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Scioto County, Ohio

Regular Audit

For the Years Ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of Rush Township, Scioto County, prepared by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc., 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. Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Independent Auditors' Report* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State 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 Auditors' Report* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State 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. Rush Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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BETTY MONTGOMERY
Auditor of State

August 22, 2006

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**RUSH TOWNSHIP
SCIOTO COUNTY**

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Independent Auditors' Report

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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Rush Township, Scioto County, (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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described 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 2005 and 2004, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e., major) funds separately for 2005 and 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 are materially misstated under 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 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 its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Rush Township, Scioto County, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Township to include Management's Discussion & Analysis for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. The Township has not presented Management's Discussion & 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 27, 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. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.

June 27, 2006

**RUSH TOWNSHIP
SCIOTO COUNTY**

**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>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 48,351	\$ 264,718	\$ 313,069
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	-	10,410	10,410
Intergovernmental	25,913	119,253	145,166
Earnings on Investments	339	679	1,018
Miscellaneous	15,389	10,629	26,018
	<u>89,992</u>	<u>405,689</u>	<u>495,681</u>
Total Cash Receipts			
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	53,380	1,398	54,778
Public Safety	17,951	237,750	255,701
Public Works	-	192,531	192,531
Health	22,054	7,052	29,106
Capital Outlay	-	8,347	8,347
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal	-	36,415	36,415
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	10,341	10,341
	<u>93,385</u>	<u>493,834</u>	<u>587,219</u>
Total Cash Disbursements			
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(3,393)	(88,145)	(91,538)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):			
Other Sources	-	1,840	1,840
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,840</u>	<u>1,840</u>
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)			
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(3,393)	(86,305)	(89,698)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>32,051</u>	<u>258,827</u>	<u>290,878</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 28,658</u>	<u>\$ 172,522</u>	<u>\$ 201,180</u>

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

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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>		<u>Totals</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 44,552	\$ 259,841	\$ 304,393
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	-	8,023	8,023
Intergovernmental	24,743	107,317	132,060
Earnings on Investments	467	934	1,401
Miscellaneous	14,651	8,652	23,303
	<u>84,413</u>	<u>384,767</u>	<u>469,180</u>
Total Cash Receipts			
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	58,077	1,397	59,474
Public Safety	19,867	331,947	351,814
Public Works	3,963	151,392	155,355
Health	21,512	14,381	35,893
Capital Outlay	3,700	405	4,105
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal	-	26,296	26,296
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	6,890	6,890
	<u>107,119</u>	<u>532,708</u>	<u>639,827</u>
Total Cash Disbursements			
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(22,706)	(147,941)	(170,647)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):			
Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt:			
Sale of Bonds	-	200,000	200,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)			
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(22,706)	52,059	29,353
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	54,757	206,768	261,525
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 32,051</u>	<u>\$ 258,827</u>	<u>\$ 290,878</u>

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

**RUSH TOWNSHIP
SCIOTO COUNTY**

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Rush Township, Scioto 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, cemetery maintenance, fire protection, and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Scioto Ambulatory District to provide ambulance services. The Scioto Ambulatory District is defined as a jointly governed organization and is described in Note 9.

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.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. 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 (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:

Special Levy Fire Fund - This fund receives special levy funds for the purpose of providing fire protection services.

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives property tax money to construct, maintain, and repair Township roads and bridges.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. 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 approved 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 2005 and 2004 budgetary activity appears in Note 6.

D. 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.

E. Cash and Investments

The Township had one primary checking account during our audit period.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Demand deposits	\$201,180	\$290,878

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004
(Continued)**

3. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, based on prior experience, management believes such refunds, if any, would not be material.

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the 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.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's elected officials and employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement 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 members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all employer contributions required through December 31, 2005.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004
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6. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$79,983	\$89,992	\$10,009
Special Revenue	368,869	407,529	38,660
Total	\$448,852	\$497,521	\$48,669

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$116,477	\$93,385	\$23,092
Special Revenue	617,443	493,834	123,609
Total	\$733,920	\$587,219	\$146,701

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$86,970	\$84,413	(\$2,557)
Special Revenue	567,150	584,767	17,617
Total	\$654,120	\$669,180	\$15,060

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$146,473	\$107,119	\$39,354
Special Revenue	564,840	532,708	32,132
Total	\$711,313	\$639,827	\$71,486

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004
(Continued)**

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.

Casualty Coverage

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per claim, including loss adjustment expenses. 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 Identity 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 government.

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	\$17,046,241	\$16,000,923

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

**RUSH TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004
(Continued)**

8. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2005 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Fire Equipment Bond	\$ 37,452	3.25%
Building Acquisition Bond	<u>172,017</u>	4.54%
Total	<u>\$209,429</u>	

The Fire equipment bond was issued on September 19, 2002 to finance the purchase of a new fire tanker. The bond is collateralized by the value of the vehicle.

The building acquisition bond was issued on July 24, 2004 to finance a Township building. The bond is collateralized by the building.

Interest is not calculated by U.S. Bank in the amortization of the Bond for the Township building. Amortization of the above debt, including interest of \$1,693 on the fire equipment bond, is scheduled as follows:

	Building Acquisition Bond	Fire Equipment Bond
Year ending December 31:		
2006	\$ 19,730	\$ 19,572
2007	20,636	19,533
2008	21,584	
2009	22,575	
2010	23,611	
2011-2013	63,881	
Total	<u>\$172,017</u>	<u>\$ 39,105</u>

9. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

The Township is a member of the Scioto Ambulatory District. The Ambulatory District is directed by an appointed five-member Board. The District provides ambulatory services to the areas of Brush Creek Township, Rush Township, Union Township, Morgan Township and the Village of Otway. A representative from each District is appointed to the Scioto Ambulatory District Board. The Ambulatory District is supported by taxes that are collected by the Scioto County Auditor from the property owners in Rush Township. These taxes are paid to the Ambulatory District by the County. The Township does not assist in funding the Ambulatory District.

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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

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We have audited the financial statements of Rush Township, Scioto County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting 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 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. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on 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 such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Governmental Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2005-001 through 2005-004.

We also noted certain matters that we reported to management in a separate letter dated June 27, 2006.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management and the Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.

June 27, 2006

**RUSH TOWNSHIP
SCIOTO COUNTY**

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

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

FINDING NUMBER 2005-001

Noncompliance Citation

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 appropriated 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 fiscal officer. Every contract made without such a certificate 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:

- A. 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 or 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.
- B. If the amount involved is less than \$3,000, the fiscal officer may authorize payment through a Then and Now Certificate without affirmation of the Board, if such expenditure is otherwise valid.

Then and Now Certificates were completed for all disbursements. However they were not approved by the Board of Trustees by resolution. As a result, several of the disbursements tested were not properly certified. Not certifying funds prior to a purchase commitment may cause the Township to obligate money it does not have.

No orders involving the expenditure of money should be made unless the clerk has issued a purchase order to certify that the amount required has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection. Then and Now Certificates should be used as the exception rather than the rule. Furthermore, the Trustees should approve all Then and Now certificates greater than \$3000, by resolution.

FINDING NUMBER 2005-002

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code 5705.41(B) states that no subdivision or taxing unit is to expend money unless it has been appropriated.

Expenditures exceeded appropriations in the Fire Fund at December 31, 2004.

The Township Clerk should deny payment requests exceeding appropriations. The Township Clerk may request the Board of Trustees to approve increased expenditure levels by increasing appropriations and amending estimated resources, if necessary.

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
FISCAL YEAR END 2005 AND 2004
(Continued)**

FINDING NUMBER 2005-003

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36 (A)(4) requires obtaining a reduced amended certificate if the amount of the deficiency will reduce available resources below the current level of appropriation.

Upon comparison of appropriations to available resources (defined as unencumbered beginning balance + actual receipts), the auditor noted appropriations in excess of available resources in the Fire Fund at December 31, 2005.

The Township should implement monitoring procedures to ensure compliance with 5705.36. Procedures for monitoring compliance with this section ensures that monies are not expended in excess of allowable limits (unencumbered balances and estimated resources).

FINDING NUMBER 2005-004

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 provides in part that total appropriations from each fund shall not exceed the total estimated resources. No appropriation measure is effective until the County Auditor files a certificate that the total appropriations from each fund do not exceed the total official estimate or amended official estimate.

Appropriations exceeded estimated resources in the General and Fire Funds at December 31, 2005.

The Township Clerk and Board of Trustees should monitor appropriations. When it is apparent that appropriations exceed budgetary estimates, the Township Clerk should obtain a reduced amended certificate from the County Budget Commission. The Board of Trustees should make corresponding reductions in appropriations.

**RUSH TOWNSHIP
SCIOTO COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR FINDINGS
FISCAL YEAR END 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	Section 5705.41(D) disbursements were not properly certified.	No	Reissued as finding number 2004-001.
2003-002	Section 505.24 resolution not adopted for allocation of total compensation.	Yes	
2003-003	Section 5705.41(B) expenditures exceeded appropriations.	No	Reissued as finding number 2004-002.



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SCIOTO 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 5, 2006**