

**SHARON TOWNSHIP
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

*FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(AUDITED)*

FOR THE YEARS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

JOHN O'KEEFFE, FISCAL OFFICER



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees
Sharon Township
95 E Wilson Bridge Rd
Worthington, OH 43085

We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of Sharon Township, Franklin County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014. 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. Sharon Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

April 1, 2016

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

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Independent Auditor's Report

Sharon Township
Franklin County
95 E. Wilson Bridge Road
Worthington, Ohio 43085

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash fund balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type and the related notes of Sharon Township, Franklin County, Ohio, 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 Sharon 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 Sharon 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 of the financial statements, the Sharon 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 Sharon 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 described 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 Sharon Township as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, or changes in the 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 Sharon Township, Franklin 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 January 7, 2016, on our consideration of the Sharon 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 Sharon Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
January 7, 2016

**SHARON TOWNSHIP
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 2,962	\$ 1,383,453	\$ 1,386,415
Charges for Services	-	143,490	143,490
Licenses, Permits and Fees	35,886	-	35,886
Fines and Forfeitures	50	14,525	14,575
Intergovernmental	78,187	292,613	370,800
Rental Income	22,268	-	22,268
Contributions and Donations	10,000	300	10,300
Earnings on Investments	2,390	-	2,390
Miscellaneous	2,373	39,843	42,216
	<u>154,116</u>	<u>1,874,224</u>	<u>2,028,340</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	285,499	-	285,499
Public Safety	18,946	1,082,707	1,101,653
Public Works	-	312,361	312,361
Health	13,357	460,756	474,113
Capital Outlay	7,647	10,568	18,215
	<u>325,449</u>	<u>1,866,392</u>	<u>2,191,841</u>
Total Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	<u>(171,333)</u>	<u>7,832</u>	<u>(163,501)</u>
Other Financing Disbursements:			
Other Financing Uses	<u>(5,566)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,566)</u>
Total Other Financing Disbursements	<u>(5,566)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,566)</u>
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	(176,899)	7,832	(169,067)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>844,144</u>	<u>820,665</u>	<u>1,664,809</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31:			
Restricted	-	828,497	828,497
Assigned	262,666	-	262,666
Unassigned	404,579	-	404,579
Total Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$ 667,245</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 828,497</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,495,742</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 3,374	\$ 1,388,656	\$ 1,392,030
Charges for Services.	-	136,746	136,746
Licenses, Permits and Fees	31,893	2	31,895
Fines and Forfeitures	-	11,351	11,351
Intergovernmental.	227,236	288,301	515,537
Rental Income.	19,924	-	19,924
Contributions and Donations	82	350	432
Earnings on Investments	125	4	129
Miscellaneous.	5,548	35,113	40,661
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Total Cash Receipts	288,182	1,860,523	2,148,705
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	217,888	-	217,888
Public Safety	-	1,011,332	1,011,332
Public Works.	-	353,696	353,696
Health.	-	465,236	465,236
Capital Outlay.	5,105	12,903	18,008
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Total Cash Disbursements	222,993	1,843,167	2,066,160
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	65,189	17,356	82,545
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):			
Other Financing Sources	113	-	113
Other Financing Uses.	(805)	-	(805)
Advances In	90,000	60,000	150,000
Advances (Out)	(60,000)	(90,000)	(150,000)
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Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	29,308	(30,000)	(692)
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	94,497	(12,644)	81,853
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	749,647	833,309	1,582,956
Fund Cash Balances, December 31:			
Restricted	-	820,665	820,665
Assigned	248,500	-	248,500
Unassigned	595,644	-	595,644
Total Fund Cash Balances, December 31.	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	\$ 844,144	\$ 820,665	\$ 1,664,809

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

NOTE 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 Sharon Township, Franklin County, Ohio 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 police services.

The Township contracts with the City of Worthington to provide fire services and Any Emergency Medical Services, Inc., to provide ambulance services.

The Township has a blended component unit of Walnut Grove and Flint Union Cemeteries. This entity is blended with the special revenue funds in the financial statements. Note 7 to the financial statements provides additional information on this entity.

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

B. Accounting Basis

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

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

C. 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 values negotiable CDs and federal agency securities at cost. Money market mutual funds (including STAR Ohio) are recorded at share values the mutual funds report.

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.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds

These 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.

Police District Fund - This fund receives property tax money and other intergovernmental money for providing security of persons and property for township residents.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the 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 re-appropriated. The Township did not encumber all commitments timely as required by Ohio law.

A summary of 2014 and 2013 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Fund Balance

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions", the Township classifies its fund balance based on the purpose for which the resources were received and the level of constraint placed on the resources.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

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.

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

H. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

NOTE 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	\$ 748,919	\$ 1,267,914
Investments:		
STAR Ohio	146,944	146,895
Negotiable CDs	300,000	-
Federal agency securities:		
FHLB	-	150,000
FNMA	199,879	-
FHLMC	100,000	100,000
Total investments	746,823	396,895
Total deposits and investments	\$ 1,495,742	\$ 1,664,809

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

Investments: A financial institution's trust department hold the Township's federal securities and negotiable CDs in book entry form in the Township's name. Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

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NOTE 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	\$ 104,450	\$ 154,116	\$ 49,666
Special Revenue	<u>1,904,807</u>	<u>1,874,224</u>	<u>(30,583)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,009,257</u>	<u>\$ 2,028,340</u>	<u>\$ 19,083</u>

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 352,950	\$ 331,015	\$ 21,935
Special Revenue	<u>2,436,169</u>	<u>1,866,392</u>	<u>569,777</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,789,119</u>	<u>\$ 2,197,407</u>	<u>\$ 591,712</u>

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 103,996	\$ 378,295	\$ 274,299
Special Revenue	<u>1,907,329</u>	<u>1,920,523</u>	<u>13,194</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,011,325</u>	<u>\$ 2,298,818</u>	<u>\$ 287,493</u>

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 390,650	\$ 283,798	\$ 106,852
Special Revenue	<u>2,373,018</u>	<u>1,933,167</u>	<u>439,851</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,763,668</u>	<u>\$ 2,216,965</u>	<u>\$ 546,703</u>

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAX

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

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township. The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Township.

NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's certified Fire Fighters belong to the Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). The Township's elected officials and other employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) of Ohio. OP&F and OPERS are cost-sharing, multi-employer plans. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes these plans' benefits, which includes postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2014 and 2013, OP&F participants contributed 10% of their wages. For 2014 and 2013, the Township contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 24% of full-time firefighter's wages. For 2014 and 2013, 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, 2014.

NOTE 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.

**SHARON TOWNSHIP
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

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 \$16,000.

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>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$29,779	\$30,559

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.

NOTE 7 - COMPONENT UNIT

The Walnut Grove and Flint Union Cemeteries is considered a blended component unit of the Township. The Cemetery is considered a blended component unit because the Township provides a significant portion of the Cemetery's funding. The financial statements of the Cemetery can be obtained by writing Elaine Russell, Clerk at 5561 Milton Avenue, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

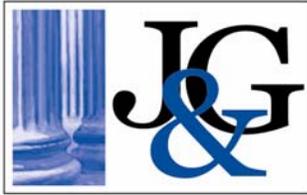
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

NOTE 8 - COMPLIANCE

The Township did not timely certify expenditures for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, in noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D).

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**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting and on
Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

Sharon Township
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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 fund balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type of Sharon Township, Franklin County, Ohio, 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 January 7, 2016, wherein we noted Sharon 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 Sharon 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 Sharon 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 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 Sharon 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 findings and responses that we consider a material weakness. We consider finding 2014-002 to be a material weakness.

Board of Trustees
Sharon Township

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether Sharon 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 one instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses at item 2014-001.

Sharon Township's Response to Finding

Sharon Township's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. We did not audit the Sharon 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 Sharon Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Sharon Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
January 7, 2016

**SHARON TOWNSHIP
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

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

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

Noncompliance - Ohio Revised Code

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D) requires that no orders or contracts involving the expenditure of money are to be made unless there is a certificate of the fiscal officer that the amount required for the order or contract has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances.

The Township had 53% and 29% of examined disbursements that were not certified in a timely manner for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Without timely certification, the Township may expend more funds than available in the treasury, or in the process of collection, or appropriated. This may also result in unnecessary purchases.

We recommend that all orders or contracts involving the disbursement of money be timely certified to ensure all monies expended are lawfully appropriated and available in the treasury or in the process of collection and or a "Then & Now" certification is approved on the purchase order.

Client Response: The Township will attempt to timely certify all expenditures in the future.

Finding Number	2014-002
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Material Weakness - Bank Reconciliation

The Township's bank statements should be reconciled on a monthly basis, shortly after month end. Further, these bank reconciliations along with supporting documentation should be submitted to the Board of Trustees for review and approval at the meeting date following month end.

Accurate reconciliations of the Township's accounting system to the bank statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 were not performed and completed until several months after fiscal year end. Upon completion of the reconciliation, cash adjustments were required to properly state the Township's activities. These adjustments were included in the financial statements and posted to the Township's system.

Not providing the Board of Trustees with timely monthly reconciliations results in the Township relying on misrepresented financial information in which they base their decisions.

We recommend the Township Fiscal Officer timely reconcile its bank statements and provide the reconciliation and supporting documentation to the Board of Trustees. A Board of Trustees representative should review the bank reconciliations for any unusual items and document their approval by initialing the reconciliation. This may significantly improve the system of checks and balances necessary for strong cash control.

Client Response: The Fiscal Officer will ensure and provide monthly reconciliation of all bank statements, shortly after month end, along with supporting documentation to the Board of Trustees for review and approval by the Board.

**SHARON TOWNSHIP
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

<u>Finding Number</u>	<u>Finding Summary</u>	<u>Fully Corrected?</u>	<u>Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; Finding no Longer Valid</u>
2012-001	<u>Material Noncompliance</u> - Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D)(1) prohibits a subdivision or taxing entity from making any contract or ordering any expenditure of money unless a certificate signed by the fiscal officer is attached thereto.	No	Repeated as finding 2014-001
2012-002	<u>Material Weakness</u> - Accurate and complete reconciliations of the bank activity to the Township's accounting records throughout the fiscal year including evidence for reconciling items and any other adjusting factors was not sufficiently performed.	No	Repeated as finding 2014-002

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FRANKLIN 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
APRIL 14, 2016