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Monroe Township Harrison County 90200 Mill Hill Road PO Box 249 Bowerston, Ohio 44695-0249

To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

March 30, 2007

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Monroe Township Harrison County 90200 Mill Hill Road PO Box 249 Bowerston, Ohio 44695-0249

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Monroe Township, Harrison 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The Township processes its financial transactions with the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to audit the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and as requested, operates UAN. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code §§ 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Township has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Township to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2005 and 2004, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present 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 this Township does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

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In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, or 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 Monroe Township, Harrison County, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Township to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. The Township has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 30, 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.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

March 30, 2007

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$12,987	\$70,201	\$83,188	
Intergovernmental	16,182	147,042	163,224	
Charges for Services		5,075	5,075	
Earnings on Investments	159	175	334	
Other Revenue		14,842	14,842	
Total Cash Receipts	29,328	237,335	266,663	
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	29,442	13,329	42,771	
Public Safety	4.000	27,826	27,826	
Public Works	1,966	206,185	208,151	
Health Debt Service:	3,013	280	3,293	
Redemption of Principal		4,487	4,487	
Interest and Fiscal Charges		812	4,407 812	
Capital Outlay	348	41,191	41,539	
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Total Cash Disbursements	34,769	294,110	328,879	
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(5,441)	(56,775)	(62,216)	
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements): Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt:				
Sale of Notes		38,755	38,755	
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)		38,755	38,755	
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Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements				
and Other Financing Disbursements	(5,441)	(18,020)	(23,461)	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	12,693	70,243	82,936	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$7,252	\$52,223	\$59,475	
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	Fiduciary Fun		
	Nonexpendable Trust		Totals (Memorandum Only)
Operating Cash Disbursements: Supplies and Materials		\$2,000	\$2,000
Total Operating Cash Disbursements		2,000	2,000
Operating Income/(Loss)		(2,000)	(2,000)
Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous Receipts	\$168	3,000	168 3,000
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	168	3,000	3,168
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	168	1,000	1,168
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	6,884	10,000	16,884
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$7,052	\$11,000	\$18,052

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

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Local Taxes	\$12,283	\$63,071	\$75,354
Intergovernmental	13,752	166,926	180,678
Charges for Services		6,525	6,525
Earnings on Investments	185	143	328
Other Revenue	2,795	25,549	28,344
Total Cash Receipts	29,015	262,214	291,229
Cash Disbursements: Current:			
General Government	24,088	11,012	35,100
Public Safety Public Works		28,543	28,543
Health	642	186,779 7,296	186,779 7,938
Capital Outlay		3,250	3,250
Total Cash Disbursements	24,730	236,880	261,610
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	4,285	25,334	29,619
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):	(722)		(=00)
Other Uses	(533)		(533)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(533)		(533)
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements			
and Other Financing Disbursements	3,752	25,334	29,086
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	8,941	44,909	53,850
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$12,693	\$70,243	\$82,936

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

	Fiduciary Fund Types		
	Nonexpendable Trust	Agency	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Non-Operating Cash Receipts: Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous Receipts	\$60	\$500	\$60 500
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	60	500	560
Non-Operating Cash Disbursements: Other Non-Operating Cash Disbursements		500	500
Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements		500	500
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	60	0	60
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	6,824	10,000	16,824
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$6,884	\$10,000	\$16,884

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Monroe Township, Harrison County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides general government, road and bridge maintenance, and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the Bowerston Volunteer Fire Department to provide fire services.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Township classifies its funds into the following types:

1. General Fund

The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

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

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

Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA) Fund - This fund receives FEMA money for emergency repair or reconstruction of Township roads and bridges.

3. Fiduciary Funds (Trust and Agency Funds)

These funds account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements and funds for which the Township is acting in an agency capacity. The Township had the following significant Fiduciary Funds:

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Cemetery Bequest Trust Fund – This fund is a nonexpendable trust fund which receives interest from a bequest to maintain a Township cemetery.

Road Bond Fund – This fund is an agency fund which receives road bond money.

D. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

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

2. Estimated Resources

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

3. Encumbrances

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

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

E. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The Township records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

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

	2005	2004
Demand deposits	\$77,527	\$99,820

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$25,330	\$29,328	\$3,998
Special Revenue	207,175	276,090	68,915
Total	\$232,505	\$305,418	\$72,913

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	_
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$38,500	\$34,769	\$3,731
Special Revenue	211,960	294,110	(82,150)
Total	\$250,460	\$328,879	(\$78,419)

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$24,449	\$29,015	\$4,566
Special Revenue	146,403	262,214	115,811
Total	\$170,852	\$291,229	\$120,377

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$32,500	\$25,263	\$7,237
Special Revenue	180,100	236,880	(56,780)
Total	\$212,600	\$262,143	(\$49,543)

Contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B), during 2005, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, the Gas Tax Fund, the FEMA 1 Fund, and the FEMA 2 Fund by \$328, \$38,755, \$18,822 and \$36,514, respectively. And during, 2004, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, the FEMA 1 Fund and the FEMA 2 Fund by \$8,956, \$35,561 and \$39,050, respectively.

4. PROPERTY TAX

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

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

4. PROPERTY TAX (Continued)

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Township.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2005 was as follows:

	Principal	Rate
General Obligation Note	\$34,309	4.40%

A general obligation note was issued to purchase a tractor/loader for the Township. The note was issued on June 20, 2005 in the amount of \$38,755 for 4 years. The note is to be retired with 48 monthly payments of \$883 beginning on July 20, 2005 and ending on June 20, 2009. The notes is collateralized by the Township's taxing authority.

Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

	General
	Obligation
Year ending December 31:	Note
2006	\$10,596
2007	10,596
2008	10,596
2009	5,298
Total	\$37,086

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Township employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes the plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2005 and 2004, OPERS members contributed 8.5 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equaling 13.55 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2005.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.



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

Monroe Township Harrison County 90200 Mill Hill Road PO Box 249 Bowerston, Ohio 44695-0249

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Monroe Township, Harrison County (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated March 30, 2007, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We also noted that the Township uses the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) to process its financial transactions. *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the Auditor of State's independence to audit the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated March 30, 2007, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2005-001. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated March 30, 2007, we reported other matters related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

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

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

March 30, 2007

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 Revised Code Section 5705.41(B) prohibits a subdivision from making expenditure unless it has been properly appropriated.

During 2005 the following funds had expenditures which exceeded appropriations:

Fund Name	Appropriations	Actual Expenditures	Variance
Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund	\$30,000	\$30,328	(\$328)
Gas Tax Fund	\$77,000	\$115,755	(\$38,755)
FEMA 1 Fund		\$18,822	(\$18,822)
FEMA 2 Fund		\$36,514	(\$36,514)

During 2004 the following funds had disbursements which exceeded appropriations:

Fund Name	Appropriations	Actual	Variance
		Expenditures	
Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund	\$18,000	\$26,956	(\$8,956)
FEMA 1 Fund		\$35,561	(\$35,561)
FEMA 2 Fund		\$39,050	(\$39,050)

The Township Fiscal Officer should not certify the availability of funds and should deny payment requests exceeding appropriations. The Fiscal Officer may request the Board of Trustees to approve increased expenditure levels by increasing appropriations and amending estimated resources, if necessary.

Official's Response

We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected ?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i> :
2003-001	ORC Section 5705.41 (D) Disbursements were not properly certified.	Yes	



MONROE TOWNSHIP HARRISON 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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JUNE 12, 2007