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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Washington Township, Clermont County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., 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. Washington Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

October 19, 2017

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
CLERMONT COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

September 22, 2017

Washington Township
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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 **Washington Township**, Clermont 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 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.

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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.

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 Washington Township, Clermont 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 2.

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 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.



Perry & Associates
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.
Marietta, Ohio

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
CLERMONT COUNTY**

**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	\$ 197,126	\$ 1,315,130	\$ 1,512,256
Licenses, Permits and Fees	2,388	-	2,388
Fines and Forfeitures	22	15	37
Intergovernmental	126,455	1,024,335	1,150,790
Earnings on Investments	19,699	728	20,427
Miscellaneous	14,233	122,672	136,905
	<u>359,923</u>	<u>2,462,880</u>	<u>2,822,803</u>
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>			
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
General Government	104,975	-	104,975
Public Safety	55,999	1,866,617	1,922,616
Public Works	11,282	719,384	730,666
Health	37,435	11,048	48,483
Conservation-Recreation	27,647	-	27,647
Capital Outlay	10,526	361,765	372,291
	<u>247,864</u>	<u>2,958,814</u>	<u>3,206,678</u>
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>			
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>112,059</u>	<u>(495,934)</u>	<u>(383,875)</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)			
Transfers In	-	376,089	376,089
Transfers Out	-	(376,089)	(376,089)
Other Financing Sources	164	-	164
	<u>164</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>164</u>
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>			
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	112,223	(495,934)	(383,711)
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>523,646</u>	<u>4,770,327</u>	<u>5,293,973</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted	-	4,274,393	4,274,393
Unassigned	635,869	-	635,869
	<u>\$ 635,869</u>	<u>\$ 4,274,393</u>	<u>\$ 4,910,262</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>			

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

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
CLERMONT COUNTY**

**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	\$ 203,558	\$ 1,320,949	\$ 1,524,507
Licenses, Permits and Fees	28	-	28
Fines and Forfeitures	38	-	38
Intergovernmental	132,328	1,011,305	1,143,633
Earnings on Investments	11,925	354	12,279
Miscellaneous	14,611	156,224	170,835
	<u>362,488</u>	<u>2,488,832</u>	<u>2,851,320</u>
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>			
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
General Government	104,463	-	104,463
Public Safety	55,615	1,984,794	2,040,409
Public Works	11,509	780,341	791,850
Health	36,146	3,040	39,186
Conservation-Recreation	59,842	-	59,842
Capital Outlay	27,424	70,109	97,533
	<u>294,999</u>	<u>2,838,284</u>	<u>3,133,283</u>
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>			
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	67,489	(349,452)	(281,963)
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>456,157</u>	<u>5,119,779</u>	<u>5,575,936</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted	-	4,770,327	4,770,327
Unassigned	523,646	-	523,646
	<u>523,646</u>	<u>4,770,327</u>	<u>5,293,973</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 523,646</u>	<u>\$ 4,770,327</u>	<u>\$ 5,293,973</u>

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

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
CLERMONT COUNTY
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Washington Township, Clermont County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly elected three member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services.

Joint Ventures, Jointly Governed Organizations, Public Entity Risk Pools and Related Organizations

The Township participates in the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) public entity risk pool. Note 6 to the Financial Statements provide additional information for these entities. 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 other than debt service or capital projects. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Road and Bridge Fund – This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges.

Fire District Fund – This fund receives property tax money to pay for providing fire services to the Township.

Ambulance Fund – This fund receives property tax money to pay for providing EMS services to the Township.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
CLERMONT COUNTY
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow 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). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board 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 Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (D) permit.

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

A summary of 2016 and 2015 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.

Investment in STAR Ohio is measure at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by Star Ohio. The NAB per share is calculated on 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.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
CLERMONT COUNTY
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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 ending December 31, 2016 and 2015 follows:

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 325,307	\$ 360,087	\$ 34,780
Special Revenue	2,456,498	2,838,969	382,471
Total	\$ 2,781,805	\$ 3,199,056	\$ 417,251

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
CLERMONT COUNTY
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 851,693	\$ 248,221	\$ 603,472
Special Revenue	7,205,458	4,922,325	2,283,133
Total	\$ 8,057,151	\$ 5,170,546	\$ 2,886,605

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 328,945	\$ 362,488	\$ 33,543
Special Revenue	2,638,463	2,488,832	(149,631)
Total	\$ 2,967,408	\$ 2,851,320	\$ (116,088)

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 775,775	\$ 294,999	\$ 480,776
Special Revenue	7,678,604	2,853,910	4,824,694
Total	\$ 8,454,379	\$ 3,148,909	\$ 5,305,470

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

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

	2016	2015
Demand deposits	\$ 276,660	\$ (71,840)
Total deposits	276,660	(71,840)
STAR Ohio	4,533,608	4,516,496
STAR Plus	99,994	849,317
Total investments	4,633,602	5,365,813
Total deposits and investments	\$ 4,910,262	\$ 5,293,973

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 and Star Plus and mutual funds are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

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.

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

Note 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 and 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, 2016 and 2015.

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

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
CLERMONT COUNTY
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

Note 6 - Risk Management (Continued)

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.

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 \$9,000.

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

<u>Contributions to OTARMA</u>	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$20,449	\$39,488

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 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Several employees and elected 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 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%, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2016.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
CLERMONT COUNTY
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

Note 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

Ohio Police and Fire Retirement System

All the Township's certified Fire Fighters and full-time Police Officers belong to the Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). OP&F 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. OP&F participants contributed 11.5% of their wages from January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 and 12.25% of their wages from July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. The Township contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 24% of full-time fire fighters' wages, respectively. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2016.

Social Security

For 2016, several Township employees and Trustees contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participant.

Employees contributed 6.2 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 6.2 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2016.

Note 9 – Postemployment Benefits

Both OPERS and OP&F offer 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, and OP&F contributes 0.5 percent to fund these benefits.

Note 10 – 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.

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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**

September 22, 2017

Washington Township
Clermont County
2238 State Route 756
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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 **Washington Township**, Clermont 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 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 Entity'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 certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings that we consider material weaknesses. We consider findings 2016-001 and 2016-002 to be material weaknesses.

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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 audit findings as item 2016-001.

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.



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SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

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

FINDING NUMBER 2016-001

Material Weakness/Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.24 and AOS bulletin 2011-007 requires that each Township Trustee/Fiscal Officer must complete a payroll certification detailing the percentage of time that the Trustee/Fiscal Officer spent during the pay period providing services related to each fund to be charged prior to receiving his/her pay for that period.

In 2015, the Fiscal Officer's distribution of salary across funds did not match the payroll certifications approved by the Board of Trustees. The Township has made the adjustment to charge the proper amount to each fund based on the payroll certifications.

The failure to follow payroll certifications could result in improper payments from unallowed funds and potential findings for recovery against elected officials. We recommend procedures be implemented by the Township to ensure payroll certifications are used properly.

Officials' Response – We did not receive a response from officials to this finding.

FINDING NUMBER 2016-002

Material Weakness

Posting Receipts

Receipts should be posted to the fund and line item accounts as established by Ohio Administrative Code.

During 2015, several receipts were not posted into accurate classifications based on the source of the receipt. The following posting errors were noted:

- Senate Bill 3 and 287 receipts were posted to Property and Other Local Taxes instead of Intergovernmental receipts in the General, Road and Bridge, Fire District, and Ambulance Funds.

Not posting revenues accurately resulted in the financial statements requiring several reclassifications. The accompanying financial statements reflect all reclassifications.

To help ensure accuracy and reliability in the financial reporting process, we recommend management perform a detailed review of its draft financial statements. Such review should include procedures to ensure that all sources of revenues are properly identified and classified on the financial statements.

We also recommend the Fiscal Officer refer to the Ohio Township Handbook for guidance to determine the proper establishment of receipt accounts and posting of receipts.

Officials' Response – We did not receive a response from officials to this finding.

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CLERMONT COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2014-001	Posting Receipts and Fund Balance Classifications	No	Partially Corrected; Repeated as Finding 2016-002



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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
NOVEMBER 9, 2017**