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**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON COUNTY**

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**Auditor of State
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Springfield Township
Hamilton County
9150 Winton 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
Auditor of State

January 31, 2006

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Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Springfield Township
Hamilton County
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Springfield Township, Hamilton 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 § 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 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 Springfield Township, Hamilton County, 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 January 31, 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

January 31, 2006

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON 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**

	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$192,368	\$10,039,172	\$0	\$10,231,540
Intergovernmental	1,975,379	2,105,375	288,866	4,369,620
Special Assessments	43,991	619	0	44,610
Charges for Services	0	31,281	0	31,281
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	7,328	3,837	0	11,165
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	58,630	12,433	0	71,063
Earnings on Investments	341,196	4,237	0	345,433
Other Revenue	61,552	96,155	0	157,707
	<u>2,680,444</u>	<u>12,293,109</u>	<u>288,866</u>	<u>15,262,419</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	2,237,287	0	0	2,237,287
Public Safety	370,956	8,437,870	0	8,808,826
Public Works	609,889	1,271,035	0	1,880,924
Health	33,497	0	0	33,497
Conservation - Recreation	419,373	0	0	419,373
Miscellaneous	0	28,941	0	28,941
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal	78,157	267,106	0	345,263
Interest and Fiscal Charges	187,645	404,102	0	591,747
Capital Outlay	84,142	660,069	8,846,818	9,591,029
	<u>4,020,946</u>	<u>11,069,123</u>	<u>8,846,818</u>	<u>23,936,887</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(1,340,502)</u>	<u>1,223,986</u>	<u>(8,557,952)</u>	<u>(8,674,468)</u>
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):				
Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt:				
Sale of Bonds	0	0	2,500,000	2,500,000
Proceeds from Loan	370,000	0	0	370,000
	<u>370,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,870,000</u>
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	<u>370,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,870,000</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(970,502)	1,223,986	(6,057,952)	(5,804,468)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	3,649,348	7,222,710	9,192,570	20,064,628
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$2,678,846</u>	<u>\$8,446,696</u>	<u>\$3,134,618</u>	<u>\$14,260,160</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$110,864</u>	<u>\$321,220</u>	<u>\$1,960,666</u>	<u>\$2,392,750</u>

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

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HAMILTON COUNTY**

**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>				Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:					
Local Taxes	\$220,208	\$9,614,843	\$0	\$0	\$9,835,051
Intergovernmental	2,337,314	1,831,074	0	0	4,168,388
Special Assessments	7,662	3,793	0	0	11,455
Charges for Services	0	32,766	0	0	32,766
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	5,540	5,709	0	0	11,249
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	55,784	12,319	0	0	68,103
Earnings on Investments	493,796	3,675	52	0	497,523
Other Revenue	101,883	132,397	0	0	234,280
Total Cash Receipts	<u>3,222,187</u>	<u>11,636,576</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,858,815</u>
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	1,959,489	0	0	0	1,959,489
Public Safety	35,425	7,786,748	0	0	7,822,173
Public Works	629,087	1,158,782	0	0	1,787,869
Health	32,487	0	0	0	32,487
Conservation - Recreation	395,876	1,206	0	0	397,082
Miscellaneous	0	18,952	0	0	18,952
Debt Service:					
Redemption of Principal	49,657	265,745	6,948	0	322,350
Interest and Fiscal Charges	92,579	456,651	742	0	549,972
Capital Outlay	333,813	291,978	0	3,259,467	3,885,258
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>3,528,413</u>	<u>9,980,062</u>	<u>7,690</u>	<u>3,259,467</u>	<u>16,775,632</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(306,226)</u>	<u>1,656,514</u>	<u>(7,638)</u>	<u>(3,259,467)</u>	<u>(1,916,817)</u>
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):					
Transfers-In	0	0	0	283,986	283,986
Transfers-Out	(283,986)	0	0	0	(283,986)
Proceeds from Loan	0	0	0	258,221	258,221
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	<u>(283,986)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>542,207</u>	<u>258,221</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(590,212)	1,656,514	(7,638)	(2,717,260)	(1,658,596)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	4,239,560	5,566,196	7,638	11,909,830	21,723,224
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$3,649,348</u></u>	<u><u>\$7,222,710</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$9,192,570</u></u>	<u><u>\$20,064,628</u></u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$521,284</u>	<u>\$350,720</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$6,156,049</u>	<u>\$7,028,053</u>

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

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON COUNTY**

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

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 Springfield Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (the Township), as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, police and 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. 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 values certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements at cost.

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:

Police District Fund - This fund receives property tax money for the operation of the police department within the Township.

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fire District Fund - This fund receives property tax money for the operation of the fire department within the Township.

3. Debt Service Funds

This fund accounted for resources the Township accumulated to pay bond and note debt. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

Bond Retirement Fund – This fund in 2003 paid for the retirement of the Township's outstanding bonds.

4. Capital Project Funds

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:

2002 Bond Issue Fund – This fund received bond proceeds for the construction and improvement of the Township's fire station, police station, administration building, and Winton Road project.

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. 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.

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

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON COUNTY**

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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:

	2004	2003
Demand deposits	(\$711,694)	(\$461,608)
Certificates of deposit	3,800,000	3,800,000
Total deposits	3,088,306	3,338,392
Repurchase agreement	11,171,854	16,726,236
Total investments	11,171,854	16,726,236
Total deposits and investments	\$14,260,160	\$20,064,628

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

Investments: The Township's financial institution transfers securities to the Township's agent to collateralize repurchase agreements. The securities are not in the Township's name.

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	\$2,518,716	\$3,050,444	\$531,728
Special Revenue	12,054,036	12,293,109	239,073
Capital Projects	4,965,000	2,788,866	(2,176,134)
Total	\$19,537,752	\$18,132,419	(\$1,405,333)

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON COUNTY**

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$5,526,207	\$4,131,810	\$1,394,397
Special Revenue	12,865,088	11,390,343	1,474,745
Capital Projects	14,286,038	10,807,484	3,478,554
Total	\$32,677,333	\$26,329,637	\$6,347,696

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$3,221,000	\$3,222,187	\$1,187
Special Revenue	11,636,573	11,636,576	3
Debt Service	52	52	0
Capital Projects	549,846	542,207	(7,639)
Total	\$15,407,471	\$15,401,022	(\$6,449)

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$5,737,360	\$4,333,683	\$1,403,677
Special Revenue	11,998,380	10,330,782	1,667,598
Debt Service	7,690	7,690	0
Capital Projects	11,644,424	9,415,516	2,228,908
Total	\$29,387,854	\$24,087,671	\$5,300,183

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.

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.

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON COUNTY**

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

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2004 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
OPWC - Covered Bridge Loan	\$451,275	0%
2002 General LT Obligation Bonds	11,650,000	2.20%
Service Department Facility Bonds	2,500,000	4.62%
Seagraves Apparatus Loan	370,000	2.95%
OPWC - Trapp Lane Loan	245,310	0%
Total	<u><u>\$15,216,585</u></u>	

The Ohio Public Works Commission Loans were for repair to the Covered Bridge Project and for repairs to Trapp Lane.

The Township issued general obligation bonds to finance the improvement and construction of the fire station, police station, service building, banquet facility, and Winton Road project. The Township's taxing authority collateralized the bonds.

The Township issued service department facility bonds to finance the construction of the service department facility.

The Seagraves Apparatus Loan was for the purchase of a seventy five foot ladder for a fire truck.

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

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON COUNTY**

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

5. DEBT (Continued)

Year ending December 31:	OPWC Loan/Covered Bridge	2002 General Obligation Bonds	Service Department Facility Bonds
2005	\$27,350	\$846,624	\$240,500
2006	27,350	848,254	234,725
2007	27,350	848,654	228,950
2008	27,350	847,929	223,444
2009	27,350	850,859	217,400
2010 – 2014	136,750	4,252,846	1,000,581
2015 – 2019	136,750	4,273,004	856,142
2020 – 2024	41,025	4,290,181	711,720
2025 – 2029	0	2,589,900	0
Total	<u>\$451,275</u>	<u>\$19,648,251</u>	<u>\$3,713,462</u>

Year ending December 31:	Seagraves Apparatus Loan	OPWC Loan/Trapp Lane
2005	\$80,678	\$6,456
2006	80,678	12,911
2007	80,678	12,911
2008	80,678	12,911
2009	80,678	12,911
2010 – 2014	0	64,555
2015 – 2019	0	64,555
2020 – 2024	0	58,100
2025 – 2029	0	0
Total	<u>\$403,390</u>	<u>\$245,310</u>

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2004 and 2003, members of OP&F participants contributed 10 percent of their wages. The Township contributed an amount equal to 24 percent of their wages to OP&F. OPERS members contributed 8.5 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equaling 16.70 percent for the police OPERS members and 13.55 percent of the remaining participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2004.

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

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Township belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the Plan), an unincorporated non-profit association with over 600 governmental entity members providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is deemed a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety, and bond, inland marine and other coverages, modified for each member's needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the member's deductible.

The Plan uses conventional insurance coverages and reinsures these coverages 100%, rather than using a risk pool of member funds to pay individual and collective losses. Therefore, the individual members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts which vary from member to member.

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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*

Springfield Township
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Springfield Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated January 31, 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.

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 January 31, 2006, we reported a matter related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

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We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, 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

January 31, 2006

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON COUNTY**

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

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2002-40431-001	Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B). Expenditures exceeding appropriations.	Yes	



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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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