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TRIMBLE TOWNSHIP
ATHENS COUNTY

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Trimble Township
Athens County
22800 Fox Hunter Road
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To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to a interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your Township 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. Our Report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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October 6, 2009

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Trimble Township
Athens County
22800 Fox Hunter Road
Glouster, Ohio 45732

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Trimble Township, Athens 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. The Township's financial transactions were processed using the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to conduct the audit of the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code Section 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code Sections 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As 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 require 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 following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require townships 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.

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 its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

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

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



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October 6, 2009

**TRIMBLE TOWNSHIP
ATHENS COUNTY**

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 15,444	\$ 94,887	\$ 110,331
Intergovernmental	18,878	143,338	162,216
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		12,250	12,250
Earnings on Investments	410	1,049	1,459
Miscellaneous	204	15,463	15,667
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Total Cash Receipts	34,936	266,987	301,923
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	30,841		30,841
Public Safety		16,458	16,458
Public Works		114,923	114,923
Health		66,162	66,162
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal		17,311	17,311
Interest and Fiscal Charges		2,397	2,397
Capital Outlay		2,498	2,498
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Total Cash Disbursements	30,841	219,749	250,590
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	4,095	47,238	51,333
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):			
Other Sources		1,800	1,800
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Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	0	1,800	1,800
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	4,095	49,038	53,133
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	14,177	137,850	152,027
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 18,272	\$ 186,888	\$ 205,160

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

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ATHENS COUNTY**

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 17,576	\$ 108,756	\$ 126,332
Intergovernmental	16,641	109,639	126,280
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		18,650	18,650
Earnings on Investments	279	1,027	1,306
Miscellaneous	207	13,305	13,512
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Total Cash Receipts	34,703	251,377	286,080
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	30,343		30,343
Public Safety		20,379	20,379
Public Works		139,312	139,312
Health		97,253	97,253
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal		11,000	11,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges		1,844	1,844
Capital Outlay		41,381	41,381
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Total Cash Disbursements	30,343	311,169	341,512
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	4,360	(59,792)	(55,432)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):			
Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt:			
Sale of Notes		18,665	18,665
Other Sources		1,800	1,800
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Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	0	20,465	20,465
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	4,360	(39,327)	(34,967)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, as restated	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	9,817	177,177	186,994
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 14,177	\$ 137,850	\$ 152,027
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 0	\$ 218	\$ 218

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

**TRIMBLE TOWNSHIP
ATHENS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Trimble Township, Athens County (the Township), as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance and fire protection.

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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements 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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Cash and Investments

The Township Fiscal Officer invests all available funds of the Township in an interest bearing checking account and certificates of deposit. The Township values certificates of deposits at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges.

Gasoline Tax Fund - This fund receives gasoline tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

Cemetery Fund - This fund receives property tax money and interest for maintaining Township cemeteries.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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, 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. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered 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 individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2008 and 2007 budgetary activity appears in Note 4.

F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The Township records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

2. RESTATEMENT OF BEGINNING FUND BALANCES

The Township voided a check written prior to January 1, 2007 resulting in the restatement of fund balance as follows:

Fund	12/31/2006 Fund Balance	Amount	Restated 1/1/2007 Balance
Cemetery	\$ 62,151	\$ 44	\$ 62,195

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
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3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2008	2007
Demand deposits	\$ 205,160	\$ 152,027

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

4. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 34,781	\$ 34,936	\$ 155
Special Revenue	255,903	268,787	12,884
Total	\$ 290,684	\$ 303,723	\$ 13,039

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 53,958	\$ 30,841	\$ 23,117
Special Revenue	412,553	219,749	192,804
Total	\$ 466,511	\$ 250,590	\$ 215,921

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 38,352	\$ 34,703	\$ (3,649)
Special Revenue	287,092	271,842	(15,250)
Total	\$ 325,444	\$ 306,545	\$ (18,899)

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 48,169	\$ 30,343	\$ 17,826
Special Revenue	464,096	311,387	152,709
Total	\$ 512,265	\$ 341,730	\$ 170,535

**TRIMBLE TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
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5. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopt rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, 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.

6. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2008 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Promissory Note - Dump Truck	\$ 24,277	3.95%
Promissory Note - Fire Truck	12,750	5.00%

The Dump Truck Promissory Note was for the purchase of a dump truck. The original note payable was for \$57,256. The full faith and credit of the Township has been pledged to repay the debt.

The Fire Truck Promissory Note was for the purchase of a fire truck. The original note payable was for \$18,665. The full faith and credit of the Township has been pledged to repay the debt.

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

Year	Dump Truck Note		Fire Equipment Note	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2009	\$ 11,887	\$ 957	\$ 6,207	\$ 647
2010	12,390	488	6,543	332
2011	0			
Total	\$ 24,277	\$ 1,445	\$ 12,750	\$ 979

7. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Township's elected officials and employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes the plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2008 and 2007, OPERS members contributed 10% and 9.5%, respectively, of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% and 13.85%, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2008.

**TRIMBLE TOWNSHIP
ATHENS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
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8. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.

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

Trimble Township
Athens County
22800 Fox Hunter Road
Glouster, Ohio 45732

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Trimble Township, Athens County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 and have issued our report thereon dated October 6, 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 also noted the Township uses the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) to process its financial transactions. *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the Auditor of State's independence to audit the Township. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code Section 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code Sections 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting.

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

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

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

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 we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note certain noncompliance or other matters that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated October 6, 2009.

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



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October 6, 2009

**TRIMBLE TOWNSHIP
ATHENS COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2006-001	A finding for recovery was issued for the overpayment of overtime at a rate of 2.25 times the normal hourly rate rather than 1.5 times the normal hourly rate. Finding was repaid under audit.	Yes	NA
2006-002	A material non-compliance citation was issued under Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) for actual disbursements exceeded appropriations for various funds in the year ended December 31, 2006.	Yes	NA
2006-003	A material non-compliance citation was issued under Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D)(1) for funds not being encumbered prior to purchase commitment during 2004 and 2003.	Yes	NA



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
NOVEMBER 5, 2009**