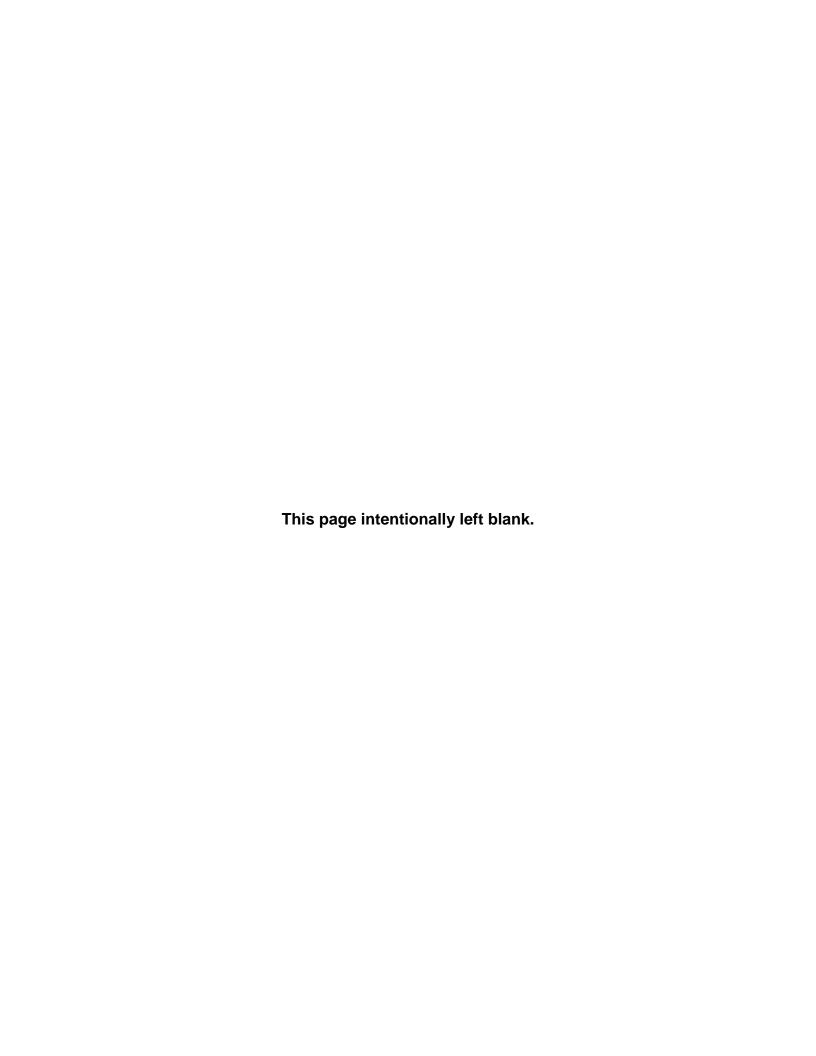




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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Union Township Warren County 285 East Pike Street South Lebanon, Ohio 45065

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of Union Township, Warren County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

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 Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; 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(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

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Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Township does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

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, 2014 and 2013, 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 Union Township, Warren County as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, 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(D) permit, described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 8, 2015, 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. 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.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

October 8, 2015

COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS) ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts Property and Other Local Taxes	\$101,937	\$733,321	\$835,258
Charges for Services	\$101,937	π/33,321 125,355	125,355
Licenses, Permits and Fees	5,318	53,174	58,492
Intergovernmental	30,573	107,802	138,375
Special Assessments		22,951	22,951
Earnings on Investments	263	53	316
Miscellaneous	4,061	61,602	65,663
Total Cash Receipts	142,152	1,104,258	1,246,410
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
General Government	172,478	21,533	194,011
Public Safety	37,871	802,664	840,535
Public Works Health	9,332	220,824 111,621	230,156 111,621
Debt Service:		111,021	111,021
Principal Retirement	2,875	41,464	44,339
Interest and Fiscal Charges	_,0.0	6,976	6,976
Total Cash Disbursements	222,556	1,205,082	1,427,638
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Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(80,404)	(100,824)	(181,228)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)			
Sale of Capital Assets		6,705	6,705
Other Financing Uses	(274)		(274)
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	(274)	6,705	6,431
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	(80,678)	(94,119)	(174,797)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	254,599	831,313	1,085,912
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Nonspendable	0	0	0
Restricted	0	737,754	737,754
Committed	0	0	0
Assigned	0	0	0
Unassigned (Deficit)	173,921	(560)	173,361
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$173,921	\$737,194	\$911,115

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

COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS) ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts Property and Other Local Taxes	\$102,574	\$736,414	\$838,988
Charges for Services	Ψ102,014	83,234	83,234
Licenses, Permits and Fees	5,482	46,685	52,167
Intergovernmental	178,667	98,200	276,867
Special Assessments		23,535	23,535
Earnings on Investments	286	56	342
Miscellaneous	1,496	58,582	60,078
Total Cash Receipts	288,505	1,046,706	1,335,211
Cash Disbursements			
Current:	000 000	E 4 0 = 4	070 070
General Government	222,282	51,074	273,356
Public Safety Public Works	3,231 18,196	765,141 172,684	768,372 190,880
Health	10,190	68,946	68,946
Capital Outlay	2,400	00,010	2,400
Debt Service:	,		,
Principal Retirement		89,351	89,351
Interest and Fiscal Charges		9,675	9,675
Total Cash Disbursements	246,109	1,156,871	1,402,980
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	42,396	(110,165)	(67,769)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements) Sale of Capital Assets		10,206	10,206
Calc of Capital Access		10,200	10,200
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	0	10,206	10,206
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	42,396	(99,959)	(57,563)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	212,203	931,272	1,143,475
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Nonspendable	0	0	0
Restricted	0	831,313	831,313
Committed	0	0	0
Assigned	0	0	0
Unassigned (Deficit)	254,599	0	254,599
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$254,599	\$831,313	\$1,085,912

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

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 Union Township, Warren 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, fire protection and emergency medical services.

Township participates in the Ohio Public Plan entity risk pool. The Ohio Plan provides property, liability, and other coverage to its members. Note 7 to the financial statements provides additional information for 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 permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board 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 financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

C. Deposits

The Township's funds were deposited in an interest bearing checking account during the audit period.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013 (Continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds

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

<u>Special Levy – Fire/EMS Fund</u> – This fund receives the proceeds from a property tax levy for providing fire protection and emergency medical services to Township residents.

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. 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 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 2014 and 2013 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013 (Continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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.

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.

H. 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013 (Continued)

2. Equity in Pooled Deposits and Investments

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

2014 2013

Demand deposits \$911,630 \$1,085,731

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 2014 and 2013 follows:

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$172,789	\$142,152	(\$30,637)
Special Revenue	1,426,911	1,110,963	(315,948)
Capital Projects	176,500	0	(176,500)
Total	\$1,776,200	\$1,253,115	(\$523,085)

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$430,657	\$226,968	\$203,689
Special Revenue	2,258,298	1,234,171	1,024,127
Capital Projects	176,500	0	176,500
Total	\$2,865,455	\$1,461,139	\$1,404,316

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual		
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance	
General	\$173,789	\$288,505	\$114,716	
Special Revenue	1,429,203	1,056,912	(372,291)	
Capital Projects	176,500	0	(176,500)	
Total	\$1,779,492	\$1,345,417	(\$434,075)	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013 (Continued)

3. Budgetary Activity (Continued)

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	_
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$388,302	\$249,377	\$138,925
Special Revenue	2,368,879	1,161,325	1,207,554
Capital Projects	125,000	0	125,000
Total	\$2,882,181	\$1,410,702	\$1,471,479

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.

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, 2014 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
OPWC Cox-Smith Road Repair Loan	\$167,580	0.00%
Vehicle Acquisition GO Bonds	157,290	2.75%
Total	\$324,870	

The Township received a \$194,608 Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) loan in 2011 to complete the Cox-Smith Road Improvement Project.

The Township issued \$190,000 of General Obligation Bonds in 2012 to finance the purpose of acquiring an ambulance for use by the Township's Fire/EMS Department.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013 (Continued)

5. Debt (Continued)

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

OPWC	Vehicle
Cox-Smith	Acquisition
Road Loan	GO Bonds
\$10,812	\$22,849
10,812	22,849
10,812	22,849
10,812	22,848
10,812	22,849
54,057	68,547
54,057	
5,406	
\$167,580	\$182,791
	Cox-Smith Road Loan \$10,812 10,812 10,812 10,812 10,812 54,057 54,057 5,406

6. Retirement Systems

The Township's full-time certified Fire Fighters belong to the Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). Other full-time employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OP&F and OPERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes these plans' benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. From January 1, 2013 thru July 1, 2013, OP&F plan members were required to contribute 10% of their gross salaries. From July 2, 2013 thru July 1, 2014, OP&F plan members were required to contribute10.75% of their gross salaries. From July 2, 2014 thru December 31, 2014, OP&F plan members were required to contribute 11.5% of their gross salaries. The 2014 and 2013 OPERS member contribution rates were 10% of participants' gross salaries.

Throughout 2014 and 2013, the Township contributed an amount equaling 19.5% and 24%, respectively, of OP&F plan participants' gross salaries. The 2014 and 2013 OPERS employer contribution rate was 14% of covered payroll.

The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2014.

7. Risk Management

The Township belongs to the Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. (OPRM), formerly known as the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan, a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments ("Members"). OPRM is legally separate from its member governments.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages to its members sold through fourteen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013 (Continued)

7. Risk Management (Continued)

OPRM coverage programs are developed specific to each member's risk management needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria addressing the member's exposure to loss, except OPRM retains 41.5% (effective November 1, 2011) of the premium and losses on the first \$250,000 casualty treaty and 10% of the first \$1,000,000 property treaty. Effective November 1, 2012 (and through October 2014), OPRM increased its retention to 50% of the first \$250,000 casualty treaty. OPRM's property retention remained unchanged from prior years. This change was made to balance the reinsurance market conditions. Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member. OPRM had 767 and 774 members as of December 31, 2012 and 2013 respectively.

Members are responsible to notify OPRM of their intent to renew coverage by their renewal date. If a member chooses not to renew with OPRM, they have no other financial obligation to OPRM, but still need to promptly notify OPRM of any potential claims occurring during their membership period. The former member's covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of OPRM.

Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

OPRM's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and equity at December 31, 2012 and 2013 (the latest information available).

	2012	2013
Assets	\$13,100,381	\$13,774,304
Liabilities	(6,687,193)	(7,968,395)
Members' Equity	\$6,413,188	\$5,805,909

You can read the complete audited financial statements for OPRM at its website, www.ohioplan.org.

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

Union Township Warren County 285 East Pike Street South Lebanon, Ohio 45065

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of Union Township, Warren County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 8, 2015.

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 not 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*.

Union Township Warren County Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

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 Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

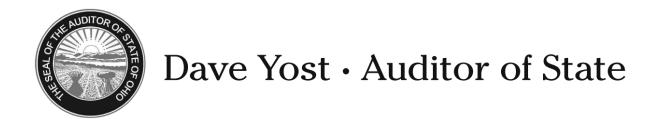
Columbus, Ohio

October 8, 2015

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2012-001	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D)(1) – Failure to properly encumber funds	Yes	
2012-002	Improper posting of receipts and disbursements	No	Reissued as Management Letter comment





UNION TOWNSHIP

WARREN 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 DECEMBER 1, 2015