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**MADISON TOWNSHIP
BUTLER COUNTY**

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Butler County
5610 West Alexandria Road
Middletown, Ohio 45042

To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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June 2, 2010

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Madison Township
Butler County
5610 West Alexandria Road
Middletown, Ohio 45042

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Madison Township, Butler County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The Township processes its financial transactions with the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to audit the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and as requested, operates UAN. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code §§ 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Township has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Township's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Township does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require townships to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

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Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Madison Township, Butler County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The Township has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 2, 2010, 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. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



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Auditor of State

June 2, 2010

**MADISON TOWNSHIP
BUTLER COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts:					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$74,403	\$306,376			\$380,779
Charges for Services		142,398			142,398
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	69,904	38,684			108,588
Fines and Forfeitures	2,078				2,078
Intergovernmental	277,239	252,999			530,238
Special Assessments	2,686		\$3,893		6,579
Earnings on Investments	1,037	110		\$10	1,157
Miscellaneous	75,852	80,637			156,489
Total Cash Receipts	<u>503,199</u>	<u>821,204</u>	<u>3,893</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1,328,306</u>
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	405,135	4,606			409,741
Public Safety	191,903	371,963			563,866
Public Works	3,791	357,987	4,001		365,779
Health	4,528	21,526			26,054
Capital Outlay		16,998			16,998
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>605,357</u>	<u>773,080</u>	<u>4,001</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,382,438</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(102,158)</u>	<u>48,124</u>	<u>(108)</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>(54,132)</u>
Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements):					
Advances-In	80,100	80,100			160,200
Advances-Out	(80,100)	(80,100)			(160,200)
Total Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over / (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	<u>(102,158)</u>	<u>48,124</u>	<u>(108)</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>(54,132)</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>197,652</u>	<u>107,660</u>	<u>3,396</u>	<u>1,202</u>	<u>309,910</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$95,494</u></u>	<u><u>\$155,784</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,288</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,212</u></u>	<u><u>\$255,778</u></u>

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

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BUTLER COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts:					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$80,479	\$352,142			\$432,621
Charges for Services		127,547			127,547
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	114,991	78,721			193,712
Fines and Forfeitures	2,286				2,286
Intergovernmental	404,668	240,221			644,889
Special Assessments	532		\$4,189		4,721
Earnings on Investments	12,895	2,078		\$35	15,008
Miscellaneous	56,999	62,079			119,078
Total Cash Receipts	<u>672,850</u>	<u>862,788</u>	<u>4,189</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>1,539,862</u>
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	366,764	6,438			373,202
Public Safety	191,652	393,485			585,137
Public Works	2,813	643,078	4,149		650,040
Health	4,550	18,906			23,456
Conservation - Recreation	60,000				60,000
Capital Outlay	7,451	8,817			16,268
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>633,230</u>	<u>1,070,724</u>	<u>4,149</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,708,103</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>39,620</u>	<u>(207,936)</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>(168,241)</u>
Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements):					
Transfers-In		34,497			34,497
Transfers-Out		(34,497)			(34,497)
Advances-In	14,000	14,500			28,500
Advances-Out	(14,500)	(14,000)			(28,500)
Total Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements)	<u>(500)</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over / (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	<u>39,120</u>	<u>(207,436)</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>(168,241)</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>158,532</u>	<u>315,096</u>	<u>3,356</u>	<u>1,167</u>	<u>478,151</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$197,652</u></u>	<u><u>\$107,660</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,396</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,202</u></u>	<u><u>\$309,910</u></u>

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

**MADISON TOWNSHIP
BUTLER COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Madison Township, Butler County, Ohio (the Township), as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Butler County Sheriff to provide police protection services.

The Township participated in the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) and the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (OGRMP). Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for these entities. These organizations provide property and casualty coverage to its members.

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

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. 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 Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Deposits and Investments

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

The Township values certificates of deposit at cost. Investments in STAR Ohio are recorded at share values that STAR Ohio reports.

D. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Township classifies its funds into the following types:

1. General Fund

The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from private-purpose trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. 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.

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

Fire Fund – This fund receives property tax monies to fire and emergency medical services to the Township.

Life Squad Fund – This fund received property tax monies to provide ambulance and emergency medical services. This fund was closed during 2008 and combined into the Fire Fund by a transfer as noted in the accompanying financial statements.

3. Capital Project Fund

This fund accounts for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant Capital Project Fund:

Lighting Assessment Fund - The Township receives real estate special assessment money for street lighting.

4. Permanent Fund

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 Fund:

Cemetery Bequest Fund – This fund has an agreement to maintain the corpus of this trust. This fund receives interest income which is used for cemetery maintenance.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the object level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure.

2. 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 also approve estimated resources.

3. Encumbrances

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

A summary of 2009 and 2008 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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.

2. Equity in Pooled Deposits and Investments

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

	2009	2008
Demand deposits	\$54,778	\$108,910
Certificates of deposit	1,000	1,000
Total deposits	55,778	109,910
STAR Ohio	200,000	200,000
Total investments	200,000	200,000
Total deposits and investments	\$255,778	\$309,910

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

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008
(Continued)**

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2009 and 2008 follows:

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$502,071	\$503,199	\$1,128
Special Revenue	797,737	821,204	23,467
Capital Projects	3,893	3,893	0
Permanent	9	10	1
Total	\$1,303,710	\$1,328,306	\$24,596

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$608,931	\$605,357	\$3,574
Special Revenue	806,719	773,080	33,639
Capital Projects	4,200	4,001	199
Permanent	1,211	0	1,211
Total	\$1,421,061	\$1,382,438	\$38,623

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$673,294	\$672,850	(\$444)
Special Revenue	870,667	897,285	26,618
Capital Projects	4,182	4,189	7
Permanent	35	35	0
Total	\$1,548,178	\$1,574,359	\$26,181

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$654,779	\$633,230	\$21,549
Special Revenue	1,127,464	1,105,221	22,243
Capital Projects	4,500	4,149	351
Total	\$1,786,743	\$1,742,600	\$44,143

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008
(Continued)**

4. Property Tax

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If 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.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

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

5. Retirement System

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2009 and 2008, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2009.

6. Risk Management

The Township was a member of the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority through April 2, 2008 and the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan through the remainder of the audit period.

Risk Pool Membership

The Township joined the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the "Plan") in April 2008, a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments ("Members"). The Plan is legally separate from its member governments.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages to its members sold through fourteen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio. These coverage programs, referred to as Ohio Plan Risk management ("OPRM"), are developed specific to each member's risk management needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria addressing the member's exposure to loss, except OPRM retain 15% of the premium and losses on the first \$250,000 casualty treaty and 10% of the first \$1,000,000 property treaty. Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008
(Continued)**

6. Risk Management (Continued)

OPRM had over 650 members as of December 31, 2008. The Township participates in this coverage.

In August, 2007, OGRMP formed the Ohio Plan Healthcare Consortium ("OPHC"), as authorized by Section 9.833 of the Ohio Revised Code. The OPHC was established to provide cost effective employee benefit programs for Ohio political sub-divisions and is a self-funded, group purchasing consortium that offers medical, dental, vision and prescription drug coverage as well as life insurance for its members. The OPHC is sold through seventeen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio. Coverage programs are developed specific to each member's healthcare needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria. Variable plan options are available to members. These plans vary primarily by deductibles, coinsurance levels, office visit co-pays and out-of pocket maximums. OPHC had 40 members as of December 31, 2008. The Township does not participate in this coverage.

Plan members are responsible to notify the Plan of their intent to renew coverage by their renewal date. If a member chooses not to renew with the Plan, they have no other financial obligation to the Plan, but still need to promptly notify the Plan of any potential claims occurring during their membership period. The former member's covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of the Plan.

Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31: 2008 and 2007 (the latest information available), and include amounts for both OPRRM and OPHC:

	2008	2007
Assets	\$10,471,114	\$11,136,455
Liabilities	(5,286,781)	(4,273,553)
Members' Equity	\$5,184,333	\$6,862,902

You can read the complete audited financial statements for The Ohio Government Risk Management Plan at the Plan's website, www.ohioplan.org.



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

Madison Township
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Madison Township, Butler County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated June 2, 2010, wherein we noted the Township prepared its financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We also noted the Township uses the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) to process its financial transactions. *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the Auditor of State's independence to audit the Township. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code §§ 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Therefore, we cannot assure that we have identified all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. 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 deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected. We consider finding 2009-001 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated June 2, 2010.

The Township's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the Township's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, and others within the Township. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

June 2, 2010

**MADISON TOWNSHIP
BUTLER COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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FINDING NUMBER 2009-001

Material Weakness

When designing the public office's system of internal control and the specific control activities, management should consider ensuring that accounting records are properly designed, verifying the existence and valuation of assets and liabilities and periodically reconcile them to the accounting records, and performing analytical procedures to determine the reasonableness of financial data.

The Township lacks management oversight in the posting of financial activity. This lack of oversight is illustrated by the following:

- During 2008, the Township posted \$66,850 in Life Squad Membership Fees to Miscellaneous Revenue instead of Licenses, Permits and Fees.
- During 2009, the Township posted \$28,190 in Life Squad Membership Fees to Miscellaneous Revenue instead of Licenses, Permits and Fees.

These adjustments have been posted to the Township's financial statements. Failure to properly post revenues can result in inaccurate records and cause the Township to misappropriate funds. To improve accountability and record keeping, we recommend the Township properly post all revenue receipts to correct line items. The Township should review receipts posted to the ledgers for accuracy. Comparison between years may aid in the determination if the Township has properly posted a receipt.

Officials' Response:

We believe the Life Squad membership fees to be a true contribution and not a fee. The life squad membership is an opportunity to voluntarily make an annual donation to the fire/EMS department of the Township. This donation is tax deductible and no one is invoiced. If a person who is a "member" requires ambulance service, our billing company bills their insurance company. The member then receives no additional bills. The Township then writes off the balance. If a person who is a "nonmember" requires ambulance service, our billing company bills their insurance company. The person would receive three bills over a 90 day period of time. The Township then writes off the balance. Because the Township has a soft billing policy, there is no real financial benefit for residents to become members. The Township passed a new fire levy in May 2010 (collectible in 2011) and will not be making membership forms available after 2010. People will still be able to donate money to the life squad if they choose. It will also be a voluntary contribution just like the life squad membership.

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**MADISON TOWNSHIP
BUTLER COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2007-001	Section 5705.36(A)(4), appropriations exceeded available fund balance	Yes	
2007-002	Ohio Admin. Code Section 117-2-01(D), improperly posting receipts.	No.	Partially corrected. Reissued as Finding 2009-001.
2007-003	Ohio Rev. Code 505.60(C), reimbursement of health care premiums	Yes	
2007-004	Ohio Admin. Code, Section 117-2-02-(C)(1), appropriations and estimated receipts not agreeing to the UAN system.	Yes	



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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

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JUNE 29, 2010**