

GRAND PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP
MARION COUNTY
REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005



Mary Taylor, CPA

Auditor of State

Board of Trustees
Grand Prairie Township
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of Grand Prairie Township, Marion County, prepared by Holbrook & Manter, for the audit period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006. 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.

The financial statements in the attached report are presented in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State. Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Independent Auditors' Report* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State 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. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Independent Auditors' Report* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State permits.

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. Grand Prairie Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

July 3, 2007

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees
Grand Prairie Township
Marion County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Grand Prairie Township, Marion County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005. 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 audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United State of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about 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. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Township has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State of Ohio 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.

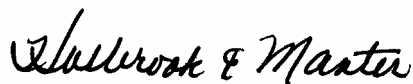
Revisions to GAAP would require the Township to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2006 and 2005, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2006 and 2005. 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 of Ohio 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 of Ohio 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, 2006 and 2005 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, 2006 and 2005, 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 Grand Prairie Township, Marion County, as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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, 2006 and 2005. The Government 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 June 23, 2007 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.



Certified Public Accountants

June 23, 2007

**GRAND PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP
MARION COUNTY**

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND
CASH BALANCES-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Total Memorandum Only</u>
Cash receipts:-			
Local taxes	\$ 41,928	\$ 39,142	\$ 81,070
Intergovernmental	45,272	94,625	139,897
Licenses, permits, and fees	779	0	779
Special assessments	0	2,851	2,851
Interest	6,934	4,204	11,138
Miscellaneous	1,385	1,388	2,773
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Total cash receipts	96,298	142,210	238,508
Cash disbursements:-			
Current;-			
General government	63,854	0	63,854
Public works	0	74,416	74,416
Public safety	1,000	32,592	33,592
Capital outlay	0	4,000	4,000
Debt Service			
Redemption of principal	0	4,000	4,000
Interest	0	364	364
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Total cash disbursements	64,854	115,372	180,226
Total receipts over (under) cash disbursements	31,444	26,838	58,282
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2006	<hr/> 157,878	<hr/> 174,212	<hr/> 332,090
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2006	\$ <u>189,322</u>	\$ <u>201,050</u>	\$ <u>390,372</u>

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

**GRAND PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP
MARION 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

	General	Special Revenue	Total Memorandum Only
Cash receipts:-			
Local taxes	\$ 72,738	\$ 7,156	\$ 79,894
Intergovernmental	27,183	84,577	111,760
Licenses, permits, and fees	1,007	0	1,007
Special assessments	3,225	0	3,225
Interest	3,408	1,618	5,026
Miscellaneous	28	0	28
	107,589	93,351	200,940
Cash disbursements:-			
Current;-			
General government	61,492	0	61,492
Public works	3,145	50,750	53,895
Public safety	33,598	0	33,598
Capital outlay	0	0	0
Debt Service			
Redemption of principal	0	4,000	4,000
Interest	0	518	518
	98,235	55,268	153,503
Total cash disbursements	98,235	55,268	153,503
Total receipts over (under) cash disbursements	9,354	38,083	47,437
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2005	148,524	136,129	284,653
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2005	\$ 157,878	\$ 174,212	\$ 332,090

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

GRAND PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP
MARION COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:-

Description of the Entity - Grand Prairie Township, Marion 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 three publicly-elected Trustees. The Township provides general governmental services. The Township contracts with Salt Rock Township to provide fire protection services and contracts with Stofcheck Ambulance Service, Inc., to provide emergency medical services.

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

Basis of Accounting - These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State of Ohio, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized 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 prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State of Ohio.

Cash and Investments - The investment in STAR Ohio (the State Treasurer's investment pool) is valued at amounts reported by the State Treasurer.

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:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required by law or contract to be restricted.

Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to 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:

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund

This fund receives motor vehicle tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing township roads.

Gasoline Tax Fund

This fund receives gasoline tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing township roads.

**GRAND PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP
MARION COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:- (continued)

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

Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function, or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The Marion County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year-end.

Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The Marion County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are cancelled and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2006 and 2005 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Property, Plant and Equipment - Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 2 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS:-

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

	2006	2005
Deposits	\$ 146,845	\$ 198,787
Investments-Star Ohio	243,527	133,303
Total Deposits	\$ 390,372	\$ 332,090

Deposits - The Townships deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township, or (3) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

Investments - Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

GRAND PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP
MARION COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:-

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2006 and 2005 was as follows:-

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 63,485	\$ 96,298	\$ 32,813
Special Revenue	<u>101,775</u>	<u>142,210</u>	<u>40,435</u>
Total	\$ <u><u>165,260</u></u>	\$ <u><u>238,508</u></u>	\$ <u><u>73,248</u></u>

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 199,569	\$ 64,854	\$ 134,715
Special Revenue	<u>221,156</u>	<u>115,372</u>	<u>105,784</u>
Total	\$ <u><u>420,725</u></u>	\$ <u><u>180,226</u></u>	\$ <u><u>240,499</u></u>

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MARION COUNTY**
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:- (continued)

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 63,522	\$ 107,589	\$ 44,067
Special Revenue	<u>100,752</u>	<u>93,351</u>	<u>(7,401)</u>
Total	\$ <u>164,274</u>	\$ <u>200,940</u>	\$ <u>36,666</u>

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 208,713	\$ 98,235	\$ 110,478
Special Revenue	<u>205,438</u>	<u>55,268</u>	<u>150,170</u>
Total	\$ <u>414,151</u>	\$ <u>153,503</u>	\$ <u>260,648</u>

Contrary to Ohio law, estimated resources exceeded actual resources available as of December 31, 2005 by \$7,401.

**GRAND PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP
MARION COUNTY
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 rates are adopted by the Board of Trustees. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payment, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following July 20.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the Marion 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.

NOTE 5 - DEBT:-

	<u>Principal Balance December 31, 2006</u>	
National City Bank	\$	8,000
Tractor Loan 3.5%		

During 2003, the Township entered into a loan agreement with National City Bank for the purchase of a Case tractor. The total loan amount is for \$20,000 with an interest rate of 3.5% and is to be paid back over 5 years in annual installments of \$4,000. Payments began on April 30, 2004 and the final payment will be due April 30, 2008. As of December 31, 2006, the Township owes \$8,366, including \$366 of capitalized interest and \$8,000 of principal on the loan.

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

<u>Year ending December 31,</u>	<u>National City Bank</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2007	\$ 4,000	\$ 244
2008	<u>4,000</u>	<u>122</u>
	<u>\$ 8,000</u>	<u>\$ 366</u>

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MARION COUNTY
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NOTE 6 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS:-

The Township's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employee plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including post-retirement 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 2006 and 2005, PERS members contributed 9.0% and 8.5% of their gross salaries, respectively. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.70% and 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2006 and 2005, respectively. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2006.

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT:-

The Township is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The Township insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

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

For an occurrence prior to January 1, 2006 OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence, including claim 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 \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. For an occurrence on or subsequent to January 1, 2006, the Pool retains casualty risk up to \$350,000 per occurrence, including loss adjustment expenses. Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured with APEEP in an amount not to exceed \$2,650,000 for each claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect up to \$10,000,000 in additional coverage with the General Reinsurance Corporation, through contracts with OTARMA.

If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP provides *excess of funds available* coverage up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000 (for claims prior to January 1, 2006) or \$3,000,000 (for claims on or after January 1, 2006) as noted above.

Property Coverage

Through 2004, OTARMA retained property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsured losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$500 million per occurrence.

Beginning in 2005, Travelers reinsures specific losses exceeding \$250,000 up to \$600 million per occurrence. APEEP reinsures members for specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$250,000 per occurrence, subject to an annual aggregate loss payment. Travelers provides aggregate stop-loss coverage based upon the combined members' total insurable values. If the stop loss is reached by payment of losses between \$100,000 and \$250,000, Travelers will reinsure specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to their \$600 million per occurrence limit. The aggregate stop-loss limit for 2006 was \$1,901,127.

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 government.

**GRAND PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP
MARION COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005**

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT:- (continued)

Property and casualty settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

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, 2006 and 2005:

	2006	2005
<u>Casualty Coverage</u>		
Assets	\$ 32,031,312	\$ 30,485,638
Liabilities	(11,443,952)	(12,344,576)
Retained earnings	\$ 20,587,360	\$ 18,141,062
 <u>Property Coverage</u>		
Assets	\$ 10,010,963	\$ 9,177,796
Liabilities	(676,709)	(1,406,031)
Retained earnings	\$ 9,334,254	\$ 7,771,765

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, casualty coverage liabilities noted above include approximately \$10.8 million and \$11.6 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The Casualty Coverage assets and retained earnings above also include approximately \$10.8 million and \$11.6 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 958 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. The Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$7,930. This payable includes the subsequent year's contribution due if the Township terminates participation, as described in the last paragraph below.

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.

Contributions to OTARMA		
2004	\$	4,402
2005		4,004
2006		3,965

After completing one year of membership, members may withdraw on each anniversary of the date they joined OTARMA provided they give written notice to OTARMA 60 days in advance of the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's budgetary 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.



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

Board of Trustees
Grand Prairie Township
Marion County

We have audited the financial statements of Grand Prairie Township, Marion County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated June 23, 2007, wherein we noted the Township had followed accounting practices the Auditor of State of Ohio prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider a significant deficiency.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Township's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Township's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

We consider the following deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting as item 2006-002.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Township's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also material weaknesses. We believe none of the significant deficiencies described above are a material weakness.

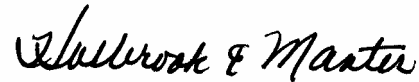
We also noted certain internal control matters that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated June 23, 2007.

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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2006-001.

We also noted certain instances of non-compliance that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated June 23, 2007.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, and the Township Trustees. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



Certified Public Accountants

June 23, 2007

**GRAND PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP
MARION COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005**

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

Finding Number	2006-001
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Certifying Tax Levies

Section 5705.34, Ohio Revised Code, states that each taxing authority is to pass an ordinance or resolution to authorize the necessary tax levies. Each such authority is to certify the levies to the county auditor before October 1st unless a later date is approved by the tax commissioner.

During our compliance testing, we noted no findings of a resolution approving tax levies for either year. We recommend that this be done by October 1st of each year unless a later date is approved by the tax commissioner.

Officials' Response

The Township will address the above issue in the future in order for them to be in Compliance with the Ohio Revised Code.

Finding Number	2006-002
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Significant Deficiency – Internal Control and Review Procedures

Although the Trustees receive and review a select number of reports from the Fiscal Officer of the Township for approval on a monthly basis, the Township has not established formal procedures to reasonably assure completeness, and accuracy of the monthly reporting. During our testing and analysis, we noted that the Township Trustees are not reviewing the numerical check sequence prior to signing the checks. In addition, they are not reviewing the bank statement for proper inclusion of authorized expenditures within the cancelled checks or electronic fund withdraws.

The Township should carefully review this information and make appropriate inquires to help determine the integrity of the financial information. When performing such review, the officials' signatures or initials and the date should be affixed to the documents examined and it should be noted in the monthly minutes that the officials' thoroughly reviewed and approved those documents. In addition, we also recommend that the numerical check sequence be noted in the minutes and signed off of by the Trustees each month.

Officials' Response

The Townships' Fiscal Officer will provide the bank reconciliations and bank statements to the Trustees for their review and approval at each months meeting. The Township will also document and approve the review of those reports and the numerical sequence of the checks within the monthly minutes.



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

GRAND PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP

MARION 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
JULY 17, 2007**