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Regular Audit**

**For the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014**

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# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Ellsworth Township  
6036 South Salem Warren Road  
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of Ellsworth Township, Mahoning County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. 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. Ellsworth Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

November 3, 2016

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ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP  
MAHONING COUNTY

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

August 22, 2016

Ellsworth Township  
Mahoning County  
6036 S. Salem Warren Road  
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To the Board of Trustees:

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of **Ellsworth Township**, Mahoning County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

### ***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.

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

As described in Note 1B 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, 2015 and 2014, 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 Ellsworth Township, Mahoning County as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, 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 1B.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 22, 2016, 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.



**Perry & Associates**  
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.  
Marietta, Ohio



**ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP  
MAHONING COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 93,233	\$ 89,882	\$ -	\$ 183,115
Charges for Services	-	21,283	-	21,283
Licenses, Permits and Fees	29,904	4,425	-	34,329
Intergovernmental	24,094	107,220	-	131,314
Earnings on Investments	283	102	-	385
Miscellaneous	6,080	7,332	-	13,412
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>153,594</u>	<u>230,244</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>383,838</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
General Government	244,851	-	-	244,851
Public Safety	7,782	93,384	-	101,166
Public Works	-	78,579	-	78,579
Health	-	7,265	-	7,265
Human Services	-	2,196	-	2,196
Capital Outlay	148,878	25,895	-	174,773
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>401,511</u>	<u>207,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>608,830</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>(247,917)</u>	<u>22,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(224,992)</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>				
Transfers In	-	10,074	-	10,074
Transfers Out	(10,074)	-	-	(10,074)
Other Debt Proceeds	157,327	-	-	157,327
Other Financing Sources	-	125	-	125
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>147,253</u>	<u>10,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,452</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(100,664)</u>	<u>33,124</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(67,540)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>502,442</u>	<u>380,322</u>	<u>731</u>	<u>883,495</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>				
Restricted	-	413,446	731	414,177
Assigned	812	-	-	812
Unassigned	400,966	-	-	400,966
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 401,778</u>	<u>\$ 413,446</u>	<u>\$ 731</u>	<u>\$ 815,955</u>

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

**ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP  
MAHONING 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	Debt Service	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 99,517	\$ 81,661	\$ 5,000	\$ 186,178
Charges for Services	-	21,893	-	21,893
Licenses, Permits and Fees	25,476	5,675	-	31,151
Intergovernmental	21,596	97,817	-	119,413
Special Assessments	-	78	-	78
Earnings on Investments	211	60	-	271
Miscellaneous	10,359	2,050	-	12,409
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>157,159</u>	<u>209,234</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>371,393</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
General Government	191,473	190	-	191,663
Public Safety	20,770	68,079	-	88,849
Public Works	-	88,244	-	88,244
Health	-	6,767	-	6,767
Human Services	-	1,070	-	1,070
Capital Outlay	30,538	35,957	-	66,495
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	-	-	17,651	17,651
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>242,781</u>	<u>200,307</u>	<u>17,651</u>	<u>460,739</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Under Disbursements</i>	<u>(85,622)</u>	<u>8,927</u>	<u>(12,651)</u>	<u>(89,346)</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts</b>				
Other Financing Sources	-	2,267	-	2,267
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,267</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,267</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(85,622)</u>	<u>11,194</u>	<u>(12,651)</u>	<u>(87,079)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>588,064</u>	<u>369,128</u>	<u>13,382</u>	<u>970,574</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>				
Restricted	-	380,322	731	381,053
Assigned	159,446	-	-	159,446
Unassigned	342,996	-	-	342,996
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 502,442</u>	<u>\$ 380,322</u>	<u>\$ 731</u>	<u>\$ 883,495</u>

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

**ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014**

**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 Ellsworth Township, Mahoning 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, fire protection and emergency medical 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

OTARMA – a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments (“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 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 financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

**C. Deposits and Investments**

All cash assets of the Township are maintained in an interest bearing checking account and savings 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 in another fund.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014  
(CONTINUED)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**D. Fund Accounting (Continued)**

**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:

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

Fire District Fund - This fund receives property tax money to provide Township fire services.

**3. Debt Service Funds**

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

General Bond/Note Retirement Fund – This fund receives property tax money restricted to satisfying the obligation of a note the Township issued to fund a Chip and Seal Program.

**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. 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014  
(CONTINUED)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. Budgetary Process (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 carried forward and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2015 and 2014 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 classified 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 funds 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* amount 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  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014  
(CONTINUED)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**F. Fund Balance (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 pool that 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:

	2015	2014
Demand Deposits	\$25,500	\$25,500
Repurchase Agreements	790,455	857,995
Total Deposits and Investments	\$815,955	\$883,495

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

**Investments:** Repurchase agreements are uninsured and unregistered investments for which securities are held by the broker or dealer or by its trust department, but not in the Township's name.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2015 and 2014 follows:

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 127,812	\$ 310,921	\$ 183,109
Special Revenue	104,074	240,443	136,369
Total	\$ 231,886	\$ 551,364	\$ 319,478

**ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014  
(CONTINUED)**

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (CONTINUED)**

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 635,670	\$ 412,397	\$ 223,273
Special Revenue	559,933	208,725	351,208
Debt Service	731	-	731
Total	\$ 1,196,334	\$ 621,122	\$ 575,212

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 188,494	\$ 157,159	\$ (31,335)
Special Revenue	291,655	211,501	(80,154)
Debt Service	4,269	5,000	731
Total	\$ 484,418	\$ 373,660	\$ (110,758)

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 767,561	\$ 402,227	\$ 365,334
Special Revenue	505,498	262,217	243,281
Debt Service	17,651	17,651	-
Total	\$ 1,290,710	\$ 682,095	\$ 608,615

Contrary to Ohio law, appropriations exceeded estimated resources in the Motor Vehicle License Tax, Gasoline Tax, Cemetery, Recycling Grant, Fire District, Zoning, Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax, Fire and Rescue EMS, and Special Assessment Funds for 2015 and the Recycling Grant Fund in 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.

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

**ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014  
(CONTINUED)**

**5. DEBT**

Debt outstanding as of December 31, 2015 is as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
ODOT SIB Loan	<u>\$ 157,327</u>	<u>3.00%</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 157,327</u></u>	<u><u>3.00%</u></u>

During 2015, the Township acquired a direct loan through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for a term of 84 months to finance a Chip and Seal Program for Township road maintenance. The loan will begin accruing interest at a rate of 3.00% on August 15, 2016. Payments will be made from the Gas Tax Fund and will begin on February 15, 2018.

Amortization of the above debt is scheduled as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31:</u>	<u>ODOT SIB Loan</u>
2018	35,143
2019	35,143
2020	35,143
2021	35,143
2022	35,143
Total	<u>\$ 175,714</u>

**6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2015 and 2014, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries, and the Township contributed an amount equal to 14% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2015.

**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.



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014  
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**7. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

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, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Assets	\$37,313,311	\$35,970,263
Liabilities	8,418,518	8,912,432
Net Position	\$28,894,793	\$27,057,831

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$7.8 and \$8.2 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$7.7 and \$7.2 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 989 members and 957 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2015 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, 2015, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$7,000.

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.

<u>Contributions to OTARMA</u>	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$12,798	\$12,667

**ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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(CONTINUED)**

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

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 LIABILITIES**

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the township are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.



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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**

August 22, 2016

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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 the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type of **Ellsworth Township**, Mahoning County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated, August 22, 2016, 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.

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. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings that we consider a material weakness. We consider finding 2015-001 to be a material weakness.

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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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings as item 2015-002.

We also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated August 22, 2016.

### **Township's Response to Findings**

The Township's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of audit 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.



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ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP  
MAHONING COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

FINDING NUMBER 2015-001

**Material Weakness**

**Posting Receipts, Disbursements and Fund Balance Classification**

Receipts and disbursements should be posted to the fund and line item accounts as indicated in the Ohio Township Handbook. Fund balances should be properly classified based on Governmental Accounting Standards Statement No. 54.

During 2015 and 2014, receipts, disbursements and fund balances were not always posted or classified correctly. The following errors were noted:

- Debt proceeds from ODOT SIB Loan were recorded as Other Financing Sources instead of Other Debt Proceeds in 2015;
- Encumbrances were recorded as Unassigned instead of Assigned in the General Fund in 2014;
- Encumbrances were recorded as Assigned instead of Restricted in the Special Revenue fund type in 2015;
- The Township grouped the Zoning Fund with the Special Revenue Funds instead of with the General Fund.

Not posting receipts and disbursements or classifying fund balances accurately resulted in the financial statements requiring adjustments and reclassifications. The Township has made all adjustments to its accounting system. The financial statements reflect all adjustments and reclassifications.

To help ensure accuracy and reliability in the financial reporting process, we recommend that management perform a detailed review of its draft financial statements. Such review should include procedures to ensure that all sources of revenues are properly identified and classified on the financial statements.

We also recommend the Fiscal Officer refer to the Ohio Township Handbook and other Auditor of State resources for guidance to determine the proper establishment of receipt and disbursement accounts and posting of receipts and disbursements. The Fiscal Officer should refer to Auditor of State Technical Bulletin 2011-004 for assistance in properly classifying fund balances.

**Management's Response** – Will review handbook and establish controls.

FINDING NUMBER 2015-002

**Noncompliance**

**Budgetary Controls**

**Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39** requires that total appropriations from each fund not exceed total estimated fund resources from each fund. This section also requires the Township to obtain a County Auditor's certificate that total appropriations from each fund do not exceed the total official estimate or amended official estimate when amending estimated resources.

ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP  
MAHONING COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)

FINDING NUMBER 2015-002 (Continued)

**Noncompliance (Continued)**

**Budgetary Controls (Continued)**

Appropriations exceeded estimated resources in the Motor Vehicle License Tax, Gasoline Tax, Cemetery, Recycling Grant, Fire District, Zoning, Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax, Fire and Rescue EMS, and Special Assessments Lighting Funds in 2015 and the Recycling Grant Fund in 2014 at year end.

The Fiscal Officer should monitor appropriations versus estimated resources to help avoid overspending.

**Management's Response** – Will review before each month for resource certificate.



# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

**ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP**

**MAHONING 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 15, 2016**