Financial Statements (Audited)

For The Years Ended December 31, 2010 and 2009



Board of Trustees Dudley Township 15334 Township Road 199 Kenton, Ohio 43326

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Dudley Township, Hardin County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. 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 Auditor's 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 Auditor's 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. Dudley Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

May 3, 2011



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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Dudley Township Hardin County, Ohio 15334 Township Road 199 Kenton, Ohio 43326

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Dudley Township, Hardin County, Ohio, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of Dudley 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. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 2, Dudley Township 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 combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting Dudley Township's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While Dudley 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 Dudley Township to reformat their statements. Dudley 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 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 years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Dudley Township, Hardin County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, 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 cash fund balances of Dudley Township, Hardin County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 and its combined cash receipts and cash disbursements and its combined budgeted and actual receipts and budgeted and actual disbursements for the year then ended on the accounting basis Note 2 describes.

Dudley 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 April 13, 2011, on our consideration of Dudley 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.

Julian & Grube, Inc.

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April 13, 2011

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FUND BALANCES ALL FUND TYPES DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

Cash and Cash Equivalents	2010	2009			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 169,240	\$ 175,514			
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 169,240	\$ 175,514			
Fund Balances					
Governmental Fund Types:	¢ 26.200	¢ 21.147			
General Fund Special Revenue Funds	\$ 36,398 132,842	\$ 21,147 154,367			
Total Governmental Fund Types	169,240	175,514			
Total Fund Balances	\$ 169,240	\$ 175,514			

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Governmenta	l Fund Types	
	Special General Revenue		Total (Memorandum Only)
Cash receipts:			
Property and other local taxes	\$ 40,855	\$ 9,961	\$ 50,816
License, permits, and fees	2,800	-	2,800
Intergovernmental	29,083	102,181	131,264
Interest	119	188	307
Miscellaneous	694	400	1,094
Total cash receipts	73,551	112,730	186,281
Cash disbursements:			
Current:			
General government	36,011	-	36,011
Public works	2,208	134,255	136,463
Health	19,681	-	19,681
Human services	400		400
Total cash disbursements	58,300	134,255	192,555
Total cash receipts over/(under) cash disbursements	15,251	(21,525)	(6,274)
Cash fund balances, January 1, 2010	21,147	154,367	175,514
Cash fund balances, December 31, 2010	\$ 36,398	\$ 132,842	\$ 169,240

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND ENCUMBRANCES COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

				Receipts									Disbur	sements					
Fund Types	(	County Certified encumbered Cash	 Budget	Total stimated esources	ctual 2010 Receipts	Fa	ariance avorable favorable)	C	rior Year Carryover propriations	App	2010 propriations	 Total		tual 2010 pursements	Out	mbrances standing 2/31/10	 Total	F	Variance avorable nfavorable)
Governmental:																			
General	\$	21,147	\$ 71,482	\$ 92,629	\$ 73,551	\$	2,069	\$	-	\$	92,628	\$ 92,628	\$	58,300	\$	-	\$ 58,300	\$	34,328
Special Revenue	-	154,367	 109,067	 263,434	 112,730	-	3,663		-		263,433	 263,433		134,255		-	 134,255		129,178
Total																			
(Memorandum Only)	\$	175,514	\$ 180,549	\$ 356,063	\$ 186,281	\$	5,732	\$	-	\$	356,061	\$ 356,061	\$	192,555	\$	-	\$ 192,555	\$	163,506

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Governmental	Fund Types	
	General	Special Revenue	Total (Memorandum Only)
Cash receipts:			
Property and other local taxes	\$ 20,903	\$ 26,227	\$ 47,130
License, permits, and fees	3,550	-	3,550
Intergovernmental	54,882	103,837	158,719
Interest	78	168	246
Miscellaneous		701	701
Total cash receipts	79,413	130,933	210,346
Cash disbursements:			
Current:			
General government	41,443	-	41,443
Public works	2,006	126,412	128,418
Health	18,306	155	18,461
Human services	350	-	350
Capital outlay	15,000	410	15,410
Total cash disbursements	77,105	126,977	204,082
Total cash receipts over/(under) cash disbursements	2,308	3,956	6,264
Cash fund balances, January 1, 2009	18,839	150,411	169,250
Cash fund balances, December 31, 2009	\$ 21,147	\$ 154,367	\$ 175,514

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND ENCUMBRANCES COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

				Receipts										Disbur	sements			 		
Fund Types	C Uner	County ertified ncumbered Cash	 Budget	Total Estimated Resources		ctual 2009 Receipts	F	Variance avorable nfavorable)	C	rior Year arryover propriations		2009 propriations	 Total		tual 2009 pursements	Outs	nbrances anding /31/09	 Total	Fa	Variance avorable afavorable)
Governmental:																				
General	\$	18,839	\$ 68,812	\$ 87,651	\$	79,413	\$	10,601	\$	-	s	87,649	\$ 87,649	\$	77,105	\$	-	\$ 77,105	\$	10,544
Special Revenue		150,411	 132,396	 282,807	-	130,933		(1,463)		-	-	281,688	 281,688		126,977		-	 126,977		154,711
Total																				
(Memorandum Only)	\$	169,250	\$ 201,208	\$ 370,458	\$	210,346	\$	9,138	\$	-	\$	369,337	\$ 369,337	\$	204,082	\$	-	\$ 204,082	\$	165,255

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

#### NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

Dudley Township, Hardin County, Ohio, (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 a publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees. The Township provides general governmental services, including road and bridge maintenance, fire services, ambulance services and cemetery maintenance.

The Township participates in three jointly governed organizations (See Note 8) and a public entity risk pool (See Note 6).

#### Jointly Governed Organizations

BKP Ambulance District provides emergency medical services to local governments.

The Southeast Hardin Northwest Union Joint Fire District provides fire protection to local governments.

The Hardin County Regional Planning Commission coordinates grant writing and zoning with Hardin County.

#### Public Entity Risk Pool

Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships.

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

## NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The most significant of the Township's accounting policies are described below.

#### A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION - FUND ACCOUNTING

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash and cash equivalents that are restricted as to use. The Township classifies its funds into the following types:

### **Governmental Fund Types**

#### General Fund

The general fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

# Special Revenue Fund Type

These funds are used to account for proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditure for specific purposes.

The Township had the following significant special revenue funds:

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

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives property tax revenues which are used for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

#### 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 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.

# C. BUDGETARY PROCESS

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified. The primary level of budgetary control is at the object level within a department and fund. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Township's Board of Trustees.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

#### Tax Budget:

A budget of estimated cash receipts and disbursements is submitted to the County Auditor, as secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20 of each year, for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year. All funds, except certain agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted. The expressed purpose of the tax budget is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.

#### Estimated Resources:

The County Budget Commission determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy the full amount of authorized property tax rates and reviews receipt estimates. The County Budget Commission certifies its actions to the Township by September 1. As part of this certification, the Township receives the official certificate of estimated resources, which states the projected receipts of each fund. On or about January 1, the certificate is amended to include unencumbered fund balances at December 31 of the preceding year. Further amendments may be made during the year if the Township determines that receipts collected will be greater than or less than the prior estimates and the Budget Commission find the revised estimates to be reasonable. Prior to December 31, the Township must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from a fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure.

#### Appropriations:

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

#### 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 re-appropriated. The Township did not have any outstanding encumbrances at December 31, 2010 and 2009.

#### D. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

For reporting purposes, the Township considers "Cash and Cash Equivalents" to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and all investments held by the Township with a maturity date less than or equal to three months from the date of purchase. Interest receipts earned and received by the Township totaled \$307 and \$246 for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

# E. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Capital assets are not capitalized in any of the Township's funds. Instead, capital acquisition and construction costs are reflected as expenditures in the fund in the year expended. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs are also expended, along with improvements. Depreciation is not recorded by the Township.

#### F. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

Intergovernmental revenues, such as entitlements and grants awarded on a non-reimbursable basis are recorded when received in accordance with the Township's cash basis method of accounting.

#### G. TOTAL COLUMNS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Total columns on the financial statements are captioned "Total (Memorandum Only)" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Interfund-type eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

#### **NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The Township maintains a cash and investment pool used by all funds except the non-expendable trust fund which is maintained in a segregated bank account. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	2010	2009
Demand Deposits	\$ 169,240	\$ 175,514

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

# **NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Township Council. 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 on the following June 20.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

#### **NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAX - (Continued)**

House Bill No. 66 was signed into law on June 30, 2005. House Bill No. 66 phases out the tax on tangible personal property of general businesses, telephone and telecommunications companies, and railroads. The tax on general business and railroad property was eliminated in calendar year 2009, and the tax on telephone and telecommunications property will be eliminated by calendar year 2011. The tax is phased out by reducing the assessment rate on the property each year. The bill replaces the revenue lost by the Township due to the phasing out of the tax. In calendar years 2006-2010, the Township will be fully reimbursed for the lost revenue. In calendar years 2011-2017, the reimbursements will be phased out.

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

#### **NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost sharing, multiple-employer 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 both 2010 and 2009, members of OPERS participants contributed 10% of their wages, respectively. For both 2010 and 2009, the Township contributed an amount equal to 14% of their wages to OPERS. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2010 and 2009.

# **NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During 2009, the Township contracted with 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.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

#### **NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)**

### 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 \$13,000,000 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 the annual aggregate limit of \$10,000,000.

#### Property Coverage

The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures specific losses exceeding \$500,000 up to \$600 million per occurrence. APEEP reinsures members for specific losses exceeding \$150,000 up to \$500,000 per occurrence, subject to an annual aggregate loss payment. Travelers provides property aggregate stop loss coverage to APEEP based upon the combined Members' Total Insurable Value (TIV). If the stop loss is reached by payment of the Pools retained losses, Travelers will then reinsure property specific losses in excess of the retention up to their \$600,000,000 per occurrence limit. Additionally, effective January 1, 2009, APEEP provides an additional aggregate for the \$50,000 excess \$100,000 layer, with the aggregate limit tied to TIV, for the insurance coverage's to the Pools.

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, 2010 and 2009:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Assets	\$35,855,252	\$38,982,088
Liabilities	(10,664,724)	(12,880,766)
Net Assets	\$25,190,528	\$26,101,322

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

### **NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)**

At December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, liabilities noted above include approximately \$9.9 million and \$12.0 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets and retained earnings above also include approximately \$9.5 million and \$11.5 million of unpaid claims to be billed to 940 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, 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 is approximately \$4,468.

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**

2010	\$ 2,234
2009	1,790
2008	2,030

After completing one year of membership, members may withdraw on each anniversary of the date they joined OTARMA provided they provide 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.

#### **NOTE 7 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Township is not currently involved in litigation.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

#### NOTE 8 - JOINTLY-GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

#### A. BKP Ambulance District

The BKP Ambulance District, Hardin County (the District) 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 District is directed by an appointed seven-member Board of Trustees who are from the participating subdivisions, Buck Township, Dudley Township, Dudley Township, Goshen Township, Lynn Township. Pleasant Township, and the City of Kenton. The District provides ambulance services to the citizens within the District. Financial information can be obtained from Vicki Collins, BKP Ambulance District, 439 South Main Street, Kenton, Ohio 43326.

#### B. Southeast Hardin Northwest Union Joint Fire District

The Southeast Hardin Northwest Union Joint Fire District, Hardin County, (the Fire District) 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 Fire District is directed by an appointed four member Board of Trustees. One Board Member is appointed by each political subdivision within the Fire District which consists of Dudley Township and Hale Township in Hardin County, Washington Township in Union County, and the Township of Mount Victory, in Hardin County. The Fire District provides fire protection within the Fire District. Financial information can be obtained from Mary Cowan, Southeast Hardin Northwest Union Joint Fire District, P.O. Box 123, Mt. Victory, Ohio 43340.

## C. Hardin County Regional Planning Commission

The Hardin County Regional Planning Commission (the Commission) is a joint venture between the County, the Municipalities, and the Townships within the County. The degree of control exercised by any participating government is limited to its representation on the Board. The Board is comprised of twenty-seven members, any of which may hold any other public office. The Township is represented by one member.

The Commission makes studies, maps, plans, recommendations and reports concerning the physical, environmental, social, economic, and governmental characteristics, functions, and services of the County. Each participating government may be required to contribute an assessment per capita, according to the latest federal census, in any calendar year in which the revenue is needed.

# **NOTE 9 - NONCOMPLIANCE**

The Township did not timely certify invoices in noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D).



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Independent Accountant's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements

Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

Dudley Township Hardin County, Ohio 15334 Township Road 199 Kenton, Ohio 43326

#### To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Dudley Township, Hardin County, Ohio, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated April 13, 2011, wherein we noted Dudley Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits 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 Dudley Township's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of Dudley Township's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of Dudley Township's internal control over financial reporting.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of Dudley Township's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, 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.

Board of Trustees Dudley Township

# Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether Dudley 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 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 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 2010-DT-001.

Dudley Township's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. We did not audit Dudley Township's response and, accordingly, express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board and management of Dudley Township and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Julian & Grube, Inc.

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April 13, 2011

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

# FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS Finding Number 2010-DT-001

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D) requires that no orders or contracts involving the expenditure of money are made unless there is a certificate of the Fiscal Officer that the amount required for the order or contract has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances.

For the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, 27% and 55%, respectively, of the Township expenditures had an invoice dated prior to the certificate date of the Fiscal Officer, thus causing those expenditures not to be certified in a timely manner.

Without timely certification, the Township may expend more funds than available in the treasury, or in the process of collection, or than funds appropriated. It may also result in unnecessary expenditures.

We recommend that all orders or contracts involving the expenditure of money be timely certified to ensure all monies expended are lawfully appropriated and available in the treasury or in the process of collection. Additionally, the Township should consider using "Then and Now" certificates where applicable.

<u>Client Response</u>: The Fiscal Officer will more closely monitor expenditures and implement the use of "Then and Now" certificates where applicable.

# SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

Finding <u>Number</u>	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; Finding no Longer Valid
2008-DT-001	Significant Deficiency/Material Weakness: Financial Reporting - The Township had receipts and disbursements that were posted incorrectly in accordance with the Township Handbook and the Ohio Revised Code.	Yes	N/A
2008-DT-002	Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.38 requires local governments to file an appropriation measure on or about the first day of the year.	Yes	N/A
2008-DT-003	Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.40 outlines the requirements for amending and supplementing appropriations.	Yes	N/A
2008-DT-004	Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B) requires that no subdivision is to expend money unless it has been appropriated.	Yes	N/A



#### **DUDLEY TOWNSHIP**

#### **HARDIN 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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED MAY 17, 2011