# AUDIT REPORT

**JANUARY 1, 2012 - DECEMBER 31, 2013** 



Board of Trustees Marion Township 1401 Buckeye Ridge Road Chesterhill, Ohio 43728

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of Marion Township, Morgan County, prepared by Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc., 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. Marion Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

May 30, 2014



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Marion Township Morgan County 1401 Buckeye Ridge Road Chesterhill, Ohio 43728

To the Township Trustees:

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of the Marion Township, Morgan County, 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 provisions of 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 opinions.

# 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, to satisfy requirements.

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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 Marion Township, Morgan County 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 the Marion Township, Morgan 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 a report dated April 18, 2014, on our consideration of the Marion 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.

Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc. Zanesville, Ohio April 18, 2014

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

	Governmental Fund Types			
	Gener	al	Special Revenue	Totals morandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 25	5,153 \$	78,932	\$ 104,085
Charges for Services		-	-	-
Intergovernmental	6	5,980	100,047	107,027
Earnings on Investments		528	494	1,022
Miscellaneous		399	8,149	 8,548
Total Cash Receipts	33	3,060	187,622	220,682
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	41	,687	-	41,687
Public Safety		-	30,182	30,182
Public Works		-	109,274	109,274
Health		-	25,259	25,259
Capital Outlay		-	4,203	4,203
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal		-	6,204	6,204
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges		-	354	354
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	41	,687	175,476	217,163
Net Change in Fund Cash Balance	3)	3,627)	12,146	3,519
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	17	7,645	50,835	68,480
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Restricted		-	62,981	62,981
Unassigned (Deficit)		9,018		9,018
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 9	9,018 \$	62,981	\$ 71,999

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

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 21,75		\$ 91,410
Intergovernmental	7,26	,	105,160
Earnings on Investments	1,81		3,630
Miscellaneous	22		5,989
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	31,06	53 175,126	206,189
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	32,15	2,273	34,425
Public Safety		- 28,092	28,092
Public Works		- 125,329	125,329
Health		- 24,953	24,953
Capital Outlay	17	2,639	2,814
Debt Service:			
Principal		- 5,487	5,487
Interest		- 491	491
Total Cash Disbursements	32,32	189,264	221,591
Net Change in Fund Cash Balance	(1,26	(14,138)	(15,402)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	18,90	9 64,973	83,882
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted		- 50,835	50,835
Unassigned (Deficit)	17,64		17,645
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 17,64	\$ 50,835	\$ 68,480

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 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 Marion Township, Morgan County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publically-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides for maintenance of roads and bridge and fire protection. The Township contracts with the Village of Chesterhill to provide fire protection services.

The Township participates in the Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. public entity risk pool. Note 8 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity. This organization is:

#### Public Entity Risk Pool:

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims exceeding the member's deductible.

The Township's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Township is financially accountable.

#### **B.** Basis of Accounting

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:

#### **General Fund**

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

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

#### **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 monies to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

**Road and Bridge Fund** – This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township Road and Bridges.

**Fire Department Special Levy Fund** – This fund receives property tax money for maintaining fire protection.

**Cemetery Special Levy Fund** – This fund receives property tax money for cemetery operations.

#### E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

#### **Appropriations**

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function and object level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Council must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

#### **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.

#### **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 4.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 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.

#### 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 amends 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.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 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 CASH

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

	2013	2012
Demand deposits	\$ 71,999	\$ 68,480

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

# 3. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE AND ACCOUNTING BASIS

Last audit period (2007) the Township reported fund financial statements by fund type using the cash basis of accounting presenting each major fund in a separate column with non-major funds aggregated and presented in a single column. This audit period the Township has implemented the cash basis of accounting. The fund financial statements now present each fund type in a separate column under the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed by the State Auditor's Office. There was no restatement of fund equity due to this change.

# 4. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts					
		Budgeted		Actual	
Fund Type		Receipts		Receipts	Variance
General	\$	36,393	\$	33,060	\$ (3,333)
Special Revenue		201,259		187,622	(13,637)
Total	\$	237,652	\$	220,682	\$ (16,970)

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Fund Type		Authority	E	Expenditures	,	Variance
General	\$	54,039	\$	41,687	\$	12,352
Special Revenue		252,094		175,476		76,618
Total	\$	306,133	\$	217,163	\$	88,970

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 4. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts	2012	Budgeted	VS.	Actual	Receipts
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Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 35,333	\$ 31,063	\$ (4,270)
Special Revenue	194,404	175,126	(19,278)
Total	\$ 229,737	\$ 206,189	\$ (23,548)

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	A	ppropriation	•	Budgetary	
Fund Type		Authority		Expenditures	Variance
General	\$	54,242	\$	32,327	\$ 21,925
Special Revenue		259,378		189,264	70,114
Total	\$	313,620	\$	221,591	\$ 92,039

#### 5. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Township Trustees. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as intergovernmental receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payments, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

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

#### 6. DEBT

All debt was paid off prior to December 31, 2013.

# 7. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's full-time employees and elected officials belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2013 and 2012, PERS members contributed 10.0% of their wages, respectively. The Township contributed an amount equal to 14.00% of participant's gross salaries for 2013 and 2012, respectively. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2013.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 8. 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.). 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, 2012, 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, 2012 and 2011 (the latest information available):

2012

2011

	2012	2011
Assets	\$ 4,771,270	\$35,086,165
Liabilities	(9,355,082)	(9,718,792)
Retained Earnings	\$25,416,188	\$25,367,373

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$8.7 and \$9.1 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$7.9 and \$8.6 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 944 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2012, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$2,025.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 8. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

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

Contributions to OTARMA				
2013	\$3,462			
2012	3,433			

After completing one year of membership, members may withdraw on each anniversary of the date they joined OTARMA provided they give written notice to OTARMA 60 days in advance of the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's budgetary 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.

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

Marion Township Morgan County 1401 Buckeye Ridge Road Chesterhill, Ohio 43728

#### To the Township Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards general accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of Marion Township, Morgan County as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated April 18, 2014, 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.

## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered Marion 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 a 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 and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control 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.

Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by Government Auditing Standards Page Two

# Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Marion 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 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.

Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc.. Zanesville, Ohio April 18, 2014





#### **MARION TOWNSHIP**

# **MORGAN COUNTY**

# **CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JUNE 12, 2014