TIVERTON TOWNSHIP COSHOCTON COUNTY Regular Audit December 31, 2008 and 2007

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Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Board of Trustees Tiverton Township 35820 CR 33 Warsaw, Ohio 43844

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report* of Tiverton Township, Coshocton County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

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

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

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April 29, 2009



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

April 17, 2009

Tiverton Township Coshocton County 35820 CR 33 Warsaw, OH 43844

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Tiverton Township**, **Coshocton County**, **Ohio**, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP requires presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Township's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Township does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the second following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

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In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 or their changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances for Tiverton Township, Coshocton County, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The Township has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 17, 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry and Associates

Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Gov			
	General	Special Revenue	Permanent	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$ 24,324		\$ -	\$ 25,290
Intergovernmental	26,254		-	123,809
Earnings on Investments	327		-	2,429
Other Revenue	861	4,749		5,610
Total Cash Receipts	51,766	105,372		157,138
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:	27.247	4.45		27.702
General Government Public Works	37,347 858		-	37,792
Health	4,375		-	94,409 4,375
Conservation/Recreation	325		_	325
Miscellaneous	494		_	494
Capital Outlay	8,332		_	12,720
Debt Service:	3,22	.,		,
Principal	13,700	_	-	13,700
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,739			1,739
Total Cash Disbursements	67,170	98,384	<u>-</u>	165,554
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(15,404	6,988	-	(8,416)
Other Financing Receipts:				
Sale of Fixed Assets	24,606			24,606
Total Other Financing Receipts	24,606			24,606
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	9,202	6,988	-	16,190
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	20,824	123,754	14,724	159,302
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 30,026	\$ 130,742	\$ 14,724	\$ 175,492

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Gov			
	General	Special Revenue	Permanent	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Local Taxes Intergovernmental Earnings on Investments Other Revenue	\$ 24,174 16,655 230 317	\$ 1,149 96,245 1,978 441	\$ - - -	\$ 25,323 112,900 2,208 758
Total Cash Receipts	41,376	99,813		141,189
Cash Disbursements: Current: General Government Public Works Health Conservation / Recreation Miscellaneous Capital Outlay Debt Service: Principal Interest and Fiscal Charges Total Cash Disbursements	36,919 754 4,300 86 65 29,792	380 38,183 - - - 14,730 29,639 1,478 84,410	- - - - - - - -	37,299 38,937 4,300 86 65 44,522 29,639 1,478
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(30,540)	15,403	-	(15,137)
Other Financing Receipts: Note Proceeds Total Other Financing Receipts	<u>37,000</u> 37,000		. <u> </u>	37,000
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Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	6,460	15,403	-	21,863
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	14,364	108,351	14,724	137,439
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 20,824	\$ 123,754	\$ 14,724	\$ 159,302

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Tiverton Township, Coshocton County, (the Township) is a body corporate and politic 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 and publicly elected Fiscal Officer. The Township provides general governmental services, including maintenance of Township roads and cemeteries.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

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

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

Change in Basis of Accounting

During the last audit period, the Township implemented the cash basis of accounting. The fund financial statements presented each major fund in a separate column with nonmajor funds aggregated and presented in a single column, rather than a column for each fund type. This audit period the Township has elected to report fund financial statements by fund type using the regular basis of accounting as prescribed by the Auditor of State's office.

C. Cash

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 disbursements, respectively.

The Township Fiscal Officer invests all available funds of the Township in an interest bearing checking account and Certificates of Deposit. Certificates of Deposit are valued at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007 (CONTINUED)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township has the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

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

3. Permanent Fund (Trust Fund)

These funds account for assets held under a trust agreement that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, are available to support the Township's programs. The Township had the following significant Permanent Fund:

<u>Cemetery Bequest Fund</u> – This fund receives interest earned on the nonexpendable corpus from a trust agreement. The earnings are used for the general maintenance and upkeep of the Township's cemetery.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

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

2. Estimated Resources

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

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be re-appropriated.

A summary of 2008 and 2007 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007 (CONTINUED)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

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

	2008	2007
Demand deposits	\$ 160,7	\$ 144,578
Certificates of Deposit	14,7	724 14,724
Total deposits	\$ 175,4	\$ 159,302

Deposits: are either (1) insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 follows:

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	E	Budgeted		Actual						
Fund Type]	Receipts		Receipts		Receipts		Receipts	Variance	
General	\$	65,906	\$	76,372	\$	10,466				
Special Revenue		106,840		105,372		(1,468)				
Total	\$	172,746	\$	181,744	\$	8,998				

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

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	App	Appropriation		Budgetary							
Fund Type	A	Authority		Authority		Authority		Expenditures		Variance	
General	\$	86,730	\$	67,170	\$	19,560					
Special Revenue		230,593		98,384		132,209					
Total	\$	317,323	\$	165,554	\$	151,769					

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007 (CONTINUED)

3. **BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)**

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted		Actual							
Fund Type	Receipts		Receipts		Receipts		Receipts		Variance	
General	\$	78,071	\$	78,376	\$	305				
Special Revenue		103,385		99,813		(3,572)				
Total	\$	181,456	\$	178,189	\$	(3,267)				

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Appropriation		Budgetary			_				
Authority		Authority		Authority		Expenditures		Variance	
\$	92,434	\$	71,916	\$	20,518				
	211,735		84,410		127,325				
\$	304,169	\$	156,326	\$	147,843				
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4. PROPERTY TAX

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

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

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

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

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's elected officials and employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multi-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including post retirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2008 and 2007, members of PERS contributed 10% (2008) and 9.5% (2007) of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 14% (2008) and 13.85% (2007) of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2008.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007 (CONTINUED)

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Township belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the "Plan"), a nonassessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self insurance risk management program and other administrative services to over 550 Ohio governments ("Members").

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages, modified for each Member's needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the Member's deductible.

The Plan issues its own policies and reinsures the Plan with A- VII or better rated carriers, except for the 15% casualty and the 10% property portions the Plan retains. The Plan retains the lesser of 15% or \$37,500 of casualty losses and the lesser of 10% or \$100,000 of property losses. Individual Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member.

Plan members are responsible to notify the Plan of their intent to renew coverage by their renewal date. If a member chooses not to renew with the Plan, they have no other financial obligation to the Plan, but still need to promptly notify the Plan of any potential claims occurring during their membership period. The former member's covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of the Plan.

Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2007 and 2006 (the latest information available):

	2007	2006
Assets	\$ 11,136,455	\$ 9,620,148
Liabilities	 (4,273,553)	(3,329,620)
Member's Equity	\$ 6,862,902	\$ 6,290,528

You can read the complete audited financial statements for The Ohio Government Risk Management Plan at the Plan's website, www.ohioplan.org.

7. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2008 was as follows:

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	Principal	Rate
Promissory Note	\$ 23,301	4.70%

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007 (CONTINUED)

7. **DEBT** (Continued)

The outstanding note was for the purchase of approximately 1.968 acres of land in September 2007. The note will be paid off in annual payments of \$3,700, not including accrued interest at 4.70%. The final payment was originally due to be made in September of 2018. However, the Township made an extra principal payment of \$9,999 in October of 2008. The Township is not obligated to continue this. If the Township makes no additional extra principal payments, the final payment will be due in September of 2015.

During the audit period, the Township paid off a previously outstanding promissory note that had been obtained for the purchase of a 2005 International Dump Truck and Accessories.

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

Year ending	Mortgage
December 31:	Loan
2009	\$ 4,800
2010	4,621
2011	4,447
2012	4,274
2013	4,099
2014-2015	5,026
Total	\$ 27,267

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

April 17, 2009

Tiverton Township Coshocton County 35820 CR 33 Warsaw, OH 43844

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of **Tiverton Township**, **Coshocton County**, **Ohio** (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated April 17, 2009, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in 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 a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider a significant deficiency.

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.

We consider finding 2008-001 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting.

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Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (Continued)

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. We do not believe that the significant deficiency described above is a material weakness.

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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry and Associates

Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

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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

Significant Deficiency

Posting Receipts and Expenditures

During 2008 and 2007, several receipts and expenditures were not posted into accurate revenue or expenditures classifications based on the source of the receipt or expenditure. Examples of mis-postings are as follows: note proceeds were posted as other revenue, miscellaneous receipts were posted as other financing sources, and extra debt principal payments were posted as other expenses and interest.

These mis-postings resulted in several audit reclassifications which are reflected in the financial statements.

We recommend the Fiscal Officer refer to the Ohio Township Handbook for guidance to determine the proper establishment of receipt and expenditure accounts and posting of receipts and expenditures.

Management's Response – The Fiscal Officer will take the necessary steps to ensure postings are done properly in the future.



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

TIVERTON TOWNSHIP

COSHOCTON 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 12, 2009