

RIPLEY TOWNSHIP HOLMES COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 Fiscal Years Audited Under GAGAS: 2016 and 2015



Board of Trustees Ripley Township 12968 Twp. Road 474 Big Prairie, Ohio 44611

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Ripley Township, Holmes County, prepared by BHM CPA Group, Inc., 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. Ripley Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

January 29, 2018



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Independent Auditor's Report

Ripley Township Holmes County 12968 Twp. Rd 474 Big Prairie, Ohio 44611

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 Ripley Township, Holmes 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 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.

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, 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 Ripley Township, Holmes 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 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 22, 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.

BHM CPA Group Inc.

BHM CPA Group

Piketon, Ohio June 22, 2017

Ripley Township, Holmes County
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

| | Governmen | Governmental Fund Types | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | <u>General</u> | Special Revenue | Totals (Memorandum Only) | |
| Cash Receipts | ф 50,500 | Ф 122 COO | Ф 104 3 07 | |
| Property and Other Local Taxes | \$ 50,598 | \$ 133,689 | \$ 184,287 | |
| Intergovernmental Interest | 31,304 35 | 121,758 29 | 153,062 64 | |
| Miscellaneous | 382 | 15,344 | 15,726 | |
| Miscerialicous | | 13,344 | 13,720 | |
| Total Cash Receipts | 82,319 | 270,820 | 353,139 | |
| Cash Disbursements | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| General Government | 73,158 | - | 73,158 | |
| Public Works | 2,363 | 238,719 | 241,082 | |
| Health | 5,569 | - | 5,569 | |
| Capital Outlay | 3,424 | 2,399 | 5,823 | |
| Debt Service: | | 10.254 | 10.254 | |
| Principal Retirement | - | 10,354 | 10,354 | |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges | - | 1,300 | 1,300 | |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 84,514 | 252,772 | 337,286 | |
| Net Change in Fund Cash Balances | (2,195) | 18,048 | 15,853 | |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | 26,413 | 59,581 | 85,994 | |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | | | | |
| Restricted | - | 77,629 | 77,629 | |
| Unassigned (Deficit) | 24,218 | | 24,218 | |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | \$ 24,218 | \$ 77,629 | \$ 101,847 | |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Ripley Township, Holmes County
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

| | Governmen | Governmental Fund Types | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | General | Special Revenue | Totals (Memorandum Only) | |
| Cash Receipts | 47.027 | Φ 125 2 24 | ф. 102.1 <i>6</i> 1 | |
| Property and Other Local Taxes | \$ 47,927 | \$ 135,234 | \$ 183,161 | |
| Intergovernmental Interest | 35,448 35 | 122,105 23 | 157,553 58 | |
| Miscellaneous | 413 | 3,408 | 3,821 | |
| Miscendieous | 413 | 3,406 | 3,021 | |
| Total Cash Receipts | 83,823 | 260,770 | 344,593 | |
| Cash Disbursements | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| General Government | 72,871 | - | 72,871 | |
| Public Works | 2,500 | 222,138 | 224,638 | |
| Health | 8,668 | - | 8,668 | |
| Capital Outlay | 6,500 | 13,000 | 19,500 | |
| Debt Service: | | 10.254 | 10.254 | |
| Principal Retirement | - | 10,354 | 10,354 | |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges | | 1,300 | 1,300 | |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 90,539 | 246,792 | 337,331 | |
| Net Change in Fund Cash Balances | (6,716) | 13,978 | 7,262 | |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | 33,129 | 45,603 | 78,732 | |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | | | | |
| Restricted | - | 59,581 | 59,581 | |
| Unassigned (Deficit) | 26,413 | | 26,413 | |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | \$ 26,413 | \$ 59,581 | \$ 85,994 | |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2016 and 2015

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 Ripley Township, Holmes 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 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.

Public Entity Risk Pool:

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.

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.

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

2. Special Revenue Funds

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

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2016 and 2015

<u>Gasoline Tax Fund</u> – This fund receives gasoline tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing township roads.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds (continued)

<u>Road District Fund</u> – This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing township roads.

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 canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2016 and 2015 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2016 and 2015

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:

| | 2015 | | 2016 |
|-----------------|------|--------|---------------|
| Demand Deposits | \$ | 85,994 | \$ 101,847 |

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

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2016 and 2015

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

| | В | udgeted | - | Actual | | |
|-----------------|----|----------|----|----------|----|---------|
| Fund Type | R | Leceipts | R | Receipts | V | ariance |
| General | \$ | 79,140 | \$ | 82,319 | \$ | 3,179 |
| Special Revenue | | 246,500 | | 270,820 | | 24,320 |
| Total | \$ | 325,640 | \$ | 353,139 | \$ | 27,499 |

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

| | App | propriation | Βι | udgetary | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------------|-----|-----------|----|---------|
| Fund Type | A | uthority | Exp | enditures | V | ariance |
| General | \$ | 94,950 | \$ | 84,514 | \$ | 10,436 |
| Special Revenue | | 287,270 | | 252,772 | | 34,498 |
| Total | \$ | 382,220 | \$ | 337,286 | \$ | 44,934 |

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

| | В | udgeted | - | Actual | | |
|-----------------|----|---------|----|----------|----|---------|
| Fund Type | R | eceipts | R | Leceipts | V | ariance |
| General | \$ | 70,600 | \$ | 83,823 | \$ | 13,223 |
| Special Revenue | | 239,900 | | 260,770 | | 20,870 |
| Total | \$ | 310,500 | \$ | 344,593 | \$ | 34,093 |

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

| | App | propriation | Βι | ıdgetary | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------------|-----|-----------|----|---------|
| Fund Type | A | uthority | Exp | enditures | V | ariance |
| General | \$ | 97,720 | \$ | 90,539 | \$ | 7,181 |
| Special Revenue | | 277,703 | | 246,792 | | 30,911 |
| Total | \$ | 375,423 | \$ | 337,331 | \$ | 38,092 |

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2016 and 2015

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 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.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

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

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2016 was as follows:

| | Principal | Interest Rate |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Case Road Grader Loan | \$22,784 | 3.00% |

The Township obtained a promissory note from the Killbuck Savings and Loan for \$100,087 in October 2008 to finance the purchase of a Case road grader for Township road maintenance. The Case road grader collateralized the loan. Debt payments were made from the following funds Gasoline Tax, Road and Bridge, and Road District.

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

| Year Ending December 31: | Truck Note |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 2017 | 11,678 |
| 2018 | 11,678 |
| 2019 Total | 11,678 \$35,094 |

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 2016 and 2015, 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2016 and 2015

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.

| | <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 |

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 \$3,000.

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.

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2016 and 2015

7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

| Contributions to OTARMA | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|--|
| <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> | |
| \$5,831 | \$5,397 | |

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, principally the federal government. 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.





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

Ripley Township Holmes County 12968 Twp. Rd 474 Big Prairie, Ohio 44611

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 cash balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type of Ripley Township, Holmes 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 22, 2017 wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 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 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider a material weakness.

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. We consider finding 2016-001 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a material weakness.

Board of Trustees Ripley Township Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

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 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.

BHM CPA Group Inc.

BHM CPA Group

Piketon, Ohio June 22, 2017

Schedule of Audit Findings For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

Finding Number 2016-001

Material Weakness – Financial Reporting

Accurate financial reporting is an important part of the Township's overall purpose. Financial reporting requires internal controls in place to help ensure accuracy of reporting.

The Township had several reclassifications due to errors noted in the receipts and disbursing process. The following areas had audit reclassifications made to the Township's financial statements.

- Intergovernmental receipts
- Property and other local taxes

The audited financial statements and Township records have been adjusted for the misstatements above.

The Township should implement internal control procedures that enable management to identify, prevent, detect and correct potential misstatements in the financial statements. Further the Fiscal Officer should refer to the Ohio Township Handbook for guidance to determine the proper establishment of receipt and expenditures.

Client Response:

We did not receive a response from officials to this finding.

Ripley Township Holmes County December 31, 2016 and 2015

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: |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|--|
| 2014-001 | Material Weakness – Posting Receipts | No | Reissued at finding 2016-001 |



RIPLEY TOWNSHIP

HOLMES 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 FEBRUARY 8, 2018