AUDIT REPORT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

Charles E. Harris and Associates, Inc.
Certified Public Accountants and Government Consultants



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Board of Trustees Trenton Township 15495 Hartford Road Sunbury, Ohio 43074

We have reviewed the *Report of Independent Accountants* of Trenton Township, Delaware County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

The financial statements in the attached report are presented in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State. Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Report of Independent Accountants* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Report of Independent Accountants* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State permits.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. Trenton Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Trenton Township Delaware County 15495 Hartford Road Sunbury, Ohio 43074

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Trenton Township, Delaware County (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that 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, 2007 and 2006. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2007 and 2006, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2007 and 2006. While the Township does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to reformat its statements. Since the Township does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, 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, 2007 and 2006, 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 the Township, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and its cash receipts and disbursements and changes in fund cash balances 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, 2007 and 2006. 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 August 21, 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 do not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal controls 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.

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. August 21, 2008

TRENTON TOWNSHIP DELAWARE COUNTY

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS,

AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Governmenta General	5	Types Special evenue	Fun Pr	uciary d Type ivate se Trust	Totals morandum Only)
Receipts: Property and Other Local Taxes Intergovernmental Fines, Licenses and Permits Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous Total Receipts	\$ 172,586 102,316 14,898 14,936 7,607 312,343	\$	119,386 - 2,371 1,402 123,159	\$	- - - 6 -	\$ 172,586 221,702 14,898 17,313 9,009 435,508
Disbursements: Current: General Government Public Works Public Health Services Other	193,627 31,985 27,440		92,106 2,968		- - - 16	193,627 124,091 30,408 16
Capital Outlay Total Disbursements	 2,873 255,925		1,613 96,687		16	4,486 352,628
Total Receipts Over(Under) Disbursements	56,418		26,472		(10)	82,880
Fund Balance, January 1	 442,579		58,341		398	 501,318
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 498,997	\$	84,813	\$	388	\$ 584,198

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

TRENTON TOWNSHIP DELAWARE COUNTY

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS,

AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

					Fid	uciary		
	Governmental Fund Types		Fund Type		Totals			
				Special	Pr	ivate	(Me	morandum
		Seneral	F	Revenue	Purpo	se Trust		Only)
Receipts:								
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	149,159	\$	-	\$	-	\$	149,159
Intergovernmental		123,163		108,375		-		231,538
Fines, Licenses and Permits		28,587		-		-		28,587
Earnings on Investments		10,705		9,094		7		19,806
Miscellaneous		9,341		4,901		-		14,242
Total Receipts		320,955		122,370		7		443,332
Disbursements:								
Current:								
General Government		190,113		-		-		190,113
Public Works		17,166		106,961		-		124,127
Public Health Services		28,760		220		-		28,980
Other		_		-		12		12
Capital Outlay		10,089		-		-		10,089
Total Disbursements		246,128		107,181		12		353,321
Total Receipts Over(Under) Disbursements		74,827		15,189		(5)		90,011
Fund Balance, January 1		367,752		43,152		403		411,307
Fund Balance, December 31	\$	442,579	\$	58,341	\$	398	\$	501,318

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

Trenton Township, Delaware County (the Township) is a body corporate and politic established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Township is directed by a publicly-elected three member Board of Trustees. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance and cemetery maintenance.

The Township's management believes these financial statements included in this report represent all of the funds of the Township over which the Township has the ability to exercise direct operating control.

B. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Township prepares its financial statements following the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved.)

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

C. CASH

Investments are included in the fund cash balances. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The repurchase agreement is valued at cost.

D. <u>FUND ACCOUNTING</u>

The Township maintains its accounting records in accordance with the principles of "Fund" accounting. Fund accounting is a concept developed to meet the needs of governmental entities in which legal or other restraints require the recording of specific receipts and disbursements. The transactions of each fund are reflected in a self-balancing group of accounts, an accounting entity, which stands separate from the activities reported in other funds. The restrictions associated with each class of funds are as follows:

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

1. <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> - (Continued)

D. FUND ACCOUNTING - (Continued)

Governmental Fund Types:

<u>General Fund</u>: The general operating fund of the Township. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required by law or contract to be accounted for in another fund.

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>: These funds are used to account for proceeds from special sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. The Township has the following significant Special Revenue funds:

- Gasoline Tax Fund This fund receives gasoline tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.
- *Permissive Motor Vehicle License Fund* This fund receives County levied tax money to pay for improvements for the Township.

Fiduciary Fund Types:

These funds are used to account for assets held in a trustee or agency capacity and therefore cannot be used to support the Township's own programs. The Township has the following fiduciary fund:

• Davidson Grave Flower Fund – (Private-Purpose Trust) Interest and corpus of this fund is used for upkeep on a specific plot.

E. BUDGETARY PROCESS

A budget of estimated cash receipts and disbursements is prepared by the Clerk, approved by the Township Board of Trustees, and submitted to the county auditor, as secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20 of each year, for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year.

1. Estimated Resources

The county auditor calculates the estimated revenues available to the Township. He prepares a certificate of estimated resources based upon this calculation and upon the other financial information supplied in the budget sent by the Township. The certificate is approved by the county budget commission and sent to the Township Clerk by September 1.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

1. <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> - (Continued)

E. <u>BUDGETARY PROCESS</u> - (Continued)

1. Estimated Resources - (Continued)

Prior to December 31, the Township must revise its budget so that the total budgeted expenditures for a fund will not exceed the amount of estimated resources stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure.

On or about January 1, the Clerk sends the county auditor a certificate which includes the actual unencumbered balances from the preceding year. The county auditor prepares an amended certificate, submits it to the county budget commission for approval. This amended certificate may be further amended during the year if projected revenue increases or the Clerk identifies decreases in revenue.

Budgeted receipts, as shown in Note 4, do not include the unencumbered fund balances as of January 1, 2006 and 2007. However, those fund balances are available for appropriation.

2. Appropriations

A temporary appropriation measure to control cash expenditures may be passed on or about January 1 of each year for the period January 1 to March 31. An annual appropriation measure must be passed by March 31 of each year for the period January 1 to December 31. The appropriation measure may be amended or supplemented during the year as new information becomes available. Appropriations may not exceed estimated resources.

3. <u>Encumbrances</u>

The Township is required to use the encumbrance method of accounting by virtue of Ohio law. Under this system, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. The sum of expenditures and encumbrances may not exceed appropriated totals at any level of budgetary control. The legal level of control is the fund, function or object level.

Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding year without being reappropriated.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

1. <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> - (Continued)

F. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

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

G. ACCUMULATED LEAVE

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

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

	2007	2006
Demand Deposits	\$ (7,510)	\$ (9,045)
Total Deposits	(7,510)	 (9,045)
Repurchase Agreements	 591,708	 510,363
Total Investments	591,708	510,363
Total Deposits and Invesments	\$ 584,198	\$ 501,318

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township, or (3) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

Investments: The Township's financial institution transfers securities to the Township's agent to collateralize repurchase agreements. The securities are not in the Township's name.

The negative cash balance in 2007 and 2006 are due to the investment in overnight repurchase agreements.

3. PROPERTY TAXES

Real property taxes are levied on assessed values, which equal 35% of appraised value. The county auditor reappraises all real property every six years with a triennial update. The last update was completed for tax year 2004.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

3. <u>PROPERTY TAXES</u> – (Continued)

Real property taxes become a lien on all non-exempt real property located in the county on January 1. 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 of the following year. Under certain circumstances, state statute permits later payment dates to be established.

The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts the tax rates for inflation. Real property owners' tax bills are further reduced by homestead and rollback deductions when applicable. The amount of these homestead and rollback reductions is reimbursed to the Township by the State of Ohio. The amounts reimbursed by the State of Ohio are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as intergovernmental receipts.

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

Owners of tangible personal property are required to file a list of such property including costs, by April 30 of each year. The property is assessed for tax purposes at varying statutory percentages of cost.

The County Treasurer collects property tax on behalf of all taxing authorities within the county. The County Auditor periodically remits to the taxing authorities their portions of the taxes collected.

4. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2007 and 2006 follows:

2007 Budgeted vs Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
<u>Funds</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 256,352	\$ 312,343	\$ 55,991
Special Revenue	107,050	123,159	16,109
Private Purpose Trust	15	6	(9)

2007 Budgeted vs Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
<u>Funds</u>	<u>Authority</u>	Expenditures	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 698,929	\$ 255,925	\$ 443,004
Special Revenue	165,391	96,687	68,704
Private Purpose Trust	414	16	398

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

4. <u>BUDGETARY ACTIVITY</u> – (Continued)

2006 Budgeted vs Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
<u>Funds</u>	Receipts	Receipts	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 241,317	\$ 320,955	\$ 79,638
Special Revenue	112,600	122,370	9,770
Private Purpose Trust	15	7	(8)

2006 Budgeted vs Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
<u>Funds</u>	<u>Authority</u>	Expenditures	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 609,069	\$ 246,128	\$ 362,941
Special Revenue	155,752	107,181	48,751
Private Purpose Trust	418	12	406

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Employees of the Township belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a state operated, cost sharing, multiple employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2007 and 2006, members of OPERS contributed 9.5 percent and 9.0 percent, respectively, of their wages. The Township contributes an amount equal to 13.85 percent and 13.70 percent, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2007.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the "Plan"), an unincorporated non-profit association with over 600 governmental entity members providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services. Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is deemed a separate legal entity.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

6. <u>RISK MANAGEMENT</u> - (Continued)

The Plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages, modified for each member's needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the member's deductible. The Plan uses conventional insurance coverages and reinsures these coverages 100%, rather than using a risk pool of member funds to pay individual and collective losses. Therefore, the individual members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member.

The Pool'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, 2006 and 2005 (the latest information available):

	2006	2005
Assets	\$9,620,148	\$8,219,430
Liabilities	3,329,620	2,748,639
Member's Equity	\$6,290,528	\$5,470,791

7. DEBT

There is no debt outstanding at December 31, 2007.

8. RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR FUND BALANCE

In accordance with Auditor of State Bulletin 2005-005, the Township reclassified its Expendable Trust balance of \$403 at December 31, 2005 to a Private Purpose Trust Fund at January 1, 2006.

9. CONTINGENT LIABILITES/SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management believes there are no pending claims or lawsuits.

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Trenton Township **Delaware County** 15495 Hartford Road Sunbury, Ohio 43074

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Trenton Township, Delaware County (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated August 21, 2008, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Controls 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 auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion 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 the normal course of 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 accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State of Ohio such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Township's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Township's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Township's internal control.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grants agreements and other matters, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated August 21, 2008.

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

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. August 21, 2008

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

The prior audit, for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, reported no material citations or recommendations.



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

TRENTON TOWNSHIP

DELAWARE 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 NOVEMBER 6, 2008