



**LATTY TOWNSHIP
PAULDING COUNTY**

BASIC AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024-2023



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BASIC AUDIT REPORT

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We have completed certain procedures in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 117.01(G) to the accounting records and related documents of Latty Township, Paulding County, Ohio (the Township) for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Our procedures were designed solely to satisfy the audit requirements of Ohio Rev. Code § 117.11(A). Because our procedures were not designed to opine on the Township's financial statements, we did not follow *generally accepted auditing standards*. We do not provide any assurance on the Township's financial statements, transactions or balances for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The Township's management is responsible for preparing and maintaining its accounting records and related documents. Our responsibility under Ohio Rev. Code § 117.11(A) is to examine, analyze and inspect these records and documents.

Based on the results of our procedures, we found the following significant compliance or accounting issues to report.

Current Year Observations

1. **Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2)** requires all public offices take certain actions with regard to their public record policy. Public offices must distribute their Public Records Policy to the employee who is the records custodian/manager or otherwise has custody of the records of that office and have that employee acknowledge receipt of the Public Records Policy; create and display in a conspicuous place in all locations where the public office has branch offices a poster describing the public records policy; and, if the public office has a manual or handbook of its general policies and procedures for all employees, include the public records policy in that manual or handbook.

The Township did not have a public records policy posted during the engagement period.

A poster describing the public records policy should be conspicuously displayed in all of the Township's branch offices

2. **Ohio Rev. Code §§ 109.43(B) and 149.43(E)(1)** require all state and local elected officials, or their designees, to attend 3 hours of training on Ohio's Public Records and Open Meetings Laws during each term of office. The training received must be certified by the Ohio Attorney General.

One trustee with term ending in 2024, did not, during their term of office, attend a required Certified Training or have an appropriate designee attend the training as required by **Ohio Rev. Code § 109.43(B) and 149.43(E)(1)**, due to deficiencies in internal controls over public record laws training procedures and monitoring. This could result in improper education of public offices regarding the offices' duties related to public records requests as well as improper withholding of information from stakeholders

The elected officials, or their designee(s), should, during their term of office, attend public records training and maintain proof of completion of the training.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
Chief Deputy Auditor

October 20, 2025

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



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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.



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