

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

***AUDIT REPORT***

***FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004 & 2003***

***Charles E. Harris and Associates, Inc.***  
**Certified Public Accountants and Government Consultants**





**Auditor of State  
Betty Montgomery**

Board of Trustees  
Stock Township  
42966 SR 260  
Caldwell, Ohio 43724

We have reviewed the *Report of Independent Accountants* of Stock 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.

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5735.27 (A)(5)(c) requires the funds received from the gasoline excise tax shall be expended by each Township for the sole purpose of planning, constructing, maintaining, widening, and reconstructing the public roads and highways within such Township, and paying costs apportioned to the Township under Section 4907.47 of the Revised Code. In addition, Ohio Rev. Code Section 4503.02 requires the funds received from an annual license tax shall be used, in part, for planning, constructing, maintaining, repairing roads, highways, and streets, and maintaining and repairing bridges and viaducts. Article XII, Section 5a of the Ohio Constitution states that no monies derived from fees, excises, or license taxes relating to registration, operation, or use of vehicles on public highways, or to fuels used for propelling such vehicles, shall be expended for other than costs of administering such laws, statutory refunds, and adjustments provided therein, payment of highway obligations, costs for construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public highways and bridges and other statutory highway purposes, expense of state enforcement of traffic laws, and expenditures authorized for hospitalization of indigent persons injured in motor vehicle accidents on the public highways.

In our report dated March 16, 2001 on the Township's financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2000, we noted that during December 2000, the Township purchased a building to be used as the Township hall. The Township paid for the building from the Gasoline Tax Fund, Special Revenue Fund Type, and Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, Special Revenue Fund Type. These funds are restrictive in regards to allowable expenditures. The purchase of a building is not an allowable expenditure for these funds.

In our March 16, 2001 report, we issued a finding for adjustment against the General Fund of Stock Township, Noble County, in the amount of \$13,500, in favor of the Gasoline Tax Fund, Special Revenue Fund Type, in the amount of \$8,500, and in favor of the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, Special Revenue Fund Type, in the amount of \$5,000.

The finding was reissued in our audit report dated April 18, 2003. This adjustment has not been recorded on the books of the Township.

Accordingly, since the Township did not post this adjustment to their accounting system, we are reissuing this finding for adjustment.

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



BETTY MONTGOMERY  
Auditor of State

April 27, 2006

**STOCK TOWNSHIP  
NOBLE COUNTY  
For the Years Ending December 31, 2004 and 2003**

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## **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS**

To the Board of Trustees  
Stock Township  
Caldwell, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Stock Township, Noble County, Ohio as and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2004. 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.

During 2000, the Township disbursed \$13,500 from special revenue funds for a building to be used as the Township hall. In our opinion, Ohio law precluded these funds from paying these costs, which should have been paid from the General Fund. The Township has declined to adjust its financial statements or accounting records. Had this cost been paid from the General Fund, the effect would be to decrease the General Fund cash balance at January 1, 2003, December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004 by \$13,500. The Special Revenue fund cash balances at January 1, 2003, December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004 would have increased by \$13,500.

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 three paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years 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 do not present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Stock Township, Noble County, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements 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 December 1, 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. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

***Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.***  
December 1, 2005

STOCK TOWNSHIP  
NOBLE COUNTY  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES -  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

	<b>Governmental Funds</b>		<b>(Memorandum Only)</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Total</b>
Receipts:			
Property Taxes and Other Local Taxes	\$ 10,338	\$ 5,908	\$ 16,246
Intergovernmental	7,323	222,121	229,444
Interest	102	153	255
Miscellaneous	-	800	800
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>17,763</b>	<b>228,982</b>	<b>246,745</b>
Disbursements:			
General Government	14,928	73	15,001
Security of Persons & Property	1,898	-	1,898
Public Health Services	1,502	-	1,502
Public Works	1,948	199,188	201,136
Capital Outlay	-	9,597	9,597
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>20,276</b>	<b>208,858</b>	<b>229,134</b>
Total Receipts Over(Under) Disbursements	(2,513)	20,124	17,611
Fund Balance 1/1/2004	4,881	48,482	53,363
Fund Balance 12/31/2004	<b>\$ 2,368</b>	<b>\$ 68,606</b>	<b>\$ 70,974</b>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES -  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Governmental Funds		(Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Total
Receipts:			
Property Taxes and Other Local Taxes	\$ 10,665	\$ 7,543	\$ 18,208
Intergovernmental	6,834	97,006	103,840
Interest	93	140	233
Miscellaneous	613	200	813
Total Receipts	<u>18,205</u>	<u>104,889</u>	<u>123,094</u>
Disbursements:			
General Government	13,954	-	13,954
Security of Persons & Property	949	-	949
Public Health Services	1,002	-	1,002
Public Works	2,000	87,377	89,377
Debt Service			
Principal	-	4,396	4,396
Interest	-	115	115
Total Disbursements	<u>17,905</u>	<u>91,888</u>	<u>109,793</u>
Total Receipts Over(Under) Disbursements	300	13,001	13,301
Fund Balance 1/1/2003	<u>4,581</u>	<u>35,481</u>	<u>40,062</u>
Fund Balance 12/31/2003	<u>\$ 4,881</u>	<u>\$ 48,482</u>	<u>\$ 53,363</u>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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

Stock 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 three publicly-elected, Trustees. The Township provides general governmental services, and street maintenance services.

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

The Township prepares its financial statements following the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis 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. CASH

Investments are included in the fund cash balances. Accordingly, purchase 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 disbursements, respectively.

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, and accounting entity, which stands separate from the activities reported in other funds. The restrictions associated with each class of funds are as follows:

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NOBLE COUNTY, OHIO  
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

Governmental Fund Types:

General Fund: 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: These funds are used to account for proceeds from special sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. Special revenue funds follow:

- Motor Vehicle License Tax
- Gasoline Tax
- Road And Bridge Fund
- Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax
- FEMA

E. BUDGETARY PROCESS

A budget of estimated cash receipts and disbursements is prepared by the Clerk, approved by the Board of Trustees, and submitted to the county auditor, as secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20 of each year, for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year.

1. 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 stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure.

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E. BUDGETARY PROCESS – (Continued)

On or about January 1, the Clerk sends the county auditor a certificate 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 the object level.

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 capital outlay disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

G. ACCUMULATED LEAVE

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

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 cash and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	2003	2004
Demand deposits	\$ 53,363	\$ 70,974

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

3. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes are levied on assessed values, which equal 35% 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 2001.

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.

The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts the tax rates for inflation. 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. The amounts reimbursed by the State of Ohio are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

The property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30, assess tangible personal property tax.

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3. PROPERTY TAX – (Continued)

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

4. BUDGETARY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2004 and 2003 follows:

<u>2004 Budgeted vs Actual Receipts</u>			
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General Fund	\$ 17,240	\$ 17,763	\$ 523
Special Revenue Funds	182,572	228,982	46,410

<u>2004 Budgeted vs Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures</u>			
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General Fund	\$ 22,121	\$ 20,276	\$ 1,845
Special Revenue Funds	231,054	208,858	22,196

<u>2003 Budgeted vs Actual Receipts</u>			
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General Fund	\$ 16,210	\$ 18,205	\$ 1,995
Special Revenue	89,459	104,889	15,430

<u>2003 Budgeted vs Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures</u>			
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General Fund	\$ 20,791	\$ 17,905	\$ 2,886
Special Revenue	124,940	91,888	33,052

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's officials and employees belong to the Ohio Public Employment Employers Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for employee and employer contributions. OPERS participants contributed 8.5% of their wages. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of their wages. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2004.

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6. 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 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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7. Contingent Liabilities/Subsequent Events

Management believes there are no pending claims or lawsuits.

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Stock Township  
Noble County  
Caldwell, Ohio

We have audited the financial statements of Stock Township, Noble County, Ohio (Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated December 1, 2005, wherein we opined the financial statements were not fairly presented since the Township declined to adjust its financial statements or accounting records for disbursements not recorded in the proper fund types from the December 31, 2000 and 1999 audit. These adjustments still result in a material misstatement of General and Special Revenue Fund cash balances as of January 1, 2003, December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004. 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 matter 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, 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 an instance of noncompliance required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2004-STNC-001.

We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated December 1, 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.***

December 1, 2005

STOCK TOWNSHIP  
NOBLE COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

FINDING NUMBER 2004-STNC-001

Adjustments not Posted to Financial Statements

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In the Auditor of State's report issued April 18, 2003 for the years ending December 31, 2002 and 2001, this amount had not been recorded on the books of the Township and the finding for adjustment was re-issued.

During the years ending December 31, 2003 or 2004, Township did not post this adjustment to their accounting system.

STOCK TOWNSHIP  
NOBLE COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003

FINDING NUMBER	FUNDING SUMMARY	FULLY CORRECTED?	Not Corrected. Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain
2002-001	The Township used gasoline excise tax and motor vehicle license tax monies to purchase a building to be used as the Township hall. The Ohio Revised Code Sections 5735.27 and 4503.02 restrict the use of these monies from such purchase.	No	The Township was issued a finding for adjustment in the audit report for the year ended December 31, 2000. The adjustment has not been booked. Repeated as Finding Number 2004-STNC-001.
2002-002	The Township received a finding for adjustment for paying salaries of Trustees in the incorrect proportion.	Yes	The Township allocated trustees salaries to the general fund in the correct proportion.



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**STOCK TOWNSHIP**

**NOBLE COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

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