



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

VERNON TOWNSHIP
CLINTON COUNTY

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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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July 28, 2005

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Vernon Township
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P.O. Box 3
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Vernon Township, Clinton County, Ohio (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 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.

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.

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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 Vernon Township, Clinton County, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements and reserves for encumbrances 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 July 28, 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 audit.



Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

July 28, 2005

**VERNON TOWNSHIP
CLINTON COUNTY**

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$28,252	\$103,669	\$0	\$131,921
Intergovernmental	59,346	87,847	0	147,193
Charges for Services	0	208	0	208
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	6,150	0	0	6,150
Earnings on Investments	922	402	389	1,713
Other Revenue	4,046	6,099	0	10,145
	<u>98,716</u>	<u>198,225</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>297,330</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	44,426	50,884	0	95,310
Public Safety	0	65,428	0	65,428
Public Works	0	72,509	0	72,509
Health	3,221	7,875	0	11,096
Miscellaneous	0	725	0	725
Capital Outlay	0	351	0	351
	<u>47,647</u>	<u>197,772</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>245,419</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>51,069</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>51,911</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>32,797</u>	<u>113,225</u>	<u>16,865</u>	<u>162,887</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$83,866</u>	<u>\$113,678</u>	<u>\$17,254</u>	<u>\$214,798</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$1,840</u>	<u>\$19,300</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$21,140</u>

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

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CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$25,574	\$100,093	\$0	\$125,667
Intergovernmental	22,233	82,933	0	105,166
Charges for Services	0	75	0	75
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	2,120	0	0	2,120
Earnings on Investments	456	153	591	1,200
Other Revenue	2,251	4,350	0	6,601
	<u>52,634</u>	<u>187,604</u>	<u>591</u>	<u>240,829</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
	<u>52,634</u>	<u>187,604</u>	<u>591</u>	<u>240,829</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	57,421	69,910	0	127,331
Public Safety	0	10,000	0	10,000
Public Works	10,500	91,824	0	102,324
Health	3,349	3,258	0	6,607
Capital Outlay	0	6,812	0	6,812
	<u>71,270</u>	<u>181,804</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>253,074</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
	<u>71,270</u>	<u>181,804</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>253,074</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(18,636)</u>	<u>5,800</u>	<u>591</u>	<u>(12,245)</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>51,433</u>	<u>107,425</u>	<u>16,274</u>	<u>175,132</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$32,797</u></u>	<u><u>\$113,225</u></u>	<u><u>\$16,865</u></u>	<u><u>\$162,887</u></u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u><u>\$835</u></u>	<u><u>\$50</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$885</u></u>

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

**VERNON TOWNSHIP
CLINTON 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 Vernon Township, Clinton 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 and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the Clinton-Warren Joint Fire District to provide fire and ambulance 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 Deposits

During the fiscal years 2004 and 2003, the Township's funds were deposited in a checking account and in certificates of deposit at a local commercial bank. Certificates of deposit are valued at cost. Interest Income is distributed to the Township funds based upon the Ohio Constitution.

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 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.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund – This fund receives license tax money to pay for maintaining and repairing Township roads.

Fire and Emergency Services Levy Fund – This fund receives proceeds from levies for fire and emergency services protection.

3. Fiduciary Funds (Nonexpendable Trust Fund)

This fund is used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust and funds for which the Township is acting in an agency capacity. The Township had the following fiduciary fund:

Nonexpendable Trust Fund – This fund is used to account for funds bequeathed to the Township 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 fund 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. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

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 carried over, and need not be reappropriated. The Township did not encumber all commitments required by Ohio law; however, there were no unrecorded encumbrances outstanding at December 31, 2004 and 2003.

A summary of 2004 and 2003 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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 DEPOSITS

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

	2004	2003
Demand Deposits	\$199,798	\$147,887
Certificates of deposit	15,000	15,000
Total Deposits	\$214,798	\$162,887

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

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	\$88,523	\$98,716	\$10,193
Special Revenue	263,556	198,225	(\$65,331)
Nonexpendable Trust	600	389	(\$211)
Total	\$352,679	\$297,330	(\$55,349)

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$120,453	\$49,487	\$70,966
Special Revenue	316,826	217,072	99,754
Nonexpendable Trust	17,465	0	17,465
Total	\$454,744	\$266,559	\$188,185

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$43,718	\$52,634	\$8,916
Special Revenue	196,108	187,604	(\$8,504)
Nonexpendable Trust	1,050	591	(459)
Total	<u>\$240,876</u>	<u>\$240,829</u>	<u>(\$47)</u>

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$98,255	\$72,105	\$26,150
Special Revenue	223,700	181,854	41,846
Nonexpendable Trust	17,000	0	17,000
Total	<u>\$338,955</u>	<u>\$253,959</u>	<u>\$84,996</u>

The Fire and Emergency fund expenditures exceeded appropriations during 2003 and 2004, contrary to Ohio law. Also, the Township did not obtain prior certification of the fiscal officer for all purchases nor were commitments properly encumbered as required by Ohio law.

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.

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) of Ohio. OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes these plan benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2004 and 2003, members of OPERS 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.

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CLINTON COUNTY**

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

6. RISK POOL MEMBERSHIP

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 that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty Coverage

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per claim, including loss adjustment expenses. OTARMA pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000 from the General Reinsurance Corporation. If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP covers OTARMA losses up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

Property Coverage

OTARMA retains property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss with an annual aggregate of \$1,250,000 for 2002. There is no aggregate for 2003 and future accident years. Beginning in 2003, OTARMA retains property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures losses exceeding \$100,000. APEEP's Guarantee Fund pays losses and loss adjustment expenses exceeding operating contributions.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge OTARMA's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective township.

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 2003 and 2002 (the latest information available):

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

6. RISK POOL MEMBERSHIP (Continued)

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Assets	\$27,792,223	\$23,757,036
Liabilities	<u>(11,791,300)</u>	<u>(9,197,512)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$16,000,923</u>	<u>\$14,559,524</u>
<u>Property Coverage</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Assets	\$6,791,060	\$6,596,996
Liabilities	<u>(750,956)</u>	<u>(1,204,326)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$6,040,104</u>	<u>\$5,392,670</u>



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

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Vernon Township, Clinton County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated July 28, 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 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 to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Township's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with management's assertions in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2004-001 and 2004-002.

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. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered material weaknesses. We do not consider the reportable conditions listed above to be material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated July 28, 2005, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, 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 instances of noncompliance that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2004-001 and 2004-002. Also, in a separate letter to the Township's management dated July 28, 2005, we reported a matter related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

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

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

July 28, 2005

**VERNON TOWNSHIP
CLINTON COUNTY**

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

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

FINDING NUMBER 2004-001

Noncompliance Citation/Reportable Condition

Ohio Rev. Code, Section 5705.41 (D), requires that no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any contract or give any order involving the expenditure of money unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision that the amount required to meet the obligation has been lawfully appropriate for such purpose and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. This certificate need be signed only by the subdivision's fiscal officer. Every contract made without such a certificated shall be void, and no warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due thereon.

This Section also provides for two exceptions to the above requirements:

1. Then and Now Certificates – If no certificate is furnished as required, upon receipt of the fiscal officer's certificate that a sufficient sum was, both at the time of the contract order and at the time of the certificate, appropriated and free of any previous encumbrances, the Board of Trustees may authorize the issuance of a warrant in payment of the amount due upon such contract or order by resolution within 30 days from the receipt of such certificate.
2. If the amount involved is less than \$1,000 (\$3,000 after April 7, 2003), the Clerk may authorize payment through a Then and Now Certificate without affirmation of the Board of Trustees, if such expenditure is otherwise valid.

The availability of funds was not certified in 56% of the Township's expenditures tested. The two exceptions mentioned above did not apply. Every effort should be made by the Township to properly utilize the encumbrance method of accounting by certifying funds on purchase orders. Failure to properly certify funds could result in overspending the Township's funds.

FINDING NUMBER 2004-002

Noncompliance Citation/Reportable Condition

Ohio Rev. Code, Section 5705.41 (B), provides that no subdivision or taxing unit is to expend money unless it has been appropriated. During 2003, Fire & Emergency Fund expenditures of \$80,611 exceeded appropriations of \$73,000 by \$7,611. During 2004, the Fire and Emergency Fund expenditures of \$117,110 exceeded appropriations of \$109,020 by \$8,090. The Clerk should not certify the availability of funds and should deny payment requests exceeding appropriations. The Clerk may request the Trustees to approve increased appropriations if the appropriations remain less than or equal to the estimated resources, if necessary.

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VERNON TOWNSHIP
CLINTON COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2004

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2002-40414-001	Ohio Rev. Code, Section 5705.41 (D), requires that no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any contract without prior certification of the availability of funds.	No	Reissued as Finding 2004-01



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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
AUGUST 16, 2005**