

GREEN TOWNSHIP  
HOCKING COUNTY  
REGULAR AUDIT  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Green Township, Hocking County, prepared by Millhuff-Stang, CPA, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. 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. Green Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

June 11, 2025

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**Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Trustees  
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***Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements***

***Unmodified and Adverse Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of Green Township, Hocking County, Ohio (the Township) which comprises the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

***Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

***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* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements 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, 2023, and 2022, or the changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Township, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Township on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Township's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

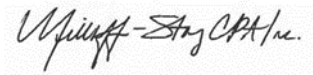


- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Township's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 12, 2025, 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. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's 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.



Millhuff-Stang, CPA, Inc.  
Wheelersburg, Ohio

March 12, 2025

**Green Township**  
**Hocking County**  
*Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and*  
*Changes in Fund Cash Balances*  
*All Governmental Fund Types*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2023*

	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	
Cash Receipts:				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 123,683	\$ 398,795	\$ -	\$ 522,478
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	-	2,200	-	2,200
Intergovernmental	30,567	219,434	-	250,001
Earnings on Investments	5,828	17	-	5,845
Miscellaneous	4,869	-	-	4,869
Total Cash Receipts	164,947	620,446	-	785,393
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	100,762	-	-	100,762
Public Safety	21,733	49,520	-	71,253
Public Works	66,299	487,993	-	554,292
Health	13,054	1,200	-	14,254
Conservation and Recreation	300	-	-	300
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal	-	22,960	6,900	29,860
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	-	7,943	1,615	9,558
Total Cash Disbursements	202,148	569,616	8,515	780,279
Total Cash Receipts Under Cash Disbursements	(37,201)	50,830	(8,515)	5,114
Other Financing Receipts:				
Transfers In	-	-	8,515	8,515
Transfers Out	(8,515)	-	-	(8,515)
Advances In	5,000	-	-	5,000
Advances Out	-	(5,000)	-	(5,000)
Sale of Capital Asset	5,110	-	-	5,110
Total Other Financing Receipts	1,595	(5,000)	8,515	5,110
Net Change in Fund Balance	(35,606)	45,830	-	10,224
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	58,517	327,616	-	386,133
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 22,911	\$ 373,446	\$ -	\$ 396,357

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

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*Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**Note 1 – Reporting Entity**

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Green Township, Hocking County (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 contracts with the City of Logan to provide fire services.

The Township has taken the necessary steps over the last few years to tighten the spending belt as finances were getting tight, and those steps have paid off. Although it is hard to increase revenue without imposing a levy on the property owners within the Township, the Lodging business within Green Township is growing, therefore we are receiving additional monies from Lodging Tax.

**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Presentation**

The Township's financial statement consists of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types.

**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:

*Gas Tax Fund* – This gas tax fund accounts for and reports that portion of the State gasoline tax restricted for maintenance and repair of roads within the Township.

*Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund* – The motor vehicle license tax fund accounts for and reports that portion of motor vehicle license registration fees restricted for maintenance and repair of roads within the Township.

*Debt Service Funds* – These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest. The Township had the following significant debt service funds:

*General Bond (Note) Retirement Fund* – The general bond (note) retirement fund accounts for the payment of bond principal, interest and related costs.

**Basis of Accounting**

This financial statement follows the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C). 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).

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This statement includes 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 (C) permit.

**Budgetary Process**

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

*Appropriations* – Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Appropriations lapse at year-end.

*Estimated Resources* – Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must 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 cancelled and re-appropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of the 2023 budgetary activity appears in note 3.

**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 statement does not report these items as assets.

**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.

**Fund Balances**

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Township must observe constraints imposed upon the use of 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. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Township and the nonspendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

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

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*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. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

*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.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in note 10.

**Note 3 – Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2023 follows:

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$157,797	\$175,057	\$17,260
Special Revenue	582,829	620,446	37,617
Debt Service	8,515	8,515	0
Total	<u>\$749,141</u>	<u>\$804,018</u>	<u>\$54,877</u>

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$220,616	\$211,454	\$9,162
Special Revenue	601,673	576,520	25,153
Debt Service	8,515	8,515	0
Total	<u>\$830,804</u>	<u>\$796,489</u>	<u>\$34,315</u>

**Note 4 – Deposits**

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 \$396,357.

***Deposits***

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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**Note 5 – 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 non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statement includes these credits and/or deduction 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.

**Note 6 – 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 is a member of the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (the Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Township's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31, 2023:

Cash and investments	\$33,494,457
Actuarial liabilities	10,885,549

**Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Postemployment Benefits**

**Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

Township employees 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 includes postretirement health care and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2023, OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2023.

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**Postemployment Benefits**

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan, which includes 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. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2023. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2023.

**Note 8 – Debt**

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2023 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Dump Trucks	\$69,100	2.125%
Tractor	\$80,059	7.45%

In 2022, the Township took out a \$76,000 USDA equipment bond for the purchase of two dump trucks and related equipment. The bond has an annual payment of \$8,515 and interest rate of 2.125% maturing in 2032.

In 2022, the Township took out a \$133,921 tractor lease for a John Deere Tractor from John Deere Financial. The lease has an annual payment of \$30,903 and interest rate of 7.45% maturing in 2026.

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

<u>Year Ending December 31:</u>	
2024	\$39,418
2025	39,418
2026	39,418
2027	8,515
2028	8,515
2029-2032	34,060
Total	<u>\$169,344</u>

**Note 9 – Contingent Liabilities**

**Litigation**

The Township is not currently party to legal proceedings.

**Grants**

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

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**Note 10 – Fund Balances**

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end, the Township had outstanding encumbrances in the General fund of \$791 and Special Revenue funds of \$1,904.

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. These restricted and committed amounts in the special revenue funds would including the outstanding encumbrances, when present. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned when present.

**Note 11 – COVID-19**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June 2021 while the national state of emergency ended in April 2023. During 2023, the Township did not receive COVID-19 funding. The Township will continue to spend available COVID-19 funding consistent with the applicable program guidelines.



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	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project	
Cash Receipts:				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 110,348	\$ 330,659	\$ -	\$ 441,007
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	-	2,300	-	2,300
Intergovernmental	29,694	317,834	91,997	439,525
Earnings on Investments	515	25	-	540
Miscellaneous	410	300	-	710
Total Cash Receipts	140,967	651,118	91,997	884,082
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	100,488	-	-	100,488
Public Safety	1,587	61,749	-	63,336
Public Works	36,199	546,156	-	582,355
Health	13,747	950	-	14,697
Conservation and Recreation	1,766	-	-	1,766
Capital Outlay	24,760	182,346	166,467	373,573
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal	-	39,263	-	39,263
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	-	196	1,533	1,729
Total Cash Disbursements	178,547	830,660	168,000	1,177,207
Total Cash Receipts Over(Under) Cash Disbursements	(37,580)	(179,542)	(76,003)	(293,125)
Other Financing Sources:				
Sale of Capital Assets	4,222	21,500	-	25,722
Proceeds from Debt	-	133,921	76,003	209,924
Advances In	33,700	35,700	3,000	72,400
Advances Out	(38,700)	(30,700)	(3,000)	(72,400)
Total Other Financing Sources	(778)	160,421	76,003	235,646
Net Change in Fund Balance	(38,358)	(19,121)	-	(57,479)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	96,875	346,737	-	443,612
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 58,517	\$ 327,616	\$ -	\$ 386,133

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

*County Engineer Funds* – The County Engineers fund accounts for monies received from the County Engineer for major road repairs.

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*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. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

*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.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in note 10.

**Note 3 - Compliance**

Contrary to Ohio law, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the General, Gas Tax, and Road and Bridge funds at December 31, 2023.

**Note 4 – Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the year ending 2022 follows:

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$102,239	\$178,889	\$76,650
Special Revenue	682,873	842,239	159,366
Capital Projects	185,000	171,000	(14,000)
Total	<u>\$970,112</u>	<u>\$1,192,128</u>	<u>\$222,016</u>

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$197,596	\$217,718	(\$20,122)
Special Revenue	979,371	863,306	116,065
Capital Projects	185,000	171,000	14,000
Total	<u>\$1,361,967</u>	<u>\$1,252,024</u>	<u>\$109,943</u>

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**Note 5 – Deposits**

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 \$386,133.

***Deposits***

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**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 non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statement includes these credits and/or deduction 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.

**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 is a member of the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (the Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Township's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31, 2022:

Cash and investments	\$32,288,098
Actuarial liabilities	9,146,434

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**Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Postemployment Benefits**

**Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

Township employees 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 includes postretirement health care and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2022, OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2022.

**Postemployment Benefits**

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan, which includes 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. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2022. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2022.

**Note 9 – Debt**

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2023 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Dump Trucks	\$76,000	2.125%
Tractor	\$103,019	7.45%

In 2022, the Township took out a \$76,000 USDA equipment bond for the purchase of two dump trucks and related equipment. The bond has an annual payment of \$8,515 and interest rate of 2.125% maturing in 2032.

In 2022, the Township took out a \$133,921 tractor lease for a John Deere Tractor from John Deere Financial. The lease has an annual payment of \$30,903 and interest rate of 7.45% maturing in 2026.

The Township entered into a financed purchase agreement on March 17, 2017, with The Citizens Bank of Logan to finance the purchase of a Kubota Mini Excavator in the amount of \$41,800. The loan was paid off in 2022.

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

<u>Year Ending December 31:</u>	
2023	\$39,418
2024	39,418
2025	39,418
2026	39,418
2027	8,515
2028	8,515
2029-2032	34,060
Total	<u>\$208,762</u>

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**Note 10 – Fund Balances**

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end, the Township had outstanding encumbrances in the General fund of \$471 and Special Revenue funds of \$1,946.

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. These restricted and committed amounts in the special revenue funds would including the outstanding encumbrances, when present. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned when present.

**Note 11 – COVID-19**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June 2021 while the national state of emergency ended in April 2023. During 2022, the Township received COVID-19 funding. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Township. The impact on the Township's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

The Township received \$135,944 in funding in 2022. The Township did not sub-grant funds to other governments and organization, nor were funds returned to the granting agency or spent on-behalf of other governments.

**Note 12 – Contingent Liabilities**

**Litigation**

The Township is not currently party to legal proceedings.

**Grants**

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Township are subject to audit and adjustments 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 Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards***

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees  
Green Township  
Hocking County  
PO Box 127  
Haydenville, OH 43127

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of Green Township, Hocking County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 12, 2025, wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. 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 deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2023-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.



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### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

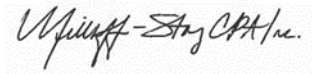
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2023-002.

### **Township's Responses to Findings**

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Township's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Township's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Millhuff-Stang, CPA, Inc.  
Wheelersburg, Ohio

March 12, 2025

**Green Township  
Hocking County**  
*Schedule of Findings and Responses  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022*

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<b>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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**Finding Number 2023-001**

**Material Weakness – Financial Reporting**

A monitoring system by the Township should be in place to prevent or detect misstatements for the accurate presentation of the Township's financial statements. During 2023 and 2022, the Township erroneously posted receipts and disbursements to the incorrect accounts and, in 2022, did not post proceeds of a debt issuance and related capital outlay. Some of these items required adjustments to properly present the activity of the Township for both years. Additionally, the notes to the financial statements were not properly prepared and required modifications. These errors were corrected in the accompanying financial statements.

We recommend the Township implement additional control procedures related to financial reporting that enable management to identify, prevent, detect, and correct potential misstatements in the financial statements and related note disclosures.

**Township Response:**

The Fiscal Officer chose not to respond.

**Finding Number 2023-002**

**Noncompliance Citation – Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B)**

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B) states that no subdivision or taxing unit is to expend money unless it has been appropriated.

The Township had expenditures in excess of appropriations in the General, Road and Bridge, and Gas Tax Funds at December 31, 2022. The Township should monitor financial activity to ensure total expenditures do not exceed the amounts appropriated.

**Township Response:**

The Fiscal Officer chose not to respond.

# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**GREEN TOWNSHIP**

**HOCKING COUNTY**

## **AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



**Certified for Release 6/24/2025**

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