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SEAL TOWNSHIP PIKE COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 Fiscal Years Audited Under GAGAS: 2013 and 2012

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Board of Trustees Seal Township P.O. Box 262 Piketon, Ohio 45661

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Seal Township, Pike County, prepared by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, 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. Seal Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

May 1, 2014



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Independent Auditor's Report

Seal Township Pike County, P.O. Box 262 Piketon, Ohio 45661

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of Seal Township, Pike 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 of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fair 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 opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriations 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

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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, 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 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 Seal Township, Pike 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 permits, described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 26, 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.

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.

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Piketon, Ohio March 26, 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

	Government	_	
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Property Taxes	\$ 20,579	\$ 205,040	\$ 225,619
Intergovernmental	24,556	141,561	166,117
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	39,838	17,950	57,788
Earnings on Investments	2,254	529	2,783
Miscellaneous	40	13,509	13,549
Total Cash Receipts	87,267	378,589	465,856
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	97,294	-	97,294
Public Safety	-	46,315	46,315
Public Works	-	120,493	120,493
Health	-	78,447	78,447
Capital Outlay	-	6,558	6,558
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal	-	27,000	27,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges		9,793	9,793
Total Cash Disbursements	97,294	288,606	385,900
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(10,027)	89,983	79,956
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	116,316	486,526	602,842
Restricted	-	576,509	576,509
Unassigned	106,289		106,289
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 106,289	\$ 576,509	\$ 682,798

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

Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

	Governmen	<u>_</u>	
	<u>General</u>	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:	4 10.510	4 107 040	0.17 (50
Property Taxes	\$ 19,710	\$ 197,940	\$ 217,650
Intergovernmental	23,639	154,326	177,965
Fines, Licenses, and Permits	32,845	12,600	45,445
Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	3,167	696	3,863
Miscenaneous	813	8,128	8,941
Total Cash Receipts	80,174	373,690	453,864
Cash Disbursements: Current:			
General Government	97,701	-	97,701
Public Safety	-	51,456	51,456
Public Works	-	86,315	86,315
Health	-	73,775	73,775
Capital Outlay	-	14,638	14,638
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal	-	35,619	35,619
Interest and Fiscal Charges		10,839	10,839
Total Cash Disbursements	97,701	272,642	370,343
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(17,527)	101,048	83,521
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	133,843	385,478	519,321
Restricted	-	486,526	486,526
Unassigned	116,316		116,316
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 116,316	\$ 486,526	\$ 602,842

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

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 Seal Township, Pike County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, and fire protection.

The Township participates in the Ohio Township Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) which is an insurance risk-sharing pool available to Ohio Townships, Note 7 provides additional information regarding this entity.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. The basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Cash and Deposits

The Township deposits all available funds in an interest earning checking account at a local commercial bank. All deposits are valued at cost.

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 is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

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

Cemetery Fund – This fund receives property tax money, fees for the opening and closing of graves, and sale of lots for maintaining the cemeteries.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

Fire Fund – This fund receives property tax money and grants for fire protection of Township residents.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

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

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year. The Township did not encumber all commitments required by Ohio law.

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

F. Fund Balance

For December 31, 2013 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-fun resources. The classifications are as follows:d

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.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Fund Balance (Continued)

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.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	 2013	2012
Demand deposits	\$ 682,798	\$ 602,842

Deposits: Deposits are either insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution for its public deposits.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts						
	В	udgeted		Actual		
Fund Type	F	Receipts	F	Receipts	V	ariance
General	\$	75,631	\$	87,267	\$	11,636
Special Revenue		351,115		378,589		27,474
Total	\$	426,746	\$	465,856	\$	39,110

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Аp	propriation	В	udgetary	
Fund Type		Authority	Exp	penditures	 ⁷ ariance
General	\$	196,180	\$	97,294	\$ 98,886
Special Revenue		833,407		288,606	544,801
Total	\$	1,029,587	\$	385,900	\$ 643,687

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	В	udgeted		Actual		
Fund Type	F	Receipts	F	Receipts	V	ariance
General	\$	75,359	\$	80,174	\$	4,815
Special Revenue		359,940		373,690		13,750
Total	\$	435,299	\$	453,864	\$	18,565

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	App	propriation	В	udgetary		
Fund Type	A	uthority	Exp	penditures	\	/ariance
General	\$	219,289	\$	97,701	\$	121,588
Special Revenue		735,301		272,642		462,659
Total	\$	954,590	\$	370,343	\$	584,247

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Board of 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 payment, 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, 2013 was as follows:

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	Principal	Rate
Fire Truck Lease (2003)	\$ 160,062	5.25%
Total	\$ 160,062	

Interest

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

5. DEBT (Continued)

The 2003 Fire Truck was leased on December 2, 2003, for fifteen years with annual payments of \$25,000 for the first five years and \$36,793 for the remaining ten years, including interest. The lease was collateralized by the fire truck.

Amortization of the above debt, including interest of \$23,903, is scheduled as follows:

	20	2003 Fire	
	Trı	ıck Lease	
Year ending December 31:			
2014	\$	36,793	
2015		36,793	
2016		36,793	
2017		36,793	
2018		36,793	
	\$	183 965	

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Township's elected officials and employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) of Ohio. OPERS 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.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contributions rates. For 2013 and 2012, OPERS members contributed 10.0 percent, of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14.0 percent, of 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. 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, 2012, OTARMA retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$150,000 for property claims.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

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 the generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2012 and 2011 (latest information available):

	2012	2011
Assets	\$ 34,771,270	\$ 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 \$7.96 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 \$10,683

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.

Contributions to OTARMA							
2013		2012		2011			
\$	12,901	\$	11,985	\$	11,858		

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 LIABILITY

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, based on prior experience, management believes such refunds, if any, would not be material.



Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.

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

Seal Township Pike County, P.O. Box 262 Piketon, Ohio 45661

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 Seal Township, Pike 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 March 26, 2014, wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 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 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 weakness 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.

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Board of Trustees Seal Township, Pike County Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

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.

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.

Balestra, Ham & Schern, CPAs

Piketon, Ohio March 26, 2014

Seal Township Pike County Schedule of Prior Audit Findings December 31, 2013 and 2012

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2011-001	Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B) expenditures exceeding appropriations	Yes	Corrected
2011-002	ORC 5705.41(D) Expending funds before appropriating.	Yes	Corrected





SEAL TOWNSHIP

PIKE COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED MAY 13, 2014