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**BERLIN TOWNSHIP
MAHONING COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Berlin Township
Mahoning County
P.O. Box 95
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To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of Berlin Township, Mahoning County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Township's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the Township prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to satisfy requirements.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, or changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined cash balances of Berlin Township, Mahoning County, as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 23, 2014, 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. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

July 23, 2014

**BERLIN TOWNSHIP
MAHONING COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Permanent	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts						
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$95,852	\$105,070	\$76,132	\$0		\$277,054
Licenses, Permits and Fees	19,125	6,110				25,235
Intergovernmental	20,316	140,194	12,763			173,273
Earnings on Investments	311	34			\$8	353
Miscellaneous	17,737	31,042				48,779
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>153,341</u>	<u>282,450</u>	<u>88,895</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>524,694</u>
Cash Disbursements						
Current:						
General Government	147,750					147,750
Public Safety	7,625	108,523	1,666			117,814
Public Works	1,552	129,808				131,360
Health	14,611				337	14,948
Human Services		16,473				16,473
Capital Outlay	10,000			44,828		54,828
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement		19,167	97,144			116,311
Interest and Fiscal Charges	217					217
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>181,755</u>	<u>273,971</u>	<u>98,810</u>	<u>44,828</u>	<u>337</u>	<u>599,701</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>(28,414)</u>	<u>8,479</u>	<u>(9,915)</u>	<u>(44,828)</u>	<u>(329)</u>	<u>(75,007)</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)						
Sale of Notes				75,000		75,000
Advances In	26,550		1,129			27,679
Advances Out	(1,129)	(25,422)	(1,129)			(27,680)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>25,421</u>	<u>(25,422)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>74,999</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(2,993)</u>	<u>(16,943)</u>	<u>(9,915)</u>	<u>30,172</u>	<u>(329)</u>	<u>(8)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>335,756</u>	<u>250,866</u>	<u>89,785</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,431</u>	<u>693,838</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31						
Restricted		233,923	79,870	30,172	17,102	361,067
Unassigned (Deficit)	332,763					332,763
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$332,763</u>	<u>\$233,923</u>	<u>\$79,870</u>	<u>\$30,172</u>	<u>\$17,102</u>	<u>\$693,830</u>

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

BERLIN TOWNSHIP
MAHONING COUNTY

COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)
AGENCY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	<u>Unclaimed Monies</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>\$306</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$306</u></u>

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**BERLIN TOWNSHIP
MAHONING COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012**

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Permanent	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$96,011	\$103,664	\$75,768		\$275,443
Licenses, Permits and Fees	19,309				19,309
Intergovernmental	39,056	138,134	12,521		189,711
Earnings on Investments	621	114		\$40	775
Miscellaneous	2,400	20,565			22,965
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>157,397</u>	<u>262,477</u>	<u>88,289</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>508,203</u>
Cash Disbursements					
Current:					
General Government	140,090				140,090
Public Safety		95,683	1,615		97,298
Public Works	1,662	104,430			106,092
Health	16,989	665		520	18,174
Human Services		18,102			18,102
Capital Outlay	1,714				1,714
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement		19,167	97,144		116,311
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,419				2,419
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>162,874</u>	<u>238,047</u>	<u>98,759</u>	<u>520</u>	<u>500,200</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>(5,477)</u>	<u>24,430</u>	<u>(10,470)</u>	<u>(480)</u>	<u>8,003</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)					
Advances In	41,627		6,627		48,254
Advances Out	(6,627)	(35,000)	(6,627)		(48,254)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>(35,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	29,523	(10,570)	(10,470)	(480)	8,003
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1, restated</i>	<u>306,233</u>	<u>261,436</u>	<u>100,255</u>	<u>17,911</u>	<u>685,835</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31					
Nonspendable				10,800	10,800
Restricted		250,866	89,785	6,631	347,282
Unassigned (Deficit)	335,756				335,756
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$335,756</u>	<u>\$250,866</u>	<u>\$89,785</u>	<u>\$17,431</u>	<u>\$693,838</u>

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

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)
AGENCY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012**

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**BERLIN TOWNSHIP
MAHONING COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012**

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 Berlin Township, Mahoning 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, fire protection and emergency services.

The Township participates in a public entity risk pool. Note 7 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity. The organization is:

Public Entity Risk Pool:

OTARMA is a Public Entity Risk Pool that assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the policy for general liability and casualty, public official's liability and vehicles.

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 accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

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

Fire District Fund – This fund receives property tax monies to pay for fire protection services and equipment.

3. Debt Service Funds

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

Note Retirement Fund – This fund receives property tax money restricted to satisfying the obligation of a note the Township issued to purchase fire equipment, and to repay interest free loans from the Ohio Public Works Commission for Issue II projects.

4. Capital Project Funds

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Township had the following significant capital project fund:

Miscellaneous Capital Project – The Township received a loan to purchase a new truck and implements for the road department.

5. Permanent Funds

These funds account for and report resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the reporting government's programs (for the benefit of the government or its citizenry). The Township had the following significant permanent fund:

Cemetery Endowment Funds – These funds receive 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Continued)

6. Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments which are not available to support the Township's own programs.

Agency funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to hold resources for individuals, organizations or other governments. The Township disburses these funds as directed by the individual, organization or other government. The Township's agency fund accounts for unclaimed monies.

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. 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 approve estimated resources.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2013 and 2012 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Fund Balance

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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Continued)

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.

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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012
(Continued)**

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:

	2013	2012
Demand deposits	\$294,049	\$11,830
Money market	400,087	200,873
Total deposits	\$694,136	\$212,703
Sweep account	0	481,441
Total investments	0	481,441
Total deposits and investments	\$694,136	\$694,144

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, 2013 and 2012 follows:

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$153,282	\$153,341	\$59
Special Revenue	282,342	282,450	108
Debt Service	88,895	88,895	0
Capital Projects	75,000	75,000	0
Permanent	7	8	1
Total	\$599,526	\$599,694	\$168

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$317,230	\$182,734	\$134,496
Special Revenue	438,638	274,222	164,416
Debt Service	100,347	98,810	1,537
Capital Projects	75,000	44,828	30,172
Permanent	2,550	337	2,213
Agency	306	0	306
Total	\$934,071	\$600,931	\$333,140

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012
(Continued)**

3. Budgetary Activity – (Continued)

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$155,572	\$157,397	\$1,825
Special Revenue	263,149	262,477	(672)
Debt Service	88,231	88,289	58
Permanent	38	40	2
Total	\$506,990	\$508,203	\$1,213

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$287,529	\$163,095	\$124,434
Special Revenue	407,462	244,936	162,526
Debt Service	100,247	98,758	1,489
Permanent	2,594	520	2,074
Agency	306	0	306
Total	\$798,138	\$507,309	\$290,829

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.

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, 2013 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Weaver Road Upgrade	\$117,858	0%
Shenandoah Drive Resurface	17,210	0%
Fire Apparatus	156,301	3.25%
Road Truck	75,000	2.25%
Total	\$366,369	

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MAHONING COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012
(Continued)**

5. Debt – (Continued)

The Township acquired a loan to purchase a road truck and fire accessories. The Ohio Public Works Commission Loans are interest free loans issued to finance Issue II road project.

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

Year ending December 31:	Weaver Loan	Shenandoah Drive	Fire Apparatus	Road Truck	Total
2014	\$16,833	\$3,442	\$96,031	\$16,160	\$132,466
2015	16,833	3,442	96,031	16,160	132,466
2016	16,833	3,442		16,160	36,435
2017	16,833	3,442		16,160	36,435
2018	16,833	3,442		16,160	36,435
2019-2020	33,693				33,693
Total	<u>\$117,858</u>	<u>\$17,210</u>	<u>\$192,062</u>	<u>\$80,800</u>	<u>\$407,930</u>

6. 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 plans' benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2013 and 2012, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% of the participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2013.

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. York Risk Pooling Services, Inc. (formally known as American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc.) (York or Management), functions as the administrator of the Pool and provides underwriting claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for the Pool. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012
(Continued)**

7. Risk Management – (Continued)

Casualty and Property Coverage

The Pool is a member of American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by York. APEEP provides the Pool with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, OTARMA retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2013, OTARMA retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$250,000 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.

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, 2013 and 2012 (the latest information available):

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Assets	\$34,954,286	\$34,771,270
Liabilities	8,486,363	9,355,082
Net Position	\$26,467,923	\$25,416,188

At December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$7.9 and \$8.7 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$7.4 and \$7.8 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 948 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2013, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$10,000.

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.

<u>Contributions to OTARMA</u>	
<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
\$17,493	\$17,249

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7. Risk Management – (Continued)

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. Restatement of Prior Year's Fund Balance

In fiscal year 2012, a check was voided that was written in fiscal year 2011. The adjustment made to void this expenditure had the following effect on the Special Revenue Fund balance:

	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>
Ending Fund Balance 2011	\$261,280.96
Adjustment	155.00
Beginning Fund Balance 2012	\$261,435.96

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

Berlin Township
Mahoning County
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Berlin Center, Ohio 44401

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of Berlin Township, Mahoning County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 23, 2014, wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

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 a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements. 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

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, opining 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*.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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

Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

July 23, 2014



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
AUGUST 28, 2014**