

**TROY TOWNSHIP
ASHLAND COUNTY**

AUDIT REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2016 - DECEMBER 31, 2017



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Township Trustees
Troy Township
PO Box 56
Nova, Ohio 44859

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Troy Township, Ashland 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. Troy Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

May 14, 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Troy Township
Ashland County
P.O. Box 56
Nova, Ohio 44859

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 Troy Township, Ashland 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 Troy Township, Ashland 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 Troy Township, Ashland 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 March 23, 2018, on our consideration of Troy 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
March 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>	<u>Permanent</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 75,010	\$ 79,820	\$ -	\$ 154,830
Licenses, Permits and Fees	2,200	5,900	-	8,100
Intergovernmental	31,688	117,403	-	149,091
Earnings on Investments	16	5	1	22
Miscellaneous	1,486	4,051	-	5,537
Total Cash Receipts	<u>110,400</u>	<u>207,179</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>317,580</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	72,518	-	-	72,518
Public Safety	-	36,733	-	36,733
Public Works	37,032	129,463	-	166,495
Health	813	5,991	-	6,804
Conservation-Recreation	5,203	-	-	5,203
Capital Outlay	-	37,270	-	37,270
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	2,916	10,737	-	13,653
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,400	374	-	1,774
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>119,882</u>	<u>220,568</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>340,450</u>
Net Change in Fund Cash Balance	(9,482)	(13,389)	1	(22,870)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>33,233</u>	<u>126,320</u>	<u>3,112</u>	<u>162,665</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Nonspendable	-	-	3,107	3,107
Restricted	-	112,931	6	112,937
Unassigned (Deficit)	23,751	-	-	23,751
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 23,751</u>	<u>\$ 112,931</u>	<u>\$ 3,113</u>	<u>\$ 139,795</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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

1. REPORTING ENTITY

Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Troy Township, Ashland County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publically-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides general government services, road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance and fire protection services.

The Troy Township Waste Water District is a body politic established to handle all waste water affairs in the Township. On December 7, 2001, the Ashland County Common Pleas Court declared the District to be finally and completely organized and to be apolitical subdivision. These financial statements do not include the activities of the Troy Township Waste Water District.

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. 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 and a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all proprietary and fiduciary fund types which are organized on a fund type basis.

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.

Road & Bridge Fund – This fund receives property 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)

Permanent Funds

These funds account for assets held under a trust agreement that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, are available to support the Township's programs. The Township had the following significant permanent Funds:

Fulmer and Miller/Plank Cemetery Bequest Funds – These funds receive interest earned on the nonexpendable corpus from trust agreements. These earnings are used for the general maintenance and upkeep of the Township's cemetery.

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 reappropriated.

A summary of 2017 appear in Note 3.

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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.

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.

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2017 follows:

2017 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 105,132	\$ 110,400	\$ 5,268
Special Revenue	193,647	207,179	13,532
Debt Service	2	1	(1)
Total	\$ 298,781	\$ 317,580	\$ 18,799

2017 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 138,365	\$ 119,882	\$ 18,483
Special Revenue	321,966	220,568	101,398
Debt Service	2	-	2
Total	\$ 460,333	\$ 340,450	\$ 119,883

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	\$ 136,682
Certificates of Deposit	3,113
Total Deposits	\$ 139,795

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

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

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.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions

7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

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.

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, 2017 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest rate</u>
2016 Property Loan	\$ 32,084	4.00%
Total	<u>\$ 32,084</u>	

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9. DEBT (Continued)

In May 2016, the Township acquired property with a loan of \$35,000 to be paid over ten years. The land collateralizes the loan. It will be repaid from the General Fund.

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

<u>Year Ending December 31:</u>	<u>Land</u>
2018	\$ 4,316
2019	4,316
2020	4,316
2021	4,316
2022	4,316
2023-2027	17,264
Total	<u>\$ 38,844</u>

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	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 74,285	\$ 79,012	\$ -	\$ 153,297
Licenses, Permits and Fees	3,350	2,850	-	6,200
Intergovernmental	47,775	115,795	-	163,570
Earnings on Investments	15	5	1	21
Miscellaneous	628	16,413	-	17,041
Total Cash Receipts	<u>126,053</u>	<u>214,075</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>340,129</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	69,033	-	-	69,033
Public Safety	-	27,490	-	27,490
Public Works	38,421	116,330	-	154,751
Health	696	12,275	-	12,971
Conservation-Recreation	7,225	-	-	7,225
Capital Outlay	39,000	9,788	-	48,788
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	-	16,562	-	16,562
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	1,110	-	1,110
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>154,375</u>	<u>183,555</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>337,930</u>
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(28,322)	30,520	1	2,199
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)				
Debt Proceeds	35,000	-	-	35,000
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	<u>35,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,000</u>
Net Change in Fund Cash Balance	6,678	30,520	1	37,199
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>26,555</u>	<u>95,800</u>	<u>3,111</u>	<u>125,466</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Nonspendable	-	-	3,107	3,107
Restricted	-	126,320	5	126,325
Unassigned (Deficit)	33,233	-	-	33,233
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3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 102,869	\$ 161,053	\$ 58,184
Special Revenue	193,756	214,075	20,319
Debt Service	2	1	(1)
Total	\$ 296,627	\$ 375,129	\$ 78,502

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 129,424	\$ 154,375	\$ (24,951)
Special Revenue	289,556	183,555	106,001
Debt Service	2	-	2
Total	\$ 418,982	\$ 337,930	\$ 81,052

Contrary to ORC 5705.41(D), the Township made expenditures prior to certification.
Contrary to 5705.41(B), the General Fund had expenditures greater than appropriations.

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	\$ 159,553
Certificates of Deposit	3,112
Total Deposits	\$ 162,665

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

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

5. PROPERTY TAX

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

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions

7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

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.

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>
2013 Tractor/Mower Loan	\$ 4,516	3.50%
2013 Sterling Plow Truck Loan	6,220	3.50%
2016 Property Loan	35,000	4.00%
Total	<u>\$ 45,736</u>	

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

9. DEBT (Continued)

In March 2013, the Township purchased a tractor and mower. It will be paid over five years with the tractor and mower collateralizing the loan. It will be repaid from the Road & Bridge Fund.

In April 2013, the Township purchased a Sterling Plow Truck. It will be paid over five years with the Plow Truck collateralizing the loan. It will be repaid from the Road & Bridge Fund.

In May 2016, the Township acquired property with a loan of \$35,000 to be paid over ten years. The land collateralizes the loan. It will be repaid from the General Fund.

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

<u>Year Ending December 31:</u>	<u>Tractor/Mower</u>	<u>Plow Truck</u>	<u>Land</u>
2017	\$ 4,674	\$ 6,437	\$ 4,316
2018	-	-	4,316
2019	-	-	4,316
2020	-	-	4,316
2021	-	-	4,316
2022-2026	-	-	21,580
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 4,674</u>	<u>\$ 6,437</u>	<u>\$ 43,160</u>

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

Troy Township
Ashland County
P.O. Box 56
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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 Troy Township, Ashland 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 March 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 Troy Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or 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.

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. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings that we consider a significant deficiency. We consider Finding 2017-001 to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Troy 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

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

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**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

Significant Deficiency – Financial Reporting

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 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 reclassifications were made.

For 2016:

- A reclassification was made in the amount of \$4,000 from Principal Retirement to Capital Outlay in the General Fund.
- A adjustment of \$35,000 was made to Loan Proceeds and Capital Outlay in the General Fund to record the issuance of the debt and purchase of the property.

The reclassifications 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 received no response from the client.

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Dave Yost • Auditor of State

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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
MAY 24, 2018**