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**GREEN CREEK TOWNSHIP
SANDUSKY COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Green Creek Township
Sandusky County
4335 Limerick Road
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To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of Green Creek Township, Sandusky County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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

As described in Note 1 to 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 (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

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Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles – (Continued)

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Township does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

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, 2014 and 2013, 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 Green Creek Township, Sandusky County, Ohio as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 20, 2015, 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

August 20, 2015

**GREEN CREEK TOWNSHIP
SANDUSKY COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$106,291	\$173,071	\$279,362
Licenses, Permits and Fees	41,144	6,130	47,274
Intergovernmental	109,748	124,576	234,324
Earnings on Investments	414	30	444
Miscellaneous	1,860	3,279	5,139
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>259,457</u>	<u>307,086</u>	<u>566,543</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	124,000		124,000
Public Safety		79,651	79,651
Public Works		251,246	251,246
Health	2,056	2,496	4,552
Capital Outlay	229,163	38,635	267,798
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>355,219</u>	<u>372,028</u>	<u>727,247</u>
<i>Excess of Disbursements Over Receipts</i>	<u>(95,762)</u>	<u>(64,942)</u>	<u>(160,704)</u>
Other Financing Receipts:			
Sale of Capital Assets	14,145	6,807	20,952
Other Financing Sources	127,916	30,560	158,476
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts</i>	<u>142,061</u>	<u>37,367</u>	<u>179,428</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	46,299	(27,575)	18,724
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>494,344</u>	<u>315,927</u>	<u>810,271</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted		288,352	288,352
Assigned	80,280		80,280
Unassigned	460,363		460,363
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$540,643</u>	<u>\$288,352</u>	<u>\$828,995</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, 2013**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$104,897	\$149,765	\$254,662
Licenses, Permits and Fees	33,731	8,187	41,918
Intergovernmental	69,154	123,955	193,109
Earnings on Investments	487	42	529
Miscellaneous	1,007	7,185	8,192
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>209,276</u>	<u>289,134</u>	<u>498,410</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	181,030		181,030
Public Safety		86,270	86,270
Public Works	50,000	187,051	237,051
Health	1,052	812	1,864
Capital Outlay		2,561	2,561
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>232,082</u>	<u>276,694</u>	<u>508,776</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(22,806)	12,440	(10,366)
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>517,150</u>	<u>303,487</u>	<u>820,637</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted		315,927	315,927
Assigned	140,433		140,433
Unassigned	353,911		353,911
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$494,344</u>	<u>\$315,927</u>	<u>\$810,271</u>

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

**GREEN CREEK TOWNSHIP
SANDUSKY COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

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 Green Creek Township, Sandusky County, Ohio (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 services. The Township contracts with the City of Clyde Fire Department and the Village of Green Springs Volunteer Fire Department for fire protection services.

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

Public Entity Risk Pool:

Ohio Township 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 permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D). 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 financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

C. 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.

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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Continued)

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

Fire Levy Fund – This fund receives property tax money to pay for fire protection for the Township.

D. 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 2014 and 2013 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

E. 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (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.

F. 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.

G. 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

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:

	2014	2013
Demand deposits	<u>\$828,995</u>	<u>\$810,271</u>

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2014 and 2013 follows:

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$167,818	\$401,518	\$233,700
Special Revenue	294,644	344,453	49,809
Total	\$462,462	\$745,971	\$283,509

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$308,024	\$356,431	(\$48,407)
Special Revenue	427,942	373,568	54,374
Total	\$735,966	\$729,999	\$5,967

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$175,549	\$209,276	\$33,727
Special Revenue	273,955	289,134	15,179
Total	\$449,504	\$498,410	\$48,906

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$692,199	\$232,833	\$459,366
Special Revenue	577,275	278,260	299,015
Total	\$1,269,474	\$511,093	\$758,381

Contrary to Ohio law, budgetary expenditures exceeded appropriation authority in the General fund by \$48,407 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

4. Property Tax – (Continued)

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

5. Capital Leases

Capital leases outstanding at December 31, 2014 were as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
John Deere Financial - Backhoe	\$92,225	0.5%
Santander Bank N.A. - Dump Truck	70,755	3.7%
	\$162,980	

On September 10, 2014, the Township entered into a municipal leasing program with John Deere Financial to finance the purchase of a backhoe for drainage, road maintenance, and cemetery use. The total capital lease of \$92,225 will be paid in annual installments due on June 1 each of the next five years.

On April 24, 2014, the Township entered into a municipal leasing program with Santander Bank N.A. to finance the purchase of a new dump truck and plowing equipment for Township road maintenance. The total capital lease was \$140,755 with a \$70,000 principal payment due at inception of the lease. Annual payments will be due on July 15 for each of the next five years.

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

Year ending December 31:	Backhoe	Dump Truck
2015	\$50,000	\$15,186
2016	10,677	15,186
2017	10,677	15,186
2018	10,677	15,186
2019	10,677	15,186
Total	\$92,708	\$75,930

6. Retirement System

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2014 and 2013, OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2014.

**GREEN CREEK TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

7. Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

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

The Pool is a member of American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by York. APEEP provides the Pool with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, OTARMA retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2014, 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 2014:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Assets	\$34,954,286	\$35,970,263
Liabilities	8,486,363	8,912,432
Net Position	\$26,467,923	\$27,057,831

At December 31, 2013 and 2014, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$7.9 and \$8.2 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$7.4 and \$7.2 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 957 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2013 and 2014, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2014, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$3,000.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

7. Risk Management – (Continued)

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	
<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$5,039	\$4,941

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

Green Creek Township
Sandusky County
4335 Limerick Road
Clyde, Ohio 43410

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 Green Creek Township, Sandusky County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 20, 2015, 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 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 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 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 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. We consider finding 2014-001 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a material weakness.

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 findings as item 2014-002.

Entity's Response to Findings

The Township's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the Township's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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

August 20, 2015

**GREEN CREEK TOWNSHIP
SANDUSKY COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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FINDING NUMBER 2014-001

Material Weakness

Budgeted Amounts

Estimated receipts and appropriations budgeted by the Board of Trustees and approved by the Budget Commission should agree to the estimated resources and appropriations posted to the Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) accounting system and used in the Township's Budget vs. Actual footnote. In addition, actual disbursements should include amounts encumbered at year end.

The Township's budgeted disbursements entered into their UAN accounting system and used in their Budget vs. Actual footnote did not agree to appropriation resolutions for the General fund by \$142,062 or for the Cemetery fund by \$30,560 in 2014. The budgeted disbursements in the notes to the financial statements were adjusted for these changes. Additional adjustments were made to the budgetary presentations in smaller relative amounts, including budgeted receipts not agreeing to certificates of estimated resources in 2014, and actual disbursements not including amounts encumbered at year end for 2014 or 2013.

These errors were a result of inadequate policies and procedures in reviewing budgetary information and the related budgetary footnotes. Using inaccurate information could lead to the Board making misinformed decisions. We recommend the Fiscal Officer reconcile estimated resources and appropriations in the UAN accounting system to the official certificate of estimated resources and final appropriation resolution certified by the Budget Commission and any subsequent amendments or adjustments approved by the Board and the Budget Commission in order to ensure their accuracy. In addition, we recommend accurate amounts be input into the Budget vs. Actual footnote at year end.

Officials' Response:

We acknowledge errors were made and will correct these in the future.

FINDING NUMBER 2014-002

Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code §5705.41(B) prohibits a subdivision or taxing unit from making any expenditure of money unless it has been appropriated in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code. We found instances of supplemental appropriations posted to the appropriation ledger; however, there was no evidence that the Board adopted a formal resolution approving these supplemental appropriations as required by **Ohio Rev. Code §5705.40**. This caused budgetary expenditures of \$356,431 to exceed appropriations of \$308,024 within the General fund by \$48,407 in 2014.

This error was a result of inadequate policies and procedures in reviewing budgetary information. Failure to have adequate appropriations in place at the time expenditures are made could cause expenditures to exceed available resources, further in deficit spending practices. The Fiscal Officer should not certify the availability of funds and should deny payment requests exceeding appropriations.

The Fiscal Officer may request the Board to approve increased expenditure levels by increasing appropriations and amending estimated resources, if necessary.

Officials' Response:

In correlation with errors made with Finding Number 2014-001; we acknowledge them and will correct these in the future.



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015**