



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

NEW LONDON TOWNSHIP
HURON COUNTY

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New London Township
Huron County
5922 Townline Road 187
New London, Ohio 44851-9409

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 a February 2, 2005 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 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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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

August 23, 2005

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

New London Township
Huron County
5922 Townline Road 187
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of New London Township, Huron County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. 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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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 audits 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 audits provide 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.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Township to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the year ended December 31, 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2004 (and 2003), the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2004. 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 the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this Township does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, 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 year ended December 31, 2004 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, 2004, or its changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of New London Township, Huron County, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Township to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2004. 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 August 23, 2005, 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 audits.



Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

August 23, 2005

**NEW LONDON TOWNSHIP
HURON COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Local Taxes	\$22,147	\$51,049	\$73,196
Intergovernmental	22,596	80,729	103,325
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	1,084		1,084
Earnings on Investments	14,086	112	14,198
Other Revenue	331		331
	<u>60,244</u>	<u>131,890</u>	<u>192,134</u>
Total Cash Receipts			
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	39,307		39,307
Public Safety	11,774		11,774
Public Works	33,005	133,986	166,991
Health	1,540	3,075	4,615
	<u>85,626</u>	<u>137,061</u>	<u>222,687</u>
Total Cash Disbursements			
Total Disbursements Over Receipts	(25,382)	(5,171)	(30,553)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>183,225</u>	<u>31,822</u>	<u>215,047</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$157,843</u>	<u>\$26,651</u>	<u>\$184,494</u>

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

**NEW LONDON TOWNSHIP
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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, 2003**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Local Taxes	\$18,861	\$45,055	\$63,916
Intergovernmental	25,414	70,546	95,960
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	2,265	450	2,715
Earnings on Investments	185	88	273
Other Revenue	796	800	1,596
	<u>47,521</u>	<u>116,939</u>	<u>164,460</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>47,521</u>	<u>116,939</u>	<u>164,460</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	43,031		43,031
Public Safety	9,054		9,054
Public Works	9,868	119,311	129,179
Health	3,828		3,828
Capital Outlay	172		172
	<u>65,953</u>	<u>119,311</u>	<u>185,264</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>65,953</u>	<u>119,311</u>	<u>185,264</u>
Total Disbursements Over Receipts	(18,432)	(2,372)	(20,804)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>201,657</u>	<u>34,194</u>	<u>235,851</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$183,225</u>	<u>\$31,822</u>	<u>\$215,047</u>

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

**NEW LONDON TOWNSHIP
HURON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003**

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 New London Township, Huron County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the Village of New London to provide fire services.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements. 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. Cash and Investments

The Township's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or disbursements 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.

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.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant special revenue funds:

**NEW LONDON TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
(Continued)**

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.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

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 2004 and 2003 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.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Demand deposits	\$34,839	\$45,047
Certificates of deposit	149,655	170,000
Total deposits	<u>\$184,494</u>	<u>\$215,047</u>

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

**NEW LONDON TOWNSHIP
HURON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
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3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2004 and 2003 follows:

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$43,292	\$60,244	\$16,952
Special Revenue	125,927	131,890	5,963
Total	\$169,219	\$192,134	\$22,915

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$226,517	\$85,626	\$140,891
Special Revenue	157,749	137,061	20,688
Total	\$384,266	\$222,687	\$161,579

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$42,793	\$47,521	\$4,728
Special Revenue	109,655	116,939	7,284
Total	\$152,448	\$164,460	\$12,012

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$244,450	\$65,953	\$178,497
Special Revenue	143,849	119,311	24,538
Total	\$388,299	\$185,264	\$203,035

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopt 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
(Continued)**

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 SYSTEMS

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 includes postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2004 and 2003, OPERS members contributed 8.5 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equaling 13.55 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2004.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Township belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the Plan), an unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to approximately 500 Ohio governments (Members).

Pursuant to § 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages, modified for each Member's needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the Member's deductible.

The Plan issues its own policies and reinsures the Plan with A- VII or better rated carriers, except for the 5 percent portion retained by the Plan. After September 1, 2003, the Plan pays the lesser of 5 percent or \$25,000 of casualty losses and the lesser of 5 percent or \$50,000 of property losses. The individual members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities, and retained earnings at December 31:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Assets	\$6,685,522	\$5,402,167
Liabilities	<u>2,227,808</u>	<u>1,871,123</u>
Members' Equity	<u><u>\$4,457,714</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,531,044</u></u>

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***

New London Township
Huron County
5922 Townline Road 187
New London, Ohio 44851-9409

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of New London Township (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated August 23, 2005, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We also noted that 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 because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. We conducted our audits 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 audits, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated August 23, 2005, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

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 audits and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2004-001 through 2004-004. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated August 23, 2005, we reported other matters related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and the Board of Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

August 23, 2005

**NEW LONDON TOWNSHIP
HURON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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FINDING NUMBER 2004-001

Finding For Recovery Repaid Under Audit

Ohio Revised Code § 505.24 sets the 2003 and 2004 salaries for Township Trustees in townships with a budget between \$250,001 and \$500,000, as follows: \$37.62 per day or \$7,524 in 2003 (for trustees elected or appointed after December 8, 2000) and \$38.49 or \$7,698 in 2004.

For 2003, Township Trustee Robert E. Harris was compensated \$8,913.60 resulting in an overpayment of \$1,389.69.

For 2004, Township Trustee Robert E. Harris was compensated \$9,237.60 resulting in an overpayment of \$1,539.60.

In accordance with the forgoing facts and pursuant to O.R.C. § 117.28, a finding for recovery for public money illegally expended is hereby issued against Robert E. Harris and the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan, his surety, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$2,929.20 in favor of the Township Treasury.

Robert Harris, Trustee, made restitution to the Township by forfeiting his March, April, May, and June wages of \$2,627.32 and July 2005 wages of \$302.68.

FINDING NUMBER 2004-002

Finding For Recovery Repaid Under Audit

Ohio Revised Code § 505.24 sets the 2003 and 2004 salaries for Township Trustees in townships with a budget between \$250,001 and \$500,000, as follows: \$37.62 per day or \$7,524 in 2003 (for trustees elected or appointed after December 8, 2000) and \$38.49 or \$7,698 in 2004.

For 2003, Township Trustee William M. Schwinn was compensated \$8,913.60 resulting in an overpayment of \$1,389.69.

For 2004, Township Trustee William M. Schwinn was compensated \$9,237.60 resulting in an overpayment of \$1,539.60.

In accordance with the forgoing facts and pursuant to O.R.C. § 117.28, a finding for recovery for public money illegally expended is hereby issued against William M. Schwinn and the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan, his surety, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$2,929.20 in favor of the Township Treasury.

William Schwinn, Trustee, made restitution to the Township by forfeiting his March, April, May and June wages of \$2,627.32 and July 2005 wages of \$302.68.

FINDING NUMBER 2004-003

Finding For Recovery Repaid Under Audit

Ohio Revised Code § 505.24 sets the 2004 salary for Township Trustees in townships with a budget between \$250,001 and \$500,000, at \$38.49 per day or \$7,698 in 2004.

For 2004, Township Trustee John W. Kelly was compensated \$9,237.60 resulting in an overpayment of \$1,539.60.

In accordance with the forgoing facts and pursuant to O.R.C. § 117.28, a finding for recovery for public money illegally expended is hereby issued against John W. Kelly and the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan, his surety, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$1,539.60 in favor of the Township Treasury.

John Kelly, Trustee, made restitution to the Township by forfeiting his March and April wages of \$1,313.66 and July 2005 wages of \$226.34.

FINDING NUMBER 2004-004

Finding for Recovery

Ohio Revised Code § 505.24 sets the 2003 salary for Township Trustees in townships with a budget between \$250,001 and \$500,000, at \$37.62 per day or \$7,524 (for trustees elected or appointed after December 8, 2000).

For 2003, Township Trustee Russell E. Cook was compensated \$9,028.80 resulting in an overpayment of \$1,504.80.

In accordance with the forgoing facts and pursuant to O.R.C. § 117.28, a finding for recovery for public money illegally expended is hereby issued against Russell E. Cook and the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan, his surety, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$1,504.80 in favor of the Township Treasury

**NEW LONDON TOWNSHIP
HURON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2002-001	Ohio Revised Code §§ 505.24 & 507.09 sets the amounts to be paid to the township trustees and clerk. In 2002 the trustees and the clerk were overpaid.	Yes	
2002-002	Ohio Revised Code § 9.38 requires deposit of public monies within 24 hours or a period designated by the board of trustees. No deposits were made for the period of January 1, 2002 through March 31, 2002	Yes	
2002-003	Ohio Revised Code § 135.12 requires the governing board to meet every five years to designate a depository. The township did not designate a depository for the period of February 1999 through January 2001.	Yes	



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HURON 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
SEPTEMBER 20, 2005**