

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP  
ADAMS COUNTY  
Regular Audit  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012**

***Perry & Associates***  
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Jefferson Township  
9136 Blue Creek Road  
Blue Creek, Ohio 45616

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Jefferson Township, Adams County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. 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.

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. Jefferson Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

December 3, 2014

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**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP  
ADAMS COUNTY**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

October 28, 2014

Jefferson Township  
Adams County  
9136 Blue Creek Rd.  
Blue Creek, Ohio 45616

To the Board of Trustees:

***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of **Jefferson Township**, Adams 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 1B 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 these requirements.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1B 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 Jefferson Township, Adams 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 1B.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 28, 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.



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**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP  
ADAMS 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	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 13,225	\$ 30,582	\$ 14,439	\$ 58,246
Intergovernmental	15,906	120,887	2,120	138,913
Earnings on Investments	216	94	-	310
Miscellaneous	2,625	6,412	-	9,037
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>31,972</u>	<u>157,975</u>	<u>16,559</u>	<u>206,506</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
General Government	27,233	3,436	588	31,257
Public Safety	-	26,581	-	26,581
Public Works	-	94,227	-	94,227
Health	3,238	475	-	3,713
Capital Outlay	-	-	3,426	3,426
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>30,471</u>	<u>124,719</u>	<u>4,014</u>	<u>159,204</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>				
Transfers In	-	8,182	-	8,182
Transfers Out	-	(8,182)	-	(8,182)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	1,501	33,256	12,545	47,302
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>2,875</u>	<u>99,731</u>	<u>71,552</u>	<u>174,158</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>				
Restricted	-	132,987	84,097	217,084
Unassigned	4,376	-	-	4,376
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 4,376</u>	<u>\$ 132,987</u>	<u>\$ 84,097</u>	<u>\$ 221,460</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)  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012**

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 12,945	\$ 29,751	\$ 14,137	\$ 56,833
Intergovernmental	16,472	222,224	2,100	240,796
Earnings on Investments	255	127	-	382
Miscellaneous	119	1,352	-	1,471
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>29,791</u>	<u>253,454</u>	<u>\$ 16,237</u>	<u>299,482</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
General Government	27,668	4,269	663	32,600
Public Safety	-	20,823	-	20,823
Public Works	-	202,914	-	202,914
Health	3,526	-	-	3,526
Capital Outlay	-	17,187	8	17,195
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>31,194</u>	<u>245,193</u>	<u>671</u>	<u>277,058</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	(1,403)	8,261	15,566	22,424
<b>Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>				
Transfers In	-	59,243	-	59,243
Transfers Out	-	(59,243)	-	(59,243)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(1,403)	8,261	15,566	22,424
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>4,278</u>	<u>91,470</u>	<u>55,986</u>	<u>151,734</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>				
Restricted	-	99,731	71,552	171,283
Unassigned	2,875	-	-	2,875
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 2,875</u>	<u>\$ 99,731</u>	<u>\$ 71,552</u>	<u>\$ 174,158</u>

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

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED 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 Jefferson Township, Adams County, Ohio (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides general governmental services, including road and bridge maintenance and fire protection services.

The Township participates in a public entity risk pool. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity. This organization is a:

**Public Entity Risk Pool:**

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.

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**

The Township maintains its funds in interest bearing checking and savings accounts.

**D. Fund Accounting**

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is 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  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012  
(CONTINUED)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**D. Fund Accounting (Continued)**

**2. Special Revenue Funds**

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

Gasoline Tax – This fund receives gasoline tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

FEMA DR 4002 – This fund receives federal grants from the government for road projects.

**3. 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.

Capital Equipment/Fire – This fund receives tax money for purchases of fire equipment and supplies.

**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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012  
(CONTINUED)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**F. Fund Balance**

The 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 classified 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 funds 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* amount 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012  
(CONTINUED)**

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED DEPOSITS**

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

	2013	2012
Demand deposits	\$ 218,975	\$ 171,679
Other time deposits (savings and NOW accounts)	2,485	2,479
Total deposits	\$ 221,460	\$ 174,158

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 follows:

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 29,671	\$ 31,972	\$ 2,301
Special Revenue	132,722	166,157	33,435
Capital Project	16,300	16,559	259
Total	\$ 178,693	\$ 214,688	\$ 35,995

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 32,602	\$ 30,471	\$ 2,131
Special Revenue	248,217	132,901	358,406
Capital Project	88,243	4,014	84,229
Total	\$ 369,062	\$ 167,386	\$ 444,766

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 30,838	\$ 29,791	\$ (1,047)
Special Revenue	317,960	312,697	(5,263)
Capital Project	16,350	16,237	(113)
Total	\$ 365,148	\$ 358,725	\$ (6,423)

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 34,860	\$ 31,513	\$ 3,347
Special Revenue	407,213	322,417	84,796
Capital Project	72,337	1,062	71,275
Total	\$ 514,410	\$ 354,992	\$ 159,418

Contrary to Ohio law, appropriations exceeded estimated resources in the General, Motor Vehicle License, Gasoline Tax, Road and Bridge, Fire Levy and Capital Project funds for the year ended December 31, 2012.

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP  
ADAMS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012  
(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.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Township.

**5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The Township's elected officials and employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) of Ohio. OPER is a cost-sharing, multi-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which includes 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 participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2013.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The Township insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. 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.

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, 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:

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP  
ADAMS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012  
(CONTINUED)**

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Assets	\$13,100,381	\$13,774,304
Liabilities	(6,687,193)	(7,968,395)
Members' Equity	\$6,413,188	\$5,805,909

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 944 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 \$2,000.

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.

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.

<u>Contributions to OTARMA</u>	
<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
\$3,339	\$2,657

**7. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Township are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

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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**

October 28, 2014

Jefferson Township  
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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 **Jefferson Township**, Adams 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 October 28, 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 opinion(s) 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all the deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider a material weakness.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A material weakness is a deficiency, or 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. We consider finding 2013-001 described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings to be a material weakness.

*A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of internal control deficiencies less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider finding 2013-002 described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings to be a significant deficiency.



### **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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings as item 2013-002.

We also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated October 28, 2014.

### **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.



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*Marietta, Ohio*

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP  
ADAMS COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012**

<b>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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**FINDING NUMBER 2013-001**

**Material Weakness**

**Posting Receipts and Disbursements**

Receipts should be posted to the fund and line item accounts as established by Ohio Administrative Code.

During 2013 and 2012, several receipts were not posted to accurate classifications based on the source of the receipt. The following posting errors were noted:

- FEMA grant reimbursements to funds which paid the original cost were incorrectly classified as Miscellaneous instead of Transfers-In and Public Works instead of Transfers-Out in 2012 and 2013.
- Department of Public Safety reimbursement incorrectly classified as Miscellaneous instead of Intergovernmental.
- Excise Gas Tax incorrectly classified as Miscellaneous instead of Intergovernmental in 2013.

Not posting receipts accurately resulted in the financial statements requiring several reclassifications. The financial statements reflect all reclassifications.

We recommend the Fiscal Officer refer to Ohio Administrative Code and/or the Ohio Township Handbook for guidance to determine the proper establishment of receipt accounts and posting of receipts.

**Officials' Response** – Officials did not provide a response to this finding.

**FINDING NUMBER 2013-002**

**Significant Deficiency/Noncompliance**

**Appropriations Exceeding Estimated Resources**

**Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39** requires that total appropriations from each fund not exceed total estimated resources from each fund. This section also requires the Township to obtain a County Auditor's certificate that total appropriations from each fund do not exceed the total official certificate of estimated resources or amended official certificate of estimated resources when amending estimated resources.

Total appropriations exceeded total estimated resources in the General, Motor Vehicle License, Gasoline Tax, Road and Bridge, Fire Levy and Capital Projects funds by \$319, \$1,319, \$8,508, \$994, \$7,160 and \$391 respectively for the year ended December 31, 2012.

The Board should monitor appropriations versus estimated resources to help avoid overspending, causing the Township to have fund balance deficits.

**Officials' Response** – Officials did not provide a response to this finding.



# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP**

**ADAMS 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  
DECEMBER 16, 2014**