JASPER TOWNSHIP

FAYETTE COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

YEARS AUDITED UNDER GAGAS: 2007 AND 2006

CAUDILL & ASSOCIATES CPAs

725 5TH Street Portsmouth, Ohio 45662



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Board of Trustees Jasper Township 1677 Miami Trace Road NW Washington Court House, Ohio 43160

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Jasper Township, Fayette County, prepared by Caudill & Associates, CPA's, 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.

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. Jasper Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

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May 1, 2009



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees Jasper Township Fayette County 7790 State Route 729 NW Washington Court House, Ohio 43160

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Jasper Township (the Township), Fayette County, Ohio, 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 obtain reasonable assurance about 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 discussed in Note 2, the Township has prepared these financial statements and notes, using the cash basis of accounting. 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 Jasper Township, Fayette County, Ohio as of December 31, 2007, and 2006, and the respective changes in cash financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund, the Gasoline Tax Fund, the Road and Bridge Fund, and the Cemetery Fund, thereof and for the years then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting Note 2 describes.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 31, 2008, on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 through 8 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Cantill & Associates, CPA'S

Caudill & Associates, CPAs

December 31, 2008

This discussion and analysis of Jasper Township's financial performance provides an overall review of the Township's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, within the limitations of the Township's cash basis accounting. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Township's financial performance.

Highlights

Key highlights for 2007 and 2006 are as follows:

In 2007, the Township's net assets increased \$46,159 or 27.30% over 2006. In 2006, the Township's net assets decreased \$27,933 or 14.17% as compared to 2005. In 2007 the Township's intergovernmental and interest receipts increased significantly in the General Fund. In 2006 the decrease is due to the disbursements exceeding the receipts.

The Township's general receipts are primarily property and other local taxes, intergovernmental, interest, and miscellaneous not restricted to specific programs. During 2007 and 2006 these receipts represented 64.65% and 41.63% respectively of the total cash received for governmental activities. Property tax receipts for 2006 changed very little compared to 2005 as property values showed only moderate increases. Property tax and Intergovernmental receipts increased significantly in 2007. The Township's program receipts are primarily excise gas tax. Excise tax receipts related to fuel sales decreased \$15,155 or 12.9% in 2007 over 2006, and increased \$12,078 or 11.47% in 2006 over 2005. Motor vehicle license tax levied by the township for 2007 and 2006 remained fairly consistent.

Using the Basic Financial Statements

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

Report Components

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

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

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

Basis of Accounting

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

As a result of using the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the

financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

Reporting the Government as a Whole

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities reflect how the Township did financially during 2007 and 2006, within the limitations of cash basis accounting. The statement of net assets presents the cash balances of the governmental activities 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 draws from the Township's general receipts.

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

Reporting the Government's Most Significant Funds

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

The Township's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the Township's governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the Township's programs. The Township's significant governmental funds are presented on the financial statements in separate columns. The information for non-major funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) is combined and presented in total in a single column. The Township's major governmental funds are the General Fund, Gasoline Tax Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, and the Cemetery Fund. The programs reported in governmental funds are closely related to those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements.

The Government as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the Township's net assets for 2007, 2006, and 2005 on a cash basis:

(Table 1) Net Assets

	Governmental Activities									
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>							
Assets										
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$215,227	\$ 169,068	\$ 197,001							
Total Assets	\$215,227	\$ 169,068	\$ 197,001							
Net Assets										
Restricted for:										
Other Purposes	\$155,914	\$ 210,701	\$ 184,332							
Unrestricted	59,313	(41,633)	12,669							
Total Net Assets	\$215,227	\$ 169,068	\$ 197,001							

As mentioned previously, net assets of governmental activities decreased \$27,933 or 14.18% during 2006. The decrease in cash balances is primarily due to the disbursements in the General Fund and the Other Governmental Funds exceeding the receipts. The net assets of governmental activities increased \$46,159 or 27.30% during 2007. The increase in cash balances is primarily due to the an increase in receipts for Intergovernmental and Property and Other Local taxes in the General Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund.

Table 2 reflects the changes in net assets in 2007, 2006, and 2005.

(Table 2) **Changes in Net Assets**

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Total Disbursements 237,749 201,418 263,803 Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets 46,159 (27,933) (101,838) Net Assets, January 1 169,068 197,001 298,839	Redemption of Principle	10,000		10,000		10,000			
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets 46,159 (27,933) (101,838) Net Assets, January 1 169,068 197,001 298,839	Interest	 2,780		3,485		4,183			
Net Assets, January 1 169,068 197,001 298,839	Total Disbursements	237,749		201,418		263,803			
	Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	46,159		(27,933)		(101,838)			
Net Assets, December 31 \$ 215,227 \$ 169,068 \$ 197,001	Net Assets, January 1	 169,068		197,001		298,839			
	Net Assets, December 31	\$ 215,227	\$	169,068	\$	197,001			

In 2007, Program receipts represent 35.6% percent of total receipts. In 2006, program receipts represent 58.4% of total receipts. Program receipts are primarily comprised of restricted intergovernmental receipts such as gas tax and cemetery charges for services.

In 2007, General receipts represent 64.4% percent of the Township's total receipts, and of this amount, 27.1% percent are local taxes. State and federal grants and entitlements make up the balance of the Township's general receipts (72.9%). Other receipts are very insignificant and somewhat unpredictable revenue sources. In 2006, General receipts represent 41.6% percent of the Township's total receipts, and of this amount, 64% percent are local taxes. State and federal grants and entitlements make up the balance of the Township's general receipts (36%). Other receipts are very insignificant and somewhat unpredictable revenue sources.

Disbursements for General Government represent the overhead costs of running the Township and the support services provided for the other Township activities. These include the costs of the board of trustees and the fiscal officer, as well as internal services such as payroll and purchasing. Public works are the costs of maintaining the roads and health is the cost of maintaining the cemetery.

Governmental Activities

If you look at the Statement of Activities on page 10 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 next three columns of the Statement entitled Program Receipts identify amounts paid by people who are directly charged for the service and grants received by the Township that must be used to provide a specific service. The net Receipt (Disbursement) column compares the program receipts to the cost of the service. This "net cost" amount represents the cost of the service which ends up being paid from money provided by local taxpayers. These net costs are paid from the general receipts which are presented at the bottom of the Statement. A comparison between the total cost of services and the net cost is presented in Table 3.

(Table 3) **Governmental Activities**

	To	Total Cost		Net Cost		Total Cost		Net Cost		Total Cost		Net Cost	
	of	Services	of	Services	of Services		of Services		of Services		of Services		
		2007		2007		2006		2006		2005		2005	
General Government	\$	46,968	\$	46,968	\$	73,912	\$	73,912	\$	112,729	\$	(112,729)	
Security of Persons and Property					\$	5,421	\$	5,421	\$	7,949	\$	(7,949)	
Public Works		159,549		70,975		93,765		5,502		113,626		(32,416)	
Health Services		-		(12,362)		12,281		(761)		10,020		(4,895)	
Human Services										1,681		(1,681)	
Other												12,261	
Capital Outlay		18,452		18,452		2,554		2,554		3,615		(3,615)	
Redemtion of Principle		10,000		10,000		10,000		10,000		10,000		(10,000)	
Interest		2,780		2,780		3,485		3,485		4,183		(4,183)	
Total Expenses	\$	237,749	\$	136,813	\$	201,418	\$	100,113	\$	263,803	\$	(165,207)	

The Government's Funds

In 2007, total governmental funds had receipts of \$283,908 and disbursements of \$237,749. In 2006, total governmental funds had receipts of \$173,485 and disbursements of \$201,418. The greatest change within governmental funds occurred within the Road and Bridge Funds. The disbursements increase in these funds as the result of the increase of road repairs.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The Township's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund. General Fund receipts received in 2007 were \$28,968 greater than was budgeted and were \$9,482 less in 2006.

In 2007, final disbursements were budgeted at \$129,885 while actual disbursements were \$58,040. In 2006, final disbursements were budgeted at \$127,664 while actual disbursements were \$83,909.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The Township does not report capital assets and infrastructure under the cash basis of accounting.

Debt

At December 31, 2007, the Township's outstanding debt included \$30,000 in general obligation notes issued for construction of a new township building. For further information regarding the Township's debt, refer to Note 10 to the basic financial statements.

Contacting the Government's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, legislative bodies, management, 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 Carol Langley, Fiscal Officer, Jasper Township, 1677 Miami Trace Road NW, Washington Court House, Ohio 43160.

Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis December 31, 2007

	Governmenta Activities				
<u>Assets:</u> Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	215,227			
Total Assets	\$	215,227			
Net Assets:					
Restricted for:					
Other Purposes	\$	155,914			
Unrestricted		59,313			
Total Net Assets	\$	215,227			

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

				Program C	ash Rece	eipts	Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets			
	Cash Disbursements		S	Charges for Services and Sales		Operating Grants and Contributions		vernmental Activities		
Governmental Activities:										
General Government Public Works Health Services Capital Outlay	\$	46,968 159,549 - 18,452	\$	- 12,362 -	\$	- 88,574 - -	\$	(46,968) (70,975) 12,362 (18,452)		
Redemtion of Principle Interest		10,000 2,780		<u>-</u>		-		(10,000) (2,780)		
Total Governmental Activities		237,749		12,362	-	88,574		(136,813)		
		eral Receip		es Levied for	:					
	Ge	neral Purpos	ses				29,914			
		ad and Brid ots and Entit	-	s not				19,752		
		Restricted to						126,236		
		er Financing	_	-				884		
	Inte	rest						2,518		
	Miso	cellaneous						3,668		
	Tota	ıl General R	eceipts					182,972		
	Cha	nge in Net A	Assets					46,159		
	Net .	Assets, Begi	nning o	f Year		169,068				
	Net .	Assets, End	of Year				\$	215,227		

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

									Other		Total
			Gasoline	Road and					ernmental	Governmental	
	 General		Tax	Bı	ridge	C	emetery		Funds		Funds
Assets:											
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 59,313	\$	122,405	\$	706	\$	15,497	\$	17,306	\$	215,227
Total Assets	\$ 59,313	\$	122,405	\$	706	\$	15,497	\$	17,306	\$	215,227
Fund Balances: Unreserved:											
Undesignated (Deficit), Reported in:											
General Fund	\$ 59,313	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	59,313
Special Revenue Funds	 		122,405		706		15,497		17,306		155,914
Total Fund Balances	\$ 59,313	\$	122,405	\$	706	\$	15,497	\$	17,306	\$	215,227

Jasper Township
Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	 General			Road and Bridge		Cemetery		Other ernmental Funds	Gov	Total ernmental Funds	
Receipts:											
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 29,914	\$	-	\$	12,975	\$	-	\$	6,777	\$	49,666
Licenses, Permits and Fees	-		-		-		12,362		-		12,362
Intergovernmental	126,236	:	88,447		127		-		-		214,810
Interest	1,350		664		-		-		504		2,518
Miscellaneous	 738						2,930	-			3,668
Total Receipts	 158,238		89,111		13,102		15,292		7,281		283,024
Disbursements:											
Current:											
General Government	45,092		-		1,328		548		-		46,968
Public Works		1	13,526		25,980		6,734		13,309		159,549
Capital Outlay	168		-		-		18,284		-		18,452
Redemption of Principal	10,000		-		-		-		-		10,000
Interest	 2,780				-						2,780
Total Disbursements	 58,040	1	13,526		27,308		25,566		13,309		237,749
Exess Receipts Over (Under) Disbusment	 100,198	(2	24,415)		(14,206)		(10,274)		(6,028)		45,275
Other Financing Sources (Uses):											
Other Financing Sources	 748						136				884
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	748				-		136				884
Net Change in Fund Balances	100,946	(2	24,415)		(14,206)		(10,138)		(6,028)		46,159
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	 (41,633)	14	46,820		14,912		25,635		23,334		169,068
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ 59,313	\$ 12	22,405	\$	706	\$	15,497	\$	17,306	\$	215,227

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budgetary Basis General Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

		Budgeted	Amo	unts			ariance
	(Original		Final		Actual	ositive egative)
Receipts:							
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	29,915	\$	11,230	\$	29,914	\$ 18,684
Intergovernmental		126,235		117,240		126,236	8,996
Interest		1,350		800		1,350	550
Miscellaneous						738	 738
Total Receipts		157,500		129,270		158,238	28,968
Disbursements:							
Current:		20.445		120 (05		45.000	04.502
General Government		30,445 200		129,685 200		45,092 168	84,593 32
Capital Outlay Redemption of Principal		200		200		10,000	(10,000)
Interest		-		-		2,780	(2,780)
merest						2,700	 (2,760)
Total Disbursements		30,645		129,885		58,040	 71,845
Excess of Receipts Over							
(Under) Disbursements		126,855		(615)		100,198	 100,813
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Other Financing Source (Uses)		-		_		748	 748
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)						748	 748
Net Change in Fund Balance		126,855		(615)		100,946	101,561
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		(41,633)		(41,633)		(41,633)	
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	85,222	\$	(42,248)	\$	59,313	\$ 101,561

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budgetary Basis Gasoline Tax Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Budgeted	Amo	ounts			ıriance
	 Original		Final		Actual	ositive egative)
Receipts:						
Intergovernmental	\$ 88,447	\$	88,100	\$	88,447	\$ 347
Interest	 664		800		664	 (136)
Total Receipts	89,111		88,900		89,111	 211
Disbursements:						
Current:						
Public Works	 204,648		204,648	-	113,526	 91,122
Total Disbursements	 204,648		204,648		113,526	 91,122
Excess of Receipts Over						
(Under) Disbursements	(115,537)		(115,748)		(24,415)	91,333
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	 146,820		146,820		146,820	
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 31,283	\$	31,072	\$	122,405	\$ 91,333

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budgetary Basis Road and Bridge Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

		Budgeted	Amo	unts			ariance
	C	riginal		Final	1	Actual	Positive Jegative)
Receipts:							
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	12,975	\$	29,615	\$	12,975	\$ (16,640)
Intergovernmental		127				127	 127
Total Receipts		13,102		29,615		13,102	 (16,513)
Disbursements:							
General Government		1,385		1,385		1,328	57
Public Works		43,142		43,142		25,980	 17,162
Total Disbursements		44,527		44,527		27,308	 17,219
Excess of Receipts Over							
(Under) Disbursements		(31,425)		(14,912)		(14,206)	 706
Net Change in Fund Balance		(31,425)		(14,912)		(14,206)	 706
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		14,912		14,912		14,912	 -
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	(16,513)	\$		\$	706	\$ 706

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budgetary Basis Cemetery Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

		Budgeted	Amoi	unts		ıriance
	C	riginal		Final	Actual	ositive egative)
Receipts:		_			 	
License, Permits and Fees	\$	12,362	\$	12,500	\$ 12,362	\$ (138)
Miscellaneous		2,130		6,000	 2,930	 (3,070)
Total Receipts		14,492		18,500	 15,292	 (3,208)
Disbursements:						
General Government		700		700	548	152
Public Works		15,475		15,475	6,734	8,741
Capital Outlay		27,960		27,960	 18,284	9,676
Total Disbursements		44,135		44,135	25,566	18,569
Excess of Receipts Over						
(Under) Disbursements		(29,643)		(25,635)	 (10,274)	 15,361
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Other Financing Source		936		_	136	136
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		936		-	136	136
Net Change in Fund Balance		(28,707)		(25,635)	 (10,138)	 15,497
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		25,635		25,635	25,635	
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	(3,072)	\$	-	\$ 15,497	\$ 15,497

Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis December 31, 2006

Government Activities					
\$	169,068				
\$	169,068				
Ф	210.701				
\$	210,701 (41,633)				
\$	169,068				
	\$ \$ \$				

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

				Program Ca	ash Rece	ipts	Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets				
	Disb	Cash	S	Charges for Services and Sales		erating ints and ributions		vernmental activities			
Governmental Activities:											
General Government	\$	73,912	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(73,912)			
Security of Persons and Property		5,421		-		-		(5,421)			
Public Works		93,765		-		88,263		(5,502)			
Health Services		12,281		13,042		-		761			
Capital Outlay		2,554		-		-		(2,554)			
Redemtion of Principle		10,000		-		-		(10,000)			
Interest		3,485				-	-	(3,485)			
Total Governmental Activities		201,418		13,042		88,263		(100,113)			
	Gen	eral Recei	ots								
		_	-	kes Levied fo	r:						
		neral Purpo					10,395				
	Ro	ad and Brid	lge	,				35,797			
	Gra	nts and Enti	tlement	s not							
	F	Restricted to	Specif	ic Programs				17,389			
	Oth	er Financing	g Sourc	es (Uses)				94			
	Inte	rest						2,911			
	Mis	cellaneous						5,594			
	Tota	ıl General I	Receipts	1				72,180			
	Cha	nge in Net A	Assets					(27,933)			
	Net	Assets, Beg	inning o	of Year			197,001				
	Net	Assets, End	of Year	r			\$	169,068			

Jasper Township Statement of Assets and Fund Balances-Cash Basis-Governmental Funds December 31, 2006

		General		Gasoline Tax		oad and Bridge	C	emetery	Gov	Other rernmental Funds		Total vernmental Funds
Assets: Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents Total Assets	\$	(41,633)	\$	146,820 146,820	<u>\$</u> \$	14,912 14,912	<u>\$</u> \$	25,635 25,635	\$	23,334	\$	169,068 169,068
Fund Balances:	<u> </u>	(41,633)	<u> </u>	140,820	<u> </u>	14,912	<u> </u>	23,033	<u> </u>	23,334	<u> </u>	109,008
Unreserved: Undesignated (Deficit), Reported in:												
General Fund Special Revenue Funds	\$	(41,633)	\$	146,820	\$	14,912	\$	25,635	\$	23,334	\$	(41,633) 210,701
Total Fund Balances	\$	(41,633)	\$	146,820	\$	14,912	\$	25,635	\$	23,334	\$	169,068

Jasper Township
Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

	(General	(Gasoline Tax	Road and Bridge		Cemetery Fund		Other Governmental Funds		Total vernmental Funds
Receipts:											
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	10,395	\$	-	\$	28,371	\$	-	\$	7,426	\$ 46,192
Licenses, Permits and Fees		-		-		-		13,042		-	13,042
Intergovernmental		17,389		88,263		-		-		-	105,652
Interest		1,595		734		-		-		582	2,911
Miscellaneous		134						5,460			 5,594
Total Receipts		29,513		88,997		28,371		18,502		8,008	 173,391
Disbursements:											
Current: General Government		61,432				932		772		10,776	73,912
Public Safety		5,421		-		932		112		10,770	5,421
Public Works		3,421		73,411		16,750		-		3,604	93,765
Health		3,371		73,411		10,730		8,910		3,004	12,281
Capital Outlay		200		-		_		2,354		_	2,554
Redeption of Principle		10,000		_		_		2,334		_	10,000
Interest		3,485		_		_		_		_	3,485
merest		3,403							-		 3,403
Total Disbursements		83,909		73,411		17,682		12,036		14,380	 201,418
Net Change in Fund Balances		(54,396)		15,586		10,689		6,466		(6,372)	 (28,027)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):											
Other Financing Sources (Uses)		94									 94
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		94		-		-		-			 94
Net Change in Fund Balances		(54,302)		15,586		10,689		6,466		(6,372)	(27,933)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		12,669		131,234		4,223		19,169		29,706	 197,001
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$	(41,633)	\$	146,820	\$	14,912	\$	25,635	\$	23,334	\$ 169,068

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

	Budgeted Amounts						ariance
		Original		Final		Actual	ositive egative)
Receipts:							
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	16,995	\$	16,995	\$	10,395	\$ (6,600)
Intergovernmental		20,000		20,000		17,389	(2,611)
Interest		2,000		2,000		1,595	(405)
Miscellaneous						134	 134
Total Receipts		38,995		38,995		29,513	 (9,482)
Disbursements:							
Current:							
General Government		63,818		63,818		61,432	2,386
Public Works		15,000		15,000		5,421	9,579
Health		47,846		47,846		3,371	44,475
Capital Outlay		1,000		1,000		200	800
Debt Service:							
Redemption of Principal		-		-		10,000	(10,000)
Interest						3,485	 (3,485)
Total Disbursements		127,664		127,664		83,909	43,755
Excess of Receipts Over							
(Under) Disbursements		(88,669)		(88,669)		(54,396)	 34,273
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Other Financing Sources		76,000		76,000		94	 (75,906)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		76,000		76,000		94	 (75,906)
Net Change in Fund Balance		(12,669)		(12,669)		(54,302)	(41,633)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		12,669		12,669		12,669	
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$		\$		\$	(41,633)	\$ (41,633)

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budgetary Basis Gasoline Tax Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

	Budgeted Amounts						ariance
	(Original		Final		Actual	Positive Jegative)
Receipts:							
Intergovernmental	\$	66,000	\$	66,000	\$	88,263	\$ 22,263
Interest		1,000		1,000		734	 (266)
Total Receipts		67,000		67,000		88,997	21,997
Disbursements:							
Current:							
Public Works		111,747		111,747		73,411	 38,336
Total Disbursements		111,747		111,747		73,411	 38,336
Excess of Receipts Over							
(Under) Disbursements		(44,747)		(44,747)		15,586	60,333
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							-
Other Financing Uses		(55,414)		(55,414)		-	55,414
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(55,414)		(55,414)		-	55,414
Net Change in Fund Balance		(100,161)		(100,161)		15,586	 115,747
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		131,234		131,234		131,234	
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	31,073	\$	31,073	\$	146,820	\$ 115,747

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis Road and Bridge Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

		Budgeted	Amou	ints			ariance ositive
	O:	riginal		Final		Actual	ositive egative)
Receipts:		_					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	29,105	\$	29,105	\$	28,371	\$ (734)
Intergovernmental		1,350		1,350			 (1,350)
Total Receipts		30,455		30,455		28,371	(2,084)
Disbursements:							
General Government		950		950		932	18
Public Works		33,728		33,728		16,750	16,978
Total Disbursements		34,678		34,678		17,682	 16,996
Excess of Receipts Over							
(Under) Disbursements		(4,223)		(4,223)		10,689	14,912
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	(4,223)		(4,223)		10,689	14,912
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		4,223		4,223		4,223	
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	-	\$	-	\$	14,912	\$ 14,912

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budgetary Basis Cemetery Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

		Budgeted	Amoi	unts		iriance ositive
	O	riginal		Final	 Actual	egative)
Receipts:		_		_		
License, Permits and Fees	\$	8,900	\$	8,900	\$ 13,042	\$ 4,142
Miscellaneous				_	5,460	 5,460
						-
Total Receipts		8,900		8,900	 18,502	 9,602
Disbursements:						
General Government		950		950	772	178
Health		14,630		14,630	8,910	5,720
Capital Outlay		12,489		12,489	2,354	 10,135
Total Disbursements		28,069		28,069	12,036	 16,033
Excess of Receipts Over						
(Under) Disbursements		(19,169)		(19,169)	 6,466	 25,635
Net Change in Fund Balance		(19,169)		(19,169)	6,466	25,635
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		19,169		19,169	 19,169	
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	-	\$		\$ 25,635	\$ 25,635

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

Jasper Township, Fayette 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.

A. Primary Government

The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Township. The Township provides general government services, maintenance of Township roads and bridges, and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the SRWW#2 Joint Fire District and Jefferson Township for fire protection.

B. Component Units

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

The Township has no component units.

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

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As discussed further in Note 2. C, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the Township's accounting policies.

A. Basis of Presentation

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the Township as a

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other no exchange transactions.

The statement of net assets presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the Township at year end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for the Township's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the Township is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services, grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and receipts of interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function or business-type activity 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 and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

B. Fund Accounting

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

Governmental Funds

The Township classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other non exchange transactions as governmental funds. Monies are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purpose for which they may or must be used. The following are the Township's major funds:

<u>General Fund</u> - The General Fund is the general operating fund It 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.

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

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For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

<u>Road and Bridge Fund</u> - This fund receives property tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

<u>Cemetery Fund</u> - This fund receives money for burials and opening and closing of graves to pay for cemetery maintenance.

<u>Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund</u> - This fund receives proceeds from the tax levied on all motor vehicle license sold in the Township for road maintenance and repairs.

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

C. Basis of Accounting

The Township's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. 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 expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

D. Budgetary Process

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

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

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

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Township during the year.

E. Cash and Investments

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

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as investments. Investments are reported as assets. 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 negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

During 2007 and 2006, the Township invested all available funds in a checking account with Fifth Third bank.

Interest earnings are allocated to Township funds according to State statutes, grant requirements, or debt related restrictions. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during 2007 and 2006 was \$1,350 and \$1,595, respectively, and \$1,168 and \$1,316 respectively, credited to various other Township funds.

F. 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

G. 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 7 and 8, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

H. 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.

I. 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

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available. Restricted net assets represent \$155,914 of a total fund balance of \$215,227 in 2007 and \$210,701 of a total fund balance of \$169,068 in 2006.

Note 3 - Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budgetary Basis presented for the general fund and any major special revenue fund are prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The differences between the budgetary basis and the cash basis are outstanding year end encumbrances, and are treated as disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (cash basis). There were no outstanding encumbrances at the end of 2007 and 2006.

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

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

Active monies are public monies necessary to meet current demands on the 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 Township has 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 may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

- 1. United States treasury notes, bills, bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities 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 that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments (continued)

- 4. by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- 5. (Continued)Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or Ohio local governments;
- 6. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to passbook accounts.
- 7. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- 8. 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. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

Deposits

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Township will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Fiscal year end At December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the Township's bank balances were \$215,227 and \$173,323, respectively, of which, 115,227 and \$73,323 were exposed to custodial credit risk because they were uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, but not in the Township's name.

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

Investments

The Township invests all available funds in a public checking account with a Fifth Third Bank. 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.

Note 5 – Property Taxes

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property, public utility property, and tangible personal property located in the Township. Real property tax receipts received in 2007 represent the collection of 2006 taxes. Real property taxes received in 2007 were levied after October 1, 2006, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2006, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006

Note 5 - Property Taxes (continued)

established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax receipts received in 2007 represent the collection of 2006 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in 2007 became a lien on December 31, 2006, were levied after October 1, 2007, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

Tangible personal property tax receipts received in 2007 (other than public utility property) represent the collection of 2006 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in 2007 were levied after October 1, 2006, on the true value as of December 31, 2006. Tangible personal property is currently assessed at 25 percent of true value for capital assets and 23 percent for inventory. Amounts paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semiannually. If paid annually, the first payment is due April 30; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20.

The full tax rate for all Township operations for the year ended December 31, 2007, was \$2.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property, public utility property, and tangible personal property upon which 2007 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

Real Property:	2007		2006	
Agricultural/Residential	\$	12,137,250	\$	12,236,540
Commercial / industrial / Mineral		202,910		219,320
Tangible Personal Property:				
General		237,320		570
Public untility Real		2,887,140		2,887,140
Total Assessed Value	\$	15,464,620	\$	15,343,570

Note 6 – Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The Township insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006

Note 6 – Risk Management (continued)

Casualty Coverage

For an Occurrence prior to January 1, 2006, OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence, including claim adjustment expenses. OTARMA pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000 up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. For an occurrence on or subsequent to January 1, 2006, the Pool retains casualty risk up to \$350,000 per occurrence Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured with APEEP in an amount not to exceed \$2,6950,000 for each claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect up to \$10,000,000 in additional coverage with the General Reinsurance Corporation, through contracts with OTARMA.

If losses exhaust PEP's retained earnings, APEEP provides *excess of funds available* coverage up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000 (prior to January 1, 2006) or \$3,000,000 (on or subsequent to January 1, 2006).

Property Coverage

Through 2004, OTARMA retained property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsured losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$500 million per occurrence. APEEP's Guarantee Fund was responsible for losses and loss adjustment expenses exceeding operating contributions.

Beginning in 2005, Travelers reinsures specific losses exceeding \$250,000 up to \$600 miller per occurrence. APEEP reinsures members for specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$250,000 per occurrence, subject to an annual aggregate loss payment. Travelers provides aggregate stop-loss coverage based upon the combined members' total insurable values. If the stop loss is reached by payment of losses between \$100,000 and \$250,000, Travelers will reinsure specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to their \$600 million per occurrence limit. The aggregate stop-loss limit for 2007 (latest information available) was \$2,014,548.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge OTARMA's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective township.

Property and casualty settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

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

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31,

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006

Note 6 – Risk Management (continued)

2007 and 2006.

	2007	2006
Assets	\$43,210,703	\$ 42,042,275
Liabilities	(13,357,837)	(12,120,661)
Retained Earnings	\$29,852,866	\$ 29,921,614

At December 31,2007 and 2006, respectively, liabilities above include approximately \$12.5 million and \$11.3 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets and retained earnings above also include approximately \$11.6 million and \$10.8 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 950 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. The Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$5,000. This payable includes the subsequent year's contribution due if the Township terminates participation, as described in the last paragraph below.

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

Contributions to OTARMA				
2006	\$5,539			
2007	\$4,207			

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

Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006

Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (continued)

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (continued)

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

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

For the years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the members of all three plans were required to contribute 9.5 percent and 9.0 percent respectively of their annual covered salaries. The Township's contribution rate for pension benefits for 2007 and 2006 were 13.70 and 13.85 percent respectively. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The Township's required contributions for pension obligations to the traditional and combined plans for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 were \$10,890, \$10,210 and \$18,712 respectively. The full amount has been contributed for 2007, 2006 and 2005.

Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) provides postretirement health care coverage to age and service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit with either the traditional or combined plans. Health care coverage for disability recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. Members of the member-directed plan do not qualify for postretirement health care coverage. The health care coverage provided by the retirement system is considered an Other Postemployment Benefit as described in *GASB Statement No 12*. A portion of each employer's contribution to the traditional or combined plans is set aside for the funding of postretirement health care based on authority granted by State statue. The 2006 (latest information available) local government employer contribution rate was 13.7 percent of covered payroll; 4.00 percent of covered payroll was the portion that was used to fund health care.

Benefits are advance-funded using the individual entry age actuarial cost method. Significant actuarial assumptions, based on OPERS's latest actuarial review performed as of December 31, 2005 (latest information available), include a rate of return on investments of 6.50 percent, an annual increase in active employee total payroll of 4.00 percent compounded annually (assuming no change in the number of active employees) and an additional increase in total payroll of between .50 percent and 6.3 percent based on additional annual pay increases. Health care costs were assumed to increase between 1.00 and 6.00 percent annually for the next eight years and 4.00 percent annually after eight years.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006

Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits (continued)

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (continued)

All investments are carried at market value. For actuarial valuation purposes, a smoothed market approach is used. Assets are adjusted to reflect 25 percent of unrealized market appreciation or depreciation on investment assets annually.

The number of active contributing participants in the traditional and combined plans was 369,214. The number of active contributing participants for both plans used in the December 31, 2006 (latest information available), actuarial valuation was 358,804. Actual employer contributions for 2007 which were used to fund postemployment benefits were \$1,887. The actual contribution and the actuarially required contribution amounts are the same. OPERS's net assets available for payment of benefits at December 31, 2006, (the latest information available) were \$11.1 billion. The actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability were \$31.3 billion and \$20.2 billion, respectively.

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

Note 9 – Compliance

- (1) Contrary to Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 the Township made appropriations in excess of estimated resources concerning the General Fund during 2007.
- (2) Contrary to Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36 the Township did not properly file amended certificate of estimate resources when deficient revenues would have caused available resources to fall below the current level of appropriation. This occurred in the General fund and Road and Bridge fund during 2006.
- (3) Contrary to Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.24 Township paid trustees from funds other than the general fund without properly documenting time spent on work allocable to other funds during 2006.
- (4) Contrary to Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) the Township did not properly certify the availability of funds prior to obligations for 97.4 % or \$75,263 of purchases tested in 2006 and 84.3% or \$96,179 of purchases tested in 2007.
- (5) Contrary to Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10 the Township General fund has a negative balance as of December 31, 2006, indicating money paid to the fund was not used only for the purposes for which it was established.

Note 10 - Debt

The Township's long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2007, was as follows:

General Obligation Notes, 2000 issue \$100,000

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006

Note 10 – Debt (continued)

Interest	Balance			Balance	Due Within
Rate	January 1,	Additions	Reductions	December	One Year
	2006			31, 2007	
5%	50,000	-0-	20,000	30,000	10,000

The general obligation notes were issued to finance the construction of a new township building. The note is collateralized solely by the Township's taxing authority.

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

	G.O. Bonds	
Year	Principal	<u>Interest</u>
2008	10,000	2,061
2009	10,000	1,374
2010	10,000	687
Totals	\$30,000	\$4,122

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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

Jasper Township
Fayette County
7790 State Route 729 NW
Washington Court House, Ohio 43160

We have audited the financial statements of Jasper Township (the Township), Fayette County, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated December 31, 2008 wherein we noted the Township prepared its financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits 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 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 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 on 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.

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

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 its applicable accounting basis, 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. We consider the following deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting as items 2007-006.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or a 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.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

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 and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. The significant deficiency reported is not a material weakness in internal control over financial reporting.

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 and grant agreements, 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 five instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as items 2007-001, 2007-002, 2007-003, 2007-004, and 2007-005

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

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

Cantill & Associates, CPA'S

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December 31, 2008

JASPER TOWNSHIP FAYETTE COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

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

FINDING NUMBER 2007-001

Noncompliance Citation - Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39

The Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39 provides that total appropriations from each fund shall not exceed the total estimated resources for that fund.

In 2007, appropriations for the general fund exceeded estimated resources by \$42,248.

We recommend that the Township appropriate no more than is certified on the amended certificate of estimated resources.

Township Response:

The township will monitor budgetary activity more closely.

FINDING NUMBER 2007-002

Noncompliance Citation - Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36

The Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36 (A)(2) allows all subdivisions to request increased amended certificates of estimated resources and reduced amended certificates upon determination by the fiscal officer that revenue to be collected will be greater or less than the amount in the official certificate of estimated resources. ORC 5705.36 requires the Township to obtain an increased amended certificate of estimated resources from the budget commission if the legislative authority intends to appropriate and expend excess revenue. The Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36 (A) (4) requires the Township to obtain a reduced amended certificate if the amount of the deficiency will reduce available resources below the current level of appropriation.

The Township did not properly file amended certificate of estimate resources when deficient revenues would have caused available resources to fall below the current level of appropriation. This occurred in the General fund and Road and Bridge fund during 2006. This also occurred in the General fund, Road and Bridge fund, and Cemetery Fund during 2007.

We recommend the Fiscal Officer obtain a reduced certificate of estimated resources when it is determined that estimated receipts will be less than the actual receipts causing resources to fall below the level of appropriations.

Township Response:

The Township will monitor budgetary activity more closely.

FINDING NUMBER 2007-003

Noncompliance Citation - Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.24

The Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.24 requires trustees to establish administrative procedures to document the proportionate amount chargeable to other township funds based on the kinds of services rendered. If trustees do not document their time, then no part of salaries may be paid from other funds.

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

FINDING NUMBER 2007-003 (continued)

The Township paid trustees salaries partially from the General Fund, Gas Tax Fund, and the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund in 2006. Trustees did not document time worked allocable to other funds. This resulted in adjustments being made to the financial statements.

We recommend that the Township Trustees document time worked allocable to other funds when being paid from funds other than the General fund.

Township Response:

Trustees will document time allocable to other funds when being paid from other funds.

FINDING NUMBER 2007-004

Noncompliance Citation – Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41 (D)

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41 (D) states no orders or contracts involving the expenditure of money are to be made unless there is a certificate of the fiscal officer attached that the amount required for the order or contract has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of

an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances.

The following exceptions to this basic requirement are provided by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D):

Then and Now Certificate: If the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made and at the time that he is completing his certification, sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the taxing authority can authorize the drawing of a warrant for the payment of the amount due.

The taxing authority has 30 days from the receipt of the "then and now" certificate to approve payment by resolution or ordinance. If approval is not made within 30 days, there is no legal liability on the part of the subdivision or taxing district.

Amounts of less than \$100 for counties, or less than \$3,000 for other political subdivisions, may be paid by the fiscal officer without such affirmation of the taxing authority upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by the taxing authority.

The Township did not properly certify the availability of funds prior to obligation for 97.4% or \$75,263 of purchases tested in 2006 and 84.3% or \$96,179 of the purchases tested in 2007.

We recommend the Township implement policies to ensure that all purchases first have monies certified by the Fiscal Officer before purchasing or ordering an item. We also recommend the use of a "then and now" certificate in instances of emergency or absence of proper authority.

Township Response:

The Township will implement control procedures to ensure timely certification of funds.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

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

FINDING NUMBER 2007-005

Noncompliance Citation - Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10 provides that money paid into a fund must be used only for the purposes for which such fund has been established. As a result, a negative fund balance indicates that money from one fund was use to cover the expenses of another fund.

The Township General fund had a negative balance as of December 31, 2006. Indicating that money was used for the purposes of another fund.

We recommend that the Township use money paid into a fund only for the purposes for which that fund was established.

Township Response:

The Township will use funds only for the purpose for which they were established.

FINDING NUMBER 2007-006

Significant Deficiency

All timesheets with hours should have unrelated supervision to assure accuracy of hours worked, and to assure that time did not overextend beyond approved hours of work for job description.

In 2006 and 2007 timesheets for hourly employees were not signed as approved by authorized personnel.

We recommend that all timesheets be signed by an unrelated party, dated an approved by a supervisor before submission for payment to prevent hours worked to extend beyond expected amounts.

Township Response:

The Township will implement the recommended control procedures.

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

			Not Corrected, Partially
Finding Number			Corrected; Significantly
	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Different Corrective Action
			Taken; or Finding No Longer
			Valid; Explain
2005 - 001	5705.41.(D) Untimely	No	Not Corrected. Reissue as
2005 - 001	Certification of Funds		finding 2007 - 004



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

JASPER TOWNSHIP

FAYETTE 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 MAY 14, 2009