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**SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP
GREENE COUNTY**

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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 an 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 adverse 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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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Spring Valley Township
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Spring Valley Township, Greene County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. 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.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Township's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. 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 GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require townships to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. 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, 2008 and 2007 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, 2008 and 2007, 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 and reserves for encumbrances of Spring Valley Township, Greene County, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, the Township revised its financial presentation from that comparable to the requirements of *Governmental Accounting Standard* No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments to a format the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

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 15, 2009, 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.

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

Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

May 15, 2009

**SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP
GREENE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>				<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	
Cash Receipts:					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$60,526	\$596,953			\$657,479
Charges for Services		11,707			11,707
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	6,839	9,504			16,343
Fines and Forfeitures	218				218
Intergovernmental	199,002	229,901	\$741,436		1,170,339
Earnings on Investments	35,410	3,524		\$7	38,941
Miscellaneous	78	14,253			14,331
Total Cash Receipts	<u>302,073</u>	<u>865,842</u>	<u>741,436</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1,909,358</u>
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	241,499	40,055		40	281,594
Public Safety	3,000	247,545	25,933		276,478
Public Works	216,587	381,502			598,089
Health	6,220	7,473			13,693
Conservation - Recreation	2,709				2,709
Capital Outlay	39,967	511,976	730,563		1,282,506
Debt Service:					
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>509,982</u>	<u>1,188,551</u>	<u>756,496</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>2,455,069</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(207,909)</u>	<u>(322,709)</u>	<u>(15,060)</u>	<u>(33)</u>	<u>(545,711)</u>
Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements):					
Sale of Fixed Assets	401	7,030			7,431
Advances-In			38,560		38,560
Advances-Out	(38,560)				(38,560)
Total Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements)	<u>(38,159)</u>	<u>7,030</u>	<u>38,560</u>		<u>7,431</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over / (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(246,068)	(315,679)	23,500	(33)	(538,280)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>893,280</u>	<u>1,205,601</u>		<u>945</u>	<u>2,099,826</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$647,212</u>	<u>\$889,922</u>	<u>\$23,500</u>	<u>\$912</u>	<u>\$1,561,546</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$518</u>	<u>\$40,037</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$40,555</u>

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

**SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP
GREENE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>				<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	
Cash Receipts:					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$55,677	\$557,949			\$613,626
Charges for Services		7,000			7,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	2,680	11,105			13,785
Fines and Forfeitures	70				70
Intergovernmental	257,169	163,182	\$25,112		445,463
Earnings on Investments	89,306	4,709		\$7	94,022
Miscellaneous		19,103			19,103
Total Cash Receipts	<u>404,902</u>	<u>763,048</u>	<u>25,112</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1,193,069</u>
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	196,901	31,061			227,962
Public Safety	7,886	186,573			194,459
Public Works	145,745	262,403			408,148
Health	6,220	8,579			14,799
Conservation - Recreation	1,429				1,429
Capital Outlay	66,144	18,943	28,277		113,364
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>424,325</u>	<u>507,559</u>	<u>28,277</u>		<u>960,161</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(19,423)</u>	<u>255,489</u>	<u>(3,165)</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>232,908</u>
Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements):					
Sale of Fixed Assets	5,580				5,580
Advances-In	25,112		28,277		53,389
Advances-Out	(28,277)		(25,112)		(53,389)
Total Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements)	<u>2,415</u>		<u>3,165</u>		<u>5,580</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over / (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	<u>(17,008)</u>	<u>255,489</u>		<u>7</u>	<u>238,488</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>910,288</u>	<u>950,112</u>		<u>938</u>	<u>1,861,338</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$893,280</u>	<u>\$1,205,601</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$945</u>	<u>\$2,099,826</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$475</u>	<u>\$420,975</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$421,450</u>

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

**SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP
GREENE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

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 Spring Valley Township, Greene 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's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Township is financially accountable.

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis 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. Deposits and Investments

The Township maintains savings and checking accounts and has no investments.

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:

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 private-purpose trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges.

Gasoline Tax Fund - This fund receives gasoline tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

Fire District Fund – This fund receives property taxes from a special levy to provide emergency fire and medical services to the Township residents.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. 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 funds:

Krepps Road Fund - The Township received a grant from the State of Ohio for safety improvement to Krepps Road.

Fire Act Fund – The Township received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the volunteer fire department.

4. Permanent Funds

These funds account for assets held under a trust agreement that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, are available to support the Township's programs. The Township had the following significant permanent fund:

Veteran's Memorial Perpetuity Fund – This Township maintains funds for the care and upkeep of veteran' monuments.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, 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.

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 2008 and 2007 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.

**SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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 DEPOSITS

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

	2008	2007
Demand deposits	\$ 799,344	\$1,383,077
Other time deposits (savings accounts)	762,202	716,749
Total deposits	\$1,561,546	\$2,099,826

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2008 and 2007 follows:

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 128,647	\$ 302,474	\$173,827
Special Revenue	763,848	872,872	109,024
Capital Projects	730,563	779,996	49,433
Permanent	6	7	1
Total	\$1,623,064	\$1,955,349	\$332,285

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,013,407	\$ 549,060	\$ 464,347
Special Revenue	1,892,800	1,228,588	664,212
Capital Projects	769,123	756,496	12,627
Permanent	951	40	911
Total	\$3,676,281	\$2,534,184	\$1,142,097

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$118,143	\$ 435,594	\$317,451
Special Revenue	667,880	763,048	95,168
Capital Projects	25,122	53,389	28,267
Permanent	6	7	1
Total	\$811,151	\$1,252,038	\$440,887

**SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,028,601	\$ 453,077	\$ 575,524
Special Revenue	1,589,545	928,534	661,011
Capital Projects	56,400	53,389	3,011
Permanent	944		944
Total	\$2,675,490	\$1,435,000	\$1,240,490

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

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

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

5. Retirement Systems

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2008 and 2007, OPERS members contributed 10% and 9.5%, respectively, of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% and 13.85%, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2008.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.

**SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

7. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the township are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

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

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To the Township Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Spring Valley Township, Greene County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated May 15, 2009, 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 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. 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 also noted the Township revised its financial presentation from that comparable to the requirements of *Governmental Accounting Standard* No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments to a format the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. 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.

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.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting
(Continued)**

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 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 reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated May 15, 2009.

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*.

We did note certain noncompliance or other matters that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated May 15, 2009.

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



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

May 15, 2009

**SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP
GREENE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2006-001	OAC 117-2-02(C)(1) – Legal level of control at the fund level	Yes	
2006-002	Classification and posting of revenue	No	Partially Corrected; Repeated in separate letter to management.



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JUNE 30, 2009**