RICHLAND TOWNSHIP MARION COUNTY REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Board of Trustees Richland Township 4383 Claridon-Westfield Road Cardington, Ohio 43315

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of Richland Township, Marion County, prepared by Holbrook & Manter, 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. Richland Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

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June 26, 2007



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees Richland Township Marion County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Richland Township, Marion 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 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 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, 2006 and 2005. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2006 and 2005, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2006 and 2005. 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, 2006 and 2005 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, 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 Richland Township, Marion County, 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 aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Township to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005. 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.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 29, 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. 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.

Certified Public Accountants

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May 29, 2007

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

		General		Special Revenue		Total Memorandum Only
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Cash receipts:-						
Local taxes	\$	24,239	\$	13,625	\$	37,864
Intergovernmental		44,284		93,943		138,227
Licenses, permits, and fees		2,733		0		2,733
Interest		3,084		10,246		13,330
Miscellaneous		746		10,949	. ,	11,695
Total cash receipts		75,086		128,763		203,849
Cash disbursements:-						
Current;-						
Public health services		16,022		0		16,022
Public works		0		123,940		123,940
General government	-	53,805	_	0		53,805
Total cash disbursements	-	69,827	_	123,940	, ,	193,767
Total receipts over (under) cash disbursements		5,259		4,823		10,082
Other financing receipts (disbursements):-						
Sale of fixed assets	-	0	_	0		0
Total other financing receipts(disbursements)		0		0	. ,	0
Excess of cash receipts and other financing						
receipts over (under) cash disbursements						
and other financing receipts	-	5,259	-	4,823		10,082
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2006	-	74,975	_	338,655	, ,	413,630
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2006	\$	80,234	\$	343,478	\$	423,712

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:-					
Local taxes	\$ 23,212	\$	13,107	\$	36,319
Intergovernmental	33,515		87,660		121,175
Licenses, permits, and fees	2,250		0		2,250
Interest	1,868		5,072		6,940
Miscellaneous	1,168		1,687		2,855
Total cash receipts	62,013		107,526		169,539
Cash disbursements:-					
Current;-					
Public health services	14,982		0		14,982
Public works	0		98,512		98,512
General government	59,226	•	0	•	59,226
Total cash disbursements	74,208		98,512		172,720
Total receipts over (under) cash disbursements	(12,195)		9,014		(3,181)
Other financing receipts (disbursements):-					
Sale of fixed assets	0	•	6,200	•	6,200
Total other financing receipts(disbursements)	0		6,200	•	6,200
Excess of cash receipts and other financing					
receipts over (under) cash disbursements and other financing receipts	(12,195)		15,214		3,019
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2005	87,170	•	323,441		410,611
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Fund cash balances, December 31, 2005	\$ 74,975	\$	338,655	\$	413,630

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:-

Description of the Entity - Richland Township, Marion 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 general governmental services, including road maintenance and repairs.

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

<u>Basis of Accounting</u> - 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.

<u>Cash and Investments</u> - 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 by law or contract to be restricted.

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:

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund

This fund receives motor vehicle tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing township roads.

Gasoline Tax Fund

This fund receives gasoline tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing township roads.

Road and Bridge Fund

This fund receives revenue, which is used for the maintenance and upkeep of roads and bridges.

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 Marion 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 Marion County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

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

Encumbrances

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

A summary of 2006 and 2005 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>Unpaid Vacation and Sick Leave</u> - Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the cash basis of accounting used by the Township.

NOTE 2 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS:-

The Township maintains a cash and investments 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:

	_	2006	_	2005
Deposits	\$	128,424	\$	118,341
Certificate of Deposits	_	295,288	_	295,289
Total deposits	\$_	423,712	\$_	413,630

<u>Deposits-</u> The Township's deposits are insured by either the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:-

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

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	_	Bud	geted Receipts	-	Actual Receipts	-	Variance
General		\$	63,730	\$	75,086	\$	11,356
Special Revenue			104,232	-	128,763	-	24,531
	Total	\$	167,962	\$	203,849	\$	35,887

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	-	_	Appropriation Authority	_	Budgetary Expenditures	•	Variance
General		\$	138,705	\$	69,827	\$	68,878
Special Revenue		_	442,886	_	123,940		318,946
	Total	\$	581,591	\$ _	193,767	\$	387,824

Contrary to Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41 (D), the certification of availability of unencumbered appropriations for expenditure was not obtained timely for 87% of expenditures tested during 2006 and 2005.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:- (continued)

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	_	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General		\$ 49,965	\$ 62,013	\$ 12,048
Special Revenue		90,051	113,726	23,675
	Total	\$ 140,016	\$ 175,739	\$ 35,723

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	_	_	Appropriation Authority	_	Budgetary Expenditures	_	Variance
General		\$	137,136	\$	74,208	\$	62,928
Special Revenue		_	413,490	_	98,512	_	314,978
	Total	\$_	550,626	\$_	172,720	\$_	377,906

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

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 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 Marion County by each April 30.

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

NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS:-

All Township officials and employees participate in the Federal Social Security system.

NOTE 6 - RISK POOL MEMBERSHIP:-

The Township belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the "Plan"), an unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to approximately 460 Ohio governments ("Members").

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages, modified for each Member's needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the Member's deductible.

The Plan issues its own policies and reinsures the Plan with A- VII or better rated carriers, except for the 15% casualty and the 10% property portions the Plan retains. The Plan pays the lesser of 15% or \$37,500 of casualty losses and the lesser of 10% or \$100,000 of property losses. Individual Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member.

Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

Plan members are responsible to notify the Plan of their intent to renew coverage by their renewal date. If a member chooses not to renew with the Plan, they have no other obligation to the Plan. The former member's covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of the Plan.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2005 and 2004 (the latest information available):

2005

2004

		2005		2004
Assets	\$	8,219,430	\$	6,685,522
Liabilities	_(_	2,748,639)	(2,227,808)
Members' equity	\$	5,470,791	\$	4,457,714

You can read the complete audited financial statements for The Ohio Government Risk Management Plan at the Plan's website, www.ohioplan.org.



<u>Independent Accountants' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting</u> and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

Board of Trustees Richland Township Marion County

We have audited the financial statements of Richland Township, Marion County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated May 29, 2007, 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider a significant deficiency.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in 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 Township'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 the Township's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

We consider the following deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting as item 2006-003.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Township's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of 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 material weaknesses. We believe none of the significant deficiencies described above are a material weakness.

We also noted certain internal control matters that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated May 29, 2007.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as items 2006-001 and 2006-002.

We also noted certain instances of non-compliance that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated May 29, 2007.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and the Township Trustees. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

Certified Public Accountants

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May 29, 2007

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

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

Noncompliance Citation - Certification of Expenditures

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D) states that 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. Furthermore, contracts and orders for expenditures lacking prior certification should be null and void unless, for expenditures less than \$3,000, the board of Trustees obtains from the fiscal officer a certificate stating that there was at the time of the making of the contracts or orders a sufficient sum appropriated. The board, by resolution, then may authorize the issuance of a warrant for the payments of the amount due.

Of the 49 expenditures tested, 43 instances were noted where the purchase order (PO) certification date was after the invoice date. This could result in encumbrances and expenditures in excess of appropriations, contrary to Ohio Revised Code. We recommend that the Township Clerk certify that sufficient funds are available prior to ordering goods and services.

Officials' Response

The Township is aware of the above issue and the fiscal officer does not intend on revising his current procedures of completing the purchase orders for all expenditures at one time prior to the monthly meetings.

Finding Number	2006-002

Noncompliance Citation – Timely Deposits of Public Funds

Ohio Revised Code Section 9.38 states that public money must be deposited with the treasurer of the public office or to a designated depository on the business day following the day of receipt. Public money collected for other public offices must be deposited by the first business day of the week following the date of collection. If the amount of daily receipts does not exceed \$1,000 and the receipts can be safeguarded, public offices may adopt a policy permitting their officials who receive this money to hold it past the next business day, but the deposit must be made no later than 3 business days after receiving it.

During the audit, we noted that deposits were not made timely based on the above Ohio Revised Code Section. We recommend that monies collected by the Township be deposited on a more timely basis.

Officials' Response

The Township is aware of the above issue and is currently reviewing the procedures to prevent this condition from occurring in the future.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

Finding Number 2006-003

Significant Deficiency – Internal Control and Review Procedures

Although the Trustees receive and review a select number of reports from the Fiscal Officer of the Township for approval on a monthly basis, the Township has not established formal procedures to reasonably assure completeness, and accuracy of the monthly reporting. During our testing and analysis, we noted that the Township Trustees are not reviewing the numerical check sequence prior to signing the checks. In addition, they are not reviewing the bank statement for proper inclusion of authorized expenditures within the cancelled checks or electronic fund withdraws.

The Township should carefully review this information and make appropriate inquires to help determine the integrity of the financial information. When performing such review, the officials' signatures or initials and the date should be affixed to the documents examined and it should be noted in the monthly minutes that the officials' thoroughly reviewed and approved those documents. In addition, we also recommend that the numerical check sequence be noted in the minutes and signed off of by the Trustees each month.

Officials' Response

The Townships' Fiscal Officer will provide the bank reconciliations and bank statements to the Trustees for their review and approval at each months meeting. The Township will also document and approve the review of those reports and the numerical sequence of the checks within the monthly minutes.



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP MARION 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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JULY 10, 2007