

***NOBLE TOWNSHIP
NOBLE COUNTY, OHIO***

AUDIT REPORT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004 & 2003

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Certified Public Accountants and Government Consultants



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

Board of Trustees
Noble Township
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We have reviewed the *Report of Independent Accountants* of Noble Township, Noble County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. for the audit period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004. 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.

The financial statements in the attached report are presented in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State's Office (AOS). Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Report of Independent Accountants* on your financial statements. While the AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Report of Independent Accountants* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the AOS permits.

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. Noble Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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BETTY MONTGOMERY
Auditor of State

February 22, 2006

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Trustees
Noble Township, Noble County
Caldwell, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Noble Township, Noble County, Ohio as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Township has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Township to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the year ended December 31, 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2004 (and 2003), the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2004. While the Township does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to reformat its statements. Since the Township does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the year ended December 31, 2004, do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2004, or its changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserve for encumbrances of Noble Township, Noble County, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements, its combined statement of receipts-budget and actual and combined statement of disbursements and encumbrances compared with expenditure authority for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Township to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2004. The Township has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 30, 2005, 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 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
August 30, 2005

NOBLE TOWNSHIP
NOBLE COUNTY, OHIO
COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND
CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	(Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Expendable Trust	Total
Receipts:					
Taxes	\$ 23,574	\$ 35,840	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,414
Intergovernmental	9,703	119,508	2,724	-	131,935
Interest Earnings	192	-	-	2	194
Miscellaneous	-	2,650	-	-	2,650
Total Receipts	33,469	157,998	2,724	2	194,193
Disbursements:					
General Government	24,728	2,115	-	-	26,843
Public Safety	2,625	7,253	-	-	9,878
Public Works	6,000	122,427	-	-	128,427
Health	-	19,317	-	-	19,317
Debt Service:					
Principal	-	-	1,799	-	1,799
Interest	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
Total Disbursements	33,353	151,112	2,799	-	187,264
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	116	6,886	(75)	2	6,929
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):					
Other Financing Sources	898	125	-	-	1,023
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	898	125	-	-	1,023
Excess of Receipts & Other Financing Sources Over/(Under) Disbursements and Other Financing Uses	1,014	7,011	(75)	2	7,952
Fund Balance January 1, 2004	16,545	16,368	1,533	585	35,031
Fund Balance December 31, 2004	\$ 17,559	\$ 23,379	\$ 1,458	\$ 587	\$ 42,983

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND
CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	(Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Expendable Trust	Total
Receipts:					
Taxes	\$ 22,397	\$ 32,013	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,410
Intergovernmental	20,736	97,218	1,362	-	119,316
Interest Earnings	243	24	-	4	271
Miscellaneous	-	1,700	-	-	1,700
Total Receipts	43,376	130,955	1,362	4	175,697
Disbursements:					
General Government	26,131	1,726	-	-	27,857
Public Safety	2,625	6,578	-	-	9,203
Public Works	6,758	118,842	-	-	125,600
Health	-	6,177	-	-	6,177
Capital Outlay	2,500	20,993	-	-	23,493
Debt Service:					
Principal	-	-	1,920	-	1,920
Interest	-	-	60	-	60
Total Disbursements	38,014	154,316	1,980	-	194,310
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	5,362	(23,361)	(618)	4	(18,613)
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):					
Other Financing Sources	1,619	20,152	-	-	21,771
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	1,619	20,152	-	-	21,771
Excess of Receipts & Other Financing Sources Over/(Under) Disbursements and Other Financing Uses	6,981	(3,209)	(618)	4	3,158
Fund Balance January 1, 2003	9,564	19,577	2,151	581	31,873
Fund Balance December 31, 2003	\$ 16,545	\$ 16,368	\$ 1,533	\$ 585	\$ 35,031

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

NOBLE TOWNSHIP
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COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

<u>Fund Types/Funds:</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>Governmental Fund Types:</u>			
General Fund	\$ 32,021	\$ 34,367	\$ 2,346
Special Revenue	139,389	158,123	18,734
Debt Service	<u>2,724</u>	<u>2,724</u>	<u>-</u>
	174,134	195,214	21,080
<u>Fiduciary Fund Type:</u>			
Expendable Trust	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>(13)</u>
Total (Memorandum Only)	\$ <u>174,149</u>	\$ <u>195,216</u>	\$ <u>21,067</u>

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

<u>Fund Types/Funds:</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>Governmental Fund Types:</u>			
General Fund	\$ 41,604	\$ 44,995	\$ 3,391
Special Revenue	144,466	150,107	5,641
Debt Service	<u>1,362</u>	<u>1,362</u>	<u>-</u>
	187,432	196,464	9,032
<u>Fiduciary Fund Type:</u>			
Expendable Trust	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>(11)</u>
Total (Memorandum Only)	\$ <u>187,447</u>	\$ <u>196,468</u>	\$ <u>9,021</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

NOBLE TOWNSHIP
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COMBINED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS AND
ENCUMBRANCES COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

<u>Fund Types/Funds</u>	<u>Carryover</u> <u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Year Ending</u> <u>2004</u> <u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2004</u> <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u> <u>as of</u> <u>12/31/04</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Variance</u> <u>Favorable/</u> <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Governmental Funds:							
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 41,684	\$ 41,684	\$ 33,353	\$ -	\$ 33,353	\$ 8,331
Special Revenue Funds	-	155,990	155,990	151,112	-	151,112	4,878
Debt Service Fund	-	2,800	2,800	2,799	-	2,799	1
Total (Memorandum Only)	\$ -	\$ 200,474	\$ 200,474	\$ 187,264	\$ -	\$ 187,264	\$ 13,210

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS AND
ENCUMBRANCES COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003**

<u>Fund Types/Funds</u>	<u>Carryover Appropriations</u>	<u>Year Ending 2003 Appropriations</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Actual 2003 Disbursements</u>	<u>Encumbrances as of 12/31/03</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
Governmental Funds:							
General Fund	\$ 84	\$ 38,836	\$ 38,920	\$ 38,014	\$ -	\$ 38,014	\$ 906
Special Revenue Funds	2,401	155,292	157,693	154,316	-	154,316	3,377
Debt Service Fund	-	1,995	1,995	1,980	-	1,980	15
Total (Memorandum Only)	\$ 2,485	\$ 196,123	\$ 198,608	\$ 194,310	\$ -	\$ 194,310	\$ 4,298

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

**NOBLE TOWNSHIP
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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2004 and 2003**

1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

A. **DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY**

Noble Township, Noble County (the Township) is a body corporate and politic established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Township is directed by a publicly-elected, three-member Board of Trustees and a publicly-elected Clerk. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, and fire protection.

The Township's management believes these financial statements included in this report represent all of the funds of the Township over which the Township has the ability to exercise direct operating control.

B. **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursement basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized 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.)

The statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. **INVESTMENTS AND INACTIVE FUNDS**

Investment procedures are restricted by the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. Purchased investments are valued at purchase cost. Interest earned is recognized and recorded when received. See Note 2 for further description.

D. **FUND ACCOUNTING**

The Township maintains its accounting records in accordance with the principles of "Fund" accounting. Fund accounting is a concept developed to meet the needs of governmental entities in which legal or other restraints require the recording of specific receipts and disbursements. The transactions of each fund are reflected in a self-balancing group of accounts, an accounting entity which stands separate from the activities reported in other funds. The restrictions associated with each class of funds are as follows:

Governmental Fund Types:

General Fund: The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Township. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required by law or contract to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds: To account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to disbursements for specified purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

Road and Bridge Fund- This fund receives property tax money constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

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1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** – (continued)

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

Debt Service Fund: This fund is used to accumulate resources for the payment of note indebtedness. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

General Note Retirement Fund: This fund was established to retire note principal associated with Township vehicles.

Fiduciary Fund Type:

This fund is used to account for resources held by the Township in a trustee capacity or agent for individuals or private organizations. The Township had the following significant Fiduciary Fund:

Cemetery Trust Fund- This fund receives interest from principal that is invested in a savings account.

E. **BUDGETARY PROCESS**

Estimated Resources

The county auditor calculates the estimated revenues available to the Township. He prepares a certificate of estimated resources based upon this calculation and upon the other financial information supplied in the budget sent by the Township. The certificate is approved by the county budget commission and sent to the Township Clerk by September 1.

Prior to December 31, the Township must revise its budget so that the total budgeted expenditures for a fund will not exceed the amount of stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure.

On or about January 1, the Clerk sends the county auditor a certificate to which includes the actual unencumbered balances from the preceding year. The county auditor prepares an amended certificate, submits it to the county budget commission for approval. This amended certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or the Clerk identifies decreases in revenue.

Budget receipts, as shown in Note 4, do not include the unencumbered fund balances as of January 1, 2003 and 2004. However, those fund balances are available for appropriation.

Appropriations

A temporary appropriation measure to control cash expenditures may be passed on or about January 1 of each year for the period January 1 to March 31. An annual appropriation measure must be passed by March 31 of each year for the period January 1 to December 31. The appropriation measure may be amended or supplemented during the year as new information becomes available. Appropriations may not exceed estimated resources.

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1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** – (continued)

E. **BUDGETARY PROCESS** – (Continued)

Encumbrances

The Township is required to use the encumbrance method of accounting by virtue of Ohio law. Under this system, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. The sum of expenditures and encumbrances may not exceed appropriated totals at any level of budgetary control. The legal level of control is at the object level in all funds.

Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year without being re-appropriated.

F. **PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

G. **UNPAID VACATION AND SICK LEAVE**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities on the accompanying financial statements.

H. **TOTAL COLUMNS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Total columns on the financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. This data is not comparable to consolidation. Interfund-type eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

2. **EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The Township maintains a cash and investment pool used by all funds. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments.

The carrying amount of the Township's cash and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Demand Deposits	\$ <u>42,983</u>	\$ <u>35,031</u>

Protection of the Township's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the Clerk by the financial institution, or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

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3. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes are levied on assessed values which equal 35 percent of appraised value. The county auditor reappraises all real property every six years with a triennial update. The last update was completed for tax year 2003.

Real property taxes become a lien on all non-exempt real property located in the county on January 1. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20 of the following year. Under certain circumstances, state statute permits later payment dates to be established.

Real property owners' tax bills are further reduced by homestead and rollback deductions when applicable. The amount of these homestead and rollback reductions is reimbursed to the Township by the State of Ohio and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts.

Owners of tangible personal property are required to file a list of such property including costs, by April 30 of each year. The property is assessed for tax purposes at varying statutory percentages of cost.

The County Treasurer collects property tax on behalf of all taxing authorities within the county. The County Auditor periodically remits to the taxing authorities their portions of the taxes collected.

4. DEBT

Debt outstanding At December 31, 2004 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Installment Loan	\$ <u>18,080</u>	4.95%

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
2005	\$ 2,800
2006	2,800
2007	2,800
2008	2,800
2009	2,800
2010-2012	<u>8,400</u>
Total	<u>\$22,400</u>

The installment loan was for the purchase of a 2003 Ford truck. This note is not reflected in the financial statements under the Township's basis of accounting.

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5. RISK MANAGEMENT

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. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). 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 Coverage

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence. Claims exceeding \$250,000 are reinsured with APEEP up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, which the General Reinsurance Corporation will reinsure.

If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP covers OTARMA's losses up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

Property Coverage

OTARMA retains property risks including automobile physical damage up to \$100,000 on any specific loss. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures specific losses exceeding \$100,000. The Travelers Indemnity Company also provides aggregate excess coverage for property including automobile physical damage subject to an annual stop loss. When the stop loss is reached in any year, The Travelers Indemnity Company provides coverage in excess of \$10,000.

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and report the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31 (latest information available):

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Assets	\$30,687,203	\$27,792,223
Liabilities	<u>(13,640,962)</u>	<u>(11,791,300)</u>
Retained Earnings	<u>\$17,046,241</u>	<u>\$16,000,923</u>
 <u>Property Coverage</u>	 <u>2004</u>	 <u>2003</u>
Assets	\$7,799,073	\$6,791,060
Liabilities	<u>(753,906)</u>	<u>(750,956)</u>
Retained Earnings	<u>\$7,045,167</u>	<u>\$6,040,104</u>

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6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS), a state operated, cost sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. The 2004 member contribution rates were 8.5%.

Contribution rates are prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2004 and 2003 members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of covered payroll. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2004.

7. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Management believes there are no pending claims or lawsuits.

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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND
OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Trustees
Noble Township, Noble County
Caldwell, Ohio

We have audited the financial statements of Noble Township, Monroe County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated August 30, 2005, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving internal controls over financial reporting that we have reported to the management of the Township in a separate letter dated August 30, 2005.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted other matters involving compliance that we have reported to the management of the Township in a separate letter dated August 30, 2005.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management and the Board of Trustees and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Charles E. Harris and Associates, Inc.
August 30, 2005

**NOBLE TOWNSHIP
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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:
2002-001	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D)- funds not certified prior to expenditure	Yes	Finding no longer valid. The fiscal officer now provides the appropriate certification.
2002-41061-002	Ohio Rev. Code 5705.41(B)- Expenditures exceeded appropriations.	Yes	Finding No Longer Valid. Corrected in 2004.
2002-003	Ohio Rev. Code 5705.09- Fund not established for Issue II money.	Yes	Finding No Longer Valid. Fund established in 2003.



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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
MARCH 07, 2006**