
**PAINT TOWNSHIP
MADISON COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006 & 2005

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of Paint Township, Madison County, prepared by Whited, Seigneur, Sams & Rahe CPAs, LLP, for the audit period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006. 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. Paint Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

September 18, 2007

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MADISON COUNTY, OHIO**

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August 22, 2007

Board of Trustees, Paint Township
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Independent Auditors' Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Paint Township, Madison County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005. 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit 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 opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Township has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of the 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2006 and 2005, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Township's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. 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 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 permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is 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 do not present fairly for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, 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 the Township as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The Township has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 22, 2007, 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. That report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. It does not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITED SEIGNEUR SAMS & RAHE CPAs, LLP



**PAINT TOWNSHIP
MADISON COUNTY, OHIO
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Memorandum Only Total</u>
CASH RECEIPTS			
Local Taxes	\$ 35,044	\$ 36,034	\$ 71,078
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	0	9,305	9,305
Intergovernmental Receipts	24,374	100,330	124,704
Earnings on Investments	11,075	12,247	23,322
Other Revenue	<u>841</u>	<u>7,622</u>	<u>8,463</u>
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	71,334	165,538	236,872
CASH DISBURSEMENTS			
General Government	77,855	0	77,855
Public Safety	449	14,640	15,089
Public Works	556	48,960	49,516
Health	0	37,071	37,071
Capital Outlay	<u>0</u>	<u>3,756</u>	<u>3,756</u>
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	<u>78,860</u>	<u>104,427</u>	<u>183,287</u>
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS OVER/ (UNDER) CASH DISBURSEMENTS	(7,526)	61,111	53,585
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2006	<u>141,474</u>	<u>272,553</u>	<u>414,027</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2006	<u>\$ 133,948</u>	<u>\$ 333,664</u>	<u>\$ 467,612</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PAINT TOWNSHIP
MADISON COUNTY, OHIO
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Non-Expendable Trust
OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS	
Interest	\$ <u>4</u>
TOTAL OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS	4
TOTAL OPERATING CASH DISBURSMENTS	<u>0</u>
EXCESS OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS OVER CASH DISBURSMENTS	4
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2006	<u>552</u>
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2006	<u><u>\$ 556</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Memorandum Only Total</u>
CASH RECEIPTS			
Local Taxes	\$ 37,107	\$ 37,599	\$ 74,706
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	0	9,895	9,895
Intergovernmental Receipts	27,447	91,370	118,817
Earnings on Investments	4,571	5,971	10,542
Other Revenue	<u>4,049</u>	<u>6,094</u>	<u>10,143</u>
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	73,174	150,929	224,103
CASH DISBURSEMENTS			
General Government	77,998	0	77,998
Public Safety	287	20,400	20,687
Public Works	355	61,375	61,730
Health	0	25,493	25,493
Capital Outlay	<u>86,588</u>	<u>8,146</u>	<u>94,734</u>
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	<u>165,228</u>	<u>115,414</u>	<u>280,642</u>
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS OVER/ (UNDER) CASH DISBURSEMENTS	(92,054)	35,515	(56,539)
OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS/(DISBURSEMENTS)			
Sale of Assets	<u>30,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,000</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS/ (DISBURSEMENTS)	<u>30,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,000</u>
EXCESS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND OTHER FINANCING RECEIPTS OVER/(UNDER) CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND OTHER FINANCING DISBURSEMENTS	(62,054)	35,515	(26,539)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2005	<u>203,528</u>	<u>237,038</u>	<u>440,566</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2005	<u>\$ 141,474</u>	<u>\$ 272,553</u>	<u>\$ 414,027</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PAINT TOWNSHIP
MADISON COUNTY, OHIO
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	Non-Expendable Trust
OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS	
Interest	\$ <u>2</u>
TOTAL OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS	2
TOTAL OPERATING CASH DISBURSMENTS	<u>0</u>
EXCESS OPERATING CASH RECEIPTS OVER CASH DISBURSMENTS	2
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2006	<u>550</u>
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2006	<u><u>\$ 552</u></u>

**PAINT TOWNSHIP
MADISON COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **Description of the Entity**

Paint Township, Madison County, Ohio (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 a publicly elected three-member Board of Trustees. The Township provides general governmental services including road and bridge and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with Central Township Fire Department to provide fire protection services. The Sterling Joint Ambulance District provides emergency medical services.

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, 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.

- **Cash and Investments**

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

- **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:

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

**PAINT TOWNSHIP
MADISON COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- **Fund Accounting (Continued)**

Permissive Motor Vehicle License Fund – This fund receives vehicle license money to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

Cemetery Fund – This fund receives property tax money for the maintenance and upkeep and operations of the cemetery.

- **Fiduciary Fund (Trust Fund)** – This fund is used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreement. The Township had the following fiduciary fund:

Cemetery Bequest Fund (Non-Expendable Trust) – This fund receives restricted donations. Interest earned may be used to maintain graves in the cemetery.

- **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 and object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The 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 unencumbered cash as of January 1. The 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 cancelled and re-appropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2006 and 2005 budgetary activity appears in Note 5.

- **Property, Plant and Equipment**

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

**PAINT TOWNSHIP
MADISON COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENT S

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

	2006	2005
Demand Deposits	\$ 428,168	\$ 374,579
Certificates of Deposit	40,000	40,000
	\$ 468,168	\$ 414,579

Deposits

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

3. 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 the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payments, 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 the 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.

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

4. OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township 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. PERS members contributed 9.0% and 8.5% of their gross salaries for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.7% and 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2006.

**PAINT TOWNSHIP
MADISON COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

5. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, were as follows:

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 39,410	\$ 71,334	\$ 31,924
Special Revenue	134,976	165,538	30,562
Non-Expendable Trust	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
Total	<u>\$ 174,387</u>	<u>\$ 236,876</u>	<u>\$ 62,489</u>

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 180,329	\$ 78,860	\$ 101,469
Special Revenue	406,794	104,427	302,367
Non-Expendable Trust	<u>553</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>553</u>
Total	<u>\$ 587,676</u>	<u>\$ 183,287</u>	<u>\$ 404,389</u>

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 40,012	\$ 103,174	\$ 63,162
Special Revenue	127,769	150,929	23,160
Non-Expendable Trust	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>\$ 167,782</u>	<u>\$ 254,105</u>	<u>\$ 86,323</u>

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 243,554	\$ 165,228	\$ 78,326
Special Revenue	364,796	115,414	249,382
Non-Expendable Trust	<u>551</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>551</u>
Total	<u>\$ 608,901</u>	<u>\$ 280,642</u>	<u>\$ 328,259</u>

Contrary to Ohio law, the Township did not request an increased amended certificate of estimated resources. Also contrary to Ohio law, the Township did not execute purchase orders for either 2006 or 2005.

**PAINT TOWNSHIP
MADISON COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

- **Risk Pool Membership**

The Township is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The Township insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

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**

For an occurrence prior to January 1, 2006 OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence, including claim 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 \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. For an occurrence on or subsequent to January 1, 2006, the Pool retains casualty risk up to \$350,000 per occurrence, including loss adjustment expenses. Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured with APEEP in an amount not to exceed \$2,650,000 for each claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect up to \$10,000,000 in additional coverage with the General Reinsurance Corporation, through contracts with OTARMA.

If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP provides excess of funds available coverage up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 as noted above.

- **Property Coverage**

Through 2004, OTARMA retained property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsured losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$500 million per occurrence.

Beginning in 2005, Travelers reinsures specific losses exceeding \$250,000 up to \$600 million per occurrence. APEEP reinsures members for specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$250,000 per occurrence, subject to an annual aggregate loss payment. Travelers provides aggregate stop-loss coverage based upon the combined members' total insurable values. If the stop loss is reached by payment of losses between \$100,000 and \$250,000, Travelers will reinsure specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to their \$600 million per occurrence limit. The aggregate stop-loss limit for 2006 was \$1,901,127.

**PAINT TOWNSHIP
MADISON COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

• **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, 2006 and 2005 (the latest information available):

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<u>Casualty Coverage</u>		
Assets	\$32,031,312	\$30,485,638
Liabilities	<u>(11,443,952)</u>	<u>(12,344,576)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$20,587,360</u>	<u>\$18,141,062</u>
<u>Property Coverage</u>		
Assets	\$10,010,963	\$9,177,796
Liabilities	<u>(676,709)</u>	<u>(1,406,031)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$ 9,334,254</u>	<u>\$7,771,765</u>

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, casualty coverage liabilities noted above include approximately \$10.8 million and \$11.6 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The Casualty Coverage assets and retained earnings above also include approximately \$10.8 million and \$11.6 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 958 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. The Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately 2 x the most recent annual premium. This payable includes the subsequent year's contribution due if the Township terminates participation, as described in the last paragraph below.

Based on discussions with OTARMA, the expected rates OTARMA charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to OTARMA for each year of membership.

After completing one year of membership, members may withdraw on each anniversary of the date they joined OTARMA provided they provide written notice to OTARMA 60 days in advance of the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's budgetary contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to the pool. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to the withdrawal.

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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*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Paint Township, Madison County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated August 22, 2007, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permitted 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 of the financial statements, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2006-001 and 2006-002.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated August 22, 2007.

The Township's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. We did not audit the Township's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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

Respectfully submitted,

WHITED SEIGNEUR SAMS & RAHE CPAs, LLP



**PAINT TOWNSHIP
MADISON COUNTY, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005**

FINDING NUMBER 2006-001

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) states no orders or contracts involving the expenditure of money are to be made unless there is a certificate of the fiscal officer that the amount required for the order or contract has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances.

The following exceptions to this basic requirement are provided by statute:

Then and Now Certificate: This exception provides that, if the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made and at the time that he is completing his certification, sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the taxing authority can authorize the drawing of a warrant. The taxing authority has 30 days from the receipt of such certificate to approve payment by resolution or ordinance. If approval is not made within 30 days, there is no legal liability on the part of the subdivision or taxing district.

Amounts of less than \$100 for counties, or less than \$3,000 for other political subdivisions, may be paid by the fiscal officer without such affirmation of the taxing authority upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirements for approval of expenditures by the taxing authority.

100% of transactions tested during the audit period were not in compliance with properly certifying funds prior to goods received and/or services provided.

We recommend the Township properly certify expenditures. Blanket certificates can be issued for a certain sum of money not in excess of an amount established by resolution or ordinance adopted by a majority of the Board of Trustees against any specific line item appropriation account over a period not running beyond the end of the current fiscal year. A regular purchase order should be issued for larger and/or one time purchases. Whether a purchase order or blanket certificate is used, it should be certified before the actual purchases are made. A "Then and Now" certificate can be used for those purchases not receiving prior certification.

Auditee's Response: Clerk and Trustee agreed with the finding and will look to implement Purchase Orders going forward.

**PAINT TOWNSHIP
MADISON COUNTY, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005**

FINDING NUMBER 2006-002

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(2) allows all subdivisions to request increased amended certificates of estimated resources and reduced amended certificates upon determination by the fiscal officer that revenue to be collected will be greater or less than the amount in the official certificate of estimated resources. The Township should have requested an increased amended certificate for both 2006 and 2005.

Auditee's Response: Clerk and Trustee agreed with the finding and will look to amend certificates when determining and planning the budget.



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

PAINT TOWNSHIP

MADISON 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

**CERTIFIED
OCTOBER 2, 2007**