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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HARDIN COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015
Fiscal Years Audited Under GAGAS: 2016 and 2015



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees
Goshen Township
21541 State Route 67
Kenton, OH 43326

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Goshen Township, Hardin County, prepared by BHM CPA Group, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. 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. Goshen Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

December 11, 2017

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**Goshen Township
Hardin County, Ohio**

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Independent Auditor's Report

Goshen Township
Hardin County
21541 State Route 67
Kenton, OH 43326

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 Goshen Township, Hardin County, (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 of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D); this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fair 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 Village'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 Village'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 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, 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 the Goshen Township, Hardin County, 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 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 22, 2017, on our consideration of the Village'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 Village's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



BHM CPA Group Inc.
Piketon, Ohio
September 22, 2017

**GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HARDIN COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Property Taxes	\$ 62,144	\$ 72,744	\$ 134,888
Licenses, Permits and Fees	1,239	-	1,239
Intergovernmental	16,456	102,403	118,859
Earnings on Investments	2,394	-	2,394
Miscellaneous	357	-	357
	<u>82,590</u>	<u>175,147</u>	<u>257,737</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	42,579	28,397	70,976
Public Safety	-	18,200	18,200
Public Works	-	83,773	83,773
Conservation-Recreation	-	2,890	
Health	4,150	22,322	26,472
	<u>46,729</u>	<u>155,582</u>	<u>202,311</u>
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	35,861	19,565	55,426
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>376,199</u>	<u>286,279</u>	<u>662,478</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted	-	305,844	305,844
Unassigned	412,060	-	412,060
	<u>412,060</u>	<u>305,844</u>	<u>717,904</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 412,060</u>	<u>\$ 305,844</u>	<u>\$ 717,904</u>

**GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HARDIN 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)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Property Taxes	\$ 61,651	\$ 67,869	\$ 129,520
Licenses, Permits and Fees	1,579	-	1,579
Intergovernmental	19,772	92,799	112,571
Earnings on Investments	1,677	4,050	5,727
Miscellaneous	300	-	300
	<u>84,979</u>	<u>164,718</u>	<u>249,697</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	35,309	28,257	63,566
Public Safety	-	18,200	18,200
Public Works	-	61,127	61,127
Conservation-Recreation	-	2,867	
Health	6,678	22,060	28,738
	<u>41,987</u>	<u>132,511</u>	<u>174,498</u>
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	42,992	32,207	75,199
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>333,207</u>	<u>254,072</u>	<u>587,279</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted	-	286,279	286,279
Unassigned	376,199	-	376,199
	<u>376,199</u>	<u>286,279</u>	<u>662,478</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 376,199</u>	<u>\$ 286,279</u>	<u>\$ 662,478</u>

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

**GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HARDIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

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 Goshen Township, Hardin 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 and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the Jackson- Forest Fire Department and Marseilles Fire Department to provide fire services.

The residents of the Township support Grove Cemetery Association and the Veterans' Memorial Park District through tax levies. This relationship is further described in Note 4.

The Township participates in two jointly governed organizations and the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) public entity risk pool. Notes 6 and 7 to the financial statements provides additional information for these entities. These organizations are:

Jointly Governed Organizations:

- Hardin County Regional Planning Commission which provides planning services to members.
- BKP Ambulance District which provides ambulance services within the District.

Public Entity Risk Pool:

- Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) provides property and casualty coverage to members.

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. The 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.

**GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HARDIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Cash and Deposits

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

The Township values certificates of deposit and savings accounts 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 accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

2. 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 other than debt service or capital projects. 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.

Grove Cemetery Levy Fund – This fund accounts for the proceeds from a tax levy passed by the residents of Goshen Township to support the Gove Cemetery Association.

Fire Fund Levy – This fund receives a tax levy which is used to provide fire protection within the Township.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, 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. 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process (Continued)

3. Encumbrances

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

A summary of 2016 and 2015 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Fund Balance

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

1. Nonspendable

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

2. Restricted

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

3. Committed

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

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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

F. Fund Balance (Continued)

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 acquisition of property, plant and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

2. Equity in Pooled Cash

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

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Checking	\$160,626	\$119,467
Savings/Money Market	\$307,278	\$293,011
Certificates of deposit	250,000	250,000
Total deposits and investments	<u>\$717,904</u>	<u>\$662,478</u>

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

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3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2016 and 2015 as follows:

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 74,355	\$ 82,590	\$ 8,235
Special Revenue	165,771	175,147	9,376
Total	\$ 240,126	\$ 257,737	\$ 17,611

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 70,834	\$ 46,729	\$ 24,105
Special Revenue	282,352	155,582	126,770
Total	\$ 353,186	\$ 202,311	\$ 150,875

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 48,617	\$ 84,979	\$ 36,362
Special Revenue	164,362	164,718	356
Total	\$ 212,979	\$ 249,697	\$ 36,718

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 56,405	\$ 41,987	\$ 14,418
Special Revenue	308,200	132,511	175,689
Total	\$ 364,605	\$ 174,498	\$ 190,107

**GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
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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 property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due to the following June 20.

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

5. Retirement Systems

Employees 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 include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2016 and 2015, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% of the participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2016.

6. 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, 2016, OTARMA retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$250,000 for property claims.

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6. 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, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Assets	\$ 38,473,283	\$ 37,313,311
Liabilities	<u>(8,244,140)</u>	<u>(8,418,518)</u>
Net Position	<u>\$ 30,229,143</u>	<u>\$ 28,894,793</u>

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$7.4 and \$7.8 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$6.9 and \$7.7 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 1,010 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. 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 \$1,000.

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>Township Contributions to OTARMA</u>		
2016	\$	2,144
2015		2,074

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.

**GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
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7. Jointly Governed Organizations

Grove Cemetery Association

Grove Cemetery Association (the Cemetery) is a jointly-governed organization consisting of Buck, Pleasant and Goshen Townships in Hardin County, and the City of Kenton. The Association is governed by a board of directors consisting of one representative from each township and the City. The degree of control exercised by any participating entity is limited to its representation on the board.

Operating funds for the Cemetery are provided from property taxes assessed against property owners located within the townships and the city making up the Cemetery and charges assessed for services of the Cemetery. Financial information may be obtained at 15443 St. Rt. 309, Kenton, OH 43326.

BKP Ambulance District

The BKP Ambulance District (the District) is jointly governed organization Buck, Cessna, Dudley, Goshen, Lynn, and Pleasant Townships; and the City of Kenton. A seven-member Board of Trustees governs the District with each political subdivision within the District appointing one member. The District provides ambulance services within the District.

Operating funds for the District are provided from property taxes assessed against property owners located within the District and charges assessed for services of the Cemetery. Financial information can be obtained at 439 South Main Street, Kenton, Ohio 43326.

Hardin County Regional Planning Commission

Hardin County Regional Planning Commission (The Commission) is a jointly governed organization between the County, the Municipalities, and the Townships within the County. The degree of control exercised by any participating government is limited to its representation on the Board. The Board is comprised of twenty-seven members, any of which may hold any other public office. The Township is represented by one member.

The Commission makes studies, maps, plans, recommendations, and reports concerning the physical, environmental, social, economical, and governmental characteristics, functions, and services of the County. Each participating government may be required to contribute an assessment per capita, according to the latest federal census, in any calendar year in which the revenue is needed. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Mark Doll, Director, One Courthouse Square, Suite 130, Kenton, Ohio 43326.



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

Goshen Township
Hardin County
21541 State Route 67
Kenton, OH 43326

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 the Goshen Township, Hardin County, (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 September 22, 2017, wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions that 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 opinion 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. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2016-001.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control testing 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.

BHM CPA Group

BHM CPA Group, Inc.
Piketon, Ohio
September 22, 2017

**Goshen Township
Hardin County
Schedule of Findings
December 31, 2016 and 2015**

**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

FINDING NUMBER	2016-001
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MATERIAL NONCOMPLIANCE

Ohio Rev. Code § 135.03 states eligible depositories include national banks and banks defined in ORC § 1101.01. **Ohio Rev. Code § 1101.01(B)** § states that a “Bank” means a corporation that solicits, receives, or accepts money or its equivalent for deposit as a business, whether the deposit is made by check or is evidenced by a certificate of deposit, passbook, Note, receipt, ledger card, or otherwise.

“Bank” also includes a state bank or a corporation doing business as a bank or savings bank under authority granted by the bank regulatory authority or another state of the United States or another country, but does not include a savings association, savings bank, or credit union. The Township should maintain all deposits and investments in institutions that are eligible per Ohio Rev. Code §135.03.

The Township held money in checking, savings, and a money market account at a local credit union which is not an eligible depository per Ohio Rev. Code §135.03. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, approximately \$619,767 (86%) and \$577,832 (85%), of the Township’s deposits were held in this credit union.

As stewards of public money, the Township should maintain all deposits and investments in depositories that allowed per the Ohio Revised Code. The failure to do so may increase the risk of a financial loss in the event of a failure of the financial institution if insurance and collateral would not cover the Township’s money that could not be legally deposited in the credit union.

Client Response: We did not receive a response from the Township regarding this matter.

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Dave Yost • Auditor of State

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

HARDIN COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
DECEMBER 21, 2017**