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<u>Mary Taylor, CPA</u> Auditor of State

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Elk Township Noble County 40814 Crum Ridge Road Caldwell, Ohio 43724-9724

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Elk Township, Noble County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions 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 opinions.

As discussed in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements and notes follow the cash accounting basis. This is a comprehensive accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Elk Township, Noble County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the respective changes in cash financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax, Gasoline Tax, Road and Bridge, Road and Bridge Levy, Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax, FEMA 2003, FEMA 2004, FEMA May 2004 and FEMA September 2004 Funds thereof for the years then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting Note 1 describes.

For the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Township revised its financial presentation comparable to the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standard No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*.

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 24, 2007, 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.

Management's discussion and analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

April 24, 2007

This discussion and analysis of Elk Township's, Noble County, financial performance provides an overall review of the Township's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, within the limitations of the Township's cash basis accounting. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Township's financial performance.

Highlights

Key highlights for 2006 and 2005 are as follows:

In 2006, net assets of governmental activities decreased \$8,150, or 14 percent, a significant change from the prior year. The fund most affected by the decrease in cash and cash equivalents was the Gasoline Tax Fund, which realized the greatest burden of increased costs in 2006; however, cost increases affected most funds. In addition, the Township did not receive any new FEMA grants in 2006.

In 2005, net assets of governmental activities increased \$13,477, or 29 percent, a significant change from the prior year. The fund most affected by the increase in cash and cash equivalents was the General Fund since the Township passed legislation in 2005 to move all receipts to the General Fund and with minimal receipts going to the Road and Bridge Fund. The General Fund had realized significant losses in previous years in revenue and was in need of additional amounts being deposited. After one year, it is really too soon to tell if this will completely help the General Fund or if at any time some portion will be able to go back to the Road and Bridge Fund. The reason for the overall increase was due to the receipt of FEMA grant monies in 2005.

The Township's 2006 general receipts are primarily property taxes, intergovernmental revenues and notes issued. These receipts represent respectively \$42,546 and 29 percent of the total cash received for governmental activities during 2006.

The Township's 2005 general receipts are primarily property taxes and intergovernmental revenues. These receipts represent respectively \$25,745 and 19 percent of the total cash received for governmental activities during 2005.

In 2006, the Township acquired a truck for use on roads and had to borrow funds to purchase the truck. The Township borrowed \$15,326. The truck was necessary as the Township's current truck was in need of being replaced since it was an early 1970's model.

Using the Basic Financial Statements

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Township's cash basis of accounting.

Report Components

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities provide information about the cash activities of the Township as a whole.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. Funds are created and maintained on the financial records of the Township as a way to segregate money whose use is restricted to a particular specified purpose. These statements present financial information by fund, presenting funds with the largest balances or most activity in separate columns.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. The Township has elected to present its financial statements on a cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under the Township's cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid.

As a result of using the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

Reporting the Government as a Whole

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities reflect how the Township did financially during 2006 and 2005, within the limitations of cash basis accounting. The statement of net assets presents the cash balances of the governmental-type activities of the Township at year end. The statement of activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each governmental program-type activity. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function activity draws from the Township's general receipts.

These statements report the Township's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the cash basis of accounting, you can think of these changes as one way to measure the Township's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the Township's cash position is one indicator of whether the Township's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the Township's financial condition, you should also consider other nonfinancial factors as well, such as the Township's property tax base, the extent of the Township's debt obligations, the reliance on non-local financial resources for operations and the need for continued growth in the major local revenue sources such as property taxes.

In the statement of net assets and the statement of activities, we divide the Township into the following activity:

Governmental activities - The Township's basic services are reported here. State and federal grants and property taxes finance most of these activities. Benefits provided through governmental activities are not necessarily paid for by the people receiving them.

Reporting the Government's Most Significant Funds

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the Township's major funds – not the Township as a whole. The Township establishes separate funds to better manage its many activities and to help demonstrate that money that is restricted as to how it may be used is being spent for the intended purpose. All funds of the Township are included in the governmental funds.

Governmental Funds - All of the Township's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the Township's governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the Township's programs. The Township's significant governmental funds are presented on the financial statements in separate columns. The Township's major governmental funds are General, Motor Vehicle License Tax, Gasoline Tax, Road and Bridge, Road and Bridge Levy, Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax, FEMA 2003, FEMA 2004, FEMA May 2004, FEMA September 2004 and Note Retirement Funds. The programs reported in governmental funds are closely related to those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements.

The Government as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the Township's net assets for 2006 compared to 2005 and 2004 on a cash basis:

(Table 1)

Net Assets

	Governmental Activities								
	2006	2004							
Assets									
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$51,714	\$59,864	\$46,387						
Total Assets	\$51,714	\$59,864	\$46,387						
Net Assets									
Restricted for:									
Debt Service	\$368	\$239	\$1,267						
Other Purposes	45,835	58,600	43,995						
Unrestricted	5,511	1,025	1,125						
Total Net Assets	\$51,714	\$59,864	\$46,387						

As mentioned previously, net assets of governmental activities decreased \$ 8,150 or 14 percent during 2006. The primary reason contributing to the decrease in cash balance is due to increased costs in the Gasoline Tax Fund, as well as other funds. Also, there were no new FEMA grant receipts in 2006.

As mentioned previously, net assets of governmental activities increased \$13,477, or 29 percent during 2005. The primary reason contributing to the increase in cash balance is due to the receipt of FEMA funds in 2005.

Table 2 reflects the changes in net assets on a cash basis in 2006 and 2005 for governmental activities.

		nmental vities
	2006	2005
Receipts:		
Program Receipts:		
Operating Grants and Contributions	\$100,967	\$111,984
Total Program Receipts	100,967	111,984
General Receipts:		
Property and Other Local Taxes	19,669	18,336
Grants and Entitlements Not Restrict	ed	
to Specific Programs	7,551	7,409
Sale of Notes	15,326	0
Interest	129	195
Miscellaneous	1,188	200
Total General Receipts	43,863	26,140
Total Receipts	144,830	138,124
Disbursements:		
General Government	13,705	12,341
Public Safety	600	550
Public Works	113,249	108,470
Health	1,302	466
Capital Outaly	19,453	592
Debt Service:		
Principal Retirement	3,831	2,112
Interest and Fiscal Charges	840	116
Total Disbursements	152,980	124,647
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(8,150)	13,477
Net Assets, January 1	59,864	46,387
Net Assets, December 31	\$51,714	\$59,864

(Table 2) Changes in Net Assets

In 2006, program receipts represent 70 percent of total receipts and are primarily comprised of restricted intergovernmental receipts such as motor vehicle license and gas tax money.

General receipts represent 30 percent of the Government's total receipts, and of this amount, over 45 percent are local taxes. State and federal grants and entitlements make up 17 percent of the Township's general receipts, while Sale of Notes makes up 35 percent. Interest and Miscellaneous receipts are very insignificant and somewhat unpredictable revenue sources.

In 2005, program receipts represent 81 percent of total receipts and are primarily comprised of restricted intergovernmental receipts such as motor vehicle license and gas tax money.

General receipts represent 19 percent of the Township's total receipts, and of this amount, over 70 percent are local taxes. State and federal grants and entitlements make up 28 percent of the Township's general receipts. Interest and Miscellaneous receipts are very insignificant and somewhat unpredictable revenue sources.

Disbursements for General Government represent the overhead costs of running the Township and the support services provided for the other Township activities. These include the cost of trustee and clerk salaries, medical costs, insurance, retirement and utilities.

Public Safety is the costs of fire protection; Health is the health services; Public Works is the cost of maintaining roads and bridges; Capital Outlay is the cost of equipment purchased by the Township and Debt Service is the payment of debt of the Township.

Governmental Activities

If you look at the 2006 Statement of Activities on page 12, you will see that the first column lists the major services provided by the Township. The next column identifies the costs of providing these services. The major program disbursements for 2006 governmental activities are for Public Works and Capital Outlay, which account for 74 and 13 percent of all governmental disbursements, respectively. General government also represents a significant cost, about 9 percent. The next column of the Statement entitled Program Cash Receipts identify grants received by the Township that must be used to provide a specific service. The net Receipt (Disbursement) column compares the program receipts to the cost of the service. This "net cost" amount represents the cost of the service which ends up being paid from money provided by local taxpayers. These net costs are paid from the general receipts which are presented at the bottom of the Statement. A comparison between the total cost of services and the net cost is presented in Table 3.

If you look at the 2005 Statement of Activities on page 29, you will see that the first column lists the major services provided by the Township. The next column identifies the costs of providing these services. The major program disbursements for 2005 governmental activities are for Public Works, which account for 87 percent of all governmental disbursements. General government also represents a significant cost, about 10 percent. The next column of the Statement entitled Program Cash Receipts identify grants received by the Township that must be used to provide a specific service. The net Receipt (Disbursement) column compares the program receipts to the cost of the service. This "net cost" amount represents the cost of the service which ends up being paid from money provided by local taxpayers. These net costs are paid from the general receipts which are presented at the bottom of the Statement. A comparison between the total cost of services and the net cost is presented in Table 3.

(Table 3) Governmental Activities												
	Total Cost	Net Cost	Total Cost	Net Cost								
	of Services	of Services	of Services	of Services								
	2006	2006	2005	2005								
General Government	\$13,705	\$13,705	\$12,341	\$12,341								
Public Safety	600	600	550	550								
Public Works	113,249	12,414	108,470	(3,060)								
Health	1,302	1,302	466	466								
Other	0	(132)	0	(453)								
Capital Outlay	19,453	19,453	592	591								
Debt Service:												
Principal Retirement	3,831	3,831	2,112	2,112								
Interest and Fiscal Charges	840	840	116	116								
Total Expenses	\$152,980	\$52,013	\$124,647	\$12,663								

The dependence upon general receipts is apparent as 34 percent of 2006 governmental activities and 10 percent of 2005 governmental activities are supported through these general receipts.

The Government's Funds

Total governmental funds for 2006 had receipts of \$144,830 and disbursements of \$152,980. The greatest change within governmental funds occurred within the Gasoline Tax Fund. The fund balance of the Gasoline Tax Fund decreased \$17,849 as the result of increased costs for salaries and benefits and road materials and not achieving anticipated growth in receipts.

Total governmental funds for 2005 had receipts of \$138,124 and disbursements of \$124,647. The greatest change within governmental funds occurred within the Gasoline Tax Fund. The fund balance of the Gasoline Tax Fund increased \$20,437 as the result of a transfer from the FEMA fund for reimbursement.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The Township's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted funds are the General Fund, Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, Gasoline Tax Fund and Road and Bridge Levy Fund.

During 2006 and 2005, changes from the original budget have been minimal with the exception of the FEMA 2003 Fund in 2005 which increased \$16,655 due to the anticipation of FEMA funds.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The Township does not currently keep track of its capital assets and infrastructure.

Debt

At December 31, 2006, the Township's outstanding debt included \$15,326 in promissory notes issued for the purchase of a 1995 Dodge 3500 Cummins Diesel 4x4 Dump Truck. For further information regarding the Township's debt, refer to Note 10 to the basic financial statements.

Current Issues

The challenge for all Governments is to provide quality services to the public while staying within the restrictions imposed by limited, and in some cases shrinking, funding. We rely heavily on local taxes and have very little industry to support the tax base. We reviewed our sources of revenue and determined that increases were unlikely. We then reviewed the disbursement history of the Township. We have reduced spending on supplies.

Contacting the Government's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Township's finances and to reflect the Township's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Susan Smith, Clerk-Treasurer, 40814 Crum Ridge Road, Caldwell, Ohio 43724-9724.

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2006

		ernmental ctivities
Assets: Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	51,714
Total Assets	\$	51,714
Net Assets: Restricted for: Debt Service Other Purposes Unrestricted <i>Total Net Assets</i>	\$ \$	368 45,835 5,511 51,714

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

			Program	n Cash Receipts	Receipts	sbursements) and Changes let Assets	
	Cash Disbursements		G	Operating Grants and ontributions	Governmental Activities		
Governmental Activities: General Government Public Safety Public Works Health Other Capital Outlay Debt Service: Principal Retirement Interest and Fiscal Charges	\$	13,705 600 113,249 1,302 19,453 3,831 840	\$	100,835 132	\$	(13,705) (600) (12,414) (1,302) 132 (19,453) (3,831) (840)	
Total Governmental Activities	\$	152,980	\$	100,967		(52,013)	
	General F	axes Levied for: Purposes I Entitlements not R tes	estricted to \$	Specific Programs		19,669 7,551 15,326 129 1,188	
	Total Ge	eneral Receipts				43,863	
	Change in	Net Assets				(8,150)	
	Net Assets	Beginning of Year				59,864	
	Net Assets	End of Year			\$	51,714	

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STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	G	eneral	Ve	Motor ehhicle ense Tax	G	asoline Tax	 ad and Bridge	 ad and Ige Levy
Assets:								
Cash	\$	5,511	\$	8,326	\$	23,316	\$ 2,746	\$ 2,431
Total Assets	\$	5,511	\$	8,326	\$	23,316	\$ 2,746	\$ 2,431
Fund Balances: Unreserved: Undesignated (Deficit), Reported in: General Fund Special Revenue Funds Debt Service Funds	\$	5,511	\$	8,326	\$	23,316	\$ 2,746	\$ 2,431
Total Fund Balances	\$	5,511	\$	8,326	\$	23,316	\$ 2,746	\$ 2,431

Moto	Permissive otor Vehicle icense Tax		FEMA FEMA 2003 2004			FEMA iy, 2004		EMA mber, 2004		lote rement	Gov	Total ernmental Funds	
\$ \$	1,393 1,393	\$ \$	349 349	\$ \$	142 142	\$ \$	2,588 2,588	\$ \$	4,544 4,544	\$ \$	368 368	\$ \$	51,714 51,714
\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	5,511
	1,393		349		142		2,588		4,544				45,835
											368		368
\$	1,393	\$	349	\$	142	\$	2,588	\$	4,544	\$	368	\$	51,714

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	General	Motor Vehicle License Tax	Gasoline Tax	Road and Bridge	Road and Bridge Levy	Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	
Cash Receipts:							
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$11,225	\$	\$	\$ 98	\$ 8,346	\$	
Intergovernmental	7,551	16,311	76,742		932	772	
Interest	129	34	92			6	
Other	1,188						
Total Receipts	20,093	16,345	76,834	98	9,278	778	
Cash Disbursements:							
Current:							
General Government	13,705						
Public Safety	600						
Public Works		8,300	94,683	2,507	7,759		
Health	1,302						
Capital Outlay			15,326				
Debt Service:							
Principal Retirement							
Interest and Fiscal Charges							
Total Disbursements	15,607	8,300	110,009	2,507	7,759	0	
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	4,486	8,045	(33,175)	(2,409)	1,519	778	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Sale of Notes			15,326				
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	15,326	0	0	0	
Net Change in Fund Balances	4,486	8,045	(17,849)	(2,409)	1,519	778	
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	1,025	281	41,165	5,155	912	615	
Fund Balances End of Year	\$ 5,511	\$ 8,326	\$ 23,316	\$ 2,746	\$ 2,431	\$ 1,393	

FEMA	FEMA 2004	FEMA May 2004	FEMA Spetember 2004	Note Retirement	Total Governmental Funds	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 19,669	
		383	895	4,800	108,386	
					261	
					1,188	
0	0_	383	895	4,800	129,504	
					13,705	
					600	
					113,249	
					1,302	
160			3,967		19,453	
				3,831	3,831	
				840	840	
160	0	0	3,967	4,671	152,980	
(160)	0	383	(3,072)	129	(23,476)	
					15,326	
0	0	0	0	0	15,326	
(160)	0	383	(3,072)	129	(8,150)	
509	142	2,205	7,616	239	59,864	
349	\$ 142	\$ 2,588	\$ 4,544	\$ 368	\$ 51,714	

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

		Budgeted	Αmoι		Fina	ince with I Budget ositive	
	Or	iginal		Final	Actual		gative)
Receipts:							
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	9,270	\$	9,270	\$ 11,225	\$	1,955
Intergovernmental		7,770		7,770	7,551		(219)
Interest					129		129
Other					1,188		1,188
Total Receipts		17,040		17,040	 20,093		3,053
Disbursements:							
Current:							
General Government		13,752		14,058	13,705		353
Public Safety		1,000		1,000	600		400
Health		663		1,598	1,302		296
Total Disbursements		15,415		16,656	 15,607		1,049
Net Change in Fund Balance		1,625		384	4,486		4,102
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		1,025		1,025	 1,025		0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	2,650	\$	1,409	\$ 5,511	\$	4,102

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

		Budgeted	l Amoi	unts		Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	C	riginal		Final	Actual		gative)	
Receipts:		<u> </u>			 		<u> </u>	
Intergovernmental	\$	15,880	\$	15,880	\$ 16,311	\$	431	
Interest					 34		34	
Total Receipts		15,880		15,880	 16,345		465	
Disbursements:								
Current:								
Public Works		15,797		15,857	8,300		7,557	
Total Disbursements		15,797		15,857	 8,300		7,557	
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		83		23	8,045		8,022	
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		281		281	 281		0	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	364	\$	304	\$ 8,326	\$	8,022	

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS GASOLINE TAX FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

		Budgeted	Amo	unts			Fina	ance with al Budget ositive
	c	Driginal	Final		Actual		-	egative)
Receipts:								
Intergovernmental	\$	72,430	\$	72,430	\$	76,742	\$	4,312
Interest						92		92
Total Receipts		72,430		72,430		76,834		4,404
Disbursements:								
Current:								
Public Works		111,452		111,687		94,683		17,004
Capital Outlay						15,326		(15,326)
Total Disbursements		111,452		111,687		110,009		1,678
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(39,022)		(39,257)		(33,175)		6,082
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Sale of Notes						15,326		15,326
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		0		0		15,326		15,326
Net Change in Fund Balance		(39,022)		(39,257)		(17,849)		21,408
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		41,165		41,165		41,165		0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	2,143	\$	1,908	\$	23,316	\$	21,408

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

		Budgeted	Αποι	Ints		Fina	nce with I Budget	
	Or	iginal		Final	Actual	Positive (Negative)		
Receipts:								
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$		\$		\$ 98	\$	98	
Total Receipts		0		0	 98		98	
Disbursements								
Current:								
Public Works		4,250		4,506	2,507		1,999	
Total Disbursements		4,250		4,506	 2,507		1,999	
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(4,250)		(4,506)	(2,409)		2,097	
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		5,155		5,155	 5,155		0	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	905	\$	649	\$ 2,746	\$	2,097	

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS ROAD AND BRIDGE LEVY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

		Budgeted	Amou	nts			Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	Original			Final		Actual		gative)	
Receipts:									
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	8,485	\$	8,485	\$	8,346	\$	(139)	
Intergovernmental		200		200		932		732	
Total Receipts		8,685		8,685		9,278		593	
Disbursements									
Current:									
Public Works	_	9,550		9,550		7,759		1,791	
Total Disbursements		9,550		9,550		7,759		1,791	
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(865)		(865)		1,519		2,384	
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	. <u></u>	913	. <u></u>	913		912		(1)	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	48	\$	48	\$	2,431	\$	2,383	

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS PERMISSIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

		Budgeted	Amou	nts			Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	Ori	iginal	Final		Actual			gative)	
Receipts:								<u> </u>	
Intergovernmental	\$	688	\$	688	\$	772	\$	84	
Interest						6		6	
Total Receipts		688		688		778		90	
Disbursements									
Current:									
Public Works		1,303		1,303				1,303	
Total Disbursements		1,303		1,303		0		1,303	
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(615)		(615)		778		1,393	
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		615		615		615		0	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	0	\$	0	\$	1,393	\$	1,393	

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS FEMA 2003 FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

		Budgeted	Amou	nts			Final	nce with Budget sitive
	Or	iginal	F	inal	Α	ctual	(Neg	gative)
Disbursements								
Current:								
Capital Outlay	\$	509	\$	509	\$	160	\$	349
Total Disbursements		509		509		160		349
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(509)		(509)		(160)		349
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		509		509		509		0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	0	\$	0	\$	349	\$	349

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS FEMA 2004 FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

		Budgeted	Amou	nts			Final	nce with Budget sitive
	Or	iginal	F	inal	A	ctual		gative)
Disbursements								
Current:								
Capital Outlay	\$	142	\$	142	\$		\$	142
Total Disbursements		142		142		0		142
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(142)		(142)		0		142
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		142		142		142		0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	0	\$	0	\$	142	\$	142

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS FEMA MAY, 2004 FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	I	Budgeted	Amou	ints			Final	nce with I Budget sitive
	Ori	ginal	Final		А	ctual		gative)
Receipts:		<u> </u>						<u> </u>
Intergovernmental	\$		\$		\$	383	\$	383
Total Receipts		0		0		383		383
Disbursements								
Current:								
Capital Outlay		2,205		2,205				2,205
Total Disbursements		2,205		2,205		0		2,205
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(2,205)		(2,205)		383		2,588
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		2,205		2,205		2,205		0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	0	\$	0	\$	2,588	\$	2,588

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS FEMA SEPTEMBER, 2004 FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

		Budgeted	Amou	ints			Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	Ori	ginal	Final		Actual			gative)	
Receipts:									
Intergovernmental	\$		\$		\$	895	\$	895	
Total Receipts		0		0		895		895	
Disbursements									
Current:									
Capital Outlay	_	7,616		7,616		3,967	_	3,649	
Total Disbursements		7,616		7,616		3,967		3,649	
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(7,616)		(7,616)		(3,072)		4,544	
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		7,616		7,616		7,616		0	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	0	\$	0	\$	4,544	\$	4,544	

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2005

		ernmental ctivities
Assets: Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	59,864
Total Assets	\$	59,864
Net Assets: Restricted for: Debt Service Other Purposes Unrestricted <i>Total Net Assets</i>	\$ \$	239 58,600 1,025 59,864

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

			Program	Cash Receipts	Receipts	bursements) and Changes et Assets
		Cash ursements	Gra	perating ants and tributions		ernmental
Governmental Activities: General Government Public Safety Public Works Health Other Capital Outlay Debt Service: Principal Retirement Interest and Fiscal Charges	\$	12,341 550 108,470 466 592 2,112 116	\$	111,530 453 1	\$	(12,341) (550) 3,060 (466) 453 (591) (2,112) (116)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	124,647	\$	111,984		(12,663)
	General F	axes Levied for: Purposes Entitlements not F	Restricted to Sp	ecific Programs		18,336 7,409 195 200
	Total Ge	eneral Receipts				26,140
	Change in	Net Assets				13,477
	Net Assets	Beginning of Year				46,387
	Net Assets	s End of Year			\$	59,864

STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	G	eneral	Vel	otor nhicle nse Tax	G	asoline Tax	 ad and Bridge	 d and ge Levy
Assets:								
Cash	\$	1,025	\$	281	\$	41,165	\$ 5,155	\$ 912
Total Assets	\$	1,025	\$	281	\$	41,165	\$ 5,155	\$ 912
Fund Balances:								
Unreserved:								
Undesignated (Deficit), Reported in:								
General Fund	\$	1,025	\$		\$		\$	\$
Special Revenue Funds				281		41,165	5,155	912
Debt Service Funds							 	
Total Fund Balances	\$	1,025	\$	281	\$	41,165	\$ 5,155	\$ 912

Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax		FEMA 2003 FEMA 2004		A 2004	FEMA May, 2004		FEMA September, 2004		Note Retirement		Total Governmental Funds		
\$	615	\$	509	\$	142	\$	2,205	\$	7,616	\$	239	\$	59,864
\$	615	\$	509	\$	142	\$	2,205	\$	7,616	\$	239	\$	59,864
\$	615	\$	509	\$	142	\$	2,205	\$	7,616	\$	220	\$	1,025 58,600
		<u> </u>									239		239
\$	615	\$	509	\$	142	\$	2,205	\$	7,616	\$	239	\$	59,864

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	G	eneral	v	Motor /ehicle ense Tax	Gasoline Tax	Road and Bridge	Road and Bridge Levy		Motor	nissive [.] Vehicle 1se Tax
Cash Receipts:										
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	5,541	\$		\$	\$4,617	\$	8,178	\$	
Intergovernmental		6,868		15,880	76,033	541		952		689
Special Assessments		453								
Interest		195		37	80					4
Other		200								
Total Receipts		13,257		15,917	76,113	5,158		9,130		693
Cash Disbursements:										
Current:										
General Government		12,341								
Public Safety		550								
Public Works				19,743	72,331	3,108		12,538		750
Health		466								
Capital Outlay										
Debt Service:										
Principal Retirement										
Interest and Fiscal Charges										
Total Disbursements		13,357		19,743	72,331	3,108	_	12,538		750
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements		(100)		(3,826)	3,782	2,050		(3,408)		(57)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):										
Transfers In					16,655					
Transfers Out										
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		0		0	16,655	0		0		0
Net Change in Fund Balances		(100)		(3,826)	20,437	2,050		(3,408)		(57)
Fund Balances Beginning of Year		1,125		4,107	20,728	3,105		4,320		672
Fund Balances End of Year	\$	1,025	\$	281	\$ 41,165	\$ 5,155	\$	912	\$	615

FEMA	FEMA 2004	FEMA May 2004	FEMA Spetember 2004	Note Retirement	Total Governmental Funds
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 18,336
16,655				1,200	118,818
					453
		1			317
					200
16,655	0	1	0	1,200	138,124
					12,341
					550
					108,470
					466
203			389		592
				2,112	2,112
				116	116
203	0	0	389	2,228	124,647
16,452	0	1	(389)	(1,028)	13,477
					16,655
(16,655)					(16,655)
(16,655)	0	0	0	0	0
(203)	0	1	(389)	(1,028)	13,477
712	142	2,204	8,005	1,267	46,387
\$ 509	\$ 142	\$ 2,205	\$ 7,616	\$ 239	\$ 59,864

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	Budgeted	Amounts		Variance with Final Budget		
	Original	Final	Actual	Positive (Negative)		
Receipts:						
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 8,250	\$ 8,250	\$ 5,541	\$ (2,709)		
Intergovernmental	6,960	6,960	6,868	(92)		
Special Assessments			453	453		
Interest			195	195		
Other			200	200		
Total receipts	15,210	15,210	13,257	(1,953)		
Disbursements:						
Current:						
General Government	12,551	12,594	12,341	253		
Public Safety	850	807	550	257		
Health	116	605	466	139		
Total Disbursements	13,517	14,006	13,357	649		
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,693	1,204	(100)	(1,304)		
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	1,125	1,125	1,125	0		
Fund Balance End of Year	\$ 2,818	\$ 2,329	\$ 1,025	\$ (1,304)		

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

		Budgeted	Amo	unts			Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	С	riginal	Final		Actual			gative)	
Receipts:								<u> </u>	
Intergovernmental	\$	16,230	\$	16,230	\$	15,880	\$	(350)	
Interest						37		37	
Total receipts		16,230		16,230		15,917		(313)	
Disbursements:									
Current:									
Public Works		20,125		20,225		19,743		482	
Total Disbursements		20,125		20,225		19,743		482	
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(3,895)		(3,995)		(3,826)		169	
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		4,107		4,107		4,107		0	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	212	\$	112	\$	281	\$	169	

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS GASOLINE TAX FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

		Budgeted	Amou	unts			Variance with Final Budget Positive	
	о	riginal		Final		Actual	(N	egative)
Receipts:								
Intergovernmental	\$ 66,290		\$	66,290	\$	76,033	\$	9,743
Interest						80		80
Total receipts		66,290		66,290		76,113		9,823
Disbursements:								
Current:								
Public Works		75,700		75,742	72,331			3,411
Total Disbursements		75,700		75,742		72,331		3,411
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(9,410)		(9,452)		3,782		13,234
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Transfers In						16,655		16,655
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		0		0		16,655		16,655
Net Change in Fund Balance		(9,410)		(9,452)		20,437		29,889
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		20,728		20,728		20,728		0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	11,318	\$	11,276	\$	41,165	\$	29,889

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

		Budgeted	Αmoι	unts			Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	о	riginal		Final	Actual			gative)	
Receipts:							`	<u> </u>	
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	4,375	\$	4,375	\$	4,617	\$	242	
Intergovernmental		620		620		541		(79)	
Total receipts		4,995		4,995		5,158		163	
Disbursements									
Current:									
Public Works		6,931		6,931		3,108		3,823	
Total Disbursements		6,931		6,931		3,108		3,823	
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(1,936)		(1,936)		2,050		3,986	
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		3,105		3,105		3,105		0	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	1,169	\$	1,169	\$	5,155	\$	3,986	

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS ROAD AND BRIDGE LEVY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	Budgeted Amounts						Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	O	riginal		Final	Actual			gative)	
Receipts:								,	
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	7,860	\$	7,860	\$	8,178	\$	318	
Intergovernmental		980		980		952		(28)	
Total receipts		8,840		8,840		9,130		290	
Disbursements									
Current:									
Public Works		12,950		12,950		12,538		412	
Total Disbursements		12,950		12,950		12,538		412	
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(4,110)		(4,110)		(3,408)		702	
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		4,320		4,320		4,320		0	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	210	\$	210	\$	912	\$	702	

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS PERMISSIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	Budgeted Amounts Original Final				A	ctual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
Receipts:								
Intergovernmental	\$	690	\$	690	\$	689	\$	(1)
Interest						4		4
Total receipts		690		690		693		3
Disbursements								
Current:								
Public Works		1,362		1,362		750		612
Total Disbursements		1,362		1,362		750		612
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(672)		(672)		(57)		615
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		672		672		672		0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	0	\$	0	\$	615	\$	615

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS FEMA 2003 FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	Βι	udgeted	Amo	unts			Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	Origi	nal		Final		Actual		gative)	
Receipts:						<u> </u>			
Intergovernmental	\$		\$	16,655	\$	16,655	\$	0	
Total receipts		0		16,655		16,655		0	
Disbursements									
Current:									
Capital Outlay		712		712		203		509	
Total Disbursements		712	712		203			509	
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(712)		15,943		16,452		509	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)									
Transfers Out		0		(16,655)		(16,655)		0	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		0		(16,655)		(16,655)		0	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(712)		(712)		(203)		509	
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		712		712		712		0	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	0	\$	0	\$	509	\$	509	

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS FEMA 2004 FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

		Budgeted	Amou	nts			Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	Original		Final		Actual			gative)	
Disbursements						<u> </u>			
Current:									
Capital Outlay	\$	142	\$	142			\$	142	
Total Disbursements		142		142		0		142	
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(142)		(142)		0		142	
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		142	. <u> </u>	142		142		0	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	0	\$	0	\$	142	\$	142	

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS FEMA MAY, 2004 FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	Budg	jeted Amo	unts			Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	Origina	l	Final	Actual			gative)	
Receipts:							<u> </u>	
Interest	\$	\$		\$	1	\$	1	
Total receipts		0	0		1		1	
Disbursements								
Current:								
Capital Outlay	2,2	04	2,204			_	2,204	
Total Disbursements	2,2	.04	2,204		0		2,204	
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(2,2	:04)	(2,204)		1		2,205	
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	2,2	.04	2,204		2,204		0	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	0 \$	0	\$	2,205	\$	2,205	

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS FEMA SEPTEMBER, 2004 FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	Budgeted Amounts					Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	O	riginal		Final	А	ctual		egative)
Disbursements								
Current:								
Capital Outlay			\$	2,000	\$	389	\$	1,611
Total Disbursements		0		2,000		389		1,611
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		0		(2,000)		(389)		1,611
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		8,005		8,005		8,005		0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	8,005	\$	6,005	\$	7,616	\$	1,611

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Note 1 – Reporting Entity

Elk Township, Noble County, Ohio (the Township), is a body politic and corporate 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 also has an elected Township Clerk.

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that were included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading.

A. Primary Government

The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Township. The Township provides general government services, maintenance of Township roads and bridges, and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with Bethel Township and Salem Township for fire protection. Police protection is provided by Noble County Sheriff's Office.

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

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As discussed further in Note 2.C, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. In the government-wide financial statements, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, have been applied, to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case GASB prevails. Following are the more significant of the Township's accounting policies.

A. Basis of Presentation

The Township's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the Township as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other nonexchange transactions.

A. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Continued)

The statement of net assets presents the cash balances of the governmental activities of the Township at year end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each of the Township's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the Township is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services, grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and receipts of interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on a cash basis or draws from the Township's general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the Township segregates transactions related to certain Township functions or activities in separate funds to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Township at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column.

B. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds are used to segregate resources that are restricted as to use.

Governmental Funds

The Township classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The Township has the following major governmental funds:

General Fund: The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund balance is available to the Township for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund: This fund receives motor vehicle license tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges.

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.

Road and Bridge Levy Fund: This fund receives levied property tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges

Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax: This fund receives permissive motor vehicle license tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges.

B. Fund Accounting (Continued)

Governmental Funds (Continued)

FEMA 2003 Fund: This fund was used to account for federal grant proceeds as a result of 2003 flood damage in Elk Township.

FEMA 2004 Fund: This fund was used to account for federal grant proceeds as a result of February, 2004 flood damage in Elk Township.

FEMA May, 2004 Fund: This fund was used to account for federal grant proceeds as a result of May, 2004 flood damage in Elk Township.

FEMA September, 2004 Fund: This fund was used to account for federal grant proceeds as a result of September, 2004 flood damage in Elk Township.

Note Retirement Fund: This fund receives levied gasoline excise tax money for the repayment of Township debt related to the purchase of the 1995 Dodge Cummins Diesel 4x4 Dump Truck and 1977 Case W14 Loader.

The Township did not have any other governmental funds.

C. Basis of Accounting

The Township's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Except for modifications having substantial support, receipts are recorded in the Township's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Any such modifications made by the Township are described in the appropriate section in this note.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued liabilities and the related expenses) are not recorded in these financial statements.

D. Budgetary Process

All funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations ordinance, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Township may appropriate.

The appropriations ordinance is the Township's authorization to spend resources and sets limits on disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Township. The legal level of control has been established at the fund, department, and object level for all funds.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Township Clerk. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificated of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Township.

D. Budgetary Process (Continued)

The appropriations ordinance is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation ordinance for that fund that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Township during the year.

E. Cash

To improve cash management, cash received by the Township is pooled. Individual fund integrity is maintained through Township records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

Interest earnings are allocated to Township funds according to State statutes, grant requirements, or debt related restrictions. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during 2006 was \$129 which includes \$101 assigned from other Township funds. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during 2005 was \$195 which includes \$185 assigned from other Township funds.

F. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The Township reports disbursements for inventories and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

G. Capital Assets

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

H. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The Township recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 8 and 9, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

I. Long-Term Obligations

The Township's cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds or other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when the cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid.

J. Net Assets

Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net assets restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for road maintenance, fire protection, ambulance services and debt repayment. The Township's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an obligation is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

K. Fund Balance Reserves

The Township reserves any portion of fund balances which is not available for appropriation or which is legally segregated for a specific future use. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund balance which is available for appropriation in future periods.

L. Interfund Transactions

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

Note 3 – Change in Basis of Accounting and Restatement of Fund Equity

In the prior audit the Township reported fund financial statements by fund type using the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed by the State Auditor's Office. For this audit period, the Township has implemented the cash basis of accounting described in Note 2. The fund financial statements now present each major fund in a separate column with nonmajor funds aggregated and presented in a single column, rather than a column for each fund type.

Note 4 – Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budgetary Basis presented for the General Fund and the following major special revenue funds: Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, Gasoline Tax Fund, Road and Bridge Levy Fund, Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, FEMA 2003 Fund, FEMA 2004 Fund, FEMA May, 2004 Fund and FEMA September, 2004 Fund are prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget.

Note 5 – Deposits and Investments

Monies held by the Township are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the Township treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the Township treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Trustees have identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

Note 5 - Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Interim monies held by the Township can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

- 1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2 percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- 4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or Ohio local governments;
- 5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
- No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- 7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio).

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Township, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

Note 6 – Property Taxes

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property, public utility property, and tangible personal property located in the Township. Real property tax receipts received in 2006 and 2005 represent the collection of 2005 and 2004 taxes. Real property taxes received in 2006 were levied after October 1, 2005, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2005, the lien date. Real property taxes received in 2005 were levied after October 1, 2004, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2004, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Note 6 – Property Taxes (Continued)

Public utility property tax receipts received in 2006 and 2005 represent the collection of 2005 and 2004 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in 2006 became a lien on December 31, 2005, were levied after October 1, 2005, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in 2005 became a lien on December 31, 2004, were levied after October 1, 2004, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

Tangible personal property tax receipts received in 2006 and 2005 (other than public utility property) represent the collection of 2006 and 2005 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in 2006 were levied after October 1, 2005, on the true value as of December 31, 2005. Tangible personal property taxes received in 2005 were levied after October 1, 2004, on the true value as of December 31, 2004. Tangible personal property is currently assessed at 25 percent of true value for capital assets and 23 percent for inventory. Amounts paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semiannually. If paid annually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20.

The full tax rate for all Township operations for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, was \$53.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property, public utility property, and tangible personal property upon which 2006 and 2005 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

	2006	2005
Real Property		
Residential	\$ 1,002,070	\$ 880,740
Agricultural	3,727,660	3,222,780
Commercial/Industrial/Mineral	139,180	146,010
Tangible Personal Property		
Business	309,030	293,670
Public Utility	500,140	429,940
Total Assessed Value	\$ 5,678,080	\$4,973,140

Note 7 – Risk Management

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risksharing 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 townships 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 occurrence, including claim 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 \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Townships can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$12,000,000 with the General Reinsurance Corporation, through contracts with OTARMA.

If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP provides *excess of funds available* coverage up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

Note 7 - Risk Management (Continued)

Property Coverage

Through 2004, OTARMA retained property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsured losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$500 million per occurrence.

Beginning in 2005, Travelers reinsures specific losses exceeding \$250,000 up to \$600 million per occurrence. APEEP reinsures members for specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$250,000 per occurrence, subject to an annual aggregate loss payment. Travelers provides aggregate stop-loss coverage based upon the combined members' total insurable value. If the stop loss is reached by payment of losses between \$100,000 and \$250,000, Travelers will reinsure specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to their \$600 million per occurrence limit. The aggregate stop-loss limit for 2005 was \$1,682,589.

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.

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

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, 2005 and 2004 (the latest information available):

Casualty Coverage	2005	<u>2004</u>
Assets	\$30,485,638	\$28,132,620
Liabilities	<u>(12,344,576)</u>	<u>(11,086,379)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$18,141,062</u>	<u>\$17,046,241</u>

Property Coverage	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Assets	\$9,177,796	\$7,588,343
Liabilities	<u>(1,406,031)</u>	<u>(543,176)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$7,771,765</u>	<u>\$7,045,167</u>

At December 21, 2005 and 2004, respectively, casualty coverage assets and retained earnings noted above include approximately \$11.6 million and \$10.3 million of estimated incurred claims that will be paid subsequent to December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. These amounts will be billed and collected from members in the future when the related claims are due for payment. Because OTARMA is a public entity risk pool that shares risk management among its members, a specific liability related to the Township can not be reasonably estimated.

Note 7 – Risk Management (Continued)

After completing one year of membership, members may withdraw on each anniversary date they joined OTARMA. They must provide written notice to OTARMA 60 days in advance of the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's contribution. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to withdrawal. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to the pool.

Based on discussions with OTARMA the expected rates charged by OTARMA to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to OTARMA for each year of membership. The Townships contributions to OTARMA for the past three years are as follows:

Year	Contribution
2006	\$2,606
2005	\$2,136

Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The Township participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20 percent per year). Under the member directed plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of the member and vested employer contributions plus any investment earnings.

The combined plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and a defined contribution plan. Under the combined plan, employer contributions are invested by the retirement system to provide a formula retirement benefit similar to the traditional plan benefit. Member contributions, whose investment is self-directed by the member, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the member directed plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Members of the member directed plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-6705 or (800) 222-7377.

For the year ended December 31, 2006, the members of all three plans, were required to contribute 9 percent of their annual covered salaries. The Township's contribution rate for pension benefits for 2006 was 13.7 percent. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

For the year ended December 31, 2005, the members of all three plans, were required to contribute 8.5 percent of their annual covered salaries. The Township's contribution rate for pension benefits for 2006 was 13.55 percent. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

The Township's required contributions for pension obligations to the traditional and combined plans for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 were \$5,024 and \$5,058 respectively. The full amount has been contributed for 2006 and 2005.

Note 9 - Postemployment Benefits

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) provides postretirement health care coverage to age and service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit with either the traditional or combined plans. Health care coverage for disability recipients and primary survivor recipients is available. Members of the member-directed plan do not qualify for postretirement health care coverage provided by the retirement system is considered an Other Postemployment Benefit as described in *GASB Statement No. 12*. A portion of each employer's contribution to the traditional or combined plans is set aside for the funding of postretirement health care based on authority granted by State statute. The 2006 local government employer contribution rate was 13.7 percent of covered payroll; 4.5 percent of covered payroll was the portion that was used to fund health care. The 2005 local government employer contribution rate was 13.55 percent of covered payroll; 4 percent of covered payroll was the portion that was used to fund health care.

Benefits are advance-funded using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Significant actuarial assumptions, based on OPERS's latest actuarial review performed as of December 31, 2005, include a rate of return on investments of 6.5 percent, an annual increase in active employee total payroll of 4.00 percent compounded annually (assuming no change in the number of active employees) and an additional increase in total payroll of between .50 percent and 6.30 percent based on additional annual pay increases. Health care premiums were assumed to increase between .5 and 6.00 percent annually for the next nine years and 4.00 percent annually after nine years.

All investments are carried at market. For actuarial valuation purposes, a smoothed market approach is used. Assets are adjusted to reflect 25 percent of unrealized market appreciation or depreciation on investment assets annually, not to exceed a 12 percent corridor.

The number of active contributing participants in the traditional and combined plans was 369,214. Actual employer contributions which were used to fund postemployment benefits were \$1,650 in 2006 and \$1,493 in 2005. The actual contribution and the actuarially required contribution amounts are the same. OPERS's net assets available for payment of benefits at December 31, 2005, (the latest information available) were \$11.1 billion. The actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability were \$31.3 billion and \$20.2 billion, respectively.

On September 9, 2004, the OPERS Retirement Board adopted a Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) with an effective date of January 1, 2007. The HCPP restructures OPERS' health care coverage to improve the financial solvency of the fund in response to increasing health care costs.

Note 10 - Debt

The Township's long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2006, was as follows:

	Interest Rate	Balance December 31, 2005	Additions	Reductions	Balance December 31, 2006
Governmental Activities					
Promissory Note					
2006 Issue	4.70%	\$0	\$15,326	\$3,831	\$11,495

The promissory note was issued to finance the purchase of a truck. The promissory notes are supported by the full faith and credit of the Township.

The following is a summary of the Township's future annual debt service requirements:

	1995 Dodge 3500 Cummins Diesel 4x4				
	Dump Truck				
Year	Principal	Interest			
2007	\$ 0	\$ 0			
2008	3,831	412			
2009	3,832	229			
2010	3,832	46			
Totals	\$11,495	\$ 687			

The 2007 payment was made on December 31, 2006, therefore we did not include an amount for 2007 in the amortization schedule above.

Note 11 – Interfund Transfers

During 2005 the following transfers were made:

Transfers from the FEMA 2003 Fund to:	
Gasoline Tax Fund	\$16,655
Total Transfers from the FEMA 2003 Fund	\$16,655

The intended purpose of the transfer is to reimburse the Gasoline Tax Fund for expenditures paid prior to the grant award being received.

Note 12 - Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Township are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. Grantors may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

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Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

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

Elk Township Noble County 40814 Crum Ridge Road Caldwell, Ohio 43724-9724

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Elk Township, Noble County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 24, 2007, wherein we noted the Township uses a comprehensive accounting basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. We also noted the Township uses the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) to process its financial transactions. *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the Auditor of State's independence to audit the Township. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider a significant deficiency.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Township's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Township's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

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Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

We consider the following deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting: 2006-001.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Township's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also material weaknesses. We believe the significant deficiency described above is not a material weakness.

We also noted certain internal control matters that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated April 24, 2007.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

We did note certain noncompliance or other matters that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated April 24, 2007.

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

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Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

April 24, 2007

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

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

FINDING NUMBER 2006-001

Significant Deficiency

All local public offices should maintain an accounting system and accounting records sufficient to enable the public office to identify, assemble, analyze, classify, record and report its transactions, maintain accountability for the related assets, document compliance with finance-related legal and contractual requirements and prepare financial statements.

The Board of Trustees issued a \$15,326 promissory note during 2006 for the purpose of purchasing a dump truck. The bank which purchased the note made the check payable directly to the vendor. The Township Clerk did not post the debt proceeds and the expenditure for the note to its books. As a result, receipts and disbursements were understated on the Township's books and basic financial statements for 2006. Adjustments with which the Board of Trustees' agree have been posted to the Township's books and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements. The Gasoline Tax Fund had sufficient estimated resources and appropriations to cover this adjustment.

We recommend the Township Clerk record all debt proceeds and the corresponding expenditures in the Township's books.

Officials' Response: We did not receive a response from Officials to the finding reported above.





ELK TOWNSHIP

NOBLE 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 JULY 3, 2007

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