

**SALEM TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY**

AUDIT REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2016 - DECEMBER 31, 2017



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees
Salem Township
P, O, Box 7
Clarington, Ohio 43915

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Salem Township, Monroe County, prepared by Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. 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. Salem Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

May 29, 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Salem Township
Monroe County
P.O. Box 7
Clarington, Ohio 43915

To the Township 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 Salem Township, Monroe County, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

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 opinion.

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 (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonable 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 permitted 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 Salem Township, Monroe County as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, 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 Salem Township, Monroe County as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, 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 a report dated April 23, 2018, on our consideration of Salem 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.

Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc.
Zanesville, Ohio
April 23, 2018

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 23,988	\$ 53,481	\$ 77,469
Intergovernmental	15,874	105,566	121,440
Earnings on Investments	76	-	76
Total Cash Receipts	<u>39,938</u>	<u>159,047</u>	<u>198,984</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	32,949	109,662	142,611
Public Safety	5,039	-	5,039
Public Works	-	18,007	18,007
Health	-	100	100
Capital Outlay	-	450	450
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	10,623	24,262	34,885
Interest and Fiscal Charges	377	1,328	1,705
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>48,988</u>	<u>153,809</u>	<u>202,797</u>
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(9,050)	5,238	(3,813)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)			
Other Financing Sources	2,568	45,980	48,548
Other Financing Uses	-	(14,283)	(14,283)
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	<u>2,568</u>	<u>31,697</u>	<u>34,265</u>
Special Item	16,861	7,827	24,688
Net Change in Fund Cash Balance	10,379	44,762	55,141
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, Restated	<u>17,847</u>	<u>25,218</u>	<u>43,065</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted	-	69,980	69,980
Unassigned (Deficit)	28,226	-	28,226
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 28,226</u>	<u>\$ 69,980</u>	<u>\$ 98,206</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

1. REPORTING ENTITY

Description of the Entity

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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B. 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:

Gasoline Tax Fund – This fund receives gasoline tax monies to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. 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 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 Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code 117-2-03(D) permit.

D. Budgetary Process

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

Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function and object level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The 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 re-appropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2017 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

E. Deposits and Investments

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

F. 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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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. 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.

H. 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.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2017 is as follows:

2017 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 39,318	\$ 59,367	\$ 20,049
Special Revenue	202,477	212,854	10,377
Total	\$ 241,795	\$ 272,221	\$ 30,426

2017 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 59,321	\$ 48,988	\$ 10,333
Special Revenue	193,656	168,092	25,564
Total	\$ 252,977	\$ 217,080	\$ 35,897

Contrary to ORC 5705.41(D), the Township made expenditures prior to certification.

4. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

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

	2017
Demand Deposits	\$ 98,206
Total	\$ 98,206

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

5. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Township Trustees. 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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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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 Workers' 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.) 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 (the latest information available):

	<u>2016</u>
Assets	\$38,473,283
Liabilities	<u>(8,244,140)</u>
Retained Earnings	<u>\$30,229,143</u>

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 \$2,826.

Based on discussion 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.

Contributions to OTARMA

2017	\$6,278
2016	5,478
2015	5,437

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6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

After completing 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.

7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2017, OPERS members contributed 10.0% of their gross wages and the Township contributed an amount equal to 14.0% of participant's gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2017.

Social Security

Some Township employees contributed to social security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

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, 2017.

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.

9. DEBT

All debt was paid off in 2017.

10. PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims exceeding the member's deductible.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. 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.

12. RESTATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE

Fund balances in the Special Revenue Funds have been restated for the year beginning January 1, 2017 as voided checks were added back:

	Special Revenue
Fund Balance at December 31, 2016	\$ 22,981
Adjustments	2,237
Fund Balance at January 1, 2017	<u>\$ 25,218</u>

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ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
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	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 16,580	\$ 37,333	\$ 53,913
Intergovernmental	15,207	95,367	110,574
Earnings on Investments	82	-	82
Total Cash Receipts	<u>31,869</u>	<u>132,700</u>	<u>164,569</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	22,761	88,339	111,100
Public Safety	3,394	2,698	6,092
Public Works	-	11,943	11,943
Health	-	161	161
Capital Outlay	10,000	60,022	70,022
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	300	1,800	2,100
Interest and Fiscal Charges	42	641	683
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>36,497</u>	<u>165,604</u>	<u>202,101</u>
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(4,628)	(32,904)	(37,532)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)			
Other Debt Proceeds	-	18,685	18,685
Transfers-In	-	4,669	4,669
Transfers-Out	(4,669)	-	(4,669)
Other Financing Sources	11,150	-	11,150
Other Financing Uses	-	(2,903)	(2,903)
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	<u>6,481</u>	<u>20,451</u>	<u>26,932</u>
Special Item	550	-	550
Net Change in Fund Cash Balance	2,403	(12,453)	(10,050)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, Restated	<u>15,444</u>	<u>35,434</u>	<u>50,878</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted	-	22,981	22,981
Unassigned (Deficit)	17,847	-	17,847
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 17,847</u>	<u>\$ 22,981</u>	<u>\$ 40,828</u>

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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.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2016**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 48,711	\$ 43,569	\$ (5,142)
Special Revenue	138,298	156,056	17,758
Total	\$ 187,009	\$ 199,625	\$ 12,616

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 59,321	\$ 41,166	\$ 18,155
Special Revenue	193,656	168,507	25,149
Total	\$ 252,977	\$ 209,673	\$ 43,304

Contrary to ORC 5705.41(D), the Township made expenditures prior to certification.

4. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

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

	2016
Demand Deposits	\$ 40,828
Total	\$ 40,828

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

5. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Township Trustees. 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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MONROE COUNTY**

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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 Workers' 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.) 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 (the latest information available):

	<u>2016</u>
Assets	\$38,473,283
Liabilities	<u>(8,244,140)</u>
Retained Earnings	<u>\$30,229,143</u>

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 \$2,466.

Based on discussion 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.

Contributions to OTARMA

2016	\$5,478
2015	5,437
2014	5,495

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6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

After completing 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.

7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2016, OPERS members contributed 10.0% of their gross wages and the Township contributed an amount equal to 14.0% of participant's gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2016.

Social Security

Some Township employees contributed to social security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

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.

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.

9. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2016, was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Equipment Bonds	\$ 16,500	3.50%
Dump Truck	18,385	3.75%
Total	<u>34,885</u>	

In February 2014, the Township issued equipment bonds in the amount of \$20,000 for the purpose of acquiring a new truck with a snow plow and related equipment. The bonds will be re-paid annually over 10 years with an interest rate of 3.50%.

In December 2016, the Township received debt proceeds in the amount of \$18,685 for the purpose of acquiring a new dump truck. The debt will be re-paid monthly over 5 years with an interest rate of 3.75%.

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9. DEBT (Continued)

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

<u>Year Ending December 31:</u>	<u>Equipment Bonds</u>	<u>Dump Truck</u>
2017	\$ 2,378	\$ 4,104
2018	2,415	4,104
2019	2,348	4,104
2020	2,482	4,104
2021	2,408	3,742
2022-2026	7,176	-
Total	\$ 19,207	20,158

10. PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims exceeding the member's deductible.

11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. 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.

12. RESTATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE

Fund balances in the Special Revenue Funds have been restated for the year beginning January 1, 2016 as voided checks were added back:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>
Fund Balance at December 31, 2015	\$ 15,416	\$ 34,757
Adjustments	28	677
Fund Balance at January 1, 2016	\$ 15,444	\$ 35,434

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS.**

Salem Township
Monroe County
P.O. Box 7
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To the Township Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards general accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of Salem Township, Monroe County as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 23, 2018, 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 Salem 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider a material weakness.

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 a 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. We consider Findings 2017-003, 2017-004, and 2017-005 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Salem 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 was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed four instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2017-001, 2017-002, 2017-003, and 2017-005.

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.

Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc.
Zanesville, Ohio
April 23, 2018

**SALEM TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016**

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

FINDING NUMBER 2017-001

Noncompliance – Certification of Funds

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D) prohibits a subdivision or taxing authority from making any contract or ordering any expenditure of money unless a certificate signed by the fiscal officer is attached thereto. The fiscal officer must certify that the amount required to meet any such contract or expenditure has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury, or is in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrance.

There are several exceptions to the standard requirement stated above that a fiscal officer's certificate must be obtained prior to a subdivision or taxing authority entering into a contract or order involving the expenditure of money. The main exceptions are: "then and now" certificates, blanket certificates and super blanket certificates, which are provided for in Sections 5705.41(D)(1) and 5705.41(D)(3), respectively, of the Ohio Revised Code.

- If the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then") and at the time that the fiscal officer is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the Township can authorize the drawing of a warrant for the payment of the amount due. The Township has 30 days from the receipt of the "then and now" certificate to approve payment by ordinance or resolution. Amounts less than \$3,000 may be paid by the fiscal officer without a resolution or ordinance upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of the expenditures by the Township.
- Blanket Certificates. Fiscal officers may prepare "blanket" certificates if the Township has approved their use and established maximum amounts.
- Super Blanket Certificates. The Township may also make expenditures and contracts for any amount from a specific line item appropriation account in a specified fund upon certification of the fiscal officer for most professional services, fuel, oil, food items, and any other specific recurring and reasonable predictable operation expense. This certification is not to extend beyond the current year. More than one so-called "super blanket" certificate may be outstanding at a particular time for any line item appropriation.

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FINDING NUMBER 2017-001 (Continued)

The Township did not certify the availability of funds prior to the purchase commitment for 45% of expenditures tested. For these item the Township also did not prepare blanket certificates, super blankets certificates or then and now certificates in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code. Failure to properly certify the availability of funds can result in overspending funds and negative cash fund balances.

We recommend the Township certify purchases to which Section 5705.41(D) applies. The most convenient certification method is to use purchase orders that include the certification language 5705.41(D) requires to authorize disbursements. The Fiscal Officer should sign the certification at the time the Township incurs a commitment and only when the requirements of 5705.41(D) are satisfied. The Fiscal Officer should post approved purchase commitments to the proper code, to reduce available appropriations.

Client Response: We have not received a response from the client.

FINDING 2017-002

Noncompliance

Ohio Revised Code Chapter 133 allows various methods for subdivisions to incur debt. Section 133.22 allows a subdivision to issue anticipatory securities, Section 133.10 allows anticipation securities in anticipation of current property tax revenues, Section 133.14 allows the issuance of securities for the purpose of paying all or any portion of the costs of any permanent improvement that the subdivision is authorized, alone or in cooperation with other persons, to acquire, improve, or construct and Section 133.18 allows the taxing authority of a subdivision by legislation to submit to the electors of the subdivision the question is issuing any general obligation bonds, for one purpose, that the subdivision has power or authority to issue.

In 2016, the Township signed a promissory note with a local bank to purchase a Dump Truck in the amount of \$18,685. This type of debt does not meet the criteria for any of the debt allowed in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 133.

The Ohio Revised Code contains various methods of incurring debt for Townships. Installment loans and promissory notes with banking institutions are not legal methods of debt for Townships.

We recommend the Township contact their legal counsel before incurring any future debt.

Client Response: We have not received a response from the client.

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FINDING NUMBER 2017-003

Noncompliance/Material Weakness

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10(D) requires all revenue derived from a source other than the general property tax and which the law prescribes shall be used for a particular purpose, shall be paid into a special fund for such purpose.

During 2016, the Fiscal Officer incorrectly posted Rollback and Homestead monies to the General Fund in the amount of \$3,240 instead of the Cemetery Fund, Special Revenue Fund type, in the amount of \$1,292 and the Road & Bridge Fund, Special Revenue Fund type, in the amount of \$1,948.

During 2017, the Fiscal Officer incorrectly posted Rollback and Homestead monies to the General Fund in the amount of \$3,699 instead of the Cemetery Fund, Special Revenue Fund type, in the amount of \$1,389 and the Road & Bridge Fund, Special Revenue Fund type, in the amount of \$2,310.

Therefore, in 2017 and 2016, the Fiscal Officer improperly posted rollback homestead monies to the General Fund, in the amount of \$6,939 that should have posted to the Cemetery Fund, Special Revenue Fund type, in the amount of \$2,681, Road & Bridge Fund, Special Revenue Fund type, in the amount of \$4,258. The Fiscal Officer made these adjustments to the Townships records and, therefore, these adjustments are reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

Client Response: We have not received a response from the client.

Finding Number 2017-004

Material Weakness

All local offices should maintain an accounting system and accounting records sufficient to enable the public office to identify, assemble, analyze, classify, record and report its transactions, maintain accountability for the related assets, document compliance with finance-related legal and contractual requirements and prepare financial statements.

The Township Officer's Handbook (Revised 2017) provides suggested accounts classifications. These accounts classify receipts by fund and source (Taxes or charges for services, for example) and classify disbursements by fund, program (general government, for example) or object (personal services, for example). Using these classifications and the aforementioned accounting records will provide the Township with information required to monitor compliance with the budget, and prepare annual reports in the format required by the Auditor of State.

The Township did not properly post and classify all receipts and expenditures. Errors were made in recording various transactions. Amounts were not always posted to the correct fund and/or line item. The following adjustments and reclassifications were made.

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FINDING NUMBER 2017-004 (Continued)

Adjustments:

- In 2016, an adjustment was made to post Motor Vehicle License Tax received from the County Auditor in the Motor Vehicle License Fund instead of the General Fund in the amount of \$4,047.
- In 2016, debt proceeds and capital outlay of \$18,685 was recorded on the financial statement in the Gasoline Tax Fund that was not recorded on the Township's books.
- In 2017, an adjustment was made to post refunds to the fund that paid the expense rather than posting it all in the General Fund. \$7,651 was taken from the General Fund and allocated to the Gasoline Tax Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund in the amounts of \$4,651 and \$3,000, respectively.

Reclassifications:

- In 2016, a reclassification from Intergovernmental Receipts to Property and Other Local Taxes in the amount of \$16,513 in the General Fund.
- In 2016, a reclassification from Other Financing Sources to Intergovernmental Receipts in the amount of \$2,000 in the General Fund.
- In 2016, a reclassification from Intergovernmental Receipts to Property and Other Local Taxes in the amount of \$22,512 in the Road and Bridge Fund.
- In 2016, a reclassification from Intergovernmental Receipts to Property and Other Local Taxes in the amount of \$14,821 in the Cemetery Fund.
- In 2016, a reclassification from General Government to Capital Outlay in the amount of \$10,000 in the General Fund.
- In 2016, a reclassification from General Government to Public Safety in the amount of \$1,200 in the Gasoline Tax Fund.
- In 2016, a reclassification from General Government to Capital Outlay in the amount of \$10,000 in the Road and Bridge Fund.
- In 2016, a reclassification from General Government to Principal Retirement and Interest and Fiscal Charges in the amounts of \$300 and \$42 in the General Fund.
- In 2017, a reclassification from Intergovernmental Receipts to Property and Other Local Taxes in the amount of \$23,886 in the General Fund.
- In 2017, a reclassification from Intergovernmental Receipts to Property and Other Local Taxes in the amount of \$33,452 in the Road and Bridge Fund.
- In 2017, a reclassification from Intergovernmental Receipts to Property and Other Local Taxes in the amount of \$20,030 in the Cemetery Fund.
- In 2017, a reclassification from General Government to Public Safety in the amount of \$1,000 in the General Fund.
- In 2017, a reclassification from Other Financing Uses to Principal Retirement and Interest and Fiscal Charges in the amounts of \$18,498 and \$611 in the Road and Bridge Fund.
- In 2017, a reclassification from General Government to Principal Retirement and Interest and Fiscal Charges in the amounts of \$10,623 and \$377 in the General Fund.
- In 2017, a reclassification from Interest and Fiscal Charges to Principal Retirement in the amount of \$491 in the Gasoline Tax Fund.

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FINDING NUMBER 2017-004 (Continued)

The adjustments with which the Township Official's agree are reflected in the accompanying financial statements and posted to the accounting records.

We recommend the Township utilize available authoritative resources to appropriately classify and record all receipt and expenditure transactions.

Client Response: We have not received a response from the client.

FINDING NUMBER 2017-005

Noncompliance and Material Weakness

Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-02(A) states that all local public offices shall maintain an accounting system and accounting records sufficient to enable public office to identify, assemble, analyze, classify, record and report its transactions, maintain accountability for the related assets, document compliance with finance-related legal and contractual requirements and prepare financial statements.

Throughout the period, several instances of incomplete voucher packages were found when testing disbursements. The voucher package should include a check stub, invoice, and a reference to the purchase order. During testing, there were incomplete packages that caused us to have to perform additional audit procedures to verify the expenditures. We recommend that due care should be taken to ensure completeness of the records related to the disbursement.

Client Response: We have not received a response from the client.

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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
December 31, 2017**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2015-001	Noncompliance ORC 5705.41(D) certifications not made prior to purchase.	No	Not Corrected: Reported as Finding 2015-001
2015-002	Noncompliance ORC 5705.39 appropriations exceeding estimated resources.	Yes	Finding No Longer Valid



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MONROE 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
JUNE 12, 2018**