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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Thompson Township Geauga County P.O. Box 204 Thompson, OH 44086

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of Thompson Township, Geauga 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.

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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(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 cash balances of Thompson Township, Geauga County as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and its 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 May 14, 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

May 14, 2014

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

	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes Intergovernmental Charges for Services	\$101,501 38,970	\$387,130 167,441 60,652		\$488,631 206,411 60,652
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties Special Assessments	4,615	5,555 841 1,242		10,170 841 1,242
Other Revenue	29,440	13,799		43,239
Total Cash Receipts	174,526	636,660	\$0_	811,186
Cash Disbursements: Current:				
General Government	143,268			143,268
Public Safety Public Works	6,395	209,461		209,461 303,553
Health	11,927	297,158 7,131		19,058
Conservation-Recreation Debt Service:	4,386	5,763		10,149
Redemption of Principal		48,637		48,637
Interest and Fiscal Charges Capital Outlay		3,504 7,500		3,504 7,500
Total Cash Disbursements	165,976	579,154	0	745,130
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	8,550	57,506	0	66,056
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements				
and Other Financing Disbursements	8,550	57,506	0	88,774
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2013	56,992	347,284	4,053	408,329
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2013 Restricted		404 700		404.700
Committed		404,790	4,053	404,790 4,053
Unassigned	65,542			65,542
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2013	\$65,542	\$404,790	\$4,053	\$474,385

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

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

	Governmental Fund Types				
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Cash Receipts:					
Local Taxes	\$70,512	\$365,616		\$436,128	
Intergovernmental	47,638	211,469		259,107	
Charges for Services Licenses, Permits, and Fees	3,801	37,872 3,950		37,872 7,751	
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	3,001	5,950 506		506	
Special Assessments		1,249		1,249	
Other Revenue	52,555	16,807		69,362	
Total Cash Receipts	174,506	637,469	\$0	811,975	
Cash Disbursements:					
Current: General Government	150,308			150,308	
Public Safety	130,300	197,799		197,799	
Public Works	7,297	247,844		255,141	
Health	10,818	6,120		16,938	
Conservation-Recreation Debt Service:	5,604	1,100		6,704	
Redemption of Principal		41,961		41,961	
Interest and Fiscal Charges		4,723		4,723	
Capital Outlay		53,514		53,514	
Total Cash Disbursements	174,027	553,061	0	727,088	
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	479	84,408	0	84,887	
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements					
and Other Financing Disbursements	<u>479</u>	84,408	0	84,887	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2012	56,513	262,876	4,053	323,442	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2012					
Restricted		347,284		347,284	
Committed		- · · ,— - ·	4,053	4,053	
Unassigned	56,992		·	56,992	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2012	\$56,992	\$347,284	\$4,053	\$408,329	

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

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 Thompson Township, Geauga 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, emergency medical services, and police protection.

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. Cash and Investments

The Township did not have any investments during fiscal years 2013 and 2012. All funds are held in a business checking account.

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.

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:

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

Fire District Fund - This fund receives property tax money to provide fire protection to the Township residents.

3. Debt Service Fund

The debt service fund is used to accumulate resources for the payment of bond and note indebtedness.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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 canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

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.

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.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

F. Fund Balance (Continued)

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.

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 at December 31 was as follows:

	2013	2012
Demand deposits	\$474,385	\$408,329

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

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2013	Budgeted vs.	Actual	Receints
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	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$168,001	\$174,526	\$6,525
Special Revenue	596,822	636,660	39,838
Total	\$764,823	\$811,186	\$46,363

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary		
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance	
General	\$183,286	\$165,976	\$17,310	
Special Revenue	759,613	579,154	180,459	
Debt Service	141	0	141	
Total	\$943,040	\$745,130	\$197,910	

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Budgeted Actual						
Receipts	Receipts	Variance				
\$169,034	\$174,506	\$5,472				
590,630	637,469	46,839				
\$759,664	\$811,975	\$52,311				
	Receipts \$169,034 590,630	Receipts Receipts \$169,034 \$174,506 590,630 637,469				

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Appropriation	Budgetary		
Authority	Expenditures	Variance	
\$193,208	\$174,027	\$19,181	
827,163	553,061	274,102	
141	0	141	
\$1,020,512	\$727,088	\$293,424	
	Authority \$193,208 827,163 141	Authority Expenditures \$193,208 \$174,027 827,163 553,061 141 0	

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.

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.

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

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2013 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Deutsche Bank	\$10,523	4.31%
Commerce Bank - Ambulance	32,935	4.00%
OPWC	39,860	0%
Commerce Bank - Ford Interceptor	25,527	3.75%
Total	\$108,845	

In 2007, the Township entered into a lease at an interest rate of 4.31% to finance the purchase of roadside equipment and an F-550 truck with Deutsche Bank for use on Township roads. The lease is for seven years and matures in 2014.

In 2010, the Township entered into a 5 year loan, maturing in 2015, from the Commerce Bank in the amount of \$102,300 for the purchase of an ambulance at an interest rate of 4%.

In 2013, the Township entered into a lease at an interest rate of 3.75% to finance the purchase of a 2013 Ford Explorer Interceptor the lease payments total \$31,125. The lease is for five years and matures in 2018.

In 2012 the Township entered into a 10 year loan, maturing in 2022, from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) in the amount of \$39,860 for paving of Township roads at an interest rate of 0%.

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

	Commerce	Deutsche		
	Bank Leases	Bank Lease	OPWC Loan	Totals
Year ending December 31:				
2014	\$29,065	\$10,749	\$2,344	\$42,158
2015	17,645		4,689	22,334
2016	6,225		4,689	10,914
2017	6,225		4,689	10,914
2018	3,113		4,689	7,802
2019-2023			18,760	18,760
Total	\$62,273	\$10,749	\$39,860	\$ 112,882

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). 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 contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries. 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

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

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.

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).

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Assets	\$34,771,270	\$35,086,165
Liabilities	<u>(9,355,082)</u>	<u>(9,718,792)</u>
Net Position	<u>\$25,416.188</u>	<u>\$25,367,373</u>

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, 2013, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$15,000.

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.

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

7. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Contributions to OTARMA		
<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	
\$25,070	\$24,987	

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.

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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

Thompson Township Geauga County P.O. Box 204 Thompson, OH 44086

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 Thompson Township, Geauga 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 May 14, 2014, wherein we noted the Township followed the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 1.

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 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.

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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.

Dave Yost Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

May 14, 2014



THOMPSON TOWNSHIP

LAKE 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 27, 2014