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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. 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. Salt Creek Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

August 16, 2017

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SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP
PICKAWAY COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

June 23, 2017

Salt Creek Township
Pickaway County
27924 Kime Holderman Rd.
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To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type and related notes of **Salt Creek Township**, Pickaway County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

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 opinions.

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

As described in Note 2 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.

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 Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, 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 Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, 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 2.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 23, 2017 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.



Perry & Associates
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.
Marietta, Ohio

**SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP
PICKAWAY COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	General	Special Revenue	Permanent	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 83,841	\$ 281,710	\$ -	\$ 365,551
Licenses, Permits and Fees	-	8,940	-	8,940
Intergovernmental	38,691	186,861	-	225,552
Earnings on Investments	713	483	103	1,299
Miscellaneous	3,928	6,596	-	10,524
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>127,173</u>	<u>484,590</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>611,866</u>
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government	88,738	3,938	-	92,676
Public Safety	-	63,357	-	63,357
Public Works	2,889	282,192	-	285,081
Health	-	19,019	-	19,019
Capital Outlay	3,000	10,723	-	13,723
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>94,627</u>	<u>379,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>473,856</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	32,546	105,361	103	138,010
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>82,101</u>	<u>654,030</u>	<u>23,635</u>	<u>759,766</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Nonspendable	-	-	19,421	19,421
Restricted	-	759,391	4,317	763,708
Assigned	686	-	-	686
Unassigned	113,961	-	-	113,961
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 114,647</u>	<u>\$ 759,391</u>	<u>\$ 23,738</u>	<u>\$ 897,776</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Financial Statements.

**SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP
PICKAWAY COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Permanent	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 84,952	\$ 222,502	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 307,454
Licenses, Permits and Fees	-	7,000	-	-	7,000
Intergovernmental	23,753	119,392	-	-	143,145
Earnings on Investments	660	476	-	96	1,232
Miscellaneous	2,232	7,807	-	-	10,039
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>111,597</u>	<u>357,177</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>468,870</u>
Cash Disbursements					
Current:					
General Government	88,027	3,204	-	-	91,231
Public Safety	-	89,143	-	-	89,143
Public Works	4,803	233,955	-	-	238,758
Health	-	20,829	-	-	20,829
Capital Outlay	-	10,486	4,805	-	15,291
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>92,830</u>	<u>357,617</u>	<u>4,805</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>455,252</u>
<i>Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>18,767</u>	<u>(440)</u>	<u>(4,805)</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>13,618</u>
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)					
Transfers In	-	13,000	-	-	13,000
Transfers Out	(13,000)	-	-	-	(13,000)
Other Financing Uses	(493)	-	-	-	(493)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)</i>	<u>(13,493)</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(493)</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	5,274	12,560	(4,805)	96	13,125
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>76,827</u>	<u>641,470</u>	<u>4,805</u>	<u>23,539</u>	<u>741,836</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	19,421	19,421
Restricted	-	654,030	-	4,214	658,244
Unassigned	82,101	-	-	-	82,101
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 82,101</u>	<u>\$ 654,030</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 23,635</u>	<u>\$ 759,766</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Financial Statements.

**SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP
PICKAWAY COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Salt Creek Township, Pickaway 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.

The Township participates in a public entity risk pool. Note 7 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity. This organization is:

Public Entity Risk Pool

OTARMA – 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”).

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Township’s financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types, and a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all proprietary and fiduciary fund types which are organized on a fund type basis.

Fund Accounting

The Township uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Township are presented below:

General Fund The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Township for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

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 Funds:

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

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

Fire District Fund This fund receives property tax money for providing the Township with fire protection.

Capital Project Fund These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Township had the following significant Capital Project Fund:

Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund The Township received donations to repair a bridge.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015
(CONTINUED)**

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Permanent Fund These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the reporting Township's programs (for the benefit of the Township and its citizenry). The Township had the following significant Permanent Fund:

Cemetery Bequest Fund This fund receives interest earned on the nonexpendable corpus from a trust agreement. These earnings are used for the general maintenance and upkeep of the Township's cemetery.

Basis of Accounting

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.

Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) 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. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end.

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.

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 in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2016 and 2015 budgetary activity appears in Note 4.

Deposits and Investments

The Township's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

Capital Assets

The Township records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

**SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP
PICKAWAY COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015
(CONTINUED)**

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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:

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Note 3 – Compliance

Contrary to Ohio law, unfavorable budget variances for receipts resulted in reductions in the available resources for appropriations below the allowable amount.

**SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP
PICKAWAY COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015
(CONTINUED)**

Note 4 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2016 and 2015 follows:

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 208,209	\$ 127,173	\$ (81,036)
Special Revenue	622,150	484,590	(137,560)
Permanent	19,421	103	(19,318)
Total	\$ 849,780	\$ 611,866	\$ (237,914)

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 290,310	\$ 95,313	\$ 194,997
Special Revenue	1,276,180	379,229	896,951
Permanent	23,635	-	23,635
Total	\$ 1,590,125	\$ 474,542	\$ 1,115,583

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 212,209	\$ 111,597	\$ (100,612)
Special Revenue	619,891	370,177	(249,714)
Permanent	-	96	96
Total	\$ 832,100	\$ 481,870	\$ (350,230)

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 289,036	\$ 106,323	\$ 182,713
Special Revenue	1,261,361	357,617	903,744
Capital Projects	4,805	4,805	-
Total	\$ 1,555,202	\$ 468,745	\$ 1,086,457

Note 5 – Deposits

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

	2016	2015
Demand Deposits	\$878,354	\$740,347
Certificate of Deposit	\$19,422	\$19,419
Total Deposits	\$897,776	\$759,766

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

**SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP
PICKAWAY COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015
(CONTINUED)**

Note 6 – Property Taxes

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.

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

Note 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

The Pool is a member of American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by York. APEEP provides the Pool with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, OTARMA retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2016, 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, 2016 and 2015 (the latest information available):

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Assets	\$38,473,283	\$37,313,311
Liabilities	8,244,140	8,418,518
Net Position	\$30,229,143	\$28,894,793

**SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015
(CONTINUED)**

Note 7 – Risk Management (Continued)

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$7.4 and \$7.8 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$6.9 and \$7.7 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 1,010 members and 989 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2016, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$8,000.

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>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$17,788	\$18,311

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.

The Township provides to the Trustees and Fiscal Officer the option of dental, and vision insurance. The Fiscal Officer and one Trustee use the dental and vision benefit. The other two Trustees opted out of the vision and dental benefit as they are carried by their other work or spouse. Life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance is carried by the Trustees and Fiscal Officer. Consumers Life and Anthem Life are the insurance providers. Ohio Insurance Services offers the dental and vision. We do not offer health insurance.

Note 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. 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, 2016.

Note 9 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. OPERS contributes 2 percent of the employer contribution to fund these benefits.

**SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 10 – Contingent Liability

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.

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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**

June 23, 2017

Salt Creek Township
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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 the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type of **Salt Creek Township**, Pickaway County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 23, 2017, wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

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 opinions 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 a 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. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings that we consider a material weakness. We consider finding 2016-001 to be a material weakness.

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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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings as item 2016-002.

We also noted a certain matter not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated June 23, 2017.

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.



Perry and Associates
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.
Marietta, Ohio

**SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP
PICKAWAY COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

FINDING NUMBER 2016-001

Material Weakness

Posting Receipts, Disbursements and Fund Balance Classification

The Township should have procedures and controls in place to help prevent and detect errors in financial reporting. During 2016 and 2015, several receipts and disbursements were not posted into the accurate receipt and disbursement classifications based on the source of the receipt or nature of the disbursement. Fund balances should be properly classified based on Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54: *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*.

The following posting errors were noted:

- Rollback and Homestead receipts were posted as Property & Other Local Taxes instead of Intergovernmental in 2016 and 2015 in the General, Road & Bridge, Fire District, Road District, Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax and Lighting Funds.
- A Permanent Fund receipt was improperly recorded as a Private Purpose Trust Fund receipt in 2015.
- Under GASB 54, the Road District Fund and Permissive Motor Vehicle Fund were improperly classified as committed rather than restricted in 2016 and 2015.
- In 2016 and 2015, the Lighting Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund were improperly classified as assigned rather than restricted.
- Fund Balance for the Permanent Fund was misclassified as Assigned instead of Nonspendable and Restricted in 2016.
- Fund Balance for the Permanent Fund was misclassified as Restricted instead of Nonspendable and Restricted in 2015.
- Outstanding encumbrances in the General Fund were misclassified as Unassigned instead of Assigned in 2016.

Not posting receipts and disbursements accurately or classifying fund balances accurately resulted in the financial statements requiring several reclassifications. The financial statements reflect all reclassifications.

To help ensure accuracy and reliability in the financial reporting process, we recommend that management perform a detailed review of its draft financial statements. Such review should include procedures to ensure that all receipts, disbursements and fund balances are properly identified and classified on the financial statements.

We also recommend the Fiscal Officer refer to the Auditor of State Technical Bulletin 2011-004 for guidance to determine the proper fund balance classifications and the Township Handbook for proper classification of receipts and disbursements.

Management's Response – We did not receive a response from officials to this finding.

**SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP
PICKAWAY COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015
(CONTINUED)**

<p>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</p>

FINDING NUMBER 2016-002

Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36 allows subdivisions to request increased amended certificates of estimated resources and reduced amended certificates upon determination by the fiscal officer that revenue to be collected will be greater or less than the amount in the official certificate of estimated resources. An increased amended certificate must be obtained from the budget commission if the legislative authority intends to appropriate and expend the excess revenue. A reduced amended certificate must be obtained if the amount of deficiency will reduce available resources below the current level of appropriation.

During 2016 and 2015, unfavorable budget variances for receipts resulted in reductions in the available resources for appropriations below the allowable amounts.

The Township should perform a comparison of the estimated resources and the actual receipts periodically in order to determine whether an amended certificate of estimated resources needs to be obtained.

Management's Response – We did not receive a response from officials to this finding.

**SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP
PICKAWAY COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2014-001	Posting Receipts and Disbursements	No	Not Corrected, Repeated as Finding 2016-001
2014-002	Capital Projects Donations	Yes	Finding No Longer Valid

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PICKAWAY 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

**CERTIFIED
AUGUST 29, 2017**