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**WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

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Weathersfield Township
Trumbull County
1451 Prospect Street
Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440

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

May 3, 2012

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Weathersfield Township
Trumbull County
1451 Prospect Street
Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. 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, 2011 and 2010 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, 2011 and 2010 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 as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and the reserves for encumbrances as of December 31, 2010 of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

As described in Note 1 during 2011, Weathersfield Township adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 3, 2012, 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

May 3, 2012

**WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$244,800	\$1,253,149	\$71,617		\$1,569,566
Licenses, Permits and Fees	43,453	32,755			76,208
Fines and Forfeitures	21,883	21,392			43,275
Intergovernmental	319,758	368,649		\$529,364	1,217,771
Special Assessments	803	55,345			56,148
Earnings on Investments	12,086	268			12,354
Miscellaneous		43,200			43,200
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>642,783</u>	<u>1,774,758</u>	<u>71,617</u>	<u>529,364</u>	<u>3,018,522</u>
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	447,878	12,373			460,251
Public Safety	114,976	1,237,961			1,352,937
Public Works	579	623,590			624,169
Health	29,504	83,353			112,857
Capital Outlay	22,412	49,505		529,754	601,671
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement		14,908	65,307		80,215
Interest and Fiscal Charges			6,310		6,310
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>615,349</u>	<u>2,021,690</u>	<u>71,617</u>	<u>529,754</u>	<u>3,238,410</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>27,434</u>	<u>(246,932)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(390)</u>	<u>(219,888)</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements):					
Transfers In		157,500		390	157,890
Transfers Out	(157,890)				(157,890)
Advances In		3,257			3,257
Advances Out	(3,257)				(3,257)
Other Financing Sources	11,089	58,280			69,369
Other Financing Uses	(168)				(168)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(150,226)</u>	<u>219,037</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>69,201</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(122,792)</u>	<u>(27,895)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(150,687)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>388,175</u>	<u>1,323,405</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,711,580</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31					
Restricted		1,272,770			1,272,770
Committed		8,523			8,523
Unassigned (Deficit)	265,383	14,217			279,600
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$265,383</u>	<u>\$1,295,510</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,560,893</u>

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

**WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP
TRUMBULL 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>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts:					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$239,401	\$1,236,945	\$71,617		\$1,547,963
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	42,566	36,432			78,998
Fines and Forfeitures	21,439	2,816			24,255
Intergovernmental	221,060	304,222			525,282
Special Assessments		56,085			56,085
Earnings on Investments	1,683	352			2,035
Miscellaneous	16,267	35,474			51,741
Total Cash Receipts	<u>542,416</u>	<u>1,672,326</u>	<u>71,617</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,286,359</u>
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	460,534	11,590			472,124
Public Safety	900	1,288,533			1,289,433
Public Works	786	385,969			386,755
Health	34,385	82,616			117,001
Capital Outlay	108,051	79,049		\$7,454	194,554
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement		14,908	65,307		80,215
Interest and Fiscal Charges			6,310		6,310
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>604,656</u>	<u>1,862,665</u>	<u>71,617</u>	<u>7,454</u>	<u>2,546,392</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(62,240)</u>	<u>(190,339)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(7,454)</u>	<u>(260,033)</u>
Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements):					
Transfers-In		157,865		5,537	163,402
Transfers-Out	(163,402)				(163,402)
Other Financing Uses		(1,423)			(1,423)
Total Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements)	<u>(163,402)</u>	<u>156,442</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,537</u>	<u>(1,423)</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	<u>(225,642)</u>	<u>(33,897)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,917)</u>	<u>(261,456)</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>613,817</u>	<u>1,357,302</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,917</u>	<u>1,973,036</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$388,175</u>	<u>\$1,323,405</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,711,580</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$7,683</u>	<u>\$21,671</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$29,354</u>

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

**WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010**

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 Weathersfield Township, Trumbull 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, police protection, fire protection and emergency medical services.

The Township participates in the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) public entity risk pools. Note 7 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity. This organization is:

Public Entity Risk Pool:

OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entities Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements, and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

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.

Money market mutual funds (including STAR Ohio) are recorded at share values the mutual funds report.

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, 2011 AND 2010
(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:

Police District Fund - This fund receives property tax money for covering costs for providing police protection services.

Fire District Fund- This fund receives property tax money for operational expenses of the volunteer 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 Fund:

Debt Service Fund- This fund receives tax money to pay debt.

4. 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 fund:

Ohio Public Works Commission Fund - The Township received a grant from the State of Ohio for a road safety upgrade project.

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. 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.

**WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

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 re-appropriated.

A summary of 2011 and 2010 budgetary activity appears in Note 4.

F. Fund Balance

For December 31, 2011, fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Township must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

1. Nonspendable

The Township classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

2. Restricted

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

3. Committed

Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Township must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by Township Trustees or a Township official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

5. Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

**WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The Township applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

G. 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.

H. 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 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:

	2011	2010
Demand deposits	\$25,500	\$43,031
Total deposits	25,500	43,031
STAR Ohio	1,375,396	1,668,549
Repurchase Agreement	159,997	
Total investments	1,535,393	1,668,549
Total deposits and investments	\$1,560,893	\$1,711,580

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. The Township's financial institution transfers securities to the Township's agent to collateralize repurchase agreements. The securities are not in the Township's name.

**WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010
(Continued)**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2011 and 2010 follows:

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$577,338	\$653,872	\$76,534
Special Revenue	1,957,221	1,990,538	33,317
Debt Service	71,617	71,617	0
Capital Projects		530,144	530,144
Total	\$2,606,176	\$3,246,171	\$639,995

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$781,091	\$840,034	(\$58,943)
Special Revenue	2,021,690	2,021,690	0
Debt Service	71,617	71,617	0
Capital Projects	634,730	529,754	104,976
Total	\$3,509,128	\$3,463,095	\$46,033

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$546,658	\$542,416	(\$4,242)
Special Revenue	2,474,699	1,830,191	(644,508)
Debt Service	71,617	71,617	0
Capital Projects	495,633	5,537	(490,096)
Total	\$3,588,607	\$2,449,761	(\$1,138,846)

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$840,044	\$775,741	\$64,303
Special Revenue	1,887,873	1,885,759	2,114
Debt Service	71,617	71,617	0
Capital Projects	7,454	7,454	0
Total	\$2,806,988	\$2,740,571	\$66,417

**WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010
(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.

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, 2011 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
OPWC Loan - CF29G	\$93,172	0%
Total	\$93,172	

The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) issued an interest-free loan to the Township for the Carver Niles Road Safety Upgrade Project. The Township's taxing authority collateralized the loan.

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

Year ending December 31:	OPWC Loan
2012	\$7,850
2013	7,850
2014	7,850
2015	7,850
2016	7,850
2017-2021	39,250
2022-2024	14,672
Total	\$93,172

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's police officers and other 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.

**WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010
(Continued)**

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS – (Continued)

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2011 and 2010, police officers contributed 11.61% and 11.10%, respectively, of their gross salaries. The Township contributed to OPERS an amount equaling 18.10% and 17.87% of the police officers' salaries in 2011 and 2010 respectively. For 2011 and 2010, all other employees contributed 10% of their salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% of the participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2011.

The Township's volunteer fire fighters contribute to Social Security and Medicare. The plans provide for retirement, healthcare and prescription drug benefits including survivor and disability benefits to participants. For 2011 and 2010, each employee contributed 6.2% and 1.45% of their gross pay to Social Security and Medicare, respectively. The Township matched this contribution by contributing an additional 6.2% and 1.45%. The Township has contributed 100% of their required Social Security and Medical payments through December 31, 2011.

7. 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, 2010, 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.

**WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010
(Continued)**

7. 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, 2010 and 2009 (the latest information available):

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Assets	\$35,855,252	\$38,982,088
Liabilities	(10,664,724)	(12,880,766)
Net Assets	<u>\$25,190,528</u>	<u>\$26,101,322</u>

At December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$9.9 and \$12.0 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$9.5 and \$11.5 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 940 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2010, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$33,833.

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>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
\$52,789	\$45,721

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.

8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Township is a defendant in several lawsuits. Although management cannot presently determine the outcome of these suits, management believes that the resolution of these matters will not materially adversely affect the Township's financial condition.



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

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

Weathersfield Township
Trumbull County
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To The Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Weathersfield Township, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated May 3, 2012 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, and wherein we noted the Township implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions". 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 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 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 May 3, 2012.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State

May 3, 2012



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

TRUMBULL 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

**CERTIFIED
JUNE 21, 2012**