#### **BROWN TOWNSHIP**

#### DARKE COUNTY

#### REGULAR AUDIT

January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011

Years Audited Under GAGAS: 2011 and 2010



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Board of Trustees Brown Township 4752 Elroy Ansonia Rd Ansonia, OH 45303

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Brown Township, Darke County, prepared by Caudill & Associates, CPAs, for the audit period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. 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. Brown Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

March 25, 2013



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Brown Township Darke County 4752 Elroy-Ansonia Road Ansonia, Ohio 45303

To the Township Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Brown Township, Darke County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. 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. 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, 2011 and 2010 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, 2011 and 2010, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Brown Township Darke County

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 as of December 31, 2010 of Brown Township, Darke County, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

As described in Note 8, during 2011 the Brown Township Board of Trustees adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*.

The Township also 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 February 15, 2013, 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.

Caudill & Associates, CPA

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February 15, 2013

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	Governmental Fund Types					
	G	eneral		Special Revenue	(Me	Totals morandum Only)
Cash Receipts:						
Property and Local Taxes	\$	20,362	\$	61,234	\$	81,596
Charges for Services		-		75		75
Intergovernmental		72,019		132,649		204,668
Interest		67		22		89
Miscellaneous		894				894
Total Cash Receipts		93,342		193,980		287,322
Cash Disbursements:						
General Government		61,790		-		61,790
Public Safety		225		58,047		58,272
Public Works		-		34,750		34,750
Health		6,292		34		6,326
Other		-		971		971
Capital Outlay		25,300		143,571		168,871
Total Cash Disbursements		93,607		237,373		330,980
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements		(265)		(43,393)		(43,658)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		249,864		149,132		398,996
Fund Cash Balances, December 31						
Restricted		_		105,739		105,739
Unassigned (Deficit)		249,599		-		249,599
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Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	249,599	\$	105,739	\$	355,338

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

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

	<b>Governmental Fund Types</b>				
	G	General	pecial evenue	(Me	Totals morandum Only)
Cash Receipts:					
Property and Local Taxes	\$	21,996	\$ 64,661	\$	86,657
Intergovernmental		27,204	106,229		133,433
Earnings on Investments		2,778	157		2,935
Miscellaneous		773	 1,486		2,259
Total Cash Receipts		52,751	172,533		225,284
Cash Disbursements:					
General Government		39,741	-		39,741
Public Safety		225	45,779		46,004
Public Works		-	46,238		46,238
Health		6,098	276		6,374
Other		-	68		68
Capital Outlay			 60,796		60,796
Total Cash Disbursements		46,064	 153,157		199,221
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements		6,687	 19,376		26,063
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		243,177	 129,756		372,933
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	249,864	\$ 149,132	\$	398,996

 ${\it The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.}$ 

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

#### **NOTE 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 Brown Township, Darke County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees governs the Township. The Township provides general government services, including street maintenance and fire protection 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 adequately disclose material matters the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

#### C. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Township maintains an interest bearing checking account and certificates of deposits. The certificates of deposits are valued at cost.

#### D. FUND ACCOUNTING

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

#### **General Fund**

The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

#### **Special Revenue Funds**

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

*Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund* - This fund receives motor vehicle license tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

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

Fire District Fund – This fund receives the proceeds from a property tax levy for obtaining the fire protection services for Township residents.

Cemetery Fund – This fund receives proceeds from the sale of lots and cremation services.

Rescue Fund – This fund provides ambulance services to the Township and collects fees for these services.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### E. 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 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 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 cancelled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2011 and 2010 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

#### F. FUND BALANCE

For December 31, 2011, fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Township must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

#### 1. Nonspendable

The Township classifies assets as nonspendable when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

#### 2. Restricted

Fund balance is restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

#### 3. Committed

Trustees can commit amounts via formal action (resolution). The Township must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as assigned unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by Township Trustees or a Township official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

#### 5. Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Township applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

#### G. 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.

#### NOTE 2 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2011	2010
Demand deposits	\$132,862	\$160,855
Certificates of deposits	222,476	238,141
Total deposits	\$355,338	\$398,996

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

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

#### **NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years December 31, 2011 and 2010 follows:

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$50,500	\$93,342	\$42,842
Special Revenue	169,118	193,980	24,862
Total	\$219,618	\$287,322	\$67,704

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$303,504	\$93,607	\$209,897
Special Revenue	303,444	237,373	66,071
Total	\$606,948	\$330,980	\$275,968

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$52,469	\$52,751	\$282
Special Revenue	162,971	172,533	9,562
Total	\$215,440	\$225,284	\$9,844

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$299,170	\$46,064	\$253,106
Special Revenue	278,054	153,157	124,897
Total	\$577,224	\$199,221	\$378,003

#### **NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Board of Trustees adopt 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.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

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

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.

#### NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes the plans' retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

Contribution rates are prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2011 and 2010, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2011.

#### **NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

The Township also provides health insurance coverage to full-time employees through a private carrier.

#### NOTE 7 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Linda Wood is the Township Fiscal Officer and she also mows the Cemetery for three quarters of the year at a rate of \$8 per hour. Linda Wood received \$4,026 and \$1,175 in 2010 and 2011, respectfully, for cemetery services. Ms. Wood resigned from mowing in 2011.

#### **NOTE 8 -- CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

For 2011, the Township implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." GASB Statement No. 54 enhances the usefulness of fund balance information by providing clearer fund balance classifications that can be more consistently applied and by clarifying the existing governmental fund type definitions. This statement established fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 54 had no effect on actual fund balances.



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Independent Auditor'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* 

Brown Township Darke County 4752 Elroy-Ansonia Road Ansonia, Ohio 45303

To the Township Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Brown Township, Darke County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated February 15, 2013, wherein we noted the Township adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54 (GASB 54) in 2011. 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 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 the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining 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 *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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity'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 would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control 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.

Brown Township Darke County

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 (Continued)

#### **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 instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated February 15, 2013.

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

Caudill & Associates, CPA

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February 15, 2013

#### SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2009-001	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36.	Yes	Finding no longer Valid



#### **BROWN TOWNSHIP**

#### **DARKE 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 APRIL 4, 2013