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MARSHALL TOWNSHIP
HIGHLAND COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

For the Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011
Fiscal Years Audited Under GAGAS: 2012 and 2011



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees
Marshall Township
11867 State Route 124
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Marshall Township, Highland County, prepared by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. 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.

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. Marshall Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

October 23, 2013

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Highland County, Ohio
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Independent Auditor's Report

Marshall Township
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To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of Marshall Township, Highland County, (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Township's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the Township prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03, which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to satisfy requirements.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, or changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined cash balances of Marshall Township, Highland County, as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 permits, described in Note 1.

Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note 9 to the financial statements, during 2011, the Township adopted new accounting guidance in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 23, 2013, on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.
Piketon, Ohio
August 23, 2013

Marshall Township, Highland County
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 32,843	\$ 50,080	\$ 82,923
Intergovernmental	36,755	114,539	151,294
Licenses, Permits and Fees	-	120	120
Interest	1,172	772	1,944
Miscellaneous	1,778	5,175	6,953
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>72,548</u>	<u>170,686</u>	<u>243,234</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
General Government	54,634	12,418	67,052
Public Safety	-	27,665	27,665
Public Works	-	96,571	96,571
Health	3,532	3,469	7,001
Capital Outlay	-	34,911	34,911
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	-	8,200	8,200
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	1,391	1,391
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>58,166</u>	<u>184,625</u>	<u>242,791</u>
<i>Excess of Cash Receipts Over /(Under) Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>14,382</u>	<u>(13,939)</u>	<u>443</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Sale of Capital Assets	2,568	-	2,568
Sale of Notes	-	20,262	20,262
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>2,568</u>	<u>20,262</u>	<u>22,830</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	16,950	6,323	23,273
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>96,009</u>	<u>134,336</u>	<u>230,345</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted	-	123,611	123,611
Committed	-	17,048	17,048
Unassigned	112,959	-	112,959
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 112,959</u>	<u>\$ 140,659</u>	<u>\$ 253,618</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Marshall Township, Highland County
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 32,552	\$ 49,724	\$ 82,276
Intergovernmental	26,660	103,494	130,154
Licenses, Permits and Fees	-	245	245
Interest	1,169	893	2,062
Miscellaneous	984	7,045	8,029
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>61,365</u>	<u>161,401</u>	<u>222,766</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
General Government	56,302	13,264	69,566
Public Safety	-	20,792	20,792
Public Works	-	103,765	103,765
Health	3,460	3,318	6,778
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	-	7,900	7,900
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	1,474	1,474
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>59,762</u>	<u>150,513</u>	<u>210,275</u>
<i>Excess of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>1,603</u>	<u>10,888</u>	<u>12,491</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Sale of Capital Assets	2,161	-	2,161
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>2,161</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,161</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	3,764	10,888	14,652
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>92,245</u>	<u>123,448</u>	<u>215,693</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted	-	125,907	125,907
Committed	-	8,429	8,429
Unassigned	96,009	-	96,009
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 96,009</u>	<u>\$ 134,336</u>	<u>\$ 230,345</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**MARSHALL TOWNSHIP
HIGHLAND COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011**

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 Marshall Township, Highland County, Ohio (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, and fire protection.

The Township is part of the Highland County Joint Township Hospital District, jointly governed organization established for the public purpose of better providing for the health and welfare of the people primarily of Highland County. Trustees from each of the 17 townships of Highland County constitute the Highland County Joint Township Hospital Board of Trustees who appoints the Hospital Board of Governors which is composed of one member from each township and three at-large members.

The Township participates in the Ohio Township Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) which is an insurance risk-sharing pool available to Ohio Townships. Note 7 provides additional information regarding this entity.

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. The 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. Cash and Deposits

The township deposits all available funds in an interest earning checking account at a local commercial bank. All 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:

1. General Fund

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for and report the proceeds from specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specific purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. Special Revenue Funds (continued)

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

Fire Special Levy Fund – This fund receives property tax money to provide fire protection for the Township residents.

Permissive MVL – Receives proceeds from tax levied on all motor vehicle on licenses sold in the Township for road maintenance and repairs.

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. Appropriations lapse at year end.

2. 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.

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. The Township had no encumbrances at year end.

A summary of 2012 and 2011 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Fund Balance

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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Fund Balance (continued)

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.

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 acquisition of property, plant and equipments when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

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

	2012	2011
Demand Deposits	\$ 180,176	\$ 157,453
Certificates of deposit	73,442	72,892
Total deposits	\$ 253,618	\$ 230,345

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

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3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2012 and 2011 follows:

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 42,019	\$ 75,116	\$ 33,097
Special Revenue	171,280	190,948	19,668
Total	\$ 213,299	\$ 266,064	\$ 52,765

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 138,111	\$ 58,166	\$ 79,945
Special Revenue	295,563	184,625	110,938
Total	\$ 433,674	\$ 242,791	\$ 190,883

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 51,838	\$ 63,526	\$ 11,688
Special Revenue	165,015	161,401	(3,614)
Total	\$ 216,853	\$ 224,927	\$ 8,074

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 144,082	\$ 59,762	\$ 84,320
Special Revenue	288,463	150,513	137,950
Total	\$ 432,545	\$ 210,275	\$ 222,270

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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 to the following June 20.

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

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

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2012 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Land Note	\$20,262	2.75%
Fire Truck Bond	<u>17,600</u>	<u>4.00%</u>
Total	<u>\$37,862</u>	

The Township issued bonds to finance the purchase of a new fire truck for Township fire protection. The Township's taxing authority collateralized the bonds. Payments are due annually with the final payment due on June 14, 2014.

In 2012, the Township issued a note to purchase land for future fire department use. The total note issuance was \$20,262. This note was collateralized by a certificate of deposit held by the Township.

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

Year Ending December 31:	<u>Land Note</u>	<u>Fire Truck Bond</u>
2013	\$5,423	\$9,370
2014	5,423	9,394
2015	5,423	0
2016	<u>5,423</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$21,692</u>	<u>\$18,764</u>

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Township's elected officials and employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2012 and 2011, 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, 2012.

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HIGHLAND COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011**

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. York Risk Pooling Services, Inc. (formally known as American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc.) (York or Management), functions as the administrator of the Pool and provides underwriting claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for the Pool. 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 and Property Coverage

APEEP provides OTARMA with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, OTARMA retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2012, OTARMA retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$250,000 for property claims.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreement does not discharge OTARMA's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

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, 2012 and 2011 (the latest information available):

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Assets	\$34,771,270	\$35,086,165
Liabilities	(9,355,082)	(9,718,792)
Net Position	<u>\$25,416,188</u>	<u>\$25,367,373</u>

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$8.7 and \$9.1 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$7.96 and \$8.6 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 944 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2012, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$4,300.

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.

<u>Contributions to OTARMA</u>	
<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
\$7,252	\$7,212

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

After one year of membership, a member may withdraw on the anniversary of the date of joining OTARMA, if the member notifies OTARMA in writing 60 days prior to the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's 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.

8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Township are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. 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.

9. FUND BALANCES

The Township implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the Township is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the government funds. The constraints placed on the fund balance for the General and Special Revenue funds are presented below:

Fund Balances	General	Special Revenue Funds	Total Governmental Funds
12/31/2011			
Restricted for			
Motor Vehicle & License	\$0	\$19,948	\$19,948
Gas Tax	0	54,384	54,384
Cemetery	0	2,818	2,818
Fire	0	26,514	26,514
Permissive Motor Vehicle	0	22,243	22,243
Total Restricted	<u>0</u>	<u>125,907</u>	<u>125,907</u>
Committed to			
Road and Bridge	0	8,006	8,006
Marshall School Improvements	<u>0</u>	<u>423</u>	<u>423</u>
Total Committed	<u>0</u>	<u>8,429</u>	<u>8,429</u>
Unassigned	<u>96,009</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>96,009</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$96,009</u>	<u>\$134,336</u>	<u>\$230,345</u>
12/31/2012			
Restricted for			
Motor Vehicle & License	\$0	\$20,114	\$20,114
Gas Tax	0	54,264	54,264
Cemetery	0	3,330	3,330
Fire	0	22,945	22,945
Permissive Motor Vehicle	<u>0</u>	<u>22,958</u>	<u>22,958</u>
Total Restricted	<u>0</u>	<u>123,611</u>	<u>123,611</u>
Committed to			
Road and Bridge	0	16,814	16,814
Marshall School Improvements	<u>0</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>234</u>
Total Committed	<u>0</u>	<u>17,048</u>	<u>17,048</u>
Unassigned	<u>112,959</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>112,959</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$112,959</u>	<u>\$140,659</u>	<u>\$253,618</u>



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

Marshall Township
Highland County
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of Marshall Township, Highland County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 23, 2013, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting and financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03, described in Note 1 and implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

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 a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

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, opining 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*.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Government's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Government's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.
Piketon, Ohio
August 23, 2013

**MARSHALL TOWNSHIP
HIGHLAND COUNTY
DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011**

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2010-001	Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-02(C)(1) Integrating budgetary data into the accounting system.	Partially	Reissued as a verbal comment.

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MARSHALL TOWNSHIP

HIGHLAND 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

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NOVEMBER 7, 2013**