	8,201		8,201
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$63,312</u>	<u>\$333,504</u>	<u>\$396,816</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Bay Township
Ottawa County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Bay Township, Ottawa County, Ohio (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 services, and general government services. The Township contracts with North Central EMS, Inc. to provide ambulance services and with the Ottawa County Sheriff to provide police protection. The Township appropriates fire fund money to support a volunteer fire department.

Public Entity Risk Pool

The Township participates in the Ohio Township Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), which is a public entity risk pool that provides property and casualty coverage for its members. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity.

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

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Township’s financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types.

Fund Accounting

The Township uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Township are presented below:

General Fund The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Township for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Special Revenue Funds These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Gas Tax Fund The gas tax fund accounts for and reports that portion of the State gasoline tax restricted for maintenance and repair of roads within the Township.

Road and Bridge Fund The road and bridge fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges.

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Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code Section 117-2-03 (D). 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 financial reporting provisions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code Section 117-2-03 (D) permit.

Budgetary Process

The Ohio Rev. Code requires 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. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end.

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

Encumbrances The Ohio Rev. 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 2016 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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 Township's investment in STAR Ohio is measured at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

Capital Assets

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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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.

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:

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.

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 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.

Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2016 follows:

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$82,650	\$84,595	\$1,945
Special Revenue	186,540	259,795	73,255
Total	\$269,190	\$344,390	\$75,200

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$141,813	\$89,631	\$52,182
Special Revenue	468,342	249,628	218,714
Total	\$610,155	\$339,259	\$270,896

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

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

	2016
Demand deposits	\$221,997
STAR Ohio	174,819
Total deposits and investments	\$396,816

Deposits

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

Investments

Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

Note 5 – 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.

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.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Note 6 - Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

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, 2016, 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, 2016.

	<u>2016</u>
Assets	\$38,473,283
Liabilities	8,244,140
Net Position	\$30,229,143

At December 31, 2016 the liabilities above include approximately \$7.4 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$6.9 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 1,010 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2016. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2016, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$7,000.

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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>2016</u>
\$14,687

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 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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

The Ohio Rev. Code also prescribes contribution rates. 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, 2016.

Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. OPERS contributes 2 percent of the employer contribution to fund these benefits.

Note 9 – Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2016 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
OPWC Loan - Schau Rd. Storm Water-Phase I	\$23,215	0%
OPWC Loan - Schau Rd. Storm Water-Phase II	35,381	0%
OPWC Loan - Joint Road Resurfacing	8,952	0%
John Deere Lease	46,391	4.25%
Total	\$113,939	

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The Township entered into a \$51,587 interest free loan with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for Phase I of the Schau Road Storm Water project. The loan will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$1,290, commencing on January 1, 2006 and ending July 1, 2025.

The Township entered into a \$64,331 interest free loan with the OPWC for Phase II of the Schau Road Storm Water project. The loan will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$1,608, commencing on January 1, 2008 and ending July 1, 2027.

The Township entered into a \$19,895 interest free loan with the OPWC for a joint road resurfacing project. The loan will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$995, commencing on July 1, 2011 and ending January 1, 2021.

The Township entered into a \$59,272 lease-purchase agreement with John Deere Finance in accordance with section 505.267 of the Ohio Rev. Code. This agreement was to finance the purchase of a tractor and mower. The Township will pay John Deere Finance monthly rent payments for five years, starting in May, 2016 and ending with the final payment in May, 2020, with an interest rate of 4.25%. As stated in the lease-purchase agreement, the Township can fully execute the terms of the agreement at any time by paying off remaining payments in accordance with the lump sum purchase option price. Upon fully executing the terms of the lease-purchase agreement the Township has the option to purchase the truck for \$1.

Amortization

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

Year ending December 31:	<u>OPWC Loans</u>	<u>John Deer Lease</u>
2017	\$7,785	\$12,881
2018	7,785	12,881
2019	7,785	12,881
2020	7,785	12,881
2021	6,791	
2022-2026	26,400	
2027	3,217	
Total	<u>\$67,548</u>	<u>\$51,524</u>

Bay Township*Ottawa County, Ohio**Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements,
and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)**All Governmental Fund Types**For the Year Ended December 31, 2015*

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$46,725	\$86,707	\$133,432
Licenses, Permits and Fees	8,449		8,449
Intergovernmental	28,859	108,117	136,976
Earnings on Investments	173	32	205
Miscellaneous	2,872	1,601	4,473
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>87,078</u>	<u>196,457</u>	<u>283,535</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
General Government	79,429		79,429
Public Safety	4,538	25,591	30,129
Public Works	300	100,142	100,442
Health	6,299		6,299
Capital Outlay	1,025	423	1,448
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	2,579	5,207	7,786
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>94,170</u>	<u>131,363</u>	<u>225,533</u>
<i>Net Changes in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(7,092)	65,094	58,002
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>75,440</u>	<u>258,243</u>	<u>333,683</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted		237,935	237,935
Committed		85,402	85,402
Assigned	60,586		60,586
Unassigned	7,762		7,762
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$68,348</u></u>	<u><u>\$323,337</u></u>	<u><u>\$391,685</u></u>

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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.

Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

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

Bay Township
Ottawa County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$74,385	\$87,078	\$12,693
Special Revenue	182,163	196,457	14,294
Total	\$256,548	\$283,535	\$26,987

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$146,132	\$95,593	\$50,539
Special Revenue	421,797	150,683	271,114
Total	\$567,929	\$246,276	\$321,653

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

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

	2015
Demand deposits	\$217,797
STAR Ohio	173,888
Total deposits and investments	\$391,685

Deposits

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

Investments

Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

Note 5 – 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.

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.

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Note 6 - Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

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.

	<u>2015</u>
Assets	\$37,313,311
Liabilities	8,418,518
Net Position	\$28,894,793

At December 31, 2015 the liabilities above include approximately \$7.8 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$7.7 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 989 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2015. 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 collectible in future years is approximately \$8,000.

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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>2015</u>
\$14,582

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 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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

The Ohio Rev. Code also prescribes contribution rates. 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, 2015.

Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan, which includes multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. OPERS contributes 2 percent of the employer contribution to fund these benefits.

Note 9 – Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2015 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
OPWC Loan - Schau Rd. Storm Water-Phase I	\$25,794	0%
OPWC Loan - Schau Rd. Storm Water-Phase II	38,598	0%
OPWC Loan - Joint Road Resurfacing	10,942	0%
Total	\$75,334	

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The Township entered into a \$51,587 interest free loan with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for Phase I of the Schau Road Storm Water project. The loan will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$1,290, commencing on January 1, 2006 and ending July 1, 2025.

The Township entered into a \$64,331 interest free loan with the OPWC for Phase II of the Schau Road Storm Water project. The loan will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$1,608, commencing on January 1, 2008 and ending July 1, 2027.

The Township entered into a \$19,895 interest free loan with the OPWC for a joint road resurfacing project. The loan will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$995, commencing on July 1, 2011 and ending January 1, 2021.

Amortization

Amortization of the above debt is scheduled as follows:

Year ending December 31:	<u>OPWC Loans</u>
2016	\$7,785
2017	7,785
2018	7,785
2019	7,785
2020	7,785
2021-2025	29,975
2026-2027	<u>6,434</u>
Total	<u><u>\$75,334</u></u>



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

Bay Township
Ottawa County
5530 West Little Portage East Road
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452-9549

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type of Bay Township, Ottawa County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 16, 2017 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

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

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 a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements. 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 internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings that we consider a material weakness. We consider finding 2016-001 to be a material weakness.

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, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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

Columbus, Ohio

August 16, 2017

**BAY TOWNSHIP
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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FINDING NUMBER 2016-001

Material Weakness – Financial Reporting

Sound financial reporting is the responsibility of the Fiscal Officer and the Board of Trustees and is essential to ensure the information provided to the readers of the financial statements is complete and accurate.

We identified the following errors requiring adjustment to the financial statements and/or notes to the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016:

- General Fund unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$55,111 was reclassified to assigned in accordance with the provisions of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54;
- Road and Bridge Fund (Special Revenue Fund Type) other financing sources and capital outlay disbursements were both increased in the amount of \$59,272 in order to properly account for a lease transaction in the year of inception; and
- Fire Fund (Special Revenue Fund Type) public safety disbursements in the amount of \$42,598 were incorrectly classified as general government disbursements.

We identified the following errors requiring adjustment to the financial statements and/or notes to the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015:

- General Fund unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$60,586 was reclassified to assigned in accordance with the provisions of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54; and
- Fire Fund (Special Revenue Fund Type) public safety disbursements in the amount of \$25,591 were incorrectly classified as general government disbursements.

Additional insignificant errors were also noted for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. These errors were not identified and corrected prior to the Township preparing its financial statements due to deficiencies in the Township's internal controls over financial statement monitoring. The accompanying financial statements, and where applicable, the Township's accounting records have been adjusted to reflect these changes.

To help ensure the Township's financial statements and notes to the statements are complete and accurate, the Township should adopt policies and procedures, including a final review of the statements and notes by the Fiscal Officer, to identify and correct errors and omissions. The Fiscal Officer can refer to the Ohio Township Handbook at the following web site address for guidance on the recording of transactions: <http://www.ohioauditor.gov/publications/FINALTownshipHandbook%203-22-17.pdf>. Also, the Fiscal Officer can refer to Auditor of State Bulletin 2011-004 at the following website address for information on Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54: <http://www.ohioauditor.gov/publications/bulletins/2011/2011-004.pdf>.

Officials' Response:

We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding.

**BAY TOWNSHIP
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**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2014-001	Material Weakness for errors in financial reporting.	Not corrected and reissued as Finding 2016-001 in this report.	The client declined the opportunity to respond and therefore did not provide reasoning for the continuation of this comment.



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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
AUGUST 29, 2017**