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Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Alexander Township Athens County 81 Beal Road Athens, Ohio 45701

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Alexander Township, Athens County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The Township's financial transactions were processed using 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 conduct the audit of 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 Section 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code Sections 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As discussed in Note 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 Alexander Township, Athens County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the respective changes in cash financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund, Gasoline Tax Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, and Special Levy Fund, thereof, for the years then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting Note 2 describes.

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 6, 2009, on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

July 6, 2009

Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007
Unaudited

This discussion and analysis of Alexander Township's (the Township) financial performance provides an overall review of the Township's financial activities for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, 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 2008 and 2007 are as follows:

- The Township's receipts are primarily real estate and gasoline taxes. These receipts represent respectively 76.9 percent of the total cash received for governmental activities during 2008 and 74.0 percent of total cash received for governmental activities during 2007. Real estate and gasoline tax receipts for 2008 changed very little compared to 2005.
- The General Fund did receive an estate tax settlement of \$22,163 for 2008. This will explain the slight increase in the 2008 General Fund revenue compared with 2007.
- The Special Levy Fund supports two volunteer fire departments for the Township. The Township divides the revenue of two fire levies equally between the Albany Volunteer Fire Department and the Richland Area Volunteer Fire Department.
- The Township contracted for cemetery maintenance in 2008 and 2007. The Township maintains six inactive cemeteries. The contract was from April through October.
- The Township received a State Issue II Grant for \$26,557 for paving in October 2007. The Township originally applied for the grant in 2005 for 2006; however, the State delayed disbursement of the funds until 2007. The Township's in-kind contribution was \$2,082 and the cash contribution was \$12,271.
- The Township maintained a Certificate of Deposit for \$500 throughout 2008 and 2007, received through a Cemetery Bequest in 1965. The Township uses interest from the CD for maintenance associated with the Crossroads Cemetery.
- The Township maintains a high yield savings account and transfers money from the checking account into the savings account to hold until needed for expenses. The account earned approximately 2.6% interest during 2008 as compared to an average of 5.0% in 2007 which resulted in a decrease in the Township's interest revenue.

Using the Basic Financial Statements

The Township presents their annual report 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.

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Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. The Township creates and maintains funds 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 basic 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.

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

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities reflect how the Township did financially during 2008 and 2007, within the limitations of cash basis accounting. The Statement of Net Assets presents the cash balances of the Township at year-end. The Statement of Activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each governmental program. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function activity draws from the Township's general receipts.

These statements report the Township's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the cash basis of accounting, you can think of these changes as one way to measure the Township's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the Township's cash position is one indicator of whether the Township's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the Township's financial condition, you should also consider other financial 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 taxes.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, the Township has one type of activity:

<u>Governmental Activities</u> - The Township reports all of the basic services here, including the major activity of road maintenance. Real estate taxes and gasoline taxes finance most of these activities.

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For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007
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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 consist of one category—governmental.

<u>Governmental Funds</u> – The Township reports all activities in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the Township's governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are adequate resources available to finance the Township's programs. The Township presents its significant governmental funds on the financial statements in separate columns. The Township combines and presents nonmajor fund (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) information in total in a single column. The Township's major governmental funds are the General, Gasoline Tax, Road and Bridge, and Special Levy Funds. The programs reported in governmental funds are closely related to those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements. We describe this relationship in reconciliations presented with the governmental fund financial statements.

The Township as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the Township's net assets for 2008 compared to 2007 on a cash basis:

(Table 1) Net Assets

	Governmental Activities							
		2008		2007				
Assets								
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	51,182	\$	41,746				
Total Assets	\$	51,182	\$	41,746				
Net Assets								
Restricted for:								
Permanent Fund	\$	762	\$	743				
Other Purposes		28,707		24,269				
Unrestricted		21,713		16,734				
Total Net Assets	\$	51,182	\$	41,746				

The significant increase in cash and cash equivalents from 2007 to 2008 is partially the result of \$22,163 in estate tax receipts posted to the General Fund in 2008.

Table 2, reflects the changes in net assets on a cash basis in 2008 and 2007 for governmental activities and total primary government.

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(Table 2) Changes in Net Assets

	Governmental						
	Activities						
	2008	2007					
Receipts:							
Program Receipts:							
Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 145,669	\$ 129,552					
Capital Grants and Contributions		26,557					
Total Program Receipts	145,669	156,109					
General Receipts:							
Property and Other Local Taxes	239,140	242,401					
Grants and Entitlements Not Restricted							
to Specific Programs	40,490	19,790					
Other Debt Proceeds		19,918					
Earnings on Investments	1,344	2,576					
Miscellaneous	1,243	156					
Total General Receipts	282,217	284,841					
Total Receipts	427,886	440,950					
Disbursements:							
General Government	113,303	116,248					
Public Safety	89,000	90,000					
Public Works	196,372	177,184					
Health	12,597	13,210					
Capital Outlay		71,000					
Principal Retirement	6,381	18,115					
Interest and Fiscal Charges	797	1,225					
Other		200					
Total Disbursements	418,450	487,182					
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	9,436	(46,232)					
Net Assets, January 1	41,746	87,978					
Net Assets, December 31	\$ 51,182	\$ 41,746					
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Program receipts for 2008 represent only 34.0 percent of total receipts and are primarily comprised of restricted intergovernmental receipts such as motor vehicle license and gas tax money. Program receipts for 2007 represent about 35.4 percent of the total receipts. In addition, the Township received \$26,557 in Issue II monies in 2007 and reported this as Program Revenues from Capital Grants.

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Unaudited

General receipts represent 64.6 percent of the Township's total 2007 receipts and 66.0 percent of the total 2008 receipts, and of this amount, 85.1 percent of the 2007 receipts and 84.7 percent of the 2008 receipts are from local taxes. State and federal grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs make up 6.9 percent of the Township's 2007 general receipts and 14.3 percent of the Township's 2008 general receipts. Other receipts are normally insignificant and somewhat unpredictable revenue sources.

Total receipts decreased by \$13,065 or 2.9 percent during 2008.

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 the fiscal officer services as well as payroll, health insurance and purchasing. These costs do not represent direct services to residents so we try to limit these costs.

Public Safety Expenditures relate to the costs of the fire protection contract and Public Works Expenditures relate to the cost associated with the maintenance and repair of Township roads and bridges.

Governmental Activities

If you look at the 2007 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 disbursements for governmental activities are for public works and public safety, which, in 2007, accounted for \$267,184 or 54.8 percent of all governmental disbursements. In 2008, these disbursements accounted for \$285,372 or 68.2 percent of all governmental disbursements. General government also represents a significant cost, about 23.9 percent in 2007 and 27.1 percent in 2008. The next columns of the Statement entitled Program Cash Receipts identify amounts paid by the people who are directly charged for the services and grants received by the Township which must be used for 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)
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Governmental Activities									
	Total Cost		1	Net Cost		otal Cost	١	Net Cost	
	of	Services	of Services		of Services		of	Services	
		2007	2007		2008			2008	
General Government	\$	116,248	\$	108,684	\$	113,303	\$	103,684	
Public Safety		90,000		82,285		89,000		78,840	
Public Works		177,184		36,354		196,372		70,482	
Health		13,210		13,210		12,597		12,597	
Other		200		200					
Capital Outlay		71,000		71,000					
Principal Retirement		18,115		18,115		6,381		6,381	
Interest and Fiscal Charges		1,225		1,225		797		797	
Total Expenses	\$	487,182	\$	331,073	\$	418,450	\$	272,781	

The dependence upon property tax receipts is apparent as over 49.8 percent of 2007 governmental activities and 57.1 percent of 2008 governmental activities are supported mainly through these general receipts.

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For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007
Unaudited

The Township's Funds

Total governmental funds had receipts of \$427,886 and disbursements of \$418,450 in 2008. The \$9,436 difference is the beginning balance of \$41,746 that is not included in the total receipts of \$427,886. Total governmental funds had receipts of \$440,950 and disbursements of \$487,182 in 2007. The (\$46,232) difference is the beginning balance of \$87,978 that is not included in the total receipts of \$440,950.

2008 Expenditures decreased by \$68,732 over those in 2007.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The Township prepares its budget according to Ohio law which accounts for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. For 2008 and 2007, the most significant budgeted funds are the General, Gasoline Tax, Road and Bridge and Special Levy Funds.

During 2008, the General, Gasoline Tax and Road and Bridge Funds' actual receipts exceeded budgeted receipts. The General Fund's excess was partially due to the receipt of \$22,163 in estate taxes. Actual receipts in the Special Levy Fund fell short of budgeted receipts. Additionally, actual expenditures in the Gasoline Tax, Road and Bridge and Special Levy Funds did not exceed the budgeted amount for each major fund.

For 2008, actual expenditures in the General Fund were \$114,693 while the final budgeted expenditures were \$118,852. Actual receipts in the General Fund were \$119,672 while budgeted receipts were \$100,125. Although actual receipts were higher than expected, the Township kept spending within the budgeted amounts.

During 2007, the General, Gasoline Tax and Special Levy Funds' actual receipts fell short of budgeted receipts. Actual receipts in the Road and Bridge Fund exceeded of budgeted receipts. However, actual expenditures in the General, Gasoline Tax, and Special Levy Funds did not exceed the budgeted amount for each major fund.

For 2007, actual expenditures in the General Fund were \$138,282 while the final budgeted expenditures were \$154,398. Actual receipts in the General Fund were \$97,209 while budgeted receipts were \$105,748. Although actual General Fund expenditures exceeded actual receipts by \$41,073, the beginning balance of \$57,807 was sufficient to prevent a fund deficit balance at year-end.

Debt Service

At December 31, 2008, the Township's outstanding debt was \$13,537 from one loan for purchases of equipment. For further information regarding the Township's debt, see Note 9 to the financial statements. Final payment of this loan will be in 2010.

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 have very little industry to support the tax base. Although, industry growth is not likely, the growth of residential housing developments is growing in the township and we expect a slight increase in property tax revenue each year. This in turn will increase the township's financial responsibility in road maintenance.

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 Mary Winnett, Fiscal Officer, Alexander Township, 81 Beal Road, Athens, OH, 45701, 740-592-4896.

Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis December 31, 2008

	 rernmental activities
Assets: Cash	\$ 51,182
Total Assets	\$ 51,182
Net Assets: Restricted for: Permanent Fund: Cemetery Trust Expendable Nonexpendable Other Purposes Unrestricted	\$ 262 500 28,707 21,713
Total Net Assets	\$ 51,182

Statement of Activities - Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

				rogram eceipts	(D	Net Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets		
	Disb	oursements	Operating Grants and Contributions			Governmental Activities		
Governmental Activities: General Government Public Safety	\$	113,303 89,000	\$	9,619 10,160	\$	(103,684) (78,840)		
Public Works Health		196,372 12,597		125,890		(70,482) (12,597)		
Debt Service: Principal Interest		6,381 797				(6,381) (797)		
Total Governmental Activities	\$	418,450	\$	145,669		(272,781)		
	Prope Grants Earnin	ral Receipts: rty Taxes s and Entitlem ngs on Investm llaneous	239,140 o 40,490 1,344 1,243					
	Total (General Rece		282,217				
	Chang	ge in Net Asse	ts			9,436		
	Net As	ssets at Begin	ning of	Year		41,746		
	Net As	ssets at End o	f Year		\$	51,182		

Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances Governmental Funds December 31, 2008

	 General	Gasoline Tax		Road and Bridge		Special Levy		Other Governmental Funds		Total Governmental Funds	
<u>Assets:</u> Cash	\$ 21,713	\$	(1,566)	\$ 26,151	\$	1,964	\$	2,920	\$	51,182	
Total Assets	\$ 21,713	\$	(1,566)	\$ 26,151	\$	1,964	\$	2,920	\$	51,182	
Fund Balances: Unreserved General Fund Special Revenue Funds Permanent Fund	\$ 21,713	\$	(1,566)	\$ 26,151	\$	1,964	\$	2,158 762	\$	21,713 28,707 762	
Total Fund Balances	\$ 21,713	\$	(1,566)	\$ 26,151	\$	1,964	\$	2,920	\$	51,182	

ALEXANDER TOWNSHIP, ATHENS COUNTY
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	General		Gasoline Tax		Road and Bridge		Special Levy		Other Governmental Funds		Total Governmental Funds	
Receipts: Property Taxes and other Local Taxes Intergovernmental Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	\$	67,974 50,109 346 1,243	\$	89,805 316	\$	88,181 12,072	\$	82,985 10,160	\$	24,013 682	\$	239,140 186,159 1,344 1,243
Total Receipts		119,672		90,121		100,253		93,145		24,695		427,886
Disbursements: Current: General Government Public Safety Public Works Health Debt Service: Principal Retirement Interest and Fiscal Charges		102,182 72 12,439		6,580 87,557		617 85,498 6,381 797		2,089 89,000 158		1,835 23,245		113,303 89,000 196,372 12,597 6,381 797
Total Disbursements		114,693		94,137		93,293		91,247		25,080		418,450
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		4,979		(4,016)		6,960		1,898		(385)		9,436
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year		16,734		2,450		19,191		66		3,305		41,746
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$	21,713	\$	(1,566)	\$	26,151	\$	1,964	\$	2,920	\$	51,182

ALEXANDER TOWNSHIP, ATHENS COUNTY
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis) General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Budgeted Original	d Amounts Final	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
Receipts:						
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 68,196 31,929	\$ 68,196	\$ 67,974	\$ (222) 18,180		
Intergovernmental Earnings on Investments	31,929	31,929	50,109 346	346		
Miscellaneous			1,243	1,243		
Total Receipts	100,125	100,125	119,672	19,547		
<u>Disbursements:</u>						
Current:	404.050	405 500	400 400	0.400		
General Government Public Works	104,052 400	105,590 400	102,182 72	3,408 328		
Health	14,100	12,722	12,439	283		
Capital Outlay	300	140		140		
Total Disbursements	118,852	118,852	114,693	4,159		
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(18,727)	(18,727)	4,979	23,706		
Net Change in Fund Balance	(18,727)	(18,727)	4,979	23,706		
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	16,734	16,734	16,734	0		
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ (1,993)	\$ (1,993)	\$ 21,713	\$ 23,706		

ALEXANDER TOWNSHIP, ATHENS COUNTY
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
Gasoline Tax Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Budgeted	Amou	nts		Fina	ance with I Budget
	 Original		Final	 Actual	Positive (Negative)	
Receipts: Intergovernmental Earnings on Investments	\$ 87,039	\$	87,039	\$ 89,805 316	\$	2,766 316
Total Receipts	87,039		87,039	90,121		3,082
Disbursements: Current: General Government Public Works Capital Outlay	6,896 89,325 775		6,896 89,325 775	6,580 87,557		316 1,768 775
Total Disbursements	96,996		96,996	 94,137		2,859
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(9,957)	•	(9,957)	(4,016)		5,941
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	2,450		2,450	2,450		0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ (7,507)	\$	(7,507)	\$ (1,566)	\$	5,941

ALEXANDER TOWNSHIP, ATHENS COUNTY
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
Road and Bridge Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

		Budgeted	Amou	ınts			Fina	ance with Il Budget ositive	
	0	riginal		Final		Actual	(Negative)		
Receipts:		04.000		00.000	_	00.404		(4.445)	
Property and Other Local Taxes Intergovernmental	\$	81,296	\$	89,296 3,874	\$	88,181 12,072	\$	(1,115) 8,198	
mergovernmental				3,074		12,072		0,130	
Total Receipts		81,296		93,170		100,253		7,083	
<u>Disbursements:</u> Current: General Government		7,700		617		617		0	
Public Works		79,000		89,174		85,498		3,676	
Capital Outlay:		3,300		,		,		0	
Debt Service:									
Principal Retirement		6,381		6,381		6,381		0	
Interest and Fiscal Charges		797		797		797		0	
Total Disbursements		97,178		96,969		93,293		3,676	
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(15,882)	•	(3,799)		6,960		10,759	
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		25,954		25,954		19,191		0	
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	10,072	\$	22,155	\$	26,151	\$	10,759	

ALEXANDER TOWNSHIP, ATHENS COUNTY
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)

Special Levy Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

		Budgeted	Amou	ınts		Fin	iance with al Budget Positive
	C	Original		Final	Actual		legative)
Receipts:							<u> </u>
Property and other Local Taxes	\$	38,057	\$	38,057	\$ 82,985	\$	44,928
Intergovernmental		56,698		56,698	 10,160		(46,538)
Total Receipts		94,755		94,755	 93,145		(1,610)
<u>Disbursements:</u> Current:							
General Government		2,500		2,500	2,089		411
Public Safety		91,855		91,855	89,000		2,855
Health		400		400	158		2,033
Health		+00		+00	 130		272
Total Disbursements		94,755		94,755	 91,247		3,508
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		0		0	1,898		1,898
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		66		66	 66		0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	66	\$	66	\$ 1,964	\$	1,898

Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis December 31, 2007

	 ernmental ctivities
Assets: Cash	\$ 41,746
Total Assets	\$ 41,746
Net Assets: Restricted for: Permanent Fund: Improvements Expendable Nonexpendable Other Purposes Unrestricted	\$ 243 500 24,269 16,734
Total Net Assets	\$ 41,746

Statement of Activities - Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

				Program	Receip	ots	Re Ch	Net pursements) eceipts and eanges in et Assets
	Disb	oursements	G	operating rants and ntributions	Gr	Capital ants and ntributions		vernmental Activities
Governmental Activities: General Government Public Safety Public Works Health Other Capital Outlay Debt Service: Principal Interest	\$	116,248 90,000 177,184 13,210 200 71,000 18,115 1,225	\$	7,564 7,715 114,273	\$	26,557	\$	(108,684) (82,285) (36,354) (13,210) (200) (71,000) (18,115) (1,225)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	487,182	\$	129,552	\$	26,557		(331,073)
	Prope Grants Earnir Other	ral Receipts: rty Taxes s and Entitlem ngs on Investm Debt Proceed llaneous	nents	ot Restricted t	o Spec	ific Programs		242,401 19,790 2,576 19,918 156
	Total	General Rece	ipts					284,841
	Chang	ge in Net Asse	ts					(46,232)
	Net A	ssets at Begin	ning of	Year				87,978
	Net A	ssets at End o	f Year				\$	41,746

Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances Governmental Funds December 31, 2007

Acceptance	 Seneral	G	asoline Tax	oad and Bridge	ecial evy	Gove	Other ernmental Funds	 Total ernmental Funds
Assets: Cash	\$ 16,734	\$	2,450	\$ 19,191	\$ 66	\$	3,305	\$ 41,746
Total Assets	\$ 16,734	\$	2,450	\$ 19,191	\$ 66	\$	3,305	\$ 41,746
Fund Balances: Unreserved General Fund Special Revenue Funds Permanent Fund	\$ 16,734	\$	2,450	\$ 19,191	\$ 66	\$	2,562 743	\$ 16,734 24,269 743
Total Fund Balances	\$ 16,734	\$	2,450	\$ 19,191	\$ 66	\$	3,305	\$ 41,746

ALEXANDER TOWNSHIP, ATHENS COUNTY
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	G	eneral	G	asoline Tax	Road and Bridge										Other Governmental Funds		Gov	Total vernmental Funds
Receipts: Property Taxes and other Local Taxes Intergovernmental Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	\$	69,076 27,354 623 156	\$	83,787 717	\$	69,707 9,222	\$	84,277 7,716	\$	19,340 47,821 1,236	\$	242,400 175,900 2,576 156						
Total Receipts		97,209		84,504		78,929		91,993		68,397		421,032						
Disbursements: Current: General Government Public Safety Public Works Health Capital Outlay Debt Service: Principal Retirement Interest and Fiscal Charges		98,207 2,343 13,007 24,525		9,746 78,617		5,846 73,860 19,918		1,887 90,000 203		562 22,364 26,557 18,115 1,225		116,248 90,000 177,184 13,210 71,000 18,115 1,225						
Total Disbursements		138,082		88,363		99,624		92,090		68,823		486,982						
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(40,873)		(3,859)		(20,695)		(97)		(426)		(65,950)						
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Other Debt Proceeds Other Financing Uses		(200)				19,918						19,918 (200)						
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(200)		0		19,918		0		0		19,718						
Net Change in Fund Balances		(41,073)		(3,859)		(777)		(97)		(426)		(46,232)						
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year		57,807		6,309		19,968		163		3,731		87,978						
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$	16,734	\$	2,450	\$	19,191	\$	66	\$	3,305	\$	41,746						

ALEXANDER TOWNSHIP, ATHENS COUNTY
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Budgetee	d Amounts		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Receipts: Property and Other Local Taxes Intergovernmental Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	\$ 67,306 38,442	\$ 67,306 38,442	\$ 69,076 27,354 623 156	\$ 1,770 (11,088) 623 156
Total Receipts	105,748	105,748	97,209	(8,539)
Disbursements: Current: General Government Public Works Health	114,200 400 16,900	108,409 2,589 16,900	98,207 2,343 13,007	10,202 246 3,893
Capital Outlay	1,000	26,000	24,525	1,475
Total Disbursements	132,500	153,898	138,082	15,816
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(26,752)	(48,150)	(40,873)	7,277
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfers Out Other Financing Uses	(30,000)	0 (500)	0 (200)	0 300
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(30,500)	(500)	(200)	300
Net Change in Fund Balance	(57,252)	(48,650)	(41,073)	7,577
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	57,807	57,807	57,807	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 555	\$ 9,157	\$ 16,734	\$ 7,577

ALEXANDER TOWNSHIP, ATHENS COUN
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
Gasoline Tax Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Budgeted	Amou	nts			Fina	ance with al Budget Positive
	Original		Final	_	Actual	(N	egative)
Receipts: Intergovernmental Earnings on Investments	\$ 89,038	\$	89,038	\$	83,787 717	\$	(5,251) 717
Total Receipts	89,038		89,038		84,504		(4,534)
Disbursements: Current: General Government Public Works	11,000 83,700		18,432 82,970		9,746 78,617		8,686 4,353
Capital Outlay	600		600		70,017		600
Total Disbursements	95,300		102,002		88,363		13,639
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(6,262)	•	(12,964)		(3,859)		9,105
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	 6,309		6,309		6,309		0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 47	\$	(6,655)	\$	2,450	\$	9,105

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
Road and Bridge Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

		Budgeted	l Amo	unts		Fin	riance with
	0	riginal		Final	Actual	Positive (Negative)	
Receipts: Property and Other Local Taxes Intergovernmental	\$	59,626	\$	59,626	\$ 69,707 9,222	\$	10,081 9,222
Total Receipts		59,626		59,626	78,929		19,303
<u>Disbursements:</u> Current:							
General Government		3,000		3,000	5,846		(2,846)
Public Works Capital Outlay		76,400 100		76,400 100	73,860 19,918		2,540 (19,818)
Capital Cullay		100		100	 10,010		(10,010)
Total Disbursements		79,500		79,500	 99,624		(20,124)
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(19,874)	•	(19,874)	(20,695)		(821)
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Other Debt Proceeds					19,918		19,918
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		0		0	19,918		19,918
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses		(19,874)		(19,874)	(777)		19,097
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		19,968		19,968	19,968		0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	94	\$	94	\$ 19,191	\$	19,097

ALEXANDER TOWNSHIP, ATHENS COUNTY
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)

Special Levy Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

		Budgeted	Amou	ınts		Fina	ance with
	C	Driginal		Final	Actual	Positive (Negative)	
Receipts:	_		_		 	_	
Property and other Local Taxes	\$	81,886	\$	81,886	\$ 84,277	\$	2,391
Intergovernmental		11,248		11,248	 7,716		(3,532)
Total Receipts		93,134		93,134	 91,993		(1,141)
<u>Disbursements:</u> Current:							
General Government		2,500		2,500	1,887		613
Public Safety		90,100		90,100	90,000		100
Health		400		400	 203		197
Total Disbursements		93,000		93,000	 92,090		910
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		134		134	(97)		(231)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		163		163	 163		0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	297	\$	297	\$ 66	\$	(231)

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

1. REPORTING ENTITY

Alexander Township, Athens 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 Fiscal Officer.

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

The primary government consists of all funds that are not legally separate from the Township. The Township provides general government services, maintenance of Township roads and bridges, and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the Richland and Albany fire departments for fire protection. The Athens County Sheriff provides police protection.

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. The Township has no component units.

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

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. The most significant of the Township's accounting policies are described below.

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.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

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, except for fiduciary funds. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of net assets presents the cash balances, of the governmental activities of the Township at year end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each of the Township's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the Township is responsible. Program receipts include 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, 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 Township's funds are all classified as governmental.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g., grants), and other non exchange transactions. The Township's major governmental funds are the General Fund, Gasoline Tax Fund, Road and Bridge Fund and Special Levy 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. The Road and Bridge Fund receives property tax monies for the construction, maintenance and repair of township roads, Gasoline Tax Fund receives gasoline tax monies for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and the Special Levy Fund receives property tax monies from a fire levy to fund the Township's fire protection services.

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting

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

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

D. Budgetary Process

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

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 establishes a limit on the amount the Township may appropriate. It may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the 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 certificate 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, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Township during the year.

E. Restricted Assets

Cash and cash equivalents are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of their use. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. There are no restricted assets.

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.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Capital Assets

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

H. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

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

I. Long-Term Obligations

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

J. Net Assets

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

K. Fund Balance Reserves

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

3. ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Accountability

At December 31, 2008, as the result of audit adjustments, the Gasoline Tax Fund had a negative fund balance of \$1,566. As the Township receives funds in 2009, the Township will have adequate receipts to cover the negative fund balance.

B. Compliance

Contrary to Ohio Rev. Code Section Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.24(C), the Township did not properly allocate Trustees compensation, which resulted in audit adjustments.

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 (Budget Basis) presented for the General, Gasoline Tax, Road and Bridge and Special Levy Funds are prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

5. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

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

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;
- 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 (1) or (2) above, and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- 7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio).

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

5. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Deposits

The Township's cash balances were covered by the FDIC; therefore, the Township is not exposed to custodial credit risk.

6. PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property, public utility property, and tangible personal property located in the Township. Property tax receipts received in 2008 for real and public utility property taxes represents collections of the 2007 taxes. Property tax payments received during 2008 for tangible personal property (other than public utility property) is for 2008 taxes.

2008 real property taxes are levied after October 1, 2008 on the assessed values as of January 1, 2008, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. 2008 real property taxes are collected in and intended to finance 2009.

Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. 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 tangible personal property is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2008 public utility property taxes which became a lien on December 31, 2007, are levied after October 1, 2008, and are collected in 2009 with real property taxes.

2008 tangible property taxes are levied after October 1, 2007, on the value as of December 31, 2007. Collections are made in 2008. Tangible personal property assessments are being phased out – the assessment percentage for all property including inventory for 2007 is 12.5 percent. This will be reduced to 6.25 percent for 2008, and zero for 2009. Payments by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due April 3, with the remainder due September 20.

The full tax rate for all Township operations for the year ended December 31, 2008, was \$5.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real and personal property upon which 2008 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

	<u>2008</u>
Real Property	\$ 38,582,130
Public Utility Property	16,818,220
Tangible Personal Property	 365,583
Total Assessed Values	\$ 55,765,933

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the county, including the Township. The County Auditor periodically remits to the Township its portion of the taxes collected.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township has obtained insurance for Liability/Commercial Package through Mathews Insurance, Inc., Athens, Ohio, for the following risks: general liability, public officials' liability, vehicles, and property. Health Insurance is provided through Burnham and Flower Insurance Agency, Columbus, Ohio. The Township pays one hundred percent of the elected officials and employees health insurance premium. Dental and Vision Insurance Plans are open to spouses and dependents of the elected officials and employees.

8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - 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.

Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2007, members in state and local classifications contributed 9.5% percent of covered payroll. For the year ended December 31, 2008, members in state and local classifications contributed 10% percent of covered payroll.

The Township's contribution rate for 2007 was 13.85 percent and for 2008 was 14 percent. For the period January 1, through June 30, 2007, a portion of the Township's contribution equal to 5 percent of covered payroll was allocated to fund the post-employment health care plan; for the period July 1 through December 31, 2007 this amount was increased to 6 percent. For 2008, 7 percent of the townships contribution was allocated to fund the post-employment health care plan. Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined. State statue sets a maximum contribution rate for the Township of 14 percent for 2007 and 2008.

The Township's required contributions for pension obligations to the traditional plan for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$11,992, \$11,954, and \$10,617, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for 2008, 2007 and 2006.

9. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan Description - OPERS maintains a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care plan for qualifying members of both the traditional and combined pension plans. Members of the member-directed plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

9. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

The plan includes a medical plan, a prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement.

To qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age and service retirees under the traditional and combined plans must have ten years or more of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, OPERS to provide health care benefits to eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report which may be obtained by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222 – 7377.

Funding Policy – The post-employment health care plan was established under, and is administered in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code 401(h). State statute requires that public employers fund post-employment health care through contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to the traditional or combined plans is set aside for the funding of post-employment health care.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active employees. In 2007, local government employers contributed 13.85 percent of covered payroll. In 2008, local government employers contributed 14 percent of covered payroll. Each year, the OPERS retirement board determines the portion of the employer contribution that will be set aside for funding post-employment health care benefits. The amount of the employer contributions which was allocated to fund post-employment health care was 5.00 percent of covered payroll from January 1 through June 30, 2007, 6.00 percent from July 1 to December 31, 2007, and 7.00 percent of covered payroll from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

The Retirement Board is also authorized to establish rules for the payment of a portion of the health care benefits by the retiree or retiree's surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and coverage selected. Active members do not make contribution to the post-employment health care plan.

On September 9, 2004, the OPERS Retirement Board adopted a Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) which was effective January 1, 2007. Member and employer contribution rates increased as of January 1, 2006, January 1, 2007, and January 1, 2008, which allowed additional funds to be allocated to the health care plan.

10. DEBT

The Township's long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2008, was as follows:

		Balance		Balance		
		December			December	
	Interest	31,			31,	Due Within
	Rate	2007	Additions	Reductions	2008	One Year
Tractor Loan,						
2007 Issue	4.00%	\$19,918	\$0	\$6,381	\$13,537	\$6,387

The debt was issued to purchase a John Deer Tractor in 2007 and is supported by the full faith and credit of the Township and is payable from the Road and Bridge Fund receipts to the extent that other resources are not available to meet annual principal and interest payments.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

10. DEBT (Continued)

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

Year	Tractor Loan					
	Р	rincipal	In	terest		
2009	\$	6,637	\$	542		
2010		6,900		276		
Total	\$	13,537	\$	818		

11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

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

Alexander Township Athens County 81 Beal Road Athens, Ohio 45701

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 Alexander Township, Athens County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 6, 2009, wherein, we noted the Township uses a comprehensive accounting basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. We also noted the Township uses the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) to process its financial transactions. *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the Auditor of State's independence to audit the Township. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code Section 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code Sections 117.11(B) and 115.56 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 opinions 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.

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

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

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We consider findings 2008-001 through 2008-002 described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

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

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also material weaknesses. Of the significant deficiencies described above, we believe finding numbers 2008-001 through 2008-002 are also material weaknesses.

We also noted a certain internal control matter that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated July 6, 2009.

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 2008-001.

We also noted certain noncompliance or other matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated July 6, 2009.

The Township's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. We did not audit the Township's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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

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July 6, 2009

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

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

FINDING NUMBER 2008-001

Noncompliance Citation and Material Weakness - House Bill 458

Effective December 30, 2008, House Bill 458 made relevant changes to health care reimbursements for township officials, employees, and their dependents in which it clarifies that the requirements governing township-procured health insurance coverage apply equally to township-paid coverage through a health insuring corporation contract. One of the clarifications made by HB 458 is that the Township pay coverage under either method from the same township sources used to pay employee and officer compensation.

Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.60(B) states, in part, that if the board procures any insurance policies under this Section, the board shall provide uniform coverage under these policies for township officers and full-time employs and their immediate dependents from the funds or budgets from which the officers or employees are compensated for services.

The Township did not allocate insurance premiums from the same sources used to pay employee and officer compensation. The variances between health insurance premium costs based on the fund allocation of salaries and the actual allocation of premiums are as follows:

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007 (Continued)

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)

FINDING NUMBER 2008-001 (Continued)

Noncompliance Citation and Material Weakness – House Bill 458 (Continued)

				2007		
	Pe	r Salary				
	Fund			Actual		
	Al	location	Allocation		Variance	
General Fund	\$	24,139	\$	34,930	\$	(10,791)
Gasoline Tax		9,746		2,314		7,432
Road and Bridge		5,846		2,999		2,847
Motor Vehicle License Tax		338				338
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax		175				175
				2008		
	Pe	r Salary				
		Fund		Actual		
	Al	location	Al	location	V	ariance
General Fund	\$	23,638	\$	12,986	\$	10,652
Gasoline Tax		4,858		3,862		996
Road and Bridge		617		12,700		(12,083)
Motor Vehicle License Tax		317				317
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax		118				118
				Nint		
				Net		
				Variance		
General Fund			\$	(139)		
Gasoline Tax				8,428		
Road and Bridge				(9,236)		
Motor Vehicle License Tax				655		
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax				293		

These adjustments, with which management agrees, have been posted to the Township's accounting record and are reflected within the accompanying financial statements.

We recommend the Township allocate insurance premiums from the same sources used to pay employee and officer compensation.

Officials' Response: The Trustees and Fiscal Officer will ensure all future payroll benefits are allocated in the same manner that the salaries are allocated.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007 (Continued)

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)

FINDING NUMBER 2008-002

Material Weakness

The Township should have internal controls in place to reasonably assure that budgetary accounts are integrated into the financial accounting system. This means designing an accounting system to provide ongoing and timely information on unrealized budgetary receipts.

At December 31, 2007, estimated receipts as approved by the Budget Commission did not agree to the Township's accounting system for all funds. This was due to the Fiscal Officer posting the unencumbered balance at January 1, 2007 with the estimated receipts to the UAN system. The variances and funds are as follows:

	Estimated Receipts					
	Per the			Per the		
Fund:		Certificate	System		Variance	
General Fund	\$	105,748	\$	163,000	\$	57,252
Gasoline Tax		89,038		95,300		6,262
Road and Bridge		79,545		79,500		(45)
Special Levy		93,134		93,000		(134)
Remaining Fund Information		70,436		74,061		3,625
Total of all Funds	\$	437,901	\$	504,861	\$	66,960

At December 31, 2008, estimated receipts as approved by the Budget Commission did not agree to the Township's accounting system for all funds. This was due to the Fiscal Officer posting the unencumbered balance at January 1, 2008 with the estimated receipts to the UAN system. The variances and funds are as follows:

	Estimated Receipts						
	Per the		Per the				
Fund:		Certificate		System		Variance	
General Fund	\$	100,125	\$	108,200	\$	8,075	
Gasoline Tax		87,039		96,000		8,961	
Road and Bridge		93,170		90,000		(3,170)	
Special Levy		94,752		94,755		3	
Remaining Fund Information		30,353		33,529		3,176	
Total of all Funds	\$	405,439	\$	422,484	\$	17,045	

During 2007 and 2008, we noted Original Budgeted Receipts adopted by the Board of Trustees were not reported on the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual (Budget Basis). Also, during 2007 and 2008, we noted Final Budgeted Receipts adopted by the legislative authority differed from amounts reported on the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual (Budget Basis). Adjustments were made to reflect the accurate amounts.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007 (Continued)

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)

FINDING NUMBER 2008-002 (Continued)

Material Weakness (Continued)

Due to budgetary information being improperly entered into the system, the management of the Township lost some degree of budgetary control.

We recommend the Fiscal Officer accurately post estimated receipts as certified by the County Budget Commission and appropriations as approved by the Board of Trustees into the computer system and only after receiving approval. This procedure will help ensure more useful comparisons of budget versus actual activity, as well as provide management with an accurate monitoring tool throughout the years.

Officials' Response: The Fiscal Officer will ensure future estimated receipt amounts posted to the system do not include beginning unencumbered fund balance amounts.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

Finding	Finding	Fully	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
Number	Summary	Corrected?	
2006-001	A material noncompliance citation was issued under Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D)(1) for failure to properly certify the availability of funds.	Yes	N/A



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ALEXANDER TOWNSHIP

ATHENS 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 JULY 28, 2009