

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP  
MERCER COUNTY  
Regular Audit  
December 31, 2005 and 2004**





**Auditor of State  
Betty Montgomery**

Board of Trustees  
Recovery Township  
1757 St. Joe Road  
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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report* of Recovery Township, Mercer County, prepared by Perry and Associates, CPA's, A.C. for the audit period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005. 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.

The financial statements in the attached report are presented in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State's Office (AOS). Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Independent Accountants' Report* on your financial statements. While the 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. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Independent Accountants' Report* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the AOS permits.

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. Recovery Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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BETTY MONTGOMERY  
Auditor of State

August 31, 2006

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**

July 26, 2006

Recovery Township  
Mercer County  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Recovery Township, Mercer County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. 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. 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 years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2005 and 2004, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present it's larger (i.e. major) funds separately beginning in 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 the 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 years ended December 31, 2005 and 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, 2005 and 2004 or their 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 Recovery Township, Mercer County, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, 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 years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. The Government 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 26, 2006, 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Perry and Associates**  
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

**RECOVERY 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, 2005**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>				
Local Taxes	\$15,501	\$55,144		\$70,645
Intergovernmental	58,713	97,738	97,415	253,866
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		950		950
Special Assessments		\$1,028		1,028
Other Revenue	37	2,530		2,567
	<u>74,251</u>	<u>157,390</u>	<u>97,415</u>	<u>329,056</u>
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>				
	<u>74,251</u>	<u>157,390</u>	<u>97,415</u>	<u>329,056</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>				
Current:				
General Government	44,796	950		45,746
Public Safety	2,900	7,278		10,178
Public Works	4,969	147,887		152,856
Health	7,097			7,097
Capital Outlay	5,000	17,660	97,415	120,075
	<u>64,762</u>	<u>173,775</u>	<u>97,415</u>	<u>335,952</u>
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>				
	<u>64,762</u>	<u>173,775</u>	<u>97,415</u>	<u>335,952</u>
<b>Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</b>	<u>9,489</u>	<u>(16,385)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(6,896)</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):</b>				
Sale of Assets	100			100
Advances-In		5,500		5,500
Advances-Out	(5,500)			(5,500)
	<u>(5,400)</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>
<b>Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)</b>				
	<u>(5,400)</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>
<b>Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements</b>	4,089	(10,885)	0	(6,796)
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</b>	<u>3,871</u>	<u>37,719</u>	<u></u>	<u>41,590</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u><u>\$7,960</u></u>	<u><u>\$26,834</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$34,794</u></u>

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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, 2004**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>				
Local Taxes	\$15,436	\$54,190		\$69,626
Intergovernmental	50,153	86,958	15,750	152,861
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	900			900
Special Assessments		\$910		910
Other Revenue		2,135		2,135
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Total Cash Receipts	<u>66,489</u>	<u>144,193</u>	<u>15,750</u>	<u>226,432</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>				
Current:				
General Government	62,567	15,189		77,756
Public Safety	2,873			2,873
Public Works		131,224		131,224
Capital Outlay			15,750	15,750
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Total Cash Disbursements	<u>65,440</u>	<u>146,413</u>	<u>15,750</u>	<u>227,603</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>1,049</u>	<u>(2,220)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,171)</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):</b>				
Advances-In	11,000	5,500		16,500
Advances-Out	(5,500)	(11,000)		(16,500)
Other Sources	223			223
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Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	<u>5,723</u>	<u>(5,500)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>223</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	6,772	(7,720)	0	(948)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>(2,901)</u>	<u>45,439</u>		<u>42,538</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u><b>\$3,871</b></u>	<u><b>\$37,719</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$41,590</b></u>

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

Recovery Township, Mercer County, (the Township) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Township is directed by a publicly elected three-member Board of Trustees. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Mercer County Ambulance to provide 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 prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized 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 prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

**C. Cash and Investments**

The Township has no investments other than cash.

**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 is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**2. Special Revenue Funds**

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township has the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**D. Fund Accounting (Continued)**

**2. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)**

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

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

**3. Capital Projects Funds**

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant Capital Projects Fund:

Issue II Fund - The Township received grants during 2004 and 2005 from the State of Ohio for use in road repair and construction.

**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, and 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. Unencumbered 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**E. Budgetary Process (Continued)**

**3. Encumbrances**

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

A summary of 2005 and 2004 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**F. Property, Plant and Equipment**

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH**

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

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Total deposits	<u>\$34,794</u>	<u>\$41,590</u>

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

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**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 follows:

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$75,290	\$74,351	(\$939)
Special Revenue	138,634	162,890	24,256
Capital Projects	97,415	97,415	0
Total	<u>\$311,339</u>	<u>\$334,656</u>	<u>\$23,317</u>

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$76,435	\$70,262	\$6,173
Special Revenue	178,424	173,775	4,649
Capital Projects	97,415	97,415	0
Total	<u>\$352,274</u>	<u>\$341,452</u>	<u>\$10,822</u>

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$61,449	\$66,712	\$5,263
Special Revenue	121,185	144,193	23,008
Capital Projects	15,750	15,750	0
Total	<u>\$198,384</u>	<u>\$226,655</u>	<u>\$28,271</u>

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$69,741	\$65,440	\$4,301
Special Revenue	154,574	146,414	8,160
Capital Projects	15,750	15,750	0
Total	<u>\$240,065</u>	<u>\$227,604</u>	<u>\$12,461</u>

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**4. DEBT**

There was no debt outstanding at December 31, 2005.

**5. PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Board of Trustees. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payment, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

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.

**6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The Township's elected officials and employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multi-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including post retirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2005 and 2004, members of PERS contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2005 and 2004. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2005.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Risk Pool Membership**

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004  
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**7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

**Risk Pool Membership (Continued)**

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 are reinsured with APEEP 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 in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$500,000,000 per occurrence. 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, 2004 and 2003 (the latest information available):

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Assets	\$30,687,203	\$27,792,223
Liabilities	(13,640,962)	(11,791,300)
Retained earnings	<u>\$17,046,241</u>	<u>\$16,000,923</u>

<u>Property Coverage</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Assets	\$7,799,073	\$6,791,060
Liabilities	(753,906)	(750,956)
Retained earnings	<u>\$7,045,167</u>	<u>\$6,040,104</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***

July 26, 2006

Recovery Township, Mercer County  
P.O. Box 597  
Fort Recovery, OH 45846

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Recovery Township, Mercer County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated July 26, 2006, 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 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 in order to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. We noted one matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. 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 the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2005-002. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated July 26, 2006, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

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 that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we do not consider the reportable condition described above to be a material weakness.

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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 one instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2005-001.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, Township Trustees, and other officials authorized to receive this report under section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**Perry and Associates**  
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP  
MERCER COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004**

<b>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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**FINDING NUMBER 2005-001**

**Noncompliance Citation**

**Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10** Money paid into any fund shall be used only for the purposes for which such fund is established.

In 2004, the Township posted the ambulance contract expenditures of \$1,873 to the Road and Bridge Fund instead of the General Fund.

We recommend the Township review and monitor procedures to help assure that expenditures are charged to the correct funds.

**Management's Response** – The Township has agreed to and posted the adjustment and the adjustment is reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004  
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**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

**FINDING NUMBER 2005-002**

**Reportable Condition**

**Allocation and Proper Posting of Receipts and Expenditures**

Receipts and expenditures should be posted to the fund and line item accounts as established by Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-7-01.

During 2004 and 2005, several receipts and expenditures were not posted into accurate classifications based on the source of the receipt or expenditure. For example, the ambulance contract expenditure was posted to General Government instead of Public Safety. Expenditures for purchase of a new mower and the up grade on a tractor were posted as Public Works Fund instead of Capital Outlay. In addition, an Advance from the Road and Bridge Fund to the General Fund was posted as a Fund Balance Adjustment during 2005. The partial repayment of this advance during 2004 was also posted as a Fund Balance Adjustment. The final repayment of the Advance was made in 2005 and was posted as a Transfer rather than as an Advance. These inaccurate postings resulted in one adjustment and several reclassification entries being made to the financial statements.

By misposting and not properly allocating the receipts and expenditures, the Township could present inaccurate financial statements, causing a false image of the Township's financial position.

We recommend the Clerk refer to Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-7-01 and/or the Ohio Township Handbook for guidance to determine the proper establishment of receipt and expenditure accounts and posting of receipt and expenditures.

**Management's Response** – Management chose to not respond.

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP  
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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2003-001	Ohio Const. Art. II, Section 20 Public Officials receiving increases in compensation in the middle of a term of office.	Yes	Fully Corrected
2003-002	Ohio Rev. Code Section 507.04 Clerk shall keep accurate record of the Township meetings.	Yes	Fully Corrected
2003-003	Ohio Rev. Code 5549.21 Competitive Bidding	Yes	Fully Corrected
2003-004	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10 Revenue derived from a special levy to be credited to a special fund for the purpose for which the levy was made	Yes	Fully Corrected
2003-005	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38 Annual appropriation measure to be passed	Yes	Fully Corrected
2003-006	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10 Money paid into any fund shall be used only for the purposes for which such fund is established.	No	Reissued as finding number 2005-001
2003-007	Ohio Rev. Code Section 705.41(B) States that no subdivision or taxing unit is to expend money unless it has been appropriated	Yes	Fully Corrected
2003-008	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) States that no subdivision shall make any contract or order any expenditure of money unless the certificate of the fiscal officer is attached.	Yes	Fully Corrected
2003-009	Allocation and Proper Posting of Revenues and Expenditures	No	Reissued as finding number 2005-002



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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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SEPTEMBER 14, 2006**