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MARIETTA TOWNSHIP  
WASHINGTON COUNTY

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Marietta Township  
Washington County  
250 Forshey Road  
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To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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**Betty Montgomery**  
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July 11, 2005

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## Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Marietta Township  
Washington County  
250 Forshey Road  
Marietta, Ohio 45750

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Marietta Township, Washington County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The Township processes its financial transactions with the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to audit the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and as requested, operates UAN. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code Section 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code Sections 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Township has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Township to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the year ended December 31, 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2004 (and 2003), the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2004. While the Township does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this Township does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

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In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the year ended December 31, 2004 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2004, or its changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of Marietta Township, Washington County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Township to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2004. The Township has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 11, 2005, 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. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

July 11, 2005

**MARIETTA TOWNSHIP  
WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	<b>Governmental Fund Types</b>				<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 77,833	\$ 250,307	\$ 35,751	\$ 13,615	\$ 363,891
Licenses, Permits and Fees	30,954			13,615	44,569
Intergovernmental	57,920	122,791	5,518		186,229
Special Assessments		16,179			16,179
Earnings on Investments	458	123		81	662
Miscellaneous	152			37,840	37,992
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>167,317</b>	<b>389,400</b>	<b>41,269</b>	<b>51,536</b>	<b>649,522</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>					
Current:					
General Government	125,610			4,086	129,696
Public Safety	22,000	119,818			141,818
Public Works	1,302	266,544			267,846
Health	21,747				21,747
Conservation - Recreation				6,819	6,819
Capital Outlay	1,100			260,000	261,100
Debt Service:					
Redemption of Principal			30,110		30,110
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges			11,459	5,556	17,015
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>171,759</b>	<b>386,362</b>	<b>41,569</b>	<b>276,461</b>	<b>876,151</b>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(4,442)	3,038	(300)	(224,925)	(226,629)
<b>Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):</b>					
Sale of Bonds				260,000	260,000
Sale of Fixed Assets	1,599			551	2,150
Advances-In	22,000	22,000			44,000
Advances-Out	(22,000)	(22,000)			(44,000)
<b>Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>260,551</b>	<b>262,150</b>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(2,843)	3,038	(300)	35,626	35,521
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	104,427	103,057	7,660		215,144
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<b>\$ 101,584</b>	<b>\$ 106,095</b>	<b>\$ 7,360</b>	<b>\$ 35,626</b>	<b>\$ 250,665</b>
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$ 0	\$ 9,064	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 9,064

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

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 84,932	\$ 223,452	\$ 24,583	\$ 332,967
Intergovernmental	56,313	89,628	5,518	151,459
Special Assessments		13,639		13,639
Earnings on Investments	870	199		1,069
Miscellaneous	675	7,246		7,921
	<u>142,790</u>	<u>334,164</u>	<u>30,101</u>	<u>507,055</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>				
Current:				
General Government	123,904			123,904
Public Safety	650	116,435		117,085
Public Works		215,829		215,829
Health	21,332			21,332
Capital Outlay		63,699		63,699
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal	15,123		17,961	33,084
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	877	727	10,527	12,131
	<u>161,886</u>	<u>396,690</u>	<u>28,488</u>	<u>587,064</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>(19,096)</u>	<u>(62,526)</u>	<u>1,613</u>	<u>(80,009)</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):</b>				
Sale of Notes		47,699		47,699
Sale of Fixed Assets	50	8,000		8,050
Advances-In	20,000	20,000		40,000
Advances-Out	(20,000)	(20,000)		(40,000)
	<u>50</u>	<u>55,699</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>55,749</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(19,046)	(6,827)	1,613	(24,260)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>123,473</u>	<u>109,884</u>	<u>6,047</u>	<u>239,404</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<b><u>\$ 104,427</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 103,057</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,660</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 215,144</u></b>
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

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

**MARIETTA TOWNSHIP  
WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

Marietta Township, Washington County (the Township), is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Township is directed by a publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services.

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

**B. Basis of Accounting**

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

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

**C. Cash and Investments**

The Township Clerk invests all available funds of the Township in an interest-bearing checking account.

**D. Fund Accounting**

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Township classifies its funds into the following types:

**1. General Fund**

The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**2. Special Revenue Funds**

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003  
(Continued)**

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

**D. Fund Accounting (Continued)**

**2. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)**

EMT Special Levy Fund – This fund receives funds to maintain and equip emergency medical technicians.

**3. Debt Service Funds**

These funds account for resources the Township accumulates to pay bond and note debt. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Funds:

General Bond/Note Retirement Fund – This fund received monies from the sale of notes and bonds to replace Township roads in the Sunnyview Subdivision.

Backhoe/Loader Fund – This fund received monies from the sale of notes to purchase a Case 580sm Loader/Backhoe.

**4. Capital Project Funds**

These funds account for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects. The Township had the following significant Capital Project Fund:

Park and Recreation Fund – This fund received monies from the sale of bonds to purchase the former Reno School building from Marietta City School District to be utilized as a Township park and recreation center.

**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 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 also approve estimated resources.

**3. Encumbrances**

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003  
(Continued)**

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

**E. Budgetary Process (Continued)**

A summary of 2004 and 2003 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**F. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

The Township records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

**G. Accumulated Leave**

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

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH**

The Township maintains a cash pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	2004	2003
Demand deposits	\$ 250,665	\$ 215,144

**Deposits:** Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2004 and 2003 follows:

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 170,664	\$ 190,916	\$ 20,252
Special Revenue	387,873	411,400	23,527
Debt Service	41,569	41,269	(300)
Capital Projects	311,439	312,087	648
Total	\$ 911,545	\$ 955,672	\$ 44,127

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 188,897	\$ 193,759	\$ (4,862)
Special Revenue	456,282	417,426	38,856
Debt Service	49,229	41,569	7,660
Capital Projects	260,000	276,461	(16,461)
Total	\$ 954,408	\$ 929,215	\$ 25,193

**MARIETTA TOWNSHIP  
WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003  
(Continued)**

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)**

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 155,435	\$ 162,840	\$ 7,405
Special Revenue	386,718	409,863	23,145
Debt Service	30,731	30,101	(630)
Total	\$ 572,884	\$ 602,804	\$ 29,920

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 241,811	\$ 181,886	\$ 59,925
Special Revenue	471,976	416,690	55,286
Debt Service	36,778	28,488	8,290
Total	\$ 750,565	\$ 627,064	\$ 123,501

**4. PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopt 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.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

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

**5. DEBT**

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2004 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rates
Special Assessment Bond	\$ 165,500	4.60%
Ohio Public Works Commission Loan	42,939	2.00%
Park and Recreation Bond	260,000	5.00%
Promissory Note - Road Equipment	38,980	4.50%
Total	\$ 507,419	

**MARIETTA TOWNSHIP  
WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003  
(Continued)**

**5. DEBT (Continued)**

The special assessment bond and the Ohio Public Works Commission Loan were issued to finance the construction of Township roads in the Sunnyview Subdivision. Special assessments levied against property owners in the subdivision have been pledged to repay the debt. The OPWC Loan is backed by the full faith and credit of the Township for repayment.

The park and recreation bond was issued to finance the purchase of the former Reno Elementary School from Marietta City School District to be utilized as a Township Park & Recreation Center. The full faith and credit of the Township is pledged to repay this debt. The Township's taxing authority collateralized the bonds.

The Township executed a promissory note with Kansas State Bank to purchase a Case 580SM Loader/Backhoe. The original note was for \$47,699 with a annual payment of \$10,865. The full faith and credit of the Township is pledged to repay this debt. The equipment purchased collateralizes the promissory note.

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

Year ending December 31:	Special Assessment Bonds	Ohio Public Works Commission Loan	Promissory Note - Backhoe/ Loader	Park and Recreation Bonds
2005	\$ 24,763	\$ 5,518	\$ 10,865	\$ 7,900
2006	25,203	5,518	10,865	8,300
2007	25,157	5,518	10,865	8,700
2008	25,174	5,518	10,865	9,100
2009	16,951	5,518		9,600
2010-2014	75,555	22,074		55,400
2015-2019				70,700
2020-2024				90,300
Total	<u>\$ 192,803</u>	<u>\$ 49,664</u>	<u>\$ 43,460</u>	<u>\$ 260,000</u>

**6. RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 8.5 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equaling 13.55 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2004.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Risk Pool Membership**

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003  
(Continued)**

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

**Risk Pool Membership (Continued)**

OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). 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 Coverage

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per claim, including loss adjustment expenses. OTARMA pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000 from the General Reinsurance Corporation.

If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP covers OTARMA losses up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

Property Coverage

OTARMA retains property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss with an annual aggregate of \$1,250,000 for 2002. There is no aggregate for 2003 and future accident years. Beginning in 2003, OTARMA retains property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures losses exceeding \$100,000. APEEP's Guarantee Fund pays losses and loss adjustment expenses exceeding operating contributions.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge OTARMA's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective township.

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, 2003 and 2002 (the latest information available):

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Assets	\$ 27,792,223	\$ 23,757,036
Liabilities	<u>(11,791,300)</u>	<u>(9,197,512)</u>
Retained Earnings	<u>\$ 16,000,923</u>	<u>\$ 14,559,524</u>
<u>Property Coverage</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Assets	\$ 6,791,060	\$ 6,596,996
Liabilities	<u>(750,956)</u>	<u>(1,204,326)</u>
Retained Earnings	<u>\$ 6,040,104</u>	<u>\$ 5,392,670</u>

The Township also provides health, dental, and vision insurance coverage to the full-time employee through a private carrier.



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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Marietta Township  
Washington County  
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Marietta, Ohio 45750

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Marietta Township, Washington County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated July 11, 2005, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We also noted that the Township uses the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) to process its financial transactions. *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the Auditor of State's independence to audit the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated July 11, 2005, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

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Independent Accountants' Report on Internal Control Over  
Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters  
Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

### **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, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated July 11, 2005, we reported other matters related to compliance we deemed immaterial.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the management and the Board of Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

July 11, 2005

**MARIETTA TOWNSHIP  
WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <b><i>Explain</i></b>
2002-41084-001	A material noncompliance citation was issued under Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36 due to estimated resources exceeding actual revenue plus unencumbered cash and appropriations being greater than actual revenue plus unencumbered cash in various funds at December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2003.	Yes	N/A.
2002-41084-002	A material noncompliance citation was issued under Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 for appropriations exceeding estimated resources in various funds at December 31, 2002.	Yes	N/A
2002-41084-003	A material noncompliance citation was issued under Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) for expenditures exceeding appropriations in various fund at December 31, 2002.	No	Partially Corrected:  The situation is no longer as significant and is included in the current year Management Letter.





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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

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AUGUST 30, 2005**