

HARDY TOWNSHIP

AUDIT REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2005 – DECEMBER 31, 2006

**Wolfe, Wilson, & Phillips, Inc.
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Mary Taylor, CPA

Auditor of State

Board of Trustees
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of Hardy Township, Holmes County, prepared by Wolfe, Wilson & Phillips, Inc., 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. Hardy Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

May 22, 2007

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**HARDY TOWNSHIP
HOLMES COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Hardy Township
Holmes County
9430 Township Rd. 304
Millersburg, Ohio 44654

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Hardy Township, Holmes County 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 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 *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit 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 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. Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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, 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 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 paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Hardy Township's combined funds as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and their changes in financial position.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Hardy Township, Holmes 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 require the Township to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2005. 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 a report dated April 9, 2007, on our consideration of Hardy Township's internal control structure over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Wolfe, Wilson, & Phillips, Inc.
Zanesville, Ohio
April 9, 2007

**HARDY TOWNSHIP
HOLMES 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**

	Governmental Fund Type		(Memorandum Only) Totals
	General	Special Revenue	
CASH RECEIPTS:			
Local taxes	\$ 55,103	\$ 89,300	\$ 144,403
Intergovernmental	74,419	108,258	182,677
Interest	13,459	2,243	15,702
Miscellaneous	9,695	16,272	25,967
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	<u>152,676</u>	<u>216,073</u>	<u>368,749</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:			
Current:			
General government	91,947	-	91,947
Public work activities	32,365	255,765	288,130
Public health services	16,539	-	16,539
Other	-	21,465	21,465
Capital outlay	24,381	5,639	30,020
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	<u>165,232</u>	<u>282,869</u>	<u>448,101</u>
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS OVER CASH DISBURSEMENTS	(12,556)	(66,796)	(79,352)
OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS/(DISBURSEMENTS)			
Other Financing Sources	982	4,567	5,549
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS/ (DISBURSEMENTS)	<u>982</u>	<u>4,567</u>	<u>5,549</u>
EXCESS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS OVER/(UNDER) CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND OTHER FINANCING DISBURSEMENTS	(11,574)	(62,229)	(73,803)
FUND CASH BALANCE - JANUARY 1	<u>473,056</u>	<u>313,929</u>	<u>786,985</u>
FUND CASH BALANCE - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 461,482</u>	<u>\$ 251,700</u>	<u>\$ 713,182</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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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, 2005**

	Governmental Fund Type		(Memorandum Only) Totals
	General	Special Revenue	
CASH RECEIPTS:			
Local taxes	\$ 53,126	\$ 86,678	\$ 139,804
Intergovernmental	59,064	116,713	175,777
Interest	6,488	163	6,651
Miscellaneous	30,401	10,722	41,123
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	<u>149,079</u>	<u>214,276</u>	<u>363,355</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:			
Current:			
General government	83,968	-	83,968
Public work activities	96,793	131,378	228,171
Public health services	16,539	-	16,539
Other	-	31,996	31,996
Capital outlay	7,601	13,791	21,392
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	<u>204,901</u>	<u>177,165</u>	<u>382,066</u>
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS OVER CASH DISBURSEMENTS	(55,822)	37,111	(18,711)
OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS/(DISBURSEMENTS)			
Other Financing Sources	797	1,087	1,884
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS/ (DISBURSEMENTS)	<u>797</u>	<u>1,087</u>	<u>1,884</u>
EXCESS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS OVER/(UNDER) CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND OTHER FINANCING DISBURSEMENTS	(55,025)	38,198	(16,827)
FUND CASH BALANCE - JANUARY 1	<u>528,081</u>	<u>275,731</u>	<u>803,812</u>
FUND CASH BALANCE - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 473,056</u>	<u>\$ 313,929</u>	<u>\$ 786,985</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**HARDY TOWNSHIP
HOLMES COUNTY, OHIO**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of the Entity

The Township of Hardy, Holmes County, is a body politic and corporate 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. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services. Police protection is provided by the Holmes County Sheriff's Department under annual contract.

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 prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and cash 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 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.

C. Cash and Investments

All cash is maintained in a pooled checking account. Certificates of deposits are valued at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is 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 that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

Gasoline Tax Fund – This fund receives gasoline tax receipts for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

Road and Bridges Fund – This fund receives real estate and personal property tax money for the construction, repair and maintenance of township roads and bridges.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) 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 County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end.

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.

Encumbrances

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

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

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Township's basis of accounting.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. Equity in Pooled Cash

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

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Demand Deposits	\$ 251,079	\$ 376,120
Certificates of Deposits	462,103	410,865
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 713,182</u>	<u>\$ 786,985</u>

Deposits:

Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ended 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	\$ 94,385	\$ 153,658	\$ 59,273
Special Revenue	<u>205,181</u>	<u>220,640</u>	<u>15,459</u>
Total	<u>\$ 299,566</u>	<u>\$ 374,298</u>	<u>\$ 74,732</u>

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 319,647	\$ 165,232	\$ 154,415
Special Revenue	<u>404,420</u>	<u>282,869</u>	<u>121,551</u>
Total	<u>\$ 724,067</u>	<u>\$ 448,101</u>	<u>\$ 275,966</u>

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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	\$ 103,380	\$ 149,876	\$ 46,496
Special Revenue	<u>161,856</u>	<u>215,363</u>	<u>53,507</u>
Total	<u>\$ 265,236</u>	<u>\$ 365,239</u>	<u>\$ 100,003</u>

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 300,009	\$ 204,901	\$ 95,108
Special Revenue	<u>407,197</u>	<u>177,165</u>	<u>230,032</u>
Total	<u>\$ 707,206</u>	<u>\$ 382,066</u>	<u>\$ 325,140</u>

4. Property Tax

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 proceeding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by 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 payments, 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. Retirement Systems

The Township's Trustees, Clerk and other employees of the Township belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including post-retirement health care, 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, members of PERS 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. Risk Management

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

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per claim, including loss adjustment expenses. Claims exceeding \$250,000 are reinsured with APEEP up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 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

Beginning in 2005, The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures specific losses exceeding \$250,000 up to their \$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 value. 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 2005 was \$1,682,589.

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.

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, 2005 and 2004, the latest information available.

Casualty Coverage	2005	2004
Assets	\$ 30,485,638	\$ 28,132,620
Liabilities	(12,344,576)	(11,086,379)
Retained Earnings	\$ 18,141,062	\$ 17,046,241
Property Coverage	2005	2004
Assets	\$ 9,177,796	\$ 7,588,343
Liabilities	(1,406,031)	(543,176)
Retained Earnings	\$ 7,771,765	\$ 7,045,167

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

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Holmes County
9430 Township Rd. 304
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We have audited the financial statements of Hardy Township as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated April 9, 2007, 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 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Hardy 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 Villages internal control over financial reporting.

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.

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 purposes described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above. We noted certain matters that we have reported to management in a separate letter dated April 9, 2007.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Hardy Township's combined financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on 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 such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to the management of Hardy Township in a separate letter dated April 9, 2007.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Trustees, and the Auditor of State and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Wolfe, Wilson, & Phillips, Inc.
Zanesville, Ohio
April 9, 2007



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HARDY TOWNSHIP

HOLMES 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 7, 2007**