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**ISRAEL TOWNSHIP  
PREBLE COUNTY**

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Israel Township  
Preble County  
10893 State Route 177  
College Corner, Ohio 45003

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 an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS 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. Our Report includes an adverse 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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**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

April 19, 2011

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Israel Township  
Preble County  
10893 State Route 177  
College Corner, Ohio 45003

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Israel Township, Preble County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. 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 processes its financial transactions with 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 audit 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 § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code § 117.11(A) mandates the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. 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 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, 2010 and 2009 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, 2010 and 2009, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Israel Township, Preble County, as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, 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 April 19, 2011, 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.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

April 19, 2011



**ISRAEL TOWNSHIP  
PREBLE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$77,439	\$23,229			\$100,668
Intergovernmental	48,948	103,704			152,652
Special Assessments			\$3,906		3,906
Licenses, Permits and Fees		3,800			3,800
Earnings on Investments	280	8			288
Miscellaneous		2,900			2,900
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<u>126,667</u>	<u>133,641</u>	<u>3,906</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>264,214</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>					
Current:					
General Government	66,031				66,031
Public Safety	13,043				13,043
Public Works	29,850	93,486	2,281		125,617
Health	8,522	2,418			10,940
Capital Outlay		2,589			2,589
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<u>117,446</u>	<u>98,493</u>	<u>2,281</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>218,220</u>
<b>Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</b>	<u>9,221</u>	<u>35,148</u>	<u>1,625</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,994</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</b>	<u>111,728</u>	<u>130,357</u>	<u>4,021</u>	<u>1,192</u>	<u>247,298</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u><u>\$120,949</u></u>	<u><u>\$165,505</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,646</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,192</u></u>	<u><u>\$293,292</u></u>

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

**ISRAEL TOWNSHIP  
PREBLE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$79,244	\$22,752			\$101,996
Intergovernmental	23,064	105,267			128,331
Special Assessments			\$4,283		4,283
Licenses, Permits and Fees		2,700			2,700
Earnings on Investments	725	87		\$23	835
Miscellaneous	753	5,506			6,259
	<u>103,786</u>	<u>136,312</u>	<u>4,283</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>244,404</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>					
Current:					
General Government	78,447				78,447
Public Safety	11,752				11,752
Public Works	7,000	62,963	4,538		74,501
Health	3,044	11,963			15,007
Capital Outlay	318	21,892			22,210
	<u>100,561</u>	<u>96,818</u>	<u>4,538</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>201,917</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>3,225</u>	<u>39,494</u>	<u>(255)</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>42,487</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>108,503</u>	<u>90,863</u>	<u>4,276</u>	<u>1,169</u>	<u>204,811</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<b><u>\$111,728</u></b>	<b><u>\$130,357</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,021</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,192</u></b>	<b><u>\$247,298</u></b>

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

**ISRAEL TOWNSHIP  
PREBLE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009**

**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 Israel Township, Preble County, Ohio (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, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with West College Corner Volunteer Fire Department to provide fire services to the west half of the Township and Camden-Somers Fire and Rescue Protection District to provide fire services to the east half of the Township and ambulance services to the entire Township.

The Township participates in the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) public entity risk pool. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity. The organization is:

OTARMA which is a public entity risk pool that provides property and casualty coverage for its members. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP).

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

**B. Accounting Basis**

These financial statements follow the accounting basis 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. Deposits and Investments**

The Township values certificates of deposit at cost. The investment in STAR Ohio (the State Treasurer's investment pool) is recorded at amounts reported by the State Treasurer.

**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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009  
(Continued)**

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**2. Special Revenue Funds**

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from private-purpose 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 to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

**3. Capital Project Funds**

These funds account for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant Capital Project Funds:

Morning Sun Lighting Fund – This fund receives the special assessment taxes assessed on the benefiting property owners of Morning Sun.

Fairhaven Lighting Fund – This fund receives the special assessment taxes assessed on the benefiting property owners of Fairhaven.

Lakeland Terrace Lighting Fund – This fund receives the special assessment taxes assessed on the benefiting property owners of Lakeland Terrace.

**4. Permanent 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:

Martin-Haworth-Palmer-Ewing Bequest Fund - This fund receives interest earned on the nonexpendable corpus from a trust agreement. These 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 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. Appropriations lapse at year end.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009  
(Continued)**

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**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 individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2010 and 2009 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**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.

**2. Equity in Pooled Deposits and Investments**

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

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Demand deposits	\$274,552	\$163,631
Certificates of deposit	2,096	2,094
Total deposits	<u>276,648</u>	<u>165,725</u>
STAR Ohio	16,644	81,573
Total investments	<u>16,644</u>	<u>81,573</u>
Total deposits and investments	<u><u>\$293,292</u></u>	<u><u>\$247,298</u></u>

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

**Investments:** Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009  
(Continued)**

**3. Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2010 and 2009 follows:

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$115,500	\$126,667	\$11,167
Special Revenue	142,640	133,641	(8,999)
Capital Projects	4,916	3,906	(1,010)
Permanent	48		(48)
Total	<u>\$263,104</u>	<u>\$264,214</u>	<u>\$1,110</u>

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$157,665	\$117,446	\$40,219
Special Revenue	137,000	98,493	38,507
Capital Projects	6,286	2,281	4,005
Permanent	1,192		1,192
Total	<u>\$302,143</u>	<u>\$218,220</u>	<u>\$83,923</u>

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$24,500	\$103,786	\$79,286
Special Revenue	107,915	136,312	28,397
Capital Projects	4,000	4,283	283
Permanent	25	23	(2)
Total	<u>\$136,440</u>	<u>\$244,404</u>	<u>\$107,964</u>

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$153,900	\$100,561	\$53,339
Special Revenue	176,503	96,818	79,685
Capital Projects	4,602	4,538	64
Permanent	1,169		1,169
Total	<u>\$336,174</u>	<u>\$201,917</u>	<u>\$134,257</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009  
(Continued)**

**4. Property Tax**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax 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.

**5. Retirement Systems**

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2010 and 2009, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2010.

**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. American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc. (ARPCO), a division of York Insurance Services Group, Inc. (York), functions as the administrator of OTARMA and provides underwriting, claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for OTARMA. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by ARPCO. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty and Property Coverage

APEEP provides OTARMA with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, OTARMA retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2009, OTARMA retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$150,000 for property claims.

**ISRAEL TOWNSHIP  
PREBLE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009  
(Continued)**

**6. Risk Management (Continued)**

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

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, 2009 and 2008 (the latest information available):

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Assets	\$38,982,088	\$40,737,740
Liabilities	(12,880,766)	(12,981,818)
Net Assets	<u>\$26,101,322</u>	<u>\$27,755,922</u>

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$12.0 and \$12.1 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$11.5 and \$10.9 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 950 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2009, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$4,813.

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.

<u>Contributions to OTARMA</u>	
<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
\$3,094	\$5,768

After one year of membership, a member may withdraw on the anniversary of the date of joining OTARMA, if the member notifies OTARMA in writing 60 days prior to the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to the pool. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all 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.





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

Israel Township  
Preble County  
10893 State Route 177  
College Corner, Ohio 45003

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Israel Township, Preble County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated April 19, 2011, 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 processes its financial transactions with 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 audit 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 § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code § 117.11(A) mandates 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 the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining 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 was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Therefore, we cannot assure that we have identified all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider a material weakness.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected. We consider finding 2010-001 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be 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 we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated April 19, 2011.

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

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**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

April 19, 2011

**ISRAEL TOWNSHIP  
PREBLE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009**

<b>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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**FINDING NUMBER 2010-001**

**Material Weakness**

When designing the public office's system of internal control and the specific control activities, management should consider ensuring that accounting records are properly designed, verifying the existence and valuation of assets and liabilities and periodically reconcile them to the accounting records, and performing analytical procedures to determine the reasonableness of financial data.

The Township lacks management oversight in the posting of receipts and expenditures. This lack of oversight is illustrated by the following:

- In 2009 and 2010 the Fiscal Officer incorrectly charged street lighting services (\$2,264 in 2009; \$2,274 in 2010) to the Road & Bridge Fund. The Fiscal Officer should have posted these expenditures to the street lighting funds [Morning Sun Lighting, Fairhaven Lighting, Lakeland Terrace Lighting].
- In 2009 the Fiscal Officer posted auction proceeds (\$3,906) to Taxes rather than Miscellaneous in the Road & Bridge Fund.
- In 2009 and 2010 the Fiscal Officer posted homestead/rollback receipts (\$4,826 in 2009; \$4,974 in 2010) to Taxes in the General Fund rather than to Intergovernmental and allocated between the General Fund and the Road & Bridge Fund.
- In 2009 the Fiscal Officer posted a gas tax distribution (\$7,294) to the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund rather than the Gas Tax Fund.
- In 2009 the Fiscal Officer posted an auto license distribution (\$987) to Taxes in the Road & Bridge Fund rather than to Intergovernmental in the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund.
- In 2009 the Fiscal Officer posted a local governmental distribution (\$9,357) entirely to the General Fund. The Fiscal Officer should have allocated the receipt to the General Fund, Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, and Gas Tax Fund.
- In 2010 the Fiscal Officer posted an estate tax receipt net of the county auditor and treasurer fees, instead of the gross amount (difference of \$1,088) in the General Fund.

Adjustments were needed to properly classify the monies received. The net adjustments affected fund balances as follows:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
General Fund	(\$11,387)	(\$3,704)
Motor Vehicle License Tax	(5,203)	
Gasoline Tax	13,987	
Road & Bridge	4,867	5,978
Morning Sun Lighting	(466)	(471)
Fairhaven Lighting	(1,332)	(1,332)
Lakeland Terrace Lighting	(466)	(471)

**FINDING NUMBER 2010-001  
(Continued)**

These adjustments have been posted to the Township's financial statements and accounting records. Failure to properly post revenue and expenditures can result in inaccurate records and cause the Township to misappropriate funds. To improve accountability and record keeping, we recommend that the Township properly post all receipts to the correct funds and line items. The Fiscal Officer should post all applicable receipts at the gross amount and record a disbursement for related fees. The Fiscal Officer should review receipts and expenditures posted to the ledgers for accuracy. Comparisons between years may aid in the determination if the Fiscal Officer has properly posted a receipt or expenditure.

In addition, the Township should develop financial review policies / procedures over the recording of Township activity in the accounting records and posted to the financial statements.

**Officials' Response:**

Officials did not provide a response to this finding.

**ISRAEL TOWNSHIP  
PREBLE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <b><i>Explain</i></b>
2008-001	Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D), failure to properly certify funds	No	Significantly corrected; re-issued as verbal comment
2008-002	Failure to properly post receipts and expenditures	No	Not corrected; re-issued as Finding 2010-001

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# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

**ISRAEL TOWNSHIP**

**PREBLE 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.

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

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MAY 5, 2011**