Union Township Pike County, Ohio

Regular Audit

For the Years Ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 Fiscal Years Audited Under GAGAS: 2010 and 2009



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Union Township, Pike County, prepared by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. 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 Auditor's 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 Auditor's 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. Union Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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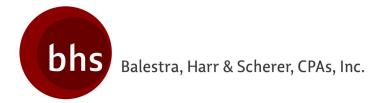
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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees Union Township Pike County 1206 Germany Road Lucasville, Ohio 45648

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Union Township, Pike 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. 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 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.

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 Union Township, Pike 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.

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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 22, 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.

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Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.

April 22, 2011

Union Township, Pike County

Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

	eneral Fund	Spec	ial Revenue Fund	-	Total morandum Only)
Receipts					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 13,930	\$	15,241	\$	29,171
Intergovernmental	21,148		105,079		126,227
Earnings on Investments	23		68		91
Other	 10,480		-		10,480
Total Receipts	 45,581		120,388		165,969
Disbursements					
Current:					
General Government	31,366		30,597		61,963
Public Safety	-		12,496		12,496
Public Works	-		15,225		15,225
Capital Outlay	 1,000		81,083		82,083
Total Disbursements	 32,366		139,401		171,767
Net Change in Fund Balances	13,215		(19,013)		(5,798)
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	 6,555		70,619		77,174
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ 19,770	\$	51,606	\$	71,376

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Union Township, Pike County

Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances Governmental Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Total Special Revenue (Memorandum General Fund Fund Only) Receipts Property and Other Local Taxes \$ 10,294 \$ 19,381 \$ 29,675 Intergovernmental 19,539 99,191 118,730 Interest 9 115 124 Other 4,633 4,633 -_ Total Receipts 29,842 123,320 153,162 Disbursements Current: General Government 34,044 31,094 65,138 Public Safety 12,524 12,524 _ Public Works 19,502 19,502 _ Capital Outlay 55,054 1,170 56,224 Total Disbursements 118,174 153,388 35,214 Excess of Receipts Over / (Under) Disbursements (5,372) 5,146 (226)**Other Financing Sources** 10,000 10,000 Transfers In _ Transfers Out (10,000)(10,000)-Total Other Financing Sources 10,000 (10,000)-Net Change in Fund Balances 4,628 (4,854) (226) Fund Balances - Beginning of Year 1,927 75,473 77,400 Fund Balances - End of Year 6,555 \$ 70,619 \$ 77,174 \$

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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 Union Township, Pike 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 participates in the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) which is an insurance risk-sharing pool available to Ohio Townships. Note 6 provides additional information regarding this entity.

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. The 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 has a checking account which is valued at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash deposits that are restricted as the 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 the 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 Fund:

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2010 and 2009

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 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.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

2. Equity in Pooled Cash

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

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2010 and 2009

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending 2010 and 2009 as follows:

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts								
	В	Budgeted Actual						
Fund Type	Receipts		Receipts		Receipts		Variance	
General	\$	40,487	\$	45,581	\$	5,094		
Special Revenue		133,700		120,388		(13,312)		
Total	\$	174,187	\$	165,969	\$	(8,218)		

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	App	propriation	B	Budgetary		
Fund Type	Α	Authority		Expenditures		ariance
General	\$	33,930	\$	32,366	\$	1,564
Special Revenue		204,314		139,401		64,913
Total	\$	238,244	\$	171,767	\$	66,477

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts						
	В	udgeted	Actual			
Fund Type	R	Receipts		Receipts		ariance
General	\$	37,913	\$	39,842	\$	1,929
Special Revenue		73,939		123,320		49,381
Total	\$	111,852	\$	163,162	\$	51,310

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures							
	App	Appropriation Budgetary		Appropriation			
Fund Type	Α	Authority		penditures	V	ariance	
General	\$	36,586	\$	35,214	\$	1,372	
Special Revenue		199,003	_	128,174	_	70,829	
Total	\$	235,589	\$	163,388	\$	72,201	

See Note 7 for details of material noncompliance with Ohio Budgetary Laws.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2010 and 2009

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 to 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

Township officials and employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

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 risksharing 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

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2010 and 2009

6. Risk Management (Continued)

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):

	2009	2008
Assets	\$ 38,982,088	\$ 40,737,740
Liabilities	(12,880,766)	(12,981,818)
Retained Earnings	\$ 26,101,322	\$ 27,755,922

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, casualty coverage liabilities noted above include approximately \$12.0 million and \$12.1 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$11.5 million 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. The Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$6,000.

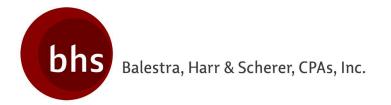
Based on discussions with OTARMA, the expected rates OTARMA charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability of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

Contributions to OTA	ARMA	
2008	\$	3,500
2009	\$	2,971
2010	\$	2,874

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.

7. Compliance

Contrary to Ohio Rev. Code section 5705.36, the Township had actual resources less than estimated resource, in an amount causing appropriations to exceed actual resources, and did not obtain an amended certificate in 2010 and 2009. Contrary to Ohio Rev. Code section 5705.39, the Township had appropriations in excess of total estimated resources in 2009. Contrary to Ohio Rev. Code section 5705.41(B), the Township had expenditures in excess of appropriations at December 31, 2010.



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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

Board of Trustees Union Township Pike County 1206 Germany Road Lucasville, Ohio 45648

We have audited the financial statements of Union Township, Pike County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 and have issued our report thereon dated April 22, 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 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 internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements 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 was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting 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.

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 instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2010-001 through 2010-003.

Union Township Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

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.

Balistra, Harr & Scherur

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc. April 22, 2011

UNION TOWNSHIP PIKE COUNTY DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

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

FINDING 2010-001

Material Noncompliance

Ohio Revised Code section 5705.36 (A)(3) states that upon determination by the fiscal officer of a subdivision that the revenue to be collected will be greater than the amount included in an official certificate and the legislative authority intends to appropriate and expend the excess revenue, the fiscal officer shall certify the amount of the excess to the commission, and the commission shall certify an amended official certificate reflecting the excess. Ohio Rev. code section 5705.36(A)(4) states that upon determination by the fiscal officer of a subdivision that the revenue to be collected will be less than the amount included in an official certificate and the amount of the deficiency will reduce available resources below the level of current appropriations, the fiscal officer shall certify the amount of the deficiency. Ohio Rev. Code section 5705.36(A)(5) states that the total appropriations made during a fiscal year from any fund must not exceed the amount contained in the certificate of estimated resources or the amended certificate of estimated resources which was certified prior to making the appropriation or supplemental appropriation.

During 2010 the Township's actual resources fell short of estimated resources causing the appropriations to exceed actual resources in the Motor Vehicle, Gasoline Tax, Fire, and the Cemetery funds by \$1,151, \$10,976, \$616, and \$569, respectively, and during 2009 in the Motor Vehicle fund by \$954, and an amended certificate was not obtained for either year.

The Township should obtain a reduced amended certificate of estimated resources when it becomes apparent that the amount received will cause the appropriations to be in excess of the estimated resources.

Client Response:

We received no response from officials regarding the above finding.

FINDING 2010-002

Material Noncompliance

Ohio Revised Code section 5705.39 states in part that total appropriations from each fund shall not exceed the total estimated resources. No appropriation measure is effective until the county auditor files a certificate that the total appropriations from each fund do not exceed the total official estimate or amended official estimated.

The Township had appropriations in excess of estimated resources in 2009 in the Motor Vehicle License Tax and the Gas Tax funds by \$4,586 and \$45,008, respectively.

The Township should monitor their appropriations for each fund to ensure that they do not exceed the total estimated resources.

Client Response:

We received no response from officials regarding the above finding.

UNION TOWNSHIP PIKE COUNTY DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)

FINDING 2010-003

Material Noncompliance

Ohio Revised Code section 5705.41(B) states in part that no subdivision or taxing unit is to expend money unless it had been appropriated.

The Township had expenditures in excess of appropriations in the Cemetery fund at December 31, 2010 by \$2,107.

The Fiscal Officer should deny payment requests exceeding appropriations. The Township's Fiscal Officer may request the Board to approve increased expenditure levels by increasing appropriations and amending estimated resources, if necessary.

Client Response:

We received no response from officials regarding the above finding.

UNION TOWNSHIP PIKE COUNTY DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
	ORC Section 5705.41(D) properly		
2008-001	encumbering funds	Yes	
2008-002	ORC Section 5705.36(A) estimated resources in excess of actual revenues	No	2010-001
2008-003	ORC 5705.39 appropriations in excess of estimated resources	No	2010-002
2008-004	ORC 5705.41(B) expenditures in excess of appropriations	No	2010-003



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UNION TOWNSHIP

PIKE 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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED MAY 24, 2011

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