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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of Allen Township, Union County, prepared by Holbrook & Manter, 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.

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. Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Independent Auditors' Report* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State 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 *Independent Auditors' Report* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State 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. Allen Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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May 10, 2007

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees Allen Township Union County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Allen Township, Union County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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. 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 audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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

Revisions to GAAP would require the Township to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2005 and 2004, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2005 and 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 of Ohio permits, but does not require, governments to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this 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 of Ohio permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 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, 2005 and 2004, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Allen Township, Union County, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Township to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. The Government 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.

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MEMBERS AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS OHIO SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 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. 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 the 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.

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Certified Public Accountants

December 31, 2006

ALLEN TOWNSHIP UNION COUNTY COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

		General		Special Revenue	-	Total Memorandum Only
CASH RECEIPTS:-						
Property tax and other local taxes	\$	345,361	\$	1,716,313	\$	2,061,674
Intergovernmental receipts		83,239		370,490		453,729
Charges for services		0		277,664		277,664
Licenses, permits, and fees		11,806		0		11,806
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties		3,761		0		3,761
Earnings on investments		37,393		3,975		41,368
Miscellaneous		7,100	_	0	-	7,100
Total cash receipts		488,660		2,368,442		2,857,102
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:- Current:						
General government		238,620		0		238,620
Conservation and recreation		2,921		0		2,921
Public safety		45,173		1,111,001		1,156,174
Public works		43,967		86,756		130,723
Health		1,000		0		1,000
Capital Outlay		9,015		175,815		184,830
Total cash disbursements		340,696		1,373,572	-	1,714,268
Total receipts over (under) cash disbursements		147,964		994,870		1,142,834
OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENT	S):-					
Other financing sources		1,853		31,801		33,654
Other financing uses	(38)		0		(38)
Total other financing receipts (disbursements)		1,815		31,801	-	33,616
Excess of cash receipts and other financing receipts over (under) cash disbursements and other						
financing disbursements		149,779		1,026,671		1,176,450
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2005		286,058		1,404,057	-	1,690,115
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2005	\$	435,837	\$	2,430,728	\$	2,866,565

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

ALLEN TOWNSHIP UNION 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

		General	_	Special Revenue		Total Memorandum Only
CASH RECEIPTS:-						
Property tax and other local taxes	\$	298,834	\$	1,541,594	\$	1,840,428
Intergovernmental receipts		48,427		136,220		184,647
Charges for services		0		265,576		265,576
Licenses, permits, and fees		14,336		0		14,336
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties		5,210		0		5,210
Earnings on investments		6,996		2,287		9,283
Miscellaneous		10,655		27,965		38,620
Total cash receipts		384,458		1,973,642		2,358,100
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:-						
Current:						
General government		231,859		0		231,859
Conservation and recreation		30,380		0		30,380
Public safety		43,380		1,001,194		1,044,574
Public works		40,592		73,334		113,926
Capital Outlay		76,569		0	• •	76,569
Total cash disbursements		422,780		1,074,528	· •	1,497,308
Total receipts over (under) cash disbursements	(38,322)		899,114		860,792
OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS	5):-					
Other financing sources		0		0		0
Sale of fixed assets		15,904		0		15,904
Total other financing receipts (disbursements)		15,904		0		15,904
Excess of cash receipts and other financing receipts over (under) cash disbursements and other						
financing disbursements	(22,418)		899,114		876,696
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2004		308,476		504,943		813,419
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2004	\$	286,058	\$	1,404,057	\$	1,690,115

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:-

Description of the Entity - Allen Township, Union County, (the Township) is a body corporate and politic 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 three publicly - elected Trustees. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, fire protection, and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Union County Sheriff's office to provide police services to the Township.

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

Basis of Accounting - These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State of Ohio, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

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

<u>Cash and Investments</u>- 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 disbursements, respectively.

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost. Money market mutual funds (including STAR Ohio) are recorded at share values reported by the mutual fund.

Fund Accounting - The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Township classifies its funds into the following types:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Fire Fund

This fund receives property tax money levied for the purpose of providing fire protection services to the Township.

Ambulance Fund

This fund is used to account for monies received for providing emergency medical services to the Township. Funds are utilized for the purchase of EMS equipment and medical supplies.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:- (continued)

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

Appropriations

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

Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The Union County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2005 and 2004 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

<u>Property, Plant and Equipment</u> - Acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

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

NOTE 2 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH:-

The Township maintains a cash pool used by all funds. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31, 2005 and 2004 was as follows:

	_	2005	 2004
Demand deposits	\$	201,658	\$ 1,273,914
Certificates of deposit		411,614	407,093
Total deposits		613,272	1,681,007
STAR Ohio		2,253,293	9,108
Total deposits and investments	\$	2,866,565	\$ 1,690,115

Deposits - The Townships deposits are either insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by the financial institutions public entity deposit pool.

Investments – Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:-

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2005 was as follows:

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Bu	dgeted Receipts	_	Actual Receipts	-	Variance
General	\$	350,166	\$	490,513	\$	140,347
Special Revenue		1,992,361		2,400,243	-	407,882
Total	\$	2,342,527	\$	2,890,756	\$	548,229

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type		_	Appropriation Authority	 Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General		\$	636,222	\$ 340,734	\$ 295,488
Special Revenue		-	3,396,420	 1,373,572	2,022,848
	Total	\$	4,032,642	\$ 1,714,306	\$ 2,318,336

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:-

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2004 was as follows:

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Bu	dgeted Receipts	 Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$	308,102	\$ 400,362	\$ 92,260
Special Revenue		1,496,315	 1,973,642	477,327
Total	\$	1,804,417	\$ 2,374,004	\$ 569,587

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type		_	Appropriation Authority	_	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General		\$	494,815	\$	422,780	\$ 72,035
Special Revenue		-	1,208,320		1,074,528	133,792
	Total	\$	1,703,135	\$	1,497,308	\$ 205,827

NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAX:-

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the Board of Trustees. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to Union County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payment, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to Union County by each April 30.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Township.

NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS:-

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

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2005 and 2004, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for both years.

NOTE 6 - RISK POOL MANAGEMENT:-

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty Coverage

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per 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.

<u>NOTE 6 – RISK POOL MANAGEMENT:-</u> (continued)

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.

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) are represented to conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31 2005 and 2004:

	2005	2004
Casualty Coverage		
Assets \$	30,485,638 \$	28,132,620
Liabilities	(12,344,576)	(11,086,379)
Retained Earnings \$	18,141,062 \$	17,046,241
Property Coverage		
Assets \$	9,177,796 \$	7,588,343
Liabilities	(1,406,031)	(543,176)
Retained Earnings \$	7,771,765 \$	7,045,167



<u>Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an</u> <u>Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards</u>

Board of Trustees Allen Township Union County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Allen Township, Union County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated December 31, 2006, wherein we noted the Township had followed accounting practices the Auditor of State of Ohio prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and 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 opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a 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 in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting the internal control over financial reporting to the management of the Township in a separate letter dated December 31, 2006.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to the management of the Township in a separate letter dated December 31, 2006.

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

Salurook & Master

Certified Public Accountants

December 31, 2006

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MEMBERS AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS OHIO SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

ALLEN TOWNSHIP UNION COUNTY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2003-001	ORC 5705.41 (D) - Certification of Expenditures	Yes	Fully corrected.
2003-002	ORC 5705.41 (B) - Expenditures in Excess of Appropriations	Yes	Fully corrected.
2003-003	ORC 505.376 - Competitive Bidding	Yes	Fully corrected.
2003-004	Charges for Services - Emergency Medical Services Billings	Yes	Fully corrected.
2003-005	Monthly Bank Reconciliations	Yes	Fully corrected.





ALLEN TOWNSHIP

UNION 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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED MAY 22, 2007

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