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HARRISON TOWNSHIP  
CARROLL COUNTY

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Harrison Township  
Carroll County  
3027 Waynesburg Rd. NW  
Carrollton, OH 44615

To the Board of Trustees:

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of Harrison Township, Carroll County, (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 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 of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

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 Harrison Township, Carroll County 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 September 25, 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

September 25, 2015

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP  
CARROLL COUNTY**

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

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$60,216	\$76,112		\$136,328
Licenses, Permits and Fees		4,400		4,400
Intergovernmental	51,921	128,337		180,258
Miscellaneous		3,104		3,104
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>112,137</u>	<u>211,953</u>	-	<u>324,090</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
General Government	103,391	13,714		117,105
Public Safety		383		383
Public Works		162,066		162,066
Health	15,208	7,425		22,633
Capital Outlay	2,648			2,648
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>121,247</u>	<u>183,588</u>	-	<u>304,835</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>(9,110)</u>	<u>28,365</u>	-	<u>19,255</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(9,110)	28,365	-	19,255
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>13,231</u>	<u>69,185</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>82,942</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>				
Restricted	-	85,773	526	86,299
Assigned	4,121	11,777	-	15,898
Unassigned (Deficit)	-	-	-	-
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$4,121</u>	<u>\$97,550</u>	<u>\$526</u>	<u>\$102,197</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 CASH BALANCES (CASH BASIS)  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$56,904	\$72,087		\$128,991
Licenses, Permits and Fees		4,900		4,900
Intergovernmental	28,867	118,632		147,499
Miscellaneous		3,901		3,901
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>85,771</u>	<u>199,520</u>	-	<u>285,291</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
General Government	73,871	13,644		87,515
Public Safety		534		534
Public Works		162,688		162,688
Health	15,262	7,200		22,462
Capital Outlay	30,788	14,705		45,493
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement		14,705		14,705
Interest and Fiscal Charges		591		591
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>119,921</u>	<u>214,067</u>	-	<u>333,988</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>(34,150)</u>	<u>(14,547)</u>	-	<u>(48,697)</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>				
Sale of Notes		14,705		14,705
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,705</u>	-	<u>14,705</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(34,150)	158	-	(33,992)
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>47,381</u>	<u>69,027</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>116,934</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>				
Restricted	-	57,487	526	58,013
Assigned	6,450	11,698	-	18,148
Unassigned (Deficit)	6,781	-	-	6,781
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$13,231</u>	<u>\$69,185</u>	<u>\$526</u>	<u>\$82,942</u>

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

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP  
CARROLL 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 Harrison Township, Carroll 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 and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the Villages of Carrollton, Waynesburg, Dellroy and Malvern to provide fire protection services.

The Township participates in the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority, a public entity risk pool. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for OTARMA.

Public Entity Risk Pool:

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

The Township held no investments during 2014 or 2013.

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

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**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.

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

**3. Debt Service Fund**

This fund accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal and interest.

**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. 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 approve estimated resources.

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

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**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 2014 and 2013 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.

**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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

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.

**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 and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	2014	2013
Demand deposits	\$102,197	\$82,942

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

**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	\$111,960	\$112,137	\$177
Special Revenue	211,224	211,953	729
Debt Service	0	0	0
Total	\$323,184	\$324,090	\$906

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$118,500	\$121,247	(\$2,747)
Special Revenue	218,162	183,588	34,574
Debt Service	0	0	0
Total	\$336,662	\$304,835	\$31,827

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013  
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**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY - (Continued)**

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$85,761	\$85,771	\$10
Special Revenue	199,511	199,520	9
Debt Service	0	0	0
Total	\$285,272	\$285,291	\$19

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$116,387	\$119,921	(\$3,534)
Special Revenue	243,150	214,067	29,083
Debt Service	0	0	0
Total	\$359,537	\$333,988	\$25,549

The 2014 and 2013 General Fund actual budgetary basis expenditures exceeded appropriation authority due to audit adjustments to reclassify certain expenditures from special revenue funds to the general fund.

**4. PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

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

**5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The Township's employees and elected officials belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes these plans' 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% 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, 2014.

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP  
CARROLL COUNTY**

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

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

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

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. York Risk Pooling Services, Inc. (formally known as American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc.) (York or Management), functions as the administrator of the Pool and provides underwriting claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for the Pool. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty and Property Coverage

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 (the latest information available):

	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>
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 \$2,000.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013  
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**6. 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.

<b><u>Contributions to OTARMA</u></b>	
<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2013</u></b>
\$4,377	\$4,485

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*

Harrison Township  
Carroll County  
3027 Waynesburg Rd. NW  
Carrollton, OH 44615

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 Harrison Township, Carroll County, (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 September 25, 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 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.

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 2014-001.

***Entity's Response to Findings***

The Township's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the Township's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

***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

September 25, 2015

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP  
CARROLL COUNTY**

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

<b>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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**FINDING NUMBER 2014-001**

**Noncompliance and Material Weakness**

**1. Insurance Premiums for Elected Officials**

<i>Finding Number</i>	2014-001
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NONCOMPLIANCE AND MATERIAL WEAKNESS

Ohio Revised Code section 505.60 provides that the board of township trustees of any township may procure and pay all or any part of the cost of insurance policies that may provide benefits for hospitalization, surgical care, major medical care, disability, dental care, eye care, medical care, hearing aids, prescription drugs, or sickness and accident insurance, or a combination of any of the foregoing types of insurance for township officers and employees.

The Township provides medical, dental and life insurance to the three members of the board of trustees and the fiscal officer. The salaries earned by these public officials are paid 100% from the general fund; however, the premiums paid on behalf of these officials are paid in part from the Road & Bridge and Gas Tax Funds. In 2013, premium payments of \$12,459 and \$1,246 were paid on behalf of the township trustees and fiscal officer from the Road & Bridge and Gas Tax Funds, respectively. In 2014, premium payments of \$13,920 and \$1,888 were paid on behalf of the township trustees and fiscal officer from the Road & Bridge and Gas Tax Funds, respectively. Insurance premiums and related payroll costs paid on behalf of township officials should be charged to funds in the same distribution method as salaries are charged (or solely from the General fund). Additionally, during 2013 and 2014, the Township paid portions of the road employee medical, dental and life insurance premiums from the General Fund. These expenditures of \$2,821 in 2013 and \$3,428 in 2014 are allowable expenditures of the restricted road funds. Therefore, the insurance premiums paid on behalf of the township officials, netted against the road employee's premiums paid from the General Fund for 2013 and 2014 should be reflected as an expenditure of the General fund. The Township did not have procedures in place to allow for the allocation of salaries, and therefore related benefits, to funds other than the General Fund.

Net adjustments to increase General Fund expenditures by \$10,884 in 2013 and \$12,380 in 2014 and decrease expenditures of the Road & Bridge Fund by \$9,638 in 2013 and \$10,492 in 2014 and decrease expenditures of the Gas Tax Fund by \$1,246 in 2013 and \$1,888 in 2014 have been made to the financial statements and the Township's accounting records to properly reflect these premium payments.

The Township should enact policies and procedures to ensure benefits and payroll related items paid on behalf of township officials are charged to funds in the same distribution as the officials' salaries or are paid completely from the General fund.

**Official's Response:** The Fiscal Officer was unaware paying insurance premiums for elected officials out of restricted funds from which the officials are not being compensated is not permissible and have corrected this going forward.

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**HARRISON TOWNSHIP**

**CARROLL COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
NOVEMBER 17, 2015**