



**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
WILLIAMS COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the government activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Florence Township, Williams County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, 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 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 in Note 2, 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Florence Township, Williams County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2006, and the respective changes in cash financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General, Gasoline Tax, Road and Bridge, and Special Levy – Fire funds thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting Note 2 describes.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 27, 2008, 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 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

March 27, 2008

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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This discussion and analysis of Florence Township's (the Township) financial performance provides an overall review of the Township's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2006, 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 are as follows:

- Net assets of governmental activities increased \$19,209 or 6 percent, an insignificant change from the prior year.
- Receipts for gas tax increased \$9,778, or 13 percent. The increase is attributable to the Fuel Excise Tax of 8 cents per gallon which started in July 2005.
- The hospitalization insurance for the Township employee increased \$4,156, or 24 percent.
- A 2 mill tax levy for 3 years was passed by the Township voters on November 8, 2005 to fund the purchase of a tanker truck for the fire department. \$77,888 was received from this levy in 2006.

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 expanded 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.

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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 Township as a Whole

This annual report includes all activities for which the Township is fiscally responsible. These activities, defined as the Township's reporting entity, are operated within separate legal entities that make up the primary government. The primary government consists of Florence Township.

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities reflect how the Township did financially during 2006, within the limitations of cash basis accounting. The statement of net assets presents the cash balances and investments of the governmental activities of the Township at year end. The statement of activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each governmental program 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 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 condition of the Township's capital assets and infrastructure, 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 and income taxes.

In the statement of net assets and the statement of activities, we report governmental activities which include the Township's basic services such as fire protection and road maintenance. State 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 Township'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. The funds of the Township are reported in governmental funds.

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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 information for nonmajor funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) is combined and presented in total in a single column. The Township's major governmental funds are the General, Gasoline Tax, Road and Bridge, Special Levy – Fire, and Capital Project Funds. The programs reported in governmental funds are the same as those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements.

The Township as a Whole

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

(Table 1)
Net Assets

	Governmental Activities	
	2006	2005
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 345,962	\$ 326,753
Total Assets	\$ 345,962	\$ 326,753
Net Assets		
Restricted for:		
Other Purposes	\$ 221,828	\$ 174,242
Unrestricted	124,134	152,511
Total Net Assets	\$ 345,962	\$ 326,753

As mentioned previously, net assets of governmental activities increased \$19,209 or 6 percent during 2006. The primary reasons contributing to the decrease in the cash balances are as follows:

- Estate tax receipts increased from \$1,218 in 2005 to \$9,773 in 2006.
- Proceeds from the 2 mill fire levy of \$77,888, with the purchase of the tanker truck chassis for \$67,599 during the year.

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Table 2 reflects the changes in net assets in 2006 compared to 2005 for governmental activities.

(Table 2)
Changes in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities 2006	Governmental Activities 2005
Receipts:		
Program Receipts:		
Charges for Services and Sales	\$5,300	\$12,084
Operating Grants and Contributions	110,272	93,916
Total Program Receipts	<u>115,572</u>	<u>106,000</u>
General Receipts:		
Property Taxes Levied for:		
General Purposes	33,711	35,178
Road and Bridge	36,407	34,830
Special Levy - Fire	17,536	18,562
Capital Project	70,145	
Grants and Entitlements Not Restricted to Specific Programs	55,560	37,342
Interest	11,649	7,123
Miscellaneous	141	6,358
Total General Receipts	<u>225,149</u>	<u>139,393</u>
Total Receipts	<u>340,721</u>	<u>245,393</u>
Disbursements:		
General Government	82,265	78,648
Public Safety	16,662	34,781
Public Works	129,000	121,431
Health	8,301	8,341
Capital Outlay	72,544	
Principal Retirement	9,800	9,800
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,940	3,430
Total Disbursements	<u>321,512</u>	<u>256,431</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	19,209	(11,038)
Net Assets, January 1	<u>326,753</u>	<u>337,791</u>
Net Assets, December 31	<u>\$345,962</u>	<u>\$326,753</u>

Program receipts represent only 34 percent of total receipts and are primarily comprised of restricted intergovernmental receipts such as motor vehicle license and gas tax money.

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General receipts represent 66 percent of the Township's total receipts, and of this amount, 70 percent are local taxes. State grants and entitlements make up most of the balance of the Township's general receipts (25 percent). Other 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 costs of the board of trustees and fiscal officer, as well as internal services such as payroll and purchasing.

Public Safety is the cost of fire protection services; Public Works is the cost of maintaining the roads; and Health is the cost of maintaining of the cemeteries.

Governmental Activities

If you look at the Statement of Activities, 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 disbursement for governmental activities is public works, which accounts for 40 percent of all governmental disbursements. General government and public safety also represent, significant costs, of about 26 and 5 percent, respectively. The Capital Outlay represents the purchase of a fire department tanker truck chassis and a township maintenance mower, about 23 percent. The next two columns of the Statement entitled Program Cash Receipts identify charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and amounts paid by 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	\$82,265	\$82,265	\$78,648	\$78,648
Public Safety	16,662	11,362	34,781	29,481
Public Works	129,000	18,728	121,431	20,731
Health	8,301	8,301	8,341	8,341
Capital Outlay	72,544	72,544		
Principal Retirement	9,800	9,800	9,800	9,800
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,940	2,940	3,430	3,430
Total Expenses	<u>\$321,512</u>	<u>\$205,940</u>	<u>\$256,431</u>	<u>\$150,431</u>

The dependence upon property tax receipts and unrestricted state grants and entitlements is apparent as over 64 percent of Governmental activities are supported through these general receipts.

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The Township's Funds

Total government funds had receipts of \$340,721 and disbursements of \$321,512. The greatest change within Governmental funds occurred within the Capital Project Fund, unencumbered fund balance increased by \$44,289 due to the proceeds of the 2 mill levy and the purchase of the tanker truck.

Governmental 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 fund is the General Fund.

During 2006, the Township did not amend the revenue budget of the General fund. Budgeted receipts were less than actual receipts which reflect a conservative approach to the budget process and more than anticipated estate tax monies.

The Township appropriates all its estimated receipts and available fund balances. Even through receipts exceeded expectations, appropriations were not increased. The Township kept spending well below budgeted amounts as demonstrated by the significant reported variances.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The Township does not record capital assets in the accompanying basic financial statements, but records payments for capital assets as disbursements.

Debt

At December 31, 2006, the Township's outstanding debt included \$49,000 in general obligation bonds issued in 2002 for the purchase of a rescue truck. For further information regarding the Township's debt, refer to Note 10 to the basic financial statements.

Current Issues

The challenge for all Townships 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 intergovernmental revenues.

On November 8, 2005, the Township passed a three year two mill levy to fund the purchase of a tanker truck for the Florence Township Fire Department.

Contacting the Township'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 Garry L. Oberlin, Fiscal Officer, Florence Township, 5389 County Road M50, P.O. Box 107, Edon Ohio 43518-0107.

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*Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis
December 31, 2006*

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$345,962</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u><u>\$345,962</u></u>
Net Assets	
Restricted for:	
Other Purposes	\$221,828
Unrestricted	<u>124,134</u>
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u><u>\$345,962</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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*Statement of Activities - Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006*

		<u>Program Cash Receipts</u>	<u>Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets</u>
	<u>Cash Disbursements</u>	<u>Charges for Services and Sales</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>
Governmental Activities			<u>Governmental Activities</u>
General Government	\$82,265		(\$82,265)
Public Safety	16,662	\$5,300	(11,362)
Public Works	129,000		(18,728)
Health	8,301		(8,301)
Capital Outlay	72,544		(72,544)
Debt Service:			
Principal	9,800		(9,800)
Interest	2,940		(2,940)
Total	<u>\$321,512</u>	<u>\$5,300</u>	<u>\$110,272</u> <u>(205,940)</u>
		General Receipts	
		Property Taxes Levied for:	
		General Purposes	33,711
		Road and Bridge	36,407
		Special Levy - Fire	17,536
		Capital Projects	70,145
		Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to to Specific Programs	55,560
		Interest	11,649
		Miscellaneous	141
		<i>Total General Receipts</i>	<u>225,149</u>
		Change in Net Assets	19,209
		<i>Net Assets Beginning of Year</i>	<u>326,753</u>
		<i>Net Assets End of Year</i>	<u>\$345,962</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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*Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2006*

	<u>General</u>	<u>Gasoline Tax</u>	<u>Road and Bridge</u>	<u>Special Levy - Fire</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets							
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$124,134	\$70,557	\$70,836	\$22,190	\$44,289	\$13,956	\$345,962
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$124,134</u>	<u>\$70,557</u>	<u>\$70,836</u>	<u>\$22,190</u>	<u>\$44,289</u>	<u>\$13,956</u>	<u>\$345,962</u>
Fund Balances							
Unreserved:							
Undesignated, Reported in:							
General Fund	\$124,134						\$124,134
Special Revenue Funds		\$70,557	\$70,836	\$22,190	\$44,289	\$13,956	221,828
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$124,134</u>	<u>\$70,557</u>	<u>\$70,836</u>	<u>\$22,190</u>	<u>\$44,289</u>	<u>\$13,956</u>	<u>\$345,962</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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

	Governmental Fund Types					Totals Governmental Funds	
	General	Gasoline Tax	Road and Bridge	Special Levy	Capital Projects		Other Governmental Funds
Cash Receipts:							
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$33,711		\$36,407	\$17,536	\$70,145	\$7,413	\$165,212
Charges for Services	5,300						5,300
Intergovernmental	39,655	\$85,545	4,418	3,744	7,743	17,314	158,419
Earnings on Investments	9,660	1,727				262	11,649
Miscellaneous	141						141
Total Cash Receipts	88,467	87,272	40,825	21,280	77,888	24,989	340,721
Cash Disbursements:							
Current:							
General Government	82,265						82,265
Public Safety	13,538			3,124			16,662
Public Works		62,342	43,278			23,380	129,000
Health	8,301						8,301
Capital Outlay			4,945	34,000	33,599		72,544
Debt Service:							
Redemption of Principal	9,800						9,800
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	2,940						2,940
Total Cash Disbursements	116,844	62,342	48,223	37,124	33,599	23,380	321,512
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(28,377)	24,930	(7,398)	(15,844)	44,289	1,609	19,209
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	152,511	45,627	78,234	38,034		12,347	326,753
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$124,134	\$70,557	\$70,836	\$22,190	\$44,289	\$13,956	\$345,962

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

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
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*Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes
In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006*

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$31,032	\$31,032	\$33,711	\$2,679
Charges for Services	5,300	5,300	5,300	
Intergovernmental	25,968	25,968	39,655	13,687
Interest	5,500	5,500	9,660	4,160
Other	2,200	2,200	141	(2,059)
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>88,467</u>	<u>18,467</u>
Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government	127,511	127,511	82,265	45,246
Public Safety	39,000	29,000	13,538	15,462
Health	12,000	12,000	8,301	3,699
Capital Outlay	30,000	30,000		30,000
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	10,000	10,000	9,800	200
Interest and Fiscal Charges	4,000	4,000	2,940	1,060
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>222,511</u>	<u>212,511</u>	<u>116,844</u>	<u>95,667</u>
<i>Excess of Disbursements Over Receipts</i>	<u>(152,511)</u>	<u>(142,511)</u>	<u>(28,377)</u>	<u>114,134</u>
Other Financing Uses				
Other Financing Uses		(10,000)		10,000
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(152,511)	(152,511)	(28,377)	124,134
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>\$152,511</u>	<u>\$152,511</u>	<u>152,511</u>	
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>			<u><u>\$124,134</u></u>	<u><u>\$124,134</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
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*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 Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Receipts				
Intergovernmental	\$69,000	\$69,000	\$85,545	\$16,545
Interest	900	900	1,727	827
Other	100	100		(100)
<i>Total Receipts</i>	70,000	70,000	87,272	17,272
Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government	25,000			
Public Works	80,627	105,627	62,342	43,285
Capital Outlay	10,000	10,000		10,000
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	115,627	115,627	62,342	53,285
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(45,627)	(45,627)	24,930	70,557
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	\$45,627	\$45,627	45,627	
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	\$70,557	\$70,557	\$70,557	\$70,557

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*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*

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$34,079	\$34,079	\$36,407	\$2,328
Intergovernmental	3,871	3,871	4,418	547
Other	50	50		(50)
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>40,825</u>	<u>2,825</u>
Disbursements				
Current:				
Public Works	66,234	66,234	43,278	22,956
Capital Outlay	50,000	50,000	4,945	45,055
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>116,234</u>	<u>116,234</u>	<u>48,223</u>	<u>68,011</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(78,234)	(78,234)	(7,398)	70,836
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>\$78,234</u>	<u>\$78,234</u>	<u>78,234</u>	
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>			<u><u>\$70,836</u></u>	<u><u>\$70,836</u></u>

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*Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes
In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis
Special Levy - Fire Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006*

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$17,240	\$17,240	\$17,536	\$296
Intergovernmental	750	750	3,744	2,994
Other	10	10		(10)
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>21,280</u>	<u>3,280</u>
Disbursements				
Current:				
Public Safety	56,034	22,034	3,124	18,910
Capital Outlay		34,000	34,000	
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>56,034</u>	<u>56,034</u>	<u>37,124</u>	<u>18,910</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(38,034)	(38,034)	(15,844)	22,190
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>\$38,034</u>	<u>\$38,034</u>	<u>38,034</u>	
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>			<u><u>\$22,190</u></u>	<u><u>\$22,190</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
WILLIAMS COUNTY**

*Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis
December 31, 2006*

	<u>Fiduciary Activities</u>
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$54</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u><u>\$54</u></u>
Net Assets	
Restricted for:	
Other Purposes	<u>\$54</u>
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u><u>\$54</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
WILLIAMS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

NOTE 1 – REPORTING ENTITY

Florence Township, Williams 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 Fiscal Officer.

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government.

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, fire protection, maintenance of Township roads and bridges, and cemetery maintenance.

B. Component Units

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Township is financially accountable. The Township is financially accountable for an organization if the Township appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the Township is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Township is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Township is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide support to, the organization; or the Township is obligated for the debt of the organization. The Township is also financially accountable for any organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Township in that the Township approves their budget, the issuance of their debt or the levying of their taxes. Component units also include legally separate, tax-exempt entities whose resources are for the direct benefit of the Township, are accessible to the Township and are significant in amount to the Township.

Based on this criterion, the Township has no component units.

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.

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
WILLIAMS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
(Continued)**

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

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.

The statement of net assets presents the cash balance 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 and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational requirements of 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. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single 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. The funds of the Township are categorized as governmental.

Governmental Funds

The Township classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The Township's major governmental funds are as follows:

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
WILLIAMS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
(Continued)**

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

1. 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.

2. Gasoline Tax Fund

The Gasoline Tax Fund receives state fuel excise taxes to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township Roads.

3. Road and Bridge Fund

The Road and Bridge Fund receives property tax monies for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges.

4. Special Levy – Fire Fund

The Special Levy – Fire Fund receives property tax monies for providing fire protection within the Township.

5. Capital Project Fund

The Capital Project Fund receives property tax monies to provide for the purchase of township fire equipment.

The other governmental funds of the Township account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

C. Basis of Accounting

The Township's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. 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.

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 expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

D. Budgetary Process

All funds, except agency 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.

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
WILLIAMS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
(Continued)**

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

The appropriations resolution 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 Fiscal Officer. 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.

The appropriations resolution 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 resolution for that fund that covered the entire year. 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 and invested. 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 \$9,660 which includes \$5,073 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. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Township's cash basis of accounting.

I. 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.

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
WILLIAMS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
(Continued)**

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

J. 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.

K. 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 and bridge construction, maintenance, and repair and fire protection.

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.

L. Fund Balance Reserves

Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund balance which is available for appropriation in future periods.

NOTE 3 – COMPLIANCE

Expenditures from the Capital Project fund exceeded appropriation, contrary to Ohio law.

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 major special revenue funds are prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. There are no differences between the budgetary basis and the cash basis in as much as the Township cancels outstanding year end encumbrances.

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.

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
WILLIAMS COUNTY**

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

NOTE 5 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS – (CONTINUED)

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.

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;
3. 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;
6. 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 (STAR Ohio).

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.

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
WILLIAMS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
(Continued)**

NOTE 5 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS – (CONTINUED)

Deposits

The Township has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the Township or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured. Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation; or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

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 represent the collection of 2005 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. 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.

Public utility property tax receipts received in 2006 represent the collection of 2005 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 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 (other than public utility property) represent the collection of 2006 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 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; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20.

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
WILLIAMS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
(Continued)**

NOTE 6 – PROPERTY TAXES – (CONTINUED)

The full tax rate for all Township operations for the year ended December 31, 2006, was \$46.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property, public utility property, and tangible personal property upon which 2006 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

Real Property	
Residential	\$18,019,000
Agriculture	8,134,300
Commercial/Industrial/Mineral	3,812,950
Public Utility Property	
Real	22,160
Personal	1,682,100
Tangible Personal Property	9,836,180
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$41,506,690</u>

NOTE 7 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During 2006 the Township contracted with a private carrier for property and liability insurance.

The Township provides health insurance to its full-time employee through a private carrier.

NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

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) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
WILLIAMS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN – (CONTINUED)

For the year ended December 31, 2006, the members of all three plans were required to contribute 9.0 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.

The Township's required contributions for pension obligations to the traditional and combined plans for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were \$8,818, \$6,192, and \$5,947, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for 2006, 2005, and 2004.

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. The 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 13.70 percent of covered payroll; 4.50 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, 2004, include a rate of return on investments of 6.50 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 6.3 percent based on additional annual pay increases. Health care premiums were assumed to increase between 0.50 and 6.00 percent annually for the next eight years and 4.00 percent annually after eight 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 for 2005 which were used to fund postemployment benefits were \$2,794. 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 \$26.2 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. In addition to the HCPP, OPERS has taken additional action to improve the solvency of the Health Care Fund in 2005 by creating a separate investment pool for health care assets. As an additional component of the HCPP, member and employer contribution rates increased as of January 1, 2006, which will allow additional funds to be allocated to the health care plan.

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
WILLIAMS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
(Continued)**

NOTE 10 – DEBT

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

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 2005</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 2006</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
General Obligation Bonds						
2002 Issue (\$98,000)	5.00%	\$58,800		\$9,800	\$49,000	\$9,800

The general obligation bonds are supported by the full faith and credit of the Township and are payable from unvoted property tax receipts to the extent that other resources are not available to meet annual principal and interest payments.

The Series 2002 bonds were used to acquire an equipment truck and related equipment for the Township fire department, which matures in 2011, and are paid from the General Fund.

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

Year	G.O. Bonds	
	Principal	Interest
2007	9,800	2,450
2008	9,800	1,960
2009	9,800	1,470
2010	9,800	980
2011	9,800	490
Totals	\$49,000	\$7,350

The Ohio Revised Code provides that net general obligation debt of the Township, exclusive of certain exempt debt, issued without a vote of the electors shall never exceed 5.5 percent of the tax valuation of the Township. The Revised Code further provides that total voted and unvoted net debt of the Township less the same exempt debt shall never exceed amount equal to 10.5 percent of its tax valuation. The effects of the debt limitations at December 31, 2006, were an overall debt margin of \$4,309,202 and an unvoted debt margin of \$2,233,868.

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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

Florence Township
Williams County
5389 County Road M50
P.O. Box 107
Edon, Ohio 43518-0107

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Florence Township, Williams County, (the Township) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 27, 2008, 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 Auditors of State's independence to audit the Township. 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 115.06 mandate 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 opinion on the 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.

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.

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 internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses as defined above.

We noted certain matters that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated March 27, 2008.

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 that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2006-001.

We also noted a certain noncompliance matter not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated March 27, 2008.

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



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

March 27, 2008

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
WILLIAMS COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2006**

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

FINDING NUMBER 2006-001

Noncompliance Citation

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

Expenditures exceeded Appropriations by \$33,599 in the Capital Projects Fund.

Expenditures in excess of appropriations may result in deficit spending. We recommend expenditures and appropriations be frequently reviewed by the Board and the necessary adjustments be made to reduce the possibility of expenditures exceeding appropriations. These adjustments should be formally approved by the Board in the minutes and the Fiscal Officer should only make amendments to the computerized appropriations ledger based on these formally documented approvals.

Officials' Response:

Management did not respond to this finding.



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

WILLIAMS 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
APRIL 17, 2008**