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St. Albans Township Licking County PO Box 346 Alexandria, Ohio 43001

#### 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 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 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.

**Dave Yost Auditor of State** 

June 30, 2011

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

St. Albans Township Licking County PO Box 346 Alexandria, Ohio 43001

To the Board of Trustees

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of St. Albans Township, Licking 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.

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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, 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 St. Albans Township, Licking 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 June 30, 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

June 30, 2011

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

	Governmental Fund Types				_		
		General		Special Revenue	 Debt Service	(Me	Totals morandum Only)
Cash Receipts:							
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	77,522	\$	507,317	\$ 104,779	\$	689,618
Charges for Services		· -		76,000	-		76,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		4,023		-	-		4,023
Intergovernmental		148,607		189,671	23,159		361,437
Earnings on Investments		1,906		1,271	-		3,177
Miscellaneous		1,706		11,748			13,454
Total Cash Receipts		233,764		786,007	 127,938		1,147,709
Cash Disbursements:							
Current:							
General Government		166,170		-	-		166,170
Public Safety		7,202		391,130	-		398,332
Public Works		, -		344,830	-		344,830
Other		-		-	1,783		1,783
Capital Outlay		-		11,597	-		11,597
Debt Service:							
Redemption of Principal		-		-	61,963		61,963
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges					66,933		66,933
Total Cash Disbursements		173,372		747,557	 130,679		1,051,608
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements		60,392		38,450	(2,741)		96,101
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing							
Receipts Over / (Under) Cash Disbursements							
and Other Financing Disbursements		60,392		38,450	(2,741)		96,101
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		40,673		443,697	 26,813		511,183
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	101,065	\$	482,147	\$ 24,072	\$	607,284

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

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

	Governmental Fund Types				_		
		General		Special Revenue	 Debt Service	(Me	Totals emorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:							
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	75,718	\$	493,679	\$ 120,199	\$	689,596
Charges for Services		-		76,000	-		76,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		2,912		-	-		2,912
Integovernmental		101,748		115,469	268		217,485
Earnings on Investments		2,747		1,831	508		5,086
Miscellaneous		<u>-</u>		21,868	 		21,868
Total Cash Receipts		183,125		708,847	120,975		1,012,947
Cash Disbursements:							
Current:							
General Government		191,276		-	-		191,276
Public Safety		7,200		413,355	_		420,555
Public Works		-		298,121	_		298,121
Human Services		_		4,144	_		4,144
Other		_		-,	1,859		1,859
Capital Outlay		163		46,231	-		46,394
Debt Service:				,			,
Redemption of Principal		_		_	58,761		58,761
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges		_		_	70,113		70,113
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Total Cash Disbursements		198,639		761,851	 130,733		1,091,223
Total Receipts (Under) Disbursements		(15,514)		(53,004)	 (9,758)		(78,276)
Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements):							
Transfers-In		-		-	15,154		15,154
Transfers-Out		-		-	(15,154)		(15,154)
Advances-In		7,820		-	7,820		15,640
Advances-Out		(7,820)			 (7,820)		(15,640)
Total Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements)					 		
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing							
Receipts (Under) Cash Disbursements							
and Other Financing Disbursements		(15,514)		(53,004)	(9,758)		(78,276)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		56,187		496,701	36,571		589,459
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$</u>	40,673	\$	443,697	\$ 26,813	\$	511,183

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

### 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 the St. Albans Township, Licking 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, fire protection and emergency medical services The Township also contracts to provide fire and ambulance services to Liberty Township.

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's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

### 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 private-purpose trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

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

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

### D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

### 2. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

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

<u>General Fire Fund</u> – This fund receives property tax money levied for the funding of the fire department.

#### 3. Debt Service Funds

These funds account for resources the Township accumulates to pay bond and note debt. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Funds:

<u>General Bond/Note Retirement Fund</u> – This fund receives tax monies for the payment of the notes issued for the fire truck and ambulance and for payment of the bond issued for the construction of the firehouse.

### 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 or 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.

### 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.

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

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

### 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. Equity in Pooled Deposits and Investments

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

	2009	2010
Demand deposits	\$511,183	\$607,284
Total deposits	\$511,183	\$607,284

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

### 3. Budgetary Activity

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

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

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	Budgeted	Actual			
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance		
General	\$166,990	\$233,764	\$66,774		
Special Revenue	1,232,613	786,007	(446,606)		
Debt Service	154,510	127,938	(26,572)		
Total	\$1,554,113	\$1,147,709	(\$406,404)		

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$166,990	\$173,372	(\$6,382)
Special Revenue	1,232,613	747,557	485,056
Debt Service	154,510	130,679	23,831
Total	\$1,554,113	\$1,051,608	\$502,505

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

### 3. Budgetary Activity (Continued)

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$199,700	\$183,125	(\$16,575)
Special Revenue	1,259,847	708,847	(551,000)
Debt Service	165,528	136,129	(29,399)
Total	\$1,625,075	\$1,028,101	(\$596,974)

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	_
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$199,700	\$198,639	\$1,061
Special Revenue	1,259,847	761,851	497,996
Debt Service	165,528	145,887	19,641
Total	\$1,625,075	\$1,106,377	\$518,698

### 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. Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2010 was as follows:

Principal	Interest Rate
\$1,263,616	5.25%
23,498	6.00%
\$1,287,114	
	\$1,263,616 23,498

The Township issued general obligation bonds to finance the construction of a new firehouse for the Township. The Township's taxing authority collateralized the bonds.

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

### 5. Debt (Continued)

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

Year ending December 31:	Firehouse Construction Bonds	Fire Truck and Ambulance Notes
2011	\$108,252	\$24,908
2012	107,067	0
2013	105,853	0
2014	104,609	0
2015	103,334	0
2016-2020	496,411	0
2021-2025	459,457	0
2026-2030	417,696	0
Total	\$1,902,679	\$24,908

### 6. Retirement Systems

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes these plans' 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% respectively, of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14%, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2010.

### 7. Risk Management

### **Risk Pool Membership**

Through December 31, 2008, the Government belonged to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the "Plan"), a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments ("Members"). The Plan was legally separate from its member governments.

On January 1, 2009, through an internal reorganization, the Plan created three separate non-profit corporations including:

- Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. (OPRM) formerly known as the Ohio Risk Management Plan;
- Ohio Plan Healthcare Consortium, Inc. (OPHC) formerly known as the Ohio Healthcare Consortium; and
- Ohio Plan, Inc. mirrors the oversight function previously performed by the Board of Directors.
   The Board of Trustees consists of eleven (11) members that include appointed and elected officials from member organizations.

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

### 7. Risk Management (Continued)

### **Risk Pool Membership (Continued)**

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages to its members sold through fourteen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio. These coverage programs, referred to as Ohio Plan Risk management ("OPRM"), are developed specific to each member's risk management needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria addressing the member's exposure to loss, except OPRM retain 17.5% (15% through October 31, 2009) of the premium and losses on the first \$250,000 casualty treaty and 10% of the first \$1,000,000 property treaty. Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member. OPRM had 725 members as of December 31, 2009. The Township participates in this coverage.

The Plan formed the Ohio Plan Healthcare Consortium ("OPHC"), as authorized by Section 9.833 of the Ohio Revised Code. The OPHC was established to provide cost effective employee benefit programs for Ohio political sub-divisions and is a self-funded, group purchasing consortium that offers medical, dental, vision and prescription drug coverage as well as life insurance for its members. The OPHC is sold through seventeen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio. Coverage programs are developed specific to each member's healthcare needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria. Variable plan options are available to members. These plans vary primarily by deductibles, coinsurance levels, office visit co-pays and out-of pocket maximums. OPHC had 60 members as of December 31, 2009. The Township does not participate participates in this coverage.

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: 2009 and 2008 (the latest information available), and include amounts for both OPRRM and OPHC:

	2009 OPRM	2009 OPHC	<u>2009</u>
Assets	\$11,176,186	\$1,358,802	\$12,534,988
Liabilities	(4,852,485)	(1,253,617)	(6,106,102)
Members' Equity	<u>\$6,323,701</u>	<u>\$105,185</u>	<u>\$6,428,886</u>

2008
\$10,471,114
(5,286,781)
<u>\$5,184,333</u>

You can read the complete audited financial statements for OPRM and OPHC at the Plan's website, www.ohioplan.org.

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

St. Albans Township Licking County PO Box 346 Alexandria, Ohio 43001

### To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of St. Albans Township, Licking County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 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.

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 combination of deficiencies in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that material financial statement misstatements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

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 deficiencies, 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.

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However, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying schedule of findings that we consider a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting. We consider finding 2010-01 to be a significant deficiency. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

### **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 June 30, 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.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

June 30, 2011

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

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

#### **FINDING NUMBER 2010-01**

### Significant Deficiency- Financial Statement Presentation

The Fiscal Officer did not always accurately post disbursements to the Township's accounting system and financial statements. The following posting errors were noted in the Debt Service Fund Type.

A reclassification was made in regards to payments of Debt in 2010 and 2009. In 2010 and 2009
the Fiscal Officer did not correctly post \$36,933 and \$37,202 respectively of Principal and Interest
payments to the correct line items. Principal and Interest payments were posted to Current
Disbursements and not allocated correctly between the Principal and Interest Line Items

A monitoring system should be in place to prevent or detect material misstatements for the accurate presentation of the Township's financial statements.

Not posting disbursements amounts accurately to the accounting system resulted in the financial statements requiring numerous audit reclassifications and adjusting entries; furthermore, inaccurate accounting records could make it difficult for the Board of Trustees to effectively manage and budget for the Township's activities, including budgetary totals posted to the Township's ledgers.

We recommend the Township's Fiscal Officer take steps to ensure the accurate posting of all transactions to the ledgers. Cash disbursements should be posted in accordance with procedures and posting guidelines established in the Uniform Accounting Network line item descriptions and AOS Bulletins. By exercising accuracy in recording financial activity, the Township can reduce posting errors and increase the reliability of the financial data throughout the year.

We also recommend the Township implement additional procedures over the completeness and accuracy of financial information reported within the annual financial report. Such procedures may include review of the financial statements and related components with analytical comparisons of the current year annual report to the prior year reports for obvious errors or omissions.

The Township's financial statements have been adjusted to accurately reflect the proper line item classifications.

Official's Response: We did not receive any responses from the officials to the finding reported above.

### SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED 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; <i>Explain</i>
2008-01	Significant Deficiency/Material Weakness - Budgetary Amounts in the Accounting	No	Re-issued in Management Letter
2008-02	Noncompliance- Expended funds that were not appropriated	No	Re-issued in Management Letter
2008-03	Significant Deficiency/ Material Weakness- Financial Statement Presentation	No	Finding 2010-01
2008-04	Material Non-Compliance -Prior Certification	No	Re-issued in Management Letter



#### ST. ALBANS TOWNSHIP

#### LICKING COUNTY

### **CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JULY 26, 2011