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Marion County, Ohio

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Salt Rock Township, Marion County, prepared by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. Salt Rock Township, Marion County is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Auditor of State

October 11, 2006



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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees Salt Rock Township Marion County, Ohio 5764 Morral-Kirkpatrick Rd W. Morral, OH 43337

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Salt Rock Township, Marion County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. 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 audits to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 opinions.

As discussed in Note 2, the accompanying financial statements and notes follow the cash accounting basis. This is a comprehensive accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Salt Rock Township, Marion County, Ohio as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General, Gasoline Tax, Fire District and Fire Levy Funds, thereof for the years then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 2.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 31, 2006, 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 to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or 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.

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The Management's Discussion and Analysis at pages 3-9 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

As discussed further in Note 3, for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Township revised its financial presentation comparable to the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standard No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. The Township also implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 38 – *Certain Additional Note Disclosures*, and GASB Statement No. 40 – *Deposits and Investment risk disclosures*.

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.

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August 31, 2006

This discussion and analysis of the Township financial performance provides an overall review of the Township's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2005, within the limitations of the Township's cash basis accounting. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Government's financial performance.

Highlights

Key highlights for 2005 are as follows:

Net assets of governmental activities increased \$94,374 in 2005 and \$59,950 in 2004. The fund most affected by the increase in cash and cash equivalents in 2005 was the General Fund, which realized the greatest increase in intergovernmental revenue in 2005. In 2004, the Gasoline tax fund was most affected by the increase in cash and cash equivalents due to a decrease in public works expenditures.

The Township's general receipts are primarily property taxes and grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs. These receipts represent respectively 25 and 24 percent of the total cash received for governmental activities during the year. Property and gasoline tax receipts for 2005 changed compared to 2004 as the cost of gasoline at the pumps. Property taxes have remained about the same within the township.

Using the Basic Financial Statements

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Government's cash basis of accounting.

Report Components

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities provide information about the cash activities of the Township as a whole.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. Funds are created and maintained on the financial records of the Township as a way to segregate money whose use is restricted to a particular specified purpose. These statements present financial information by fund, presenting funds with the largest balances or most activity in separate columns.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. The Township has elected to present its financial statements on a cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under the Township's cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid.

Basis of Accounting (continued)

As a result of using the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

Reporting the Township as a Whole

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities reflect how the Township did financially during 2005 and 2004, within the limitations of cash basis accounting. The statement of net assets presents the cash balances and investments of the governmental and activities of the Township at years end. The statement of activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each governmental program. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function activity draws from the Township's general receipts.

These statements report the Township's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the cash basis of accounting, you can think of these changes as one way to measure the Township's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the Township's cash position is one indicator of whether the Township's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the Township's financial condition, you should also consider other non-financial factors as well such as the Township's property tax base, the condition of the Township's capital assets and infrastructure, the extent of the Township's debt obligations, the reliance on non-local financial resources for operations and the need for continued growth in the major local revenue sources such as property and gasoline taxes.

In the statement of net assets and the statement of activities, we divide the Township into one type of activities:

Governmental activities. Most of the Township's basic services are reported here. State and federal grants and property and gasoline taxes finance most of these activities. Benefits provided through governmental activities are not necessarily paid for by the people receiving them.

Reporting the Government's Most Significant Funds

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the Township's major funds – not the Township as a whole. The Township establishes separate funds to better manage its many activities and to help demonstrate that money that is restricted as to how it may be used is being spent for the intended purpose. The funds of the Government are all governmental funds.

Governmental Funds – Most of the Township's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the Township's governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the Township's programs. The Township's significant governmental funds are presented on the financial statements in separate columns.

The information for non-major funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) is combined and presented in total in a single column. For 2005 and 2004, the Township's major governmental funds are the General Fund, Gasoline, Fire District and Fire Levy funds. The programs reported in governmental funds are closely related to those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements. We describe this relationship in reconciliations presented with the governmental fund financial statements.

The Township as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the Government's net assets for 2005 compared to 2004 on a cash basis:

	Governmental Activities			
	2005	2004		
Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	482,136	387,761		
Total Assets	482,136	387,761		
Net Assets				
Restricted for:				
Permanent Fund:				
Cemetery Maintenance				
Expendable	367	355		
Non Expendable	1,000	1,000		
Other Purposes	320,745	276,089		
Unrestricted	160,024	110,317		
Total Net Assets	\$482,136	\$387,761		

As mentioned previously, net assets of governmental activities increased \$ 94,374 during 2005. The primary reasons contributing to the increase in cash balances are as follows:

• General fund intergovernmental receipts increased from 2004 to 2005 primarily through one time estate tax money.

Table 2 reflects the changes in net assets in 2005 and 2004. Since the Government did not prepare financial statements in this format for 2003, a comparative analysis of government-wide data has not been presented. In future years, when prior year information is available, a comparative analysis will be presented.

(Table 2) Changes in Net Assets

g	Governmental Activities 2005	Governmental Activities 2004
Receipts:		
Program Receipts:		
Charges for Services and Sales	\$41,064	\$41,039
Operating Grants and Contributions	85,332	76,010
Total Program Receipts	126,396	117,049
General Receipts:		
Property and Other Local Taxes	64,002	62,961
Other Taxes	0	0
Grants and Entitlements Not Restricted	70,160	19,303
to Specific Programs		
Earnings on Investments	6,452	3,493
Miscellaneous	623	4,827
Total General Receipts	141,237	90,584
Total Receipts	267,633	207,633
Disbursements:		
General Government	46,713	32,972
Public Safety	31,041	35,770
Public Works	45,295	49,367
Health	3,620	3,519
Capital Outlay	20,534	
Debt Service:		
Principal	16,809	15,913
Interest	9,246	10,142
Total Disbursements	173,258	147,683
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	94,375	59,950
Net Assets, January 1, 2005 & 2004	387,761	327,811
Net Assets, December 31, 2005 & 2004	\$482,136	\$387,761

Program receipts represent only 47 percent of total receipt in 2005 and 56 percent in 2004 are primarily comprised of restricted intergovernmental receipts such as motor vehicle license and gas tax money, building permits and inspection fees and charges to Big Island and Grand Prairie Township for fire protection services provided under contract.

General receipts represent 53 percent of the Township's total receipts in 2005 and 44 percent of the Township's total receipts for 2004, and of this amount, 45 percent are local taxes in 2005 and 70 percent are local taxes in 2004. Other receipts are very insignificant and somewhat unpredictable revenue sources.

Disbursements for General Government represent the overhead costs of running the Township and the support services provided for the other Township activities. These include the costs of Trustees, Fiscal Officer, and Volunteer Fire Department as well as internal services such as payroll and purchasing. Since these costs do not represent direct services to residents, we try to limit these costs to 16% of General Fund unrestricted receipts.

Governmental Activities

If you look at the Statement of Activities page you will see that the first column lists the major services provided by the Township. The next column identifies the costs of providing these services. The major program disbursements for governmental activities are for general government and public works, which account for 27 and 26 percent of all governmental disbursements, respectively for 2005 and also, in 2004 the percentages were: 22, and 33. The next four columns of the Statement entitled Program Receipts identify amounts paid by people who are directly charged for the service and grants received by the Government that must be used to provide a specific service. The net Receipt (Disbursement) column compares the program receipts to the cost of the service. This "net cost" amount represents the cost of the service which ends up being paid from money provided by local taxpayers. These net costs are paid from the general receipts which are presented at the bottom of the Statement. A comparison between the total cost of services and the net cost is presented in Table 3.

	Of	Services 2005	of	et Cost Services 2005	 Service 2004	of S	et Costs Services 2004
General Government	\$	46,713	\$	46,713	\$ 32,972	\$	32,972
Public Safety		31,041		(12,024)	35,770		(7,290)
Public Health Services		3,620		3,620	3,519		3,519
Public Works		45,295		(17,438)	49,367		(24,583)
Other		-		(64)	-		(39)
Capital Outlay		20,534		-	-		-
Principal Retirement		16,809		16,809	15,913		15,913
Interest and Fiscal Charges		9,246		9,246	10,142		10,142
Total Expenses	\$	173,258	\$	46,862	\$ 147,683	\$	30,634

The dependence upon property tax receipts is apparent as over 27 percent for 2005 and 21 percent for 2004 of governmental activities are supported through these general receipts.

The Township's Funds

Total governmental funds had receipts of \$267,633 in 2005 and \$207,633 in 2004 and disbursements of \$173,258 in 2005 and \$147,683 in 2004. The greatest change within governmental funds occurred within the General Fund. The fund balance of the General Fund increased \$49,707 in 2005 and \$10,129 in 2004 as the result of a one time estate tax money.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The Township's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

During 2005, the Township amended its General Fund budget several times to reflect changing circumstances. Final budgeted receipts were below original budgeted receipts due to unexpected slow growth in tax receipts. The difference between final budgeted receipts and actual receipts was not significant.

Final disbursements for 2005 were budgeted at \$ 143,672 while actual disbursements were \$ 50,423 and in 2004 final disbursements were budgeted at \$135,146 while actual disbursements were \$36,723 as a result of a one time estate tax money distribution.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The Township does not currently keep track of its capital assets and infrastructure. The Township has acquired a software package to accomplish this task and is in the process of entering the necessary information. It is anticipated that this program will be fully functional for 2007 but reductions in staff may delay the implementation.

Debt

At December 31, 2005, the Township's outstanding debt included \$182,385 in debt service obligations issued for the purchase of a new fire truck. For further information regarding the Township's debt, refer to Note 7 to the basic financial statements.

Current Issues

The challenge for all Governments is to provide quality services to the public while staying within the restrictions imposed by limited, and in some cases shrinking, funding. We rely heavily on local taxes and have very little industry to support the tax base. Our newly prepared financial forecast predicts a possible deficit for 2007; due to cuts in general fund budget. We reviewed our sources of revenue and determined that increases were unlikely. We then reviewed the disbursement history of the Township. The only large spending will be done for anticipated public safety equipment with the anticipation of receiving a Federal grant. We expect to spend more for road maintenance and repair due to the increase in cost of labor and materials.

Contacting the Government's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Township's finances and to reflect the Township's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Sharon K. Bosley, Fiscal Officer, 5764 Morral-Kirkpactrick Rd. W. Morral, Ohio 43337.

Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis December 31, 2005

	Governmental Activities
Assets	Ф40 2 126
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$482,136
Total Assets	\$482,136
Net Assets	
Restricted for:	
Permanent Fund: Cemetery Maintenance	
Expendable	367
Non-Expendable	1,000
Other Purposes	320,745
Unrestricted	160,024
Total Net Assets	\$482,136

Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis December 31, 2004

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$387,761
Total Assets	\$387,761
Net Assets	
Restricted for:	
Permanent Improvement: Cemetery Fund	
Expendable	355
Non-Expendable	1,000
Other Puposes	276,089
Unrestricted	110,317
Total Net Assets	\$387,761

Salt Rock Township, Marion County Statement of Activities - Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	-	Program Casl	Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets	
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services & Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities				
General Government	\$46,713	\$0	\$0	(\$46,713)
Public Safety	31,041	41,000	2,065	12,024
Public Works	45,295	0	62,733	17,438
Health	3,620	0	0	(3,620)
Other	0	64	0	64
Capital Outlay Debt Service:	20,534	0	20,534	0
Principal	16,809	0	0	(16,809)
Interest	9,246	0	0	(9,246)
Total Governmental Activities	173,258	41,064	85,332	(46,862)
	General Receipts Property Taxes Levied for:			
	General Purposes			26,147
	Other Purposes			37,855
	Grants and Entitlements not Restrict	eted to Specific Programs		70,160
	Earnings on Investments	1		6,452
	Miscellaneous			623
	Total General Receipts			141,237
	Change in Net Assets			94,375
	Net Assets Beginning of Year			387,761
	Net Assets End of Year			\$482,136

Salt Rock Township, Marion County Statement of Activities - Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

		Program Cash	Receints	Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets
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	Cash	Charges for	Operating Grants	Governmental
	Disbursements	Services & Sales	and Contributions	Activities
Governmental Activities				
General Government	\$32,972	\$0	\$0	(\$32,972)
Public Safety	35,770	41,000	2,060	7,290
Public Works	49,367	0	73,950	24,583
Health	3,519	0	0	(3,519)
Other	0	39	0	39
Capital Outlay	15,913	0	0	(15,913)
Debt Service	10,142	0	0	(10,142)
Total Governmental Activities	147,683	41,039	76,010	(30,634)
	General Receipts			
	Property Taxes Levied for:			
	General Purposes Other Purposes			25,460 37,501
	Grants and Entitlements not Rest	ricted to Specific Programs		19,303
	Earnings on Investments			3,493
	Miscellaneous			4,827
	Total General Receipts			90,584
	Change in Net Assets			59,950
	Net Assets Beginning of Year			327,811
	Net Assets End of Year			\$387,761

Salt Rock Township, Marion County Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances Governmental Funds December 31, 2005

	General	Gasoline Tax Fund	Fire District Fund	Fire Levy Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets						
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$160,024	\$140,978	\$88,016	\$67,664	\$25,454	\$482,136
Total Assets	\$160,024	\$140,978	\$88,016	\$67,664	\$25,454	\$482,136
Fund Balances						
Unreserved:						
Undesignated (Deficit), Reported in:						
General Fund	160,024	0	0	0	0	160,024
Special Revenue Funds	0	140,978	88,016	67,664	25,454	322,112
Total Fund Balances	\$160,024	\$140,978	\$88,016	\$67,664	\$25,454	\$482,136

Salt Rock Township, Marion County Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances Governmental Funds December 31, 2004

	General	Gasoline Tax Fund	Fire District Fund	Fire Levy Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets						
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$110,317	\$126,030	\$76,885	\$54,587	\$19,942	\$387,761
Total Assets	\$110,317	\$126,030	\$76,885	\$54,587	\$19,942	\$387,761
Fund Balances						
Unreserved:						
Undesignated (Deficit), Reported in:						
General Fund	110,317	0	0	0	0	110,317
Special Revenue Funds	0	126,030	76,885	54,587	19,942	277,444
Total Fund Balances	\$110,317	\$126,030	\$76,885	\$54,587	\$19,942	\$387,761

Salt Rock Township, Marion County

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances
Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	General	Gasoline Tax Fund	Fire District Fund	Fire Levy Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Receipts							
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$26,147	\$0	\$0	\$37,855	\$0	\$0	\$64,002
Charges for Services	0	0	41,000	0	0	0	41,000
Licenses, Permits and Fees	64	0	0	0	0	0	64
Intergovernmental	70,160	76,688	0	2,065	0	6,579	155,492
Earnings on Investments	3,739	2,532	0	0		181	6,452
Miscellaneous	20	209	294	0	0	100	623
Total Receipts	100,130	79,429	41,294	39,920	0	6,860	267,633
Disbursements Current:							
General Government	46,713	0	0	0	0	0	46,713
Public Safety	90	0	30,163	788	0	0	31,041
Public Works	0	43,947	0	0	0	1,348	45,295
Health	3,620	0	0	0	0	0	3,620
Capital Outlay	0	20,534	0	0	0	0	20,534
Debt Service:							
Principal Retirement	0	0	0	0	16,809	0	16,809
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	0	0	0	9,246	0	9,246
Total Disbursements	50,423	64,481	30,163	788	26,055	1,348	173,258
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	49,707	14,948	11,131	39,132	(26,055)	5,512	94,375
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Transfers In	0	0	0	0	26,055	0	26,055
Transfers Out	0	0	0	(26,055)	0	0	(26,055)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	(26,055)	26,055	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	49,707	14,948	11,131	13,077	0	5,512	94,375
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	110,317	126,030	76,885	54,587	0	19,942	387,761
Fund Balances End of Year	\$160,024	\$140,978	\$88,016	\$67,664	\$0	\$25,454	\$482,136

Salt Rock Township, Marion County

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

n	General	Gasoline Tax Fund	Fire District Fund	Fire Levy Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Receipts Property and Other Local Taxes	\$25,460	\$0	\$0	\$37,501	\$0	\$0	\$62,961
Charges for Services	923,400	0	41,000	0	0	0	41,000
Licenses, Permits and Fees	39	0	0	0	0	0	39
Intergovernmental	19,303	67,226	0	2,060	0	6,724	95,313
Earnings on Investment	1,948	1,399	0	0	0	146	3,493
Miscellaneous	102	938	1,464	2,323	0	0	4,827
Total Receipts	46,852	69,563	42,464	41,884	0	6,870	207,633
Disbursements							
Current:							
General Government	32,972	0	0	0	0	0	32,972
Public Safety	232	0	32,875	2,663	0	0	35,770
Public Works	0	47,756	0	0	0	1,611	49,367
Health	3,519	0	0	0	0	0	3,519
Debt Service:							
Principal Retirement	0	0	0	0	15,913	0	15,913
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	0	0	0	10,142	0	10,142
Total Disbursements	36,723	47,756	32,875	2,663	26,055	1,611	147,683
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	10,129	21,807	9,589	39,221	(26,055)	5,259	59,950
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Transfers In	0	0	0	0	26,055	0	26,055
Transfers Out	0	0	0	(26,055)	0	0	(26,055)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	(26,055)	26,055	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	10,129	21,807	9,589	13,166	0	5,259	59,950
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	100,188	104,223	67,296	41,421	0	14,683	327,811
Fund Balances End of Year	\$110,317	\$126,030	\$76,885	\$54,587	\$0	\$19,942	\$387,761

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis General Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Budgeted Original	Amounts Final	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 24,602	\$ 24,602	\$ 26,147	\$ 1,545
Licenses, Permits & Fees	20	20	64	44
Intergovernmental	10,417	68,321	70,160	1,839
Earnings on Investments	1,000	1,000	3,739	2,739
Miscellaneous	402	402	20	(382)
Total receipts	36,441	94,345	100,130	5,785
Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government	73,672	85,253	46,713	38,540
Public Safety	6,500	6,500	90	6,410
Health	5,500	5,500	3,620	1,880
Capital Outlay	58,000	46,419	0	46,419
Total Disbursements	143,672	143,672	50,423	93,249
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(107,231)	(49,327)	49,707	99,034
Net Change in Fund Balance	(107,231)	(49,327)	49,707	99,034
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	110,317	110,317	110,317	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$ 3,086	\$ 60,990	\$ 160,024	\$ 99,034

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis Gasoline Tax Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Receipts	Φ. 50.000	Φ 70 000	Φ 76 600	Φ 26.600
Intergovernmental	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 76,688	\$ 26,688
Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous	500	500	2,532	2,032
Miscenaneous			209	209
Total receipts	50,500	50,500	79,429	28,929
Disbursements				
Current:				
Public Works	143,764	143,764	43,947	99,817
Capital Outlay	30,000	30,000	20,534	9,466
Total Disbursements	173,764	173,764	64,481	109,283
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(123,264)	(123,264)	14,948	17,685
Net Change in Fund Balance	(123,264)	(123,264)	14,948	22,985
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	126,029	126,029	126,029	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$ 2,765	\$ 2,765	\$ 140,977	\$ 22,985

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis Fire District Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Receipts				
Charges for Services	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000	\$ -
Miscellaneous	0	0	294	294
Total receipts	41,000	41,000	41,294	294
Disbursements				
Current:				
Public Safety	92,500	92,500	30,163	62,337
Capital Outlay	23,000	23,000	0	23,000
Total Disbursements	115,500	115,500	30,163	85,337
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(74,500)	(74,500)	11,131	7,652
Net Change in Fund Balance	(74,500)	(74,500)	11,131	7,652
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	76,885	76,885	76,885	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$ 2,385	\$ 2,385	\$ 88,016	\$ 7,652

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis Fire Levy Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 1,286	\$ 1,286	\$ 37,855	\$ 36,569
Intergovernmental	0	0	2065	2,065
Total receipts	1,286	1,286	39,920	38,634
Disbursements				
Current:				
Public Safety	30,500	30,500	788	29,712
Capital Outlay	36,500	36,500	0	36,500
Transfer Out	26,055	26,055	26,055	0
Total Disbursements	93,055	93,055	26,843	66,212
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(91,769)	(91,769)	13,077	5,744
Net Change in Fund Balance	(91,769)	(91,769)	13,077	5,744
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	54,587	54,587	54,587	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$ (37,182)	\$(37,182)	\$ 67,664	\$ 5,744

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis General Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Budgeted Original	l Amounts Final	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 25,073	\$ 23,978	\$ 25,460	\$ 1,482
Licenses, Permits & Fees	20	20	39	19
Intergovernmental	10,417	10,000	19,303	9,303
Earnings on Investments	1,000	1,000	1,948	948
Miscellaneous	452	452	102	(350)
Total receipts	36,962	35,450	46,852	11,402
Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government	60,146	60,146	32,972	27,174
Public Safety	9,500	9,500	232	9,268
Health	5,000	5,000	3,519	1,481
Capital Outlay	60,500	60,500	0	60,500
Total Disbursements	135,146	135,146	36,723	98,423
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(98,184)	(99,696)	10,129	109,825
Net Change in Fund Balance	(98,184)	(99,696)	10,129	109,825
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	100,188	100,188	100,188	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$ 2,004	\$ 492	\$ 110,317	\$ 109,825

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis Gasoline Tax Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Budgeted			Variance with Final Budget Positive
Receipts	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Intergovernmental	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 67,226	\$ 17,226
Earnings on Investments	700	700	1,399	699
Miscellaneous	-	-	938	938
Total receipts	50,700	50,700	69,563	18,863
Disbursements Current:				
Public Works	114,396	114,396	47,756	66,640
Capital Outlay	38,000	38,000		38,000
Total Disbursements	152,396	152,396	47,756	104,640
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(101,696)	(101,696)	21,807	123,503
Net Change in Fund Balance	(101,696)	(101,696)	21,807	123,503
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	104,223	104,223	104,223	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$ 2,527	\$ 2,527	\$ 126,030	\$ 123,503

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis Fire District Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Receipts				
Charges for Services	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000	\$ -
Micellaneous	0	0	1,464	1,464
Total receipts	41,000	41,000	42,464	1,464
Disbursements				
Current:				
Public Safety	69,000	69,000	32,875	36,125
Capital Outlay	37,000	37,000	0	37,000
Total Disbursements	106,000	106,000	32,875	73,125
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(65,000)	(65,000)	9,589	5,744
Net Change in Fund Balance	(65,000)	(65,000)	9,589	5,744
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	67,296	67,296	67,296	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$ 2,296	\$ 2,296	\$ 76,885	\$ 5,744

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis Fire Levy Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Budgeted Original	Amounts Final	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Receipts	Original	<u> Tillal</u>	Actual	(regative)
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 1,286	\$ 1,286	\$ 37,501	\$ 36,215
Intergovernmental	0	φ 1,200	2060	2,060
Micellaneous	0	0	2,323	2,323
Micenaneous			2,323	2,323
Total receipts	1,286	1,286	41,884	40,598
Disbursements Current:				
Public Safety	19,000	19,000	2,663	16,337
Capital Outlay	36,000	36,000	0	36,000
Transfer Out	26,055	26,055	26,055	0
Transfer Out	20,033	20,033	20,033	
Total Disbursements	81,055	81,055	28,718	52,337
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(79,769)	(79,769)	13,166	5,744
Net Change in Fund Balance	(79,769)	(79,769)	13,166	5,744
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	41,421	41,421	41,421	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$(38,348)	\$ (38,348)	\$ 54,587	\$ 5,744

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The Salt Rock Township, Marion County, Ohio (the Township), is a body politic and corporate established to exercise 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. The Township also has an elected Township Clerk.

The Township's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Township is financially accountable.

A. Primary Government

The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Township. The Township provides general government services, maintenance of Township roads and bridges, and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the Big Island Township and Grand Prairie Township for fire protection. The Township also contracts with Stofcheck Ambulance Service Inc. to provide ambulance services.

B. Component Units

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Township is financially accountable. The Township is financially accountable for an organization if the Township appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the Township is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Township is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Township is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide support to, the organization; or the Township is obligated for the debt of the organization. The Township is also financially accountable for any organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Township in that the Township approves their budget, the issuance of their debt or the levying of their taxes. Component units also include legally separate, tax-exempt entities whose resources are for the direct benefit of the Township, are accessible to the Township and are significant in amount to the Township. There are no component units within the Township.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As discussed further in Note 2.C, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. In the government-wide financial statements, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, have been applied, to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case GASB prevails. Following are the more significant of the Township's accounting policies.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

A. Basis of Presentation

The Township's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the Township as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of net assets presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the Township at year-end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each of the Township's governmental activities. Disbursements are recorded by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the Township is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services, grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and receipts of interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues, which are not classified as program receipts, are presented as general receipts of the Township, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general receipts of the Township.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the Township segregates transactions related to certain Township functions or activities in separate funds to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Township at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

B. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting 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. Funds are used to segregate resources that are restricted as to use. Funds of the Township are classified as governmental.

Governmental Funds

The Township classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The Township's major governmental funds are the General Fund, Gasoline Tax, Fire District and Fire Levy Fund. The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for 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.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

 $\underline{\text{Gasoline Tax}}$ – This fund accounts for gasoline tax receipts and their use as they pertain to the Township's roads.

Fire District – This primary purpose of this fund is to expend resources for fire protection.

<u>Fire Levy</u> – This fund collects property taxes levied to provide fire protection services to the surrounding communities and the purchase of fire equipment.

Other governmental funds of the Township are used to account for taxes and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

C. Basis of Accounting

The Township's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Except for modifications having substantial support, receipts are recorded in the Township's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Any such modifications made by the Township are described in the appropriate section in this note.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

D. Budgetary Process

All funds, except agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations ordinance, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Township Board of Trustees may appropriate.

The appropriations resolution is the Township's Board of Trustees' authorization to spend resources and sets limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Township Board of Trustees. The legal level of control has been established at the fund & function level.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Township Clerk. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Township Board of Trustees.

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation resolution for that fund that covered the entire year, including

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Township Board of Trustees during the year.

E. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the Township is pooled and invested. Individual fund integrity is maintained through Township records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as investments. Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

During 2005 and 2004, the Township had invested in nonnegotiable certificates of deposit, a money market fund, and STAROhio. The nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are reported as cost. The Township's money market fund investment is recorded at the amount reported by the Commercial Savings Bank on December 31, 2005 and 2004.

STAROhio is an investment pool, managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the state to pool their funds as an investment company, but does not operate in a manner consistent with the Rule2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAROhio are valued at STAROhio's share price, which is the price the investment could be sold for on December 31, 2005 and 2004.

Interest earnings are allocated to Township funds according to State statutes, grant requirements, or debt related restrictions. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during 2005 and 2004 were \$3,739 and \$1,948 of which includes \$1,719 and \$742 assigned from other Township funds respectively.

F. Deposits

Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

Investments: The Township had no investments at December 31st, 2005 or December 31st, 2004.

G.. Restricted Assets

Cash, cash equivalents and investments are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of their use. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. There were no restricted assets at year-end.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

H. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The Township reports disbursements for inventories and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

I. Capital Assets

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

J. Interfund Receivables/Payables

The Township reports advances-in and advances-out for interfund loans. These items are not reflected as assets and liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

K. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Township's cash basis of accounting.

L. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The Township recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 10 and 11, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

M. Long-Term Obligations

The Township's modified cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds or other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when the cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid. Since recording a capital asset when entering into a capital lease is not the result of a cash transaction, neither an other financing source nor a capital outlay expenditure are reported at inception. Lease payments are reported when paid.

N. Net Assets

Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net assets restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for public safety, public works, health and human services.

The Township's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an obligation is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

O. Fund Balance Reserves

The Township reserves any portion of fund balances which is not available for appropriation or which is legally segregated for a specific future use. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund balance which is available for appropriation in future periods. The Township has not established any fund balance reserves.

P. Interfund Transactions

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

Q. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of management and are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. There were no such activities for the year.

Note 3 – Change in Basis of Accounting

In the prior audit, the Township reported fund financial statements by fund type using the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed by the State Auditor's Office. This year the Township has implemented the modified cash basis of accounting described in note 2. The fund financial statements now present each major fund in a separate column with nonmajor funds aggregated and presented in a single column, rather than a column for each fund type.

Note 4 – Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budgetary Basis presented for the general fund and all major Special Revenue funds is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. Since encumbrances outstanding at year-end are canceled and re-approriated in the succeeding year there is essentially no difference between cash and budget basis reporting.

Note 5 – Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2005, the Township has implemented GASB Statement No. 40, "<u>Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures</u>".

GASB Statement No. 40 establishes and modified disclosure requirements related to investment risks: credit risk (including custodial credit risk and concentrations of credit risk) and interest rate risk. This statement also establishes and modified disclosure requirements for custodial credit risk on deposits.

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 40 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Township.

Note 6 – Deposits and Investments

Monies held by the Township are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the Township treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the Township treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Trustees have identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

Interim monies held by the Township can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

- 1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- 3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2 percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- 4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or Ohio local governments;
- 5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts:
- 6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- 7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).

Note 6 – Deposits and Investments (continued)

Protection of the Township's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by collateral pledged to the Township by the financial institution, or by a collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Township, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Township or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Township will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At December 31, 2005, \$248,764 of the Township's bank balance of \$348,764 was exposed to custodial credit risk because those deposits were uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the Township's name, while \$100,000 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

At December 31, 2004, \$164,496 of the Township's bank balance of \$264,496 was exposed to custodial credit risk because those deposits were uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the Township's name, while \$100,000 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

The Township has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the Township or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured.

Note 7 Capital Lease

On June 3, 2002, the Township entered into a lease/purchase agreement with North Country Financial Group, Inc. for the purpose of obtaining a fire truck and related equipment. The lease amount was \$195,158 at an interest rate of 5.63171% for a term of 10 years. The initial payment was due June 3, 2003 with the subsequent payments due on June 3rd of each year and a final maturity date of June 3, 2012. Capital lease obligations will be paid out of the Township's Fire Levy Fund.

Note 7 Capital Lease (continued)

An amortization of the capital lease, including interest payments of \$53,013 is as follows:

Year Ending	Capital
December 31:	Lease
2006	26,055
2007	26,055
2008	26,055
2009	26,055
2010-2012	<u>78,165</u>
	\$208,440

Note 8 – Property Taxes

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property, public utility property, and tangible personal property located in the Township. Real property tax receipts received in 2005 represent the collection of 2004 taxes. Real property taxes received in 2005 were levied after October 1, 2004, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2004, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. 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. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax receipts received in 2005 represent the collection of 2004 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in 2003 became a lien on December 31, 2003, were levied after October 1, 2004, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

Tangible personal property tax receipts in 2005 (other than public utility property) represent the collection of 2005 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in 2005 were levied after October 1, 2004, on the true value as of December 31, 2003. Tangible personal property is currently assessed at 25 percent of true value for capital assets and 23 percent for inventory. Amounts paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semiannually. If paid annually, the first payment is due April 30; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20.

Note 8 - Property Taxes (continued)

The assessed values of real property, public utility property, and tangible personal property upon which 2004 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

Real Property,	
Residential	\$6,557,380
Agriculture	3,029,950
Commercial/Industrial/Mineral	882,160
Public Utility Property	
Real	49,350
Personal	864,580
Tangible Personal Property	1,595,730
Total Assessed Value	\$12,979,150

Note 9 - Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

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 claim, including loss adjustment expenses. OTARMA pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Townships can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, from the General Reinsurance Corporation.

If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP covers OTARMA 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 in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$500,000,000 per occurrence. APEEP's Guarantee Fund pays losses and loss adjustment expenses exceeding operating contributions.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge OTARMA's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective township.

Note 9 – Risk Management (continued)

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:

Casualty Coverage	2004	2003
Assets	\$ 30,687,203 \$	27,792,223
Liabilities	 (13,640,962)	(11,791,300)
Retained earnings	\$ 17,046,241 \$	16,000,923
Property Coverage	2004	2003
Assets	\$ 7,799,073 \$	6,791,060
Liabilities	(753,906)	(750,956)
Liabilities	 (755,900)	(750,950)

Note 10- Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The Township participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20 percent per year). Under the member directed plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of the member and vested employer contributions plus any investment earnings.

The combined plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and a defined contribution plan. Under the combined plan, employer contributions are invested by the retirement system to provide a formula retirement benefit similar to the traditional plan benefit. Member contributions, whose investment is self-directed by the member, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the member directed plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Members of the member directed plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-6705 or (800) 222-7377.

For the year ended December 31, 2005 the members of all three plans, except those in law enforcement or public safety participating in the traditional plan, were required to contribute 8.5 percent of their annual covered salaries. Members participating in the traditional plan who were in law enforcement contributed 10.1 percent of their annual covered salary; members in public safety contributed 9 percent. The Township's contribution rate for pension benefits for 2004 was 9.55 percent, except for those plan members in law enforcement or public safety. For those classifications, the Township's pension contributions were 12.7 percent of covered payroll. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

Note 10- Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

The Township's required contributions for pension obligations to the traditional and combined plans for the years ended December 31, 2005 2004 and 2003 were \$3,974.07, \$3,814.05, and \$4,731.25 respectively; these contributions were sufficient to fulfill the requirements.

Note 11- Postemployment Benefits

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) provides postretirement health care coverage to age and service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit with either the traditional or combined plans. Health care coverage for disability recipients and primary survivor recipients is available. Members of the member-directed plan do not qualify for postretirement health care coverage. The health care coverage provided by the retirement system is considered an Other Postemployment Benefit as described in GASB Statement No. 12, "Disclosure of Information on Postemployment Benefits other than Pension Benefits by State and Local Government Employers". A portion of each employer's contribution to the traditional or combined plans is set aside for the funding of postretirement health care based on authority granted by State statute. The 2005 local government employer contribution rate was 13.55% of covered payroll (16.70% for public safety and law enforcement); 4.00% of covered payroll was the portion that was used to fund health care.

Benefits are advance-funded using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Significant actuarial assumptions, based on OPER's latest actuarial review performed as of December 31, 2004, include a rate of return on investments of 8.00%, an annual increase in active employee total payroll of 4.00% compounded annually (assuming no change in the number of active employees) and an additional increase in total payroll of between .50% and 6.3% based on additional annual pay increases. Health care premiums were assumed to increase 4.00% annually.

All investments are carried at market. For actuarial valuation purposes, a smoothed market approach is used. Assets are adjusted to reflect 25% of unrealized market appreciation or depreciation on investment assets annually.

The number of active contributing participants in the traditional and combined plans was 376,109. Actual employer contributions for 2005 which were used to fund postemployment benefits were \$82,307. The actual contribution and the actuarially required contribution amounts are the same. OPERS's net assets available for payment of benefits at December 31, 2004 (the latest information available) were \$10.8 billion. The actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability were \$29.5 billion and \$18.7 billion, respectively.

In December 2001, the Board adopted the Health Care "Choices" Plan. The Choices Plan will be offered to all persons newly hired in an OPERS covered position after January 1, 2004, with no prior service credit accumulated toward health care coverage. Choices will incorporate a cafeteria approach, offering a broader range of health care options. The Plan uses a graded scale from ten to thirty years to calculate a monthly health care benefit. This is in contrast to the ten-year "cliff" eligibility standard for the present Plan.

Note 11- Postemployment Benefits (continued)

The benefit recipient will be free to select the option that best meets their needs. Recipients will fund health care costs in excess of their monthly health care benefit. The Plan will also offer a spending account feature, enabling the benefit recipient to apply their allowance toward specific medical expenses, much like a Medical Spending Account.

On September 9, 2004 the OPERS Retirement Board adopted a Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) with an effective date of January 1, 2007. The HCPP restructures OPERS' health care coverage to improve the financial solvency of the fund in response to skyrocketing health care costs.

Under the HCPP, retirees eligible for health care coverage will receive a graded monthly allocation based on their years of service at retirement. The Plan incorporates a cafeteria approach, offering a broad range of health care options that allow benefit recipients to use their monthly allocation to purchase health care coverage customized to meet their individual needs. If the monthly allocation exceeds the cost of the options selected, the excess is deposited into a Retiree Medical Account that can be used to fund future health care expenses.

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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

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We have audited the financial statements of the government activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Salt Rock Township, Marion County, Ohio (the "Township") as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, which collectively comprise the Township's financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 31, 2006 wherein we noted the Township prepared its financial statements on the cash basis, a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We also noted that the Township implemented GASB Statements No. 38 and 40. 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control 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 opinions on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the 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 of the 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.

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 and grant agreements, 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management and the Board of Trustees, and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED NOVEMBER 9, 2006