



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

CHERRY VALLEY TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY

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**Auditor of State
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Cherry Valley Township
Ashtabula County
4045 Russell Road
Dorset, Ohio 44032

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
Auditor of State

May 16, 2006

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Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Cherry Valley Township
Ashtabula County
4045 Russell Road
Dorset, OH 44032

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Cherry Valley Township, Ashtabula County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. 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 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. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code §§ 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 years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2005 and 2004, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2005 and 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.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 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, 2005 and 2004, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Cherry Valley Township, Ashtabula County, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, 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 years ended December 31, 2005 and 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 May 16, 2006, 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

May 16, 2006

CHERRY VALLEY TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>				Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:					
Local Taxes	\$31,418	\$44,381			\$75,799
Intergovernmental	31,445	99,827		10,676	141,948
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	625	1,690			2,315
Earnings on Investments	272	118			390
Other Revenue	1,163	7,288			8,451
	<u>64,923</u>	<u>153,304</u>		<u>10,676</u>	<u>228,903</u>
Total Cash Receipts					
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	41,494				41,494
Public Safety		27,526			27,526
Public Works	156	110,956			111,112
Health	6,440	1,982			8,422
Conservation - Recreation	1,007				1,007
Debt Service:					
Redemption of Principal			2,632		2,632
Interest and Fiscal Charges			368		368
Capital Outlay		20,000		10,676	30,676
	<u>49,097</u>	<u>160,464</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>10,676</u>	<u>223,237</u>
Total Cash Disbursements					
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>15,826</u>	<u>(7,160)</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>		<u>5,666</u>
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):					
Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt:					
Sale of Notes		20,000			20,000
Transfers-In		300	3,000		3,300
Transfers-Out	(300)	(3,000)			(3,300)
	<u>(300)</u>	<u>17,300</u>	<u>3,000</u>		<u>20,000</u>
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)					
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	15,526	10,140			25,666
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>11,483</u>	<u>41,388</u>			<u>52,871</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$27,009</u>	<u>\$51,528</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$78,537</u>

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

**CHERRY VALLEY TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

	Fiduciary Fund Type
	Agency
Operating Cash Receipts:	
Miscellaneous	\$22,475
Total Operating Cash Receipts	22,475
Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Contractual Services	22,475
Supplies and Materials	60,500
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	82,975
Operating Income/(Loss)	(60,500)
Non-Operating Cash Receipts:	
Intergovernmental Receipts	60,500
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	60,500
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$0

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**CHERRY VALLEY TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA 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**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$30,005	\$42,590		\$72,595
Intergovernmental	12,759	87,490	\$5,734	105,983
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	1,030	1,652		2,682
Earnings on Investments	226	90		316
Other Revenue	879	10,743		11,622
	<u>44,899</u>	<u>142,565</u>	<u>5,734</u>	<u>193,198</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	40,920	2,119		43,039
Public Safety		30,551		30,551
Public Works	839	92,700		93,539
Health	5,652	2,366		8,018
Conservation - Recreation	882	0		882
Capital Outlay		4,900	5,734	10,634
	<u>48,293</u>	<u>132,636</u>	<u>5,734</u>	<u>186,663</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(3,394)</u>	<u>9,929</u>		<u>6,535</u>
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):				
Transfers-In		500		500
Transfers-Out	<u>(500)</u>			<u>(500)</u>
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	<u>(500)</u>	<u>500</u>		
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	<u>(3,894)</u>	<u>10,429</u>		<u>6,535</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>15,377</u>	<u>30,959</u>		<u>46,336</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$11,483</u>	<u>\$41,388</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$52,871</u>

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

**CHERRY VALLEY TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	Fiduciary Fund Type
	Agency
Operating Cash Receipts:	
Miscellaneous	\$60,840
Total Operating Cash Receipts	60,840
Operating Cash Disbursements:	
Contractual Services	50,425
Supplies and Materials	42,905
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	93,330
Operating Income/(Loss)	(32,490)
Non-Operating Cash Receipts:	
Intergovernmental Receipts	32,490
Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts	32,490
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$0

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

**CHERRY VALLEY TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004**

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 the Cherry Valley Township, Ashtabula County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with Andover Township Volunteer Fire Department to provide fire services and Pymatuning Ambulance Service to provide 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'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 maintains a general checking/NOW 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 from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

**CHERRY VALLEY TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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.

Fire Levy Fund – This fund receives property tax money for covering costs for providing fire protection services.

Ambulance Levy Fund – This fund receives property tax money for covering costs for providing emergency medical services to Township residents.

Permissive Motor Vehicle License Fund – This fund receives motor vehicle license tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

3. Capital Project Fund

These funds account for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant capital project fund:

Issue II Fund - The Township received a grant from the State of Ohio for the constructing and repairs of Woodworth Road.

4. Debt Service Fund

These funds are used to accumulate resources for the payment of bonds and note indebtedness. The Township had the following significant debt service fund:

Note Debt Fund - This fund receives property tax money to repay notes issued for the purchase of a dump truck.

5. Fiduciary Fund (Agency Fund)

Funds for which the Township is acting in an agency capacity are classified as agency funds. The Township had the following significant agency fund:

Issue II Multi-Project Fund -. The Township Fiscal Officer served as the fiscal agent for a multi-project (with Andover, Wayne, and Williamsfield Townships) Issue II grant.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) be budgeted annually.

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the function 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. Appropriations lapse at year end.

**CHERRY VALLEY TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must 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 canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2005 and 2004 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 AND INVESTMENTS

The Township maintains a cash and investments 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:

	2005	2004
Demand deposits	\$78,537	\$52,871

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2005 and 2004 follows:

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$40,625	\$64,923	\$24,298
Special Revenue	153,085	173,604	20,519
Debt Service	3,000	3,000	0
Capital Projects	10,676	10,676	0
Total	\$207,386	\$252,203	\$44,817

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ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004
(Continued)**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$52,000	\$49,397	\$2,603
Special Revenue	178,780	163,464	15,316
Debt Service	3,000	3,000	0
Capital Projects	10,676	10,676	0
Total	<u>\$244,456</u>	<u>\$226,537</u>	<u>\$17,919</u>

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$40,300	\$44,899	\$4,599
Special Revenue	118,930	143,065	24,135
Capital Projects	16,410	5,734	(10,676)
Total	<u>\$175,640</u>	<u>\$193,698</u>	<u>\$18,058</u>

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$55,183	\$48,793	\$6,390
Special Revenue	141,690	132,636	9,054
Capital Projects	16,410	5,734	10,676
Total	<u>\$213,283</u>	<u>\$187,163</u>	<u>\$26,120</u>

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.

**CHERRY VALLEY TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004
(Continued)**

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2005 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
General Obligation Notes	\$17,368	3.75%

The Township has an outstanding loan for a dump truck. The Township's taxing authority collateralized the notes.

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

Year ending December 31:	General Obligation Notes
2006	\$5,610
2007	5,422
2008	5,235
2009	2,415
Total	\$18,682

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) of Ohio. OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2005 and 2004, OPERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2005 and 2004. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2005.

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 townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member townships pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

**CHERRY VALLEY TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004
(Continued)**

7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

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. Townships 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 in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$500,000,000 per occurrence. 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, 2004 and 2003 (the latest information available):

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Assets	\$30,687,203	\$27,792,223
Liabilities	(13,640,962)	(11,791,300)
Retained earnings	<u>\$17,046,241</u>	<u>\$16,000,923</u>

<u>Property Coverage</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Assets	\$7,799,073	\$6,791,060
Liabilities	(753,906)	(750,956)
Retained earnings	<u>\$7,045,167</u>	<u>\$6,040,104</u>



Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

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

Cherry Valley Township
Ashtabula County
4045 Russell Road
Dorset, Ohio 44032

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Cherry Valley Township, Ashtabula County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated May 16, 2006, 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*.

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 May 16, 2006, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem a reportable condition.

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*.

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Independent Accountants' Report On Internal Control Over
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We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

May 16, 2006



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CHERRY VALLEY TOWNSHIP

ASHTABULA 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
JUNE 13, 2006**