

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY
Regular Audit
December 31, 2007 and 2006**



Mary Taylor, CPA

Auditor of State

Board of Trustees
Recovery Township
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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report* of Recovery Township, Mercer County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007. 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 Accountants' 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 Accountants' 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. Recovery Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

May 16, 2008

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MERCER COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

March 28, 2008

Recovery Township
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Recovery Township, Mercer County, Ohio**, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006. 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 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.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Township to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2007 and 2006, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present it'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 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 two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 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, 2007 and 2006 or their changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Recovery Township, Mercer County, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, 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 years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006. 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 March 28, 2008, 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry and Associates
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Local Taxes	\$ 16,835	\$ 59,622	\$ 76,457
Intergovernmental	49,662	107,486	157,147
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	-	500	500
Special Assessments	-	1,124	1,124
Earnings on Investments	186	877	1,064
Other Revenue	91	1,000	1,091
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Total Cash Receipts	66,774	170,609	237,383
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
General Government	47,318	500	47,818
Public Safety	2,873	-	2,873
Public Works	-	174,378	174,378
Health	7,013	-	7,013
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal	6,664	6,066	12,730
Interest and Fiscal Charges	3,941	-	3,941
Capital Outlay	-	3,000	3,000
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Total Cash Disbursements	67,809	183,943	251,753
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(1,035)	(13,334)	(14,370)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	4,177	48,820	52,997
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 3,142	\$ 35,486	\$ 38,627

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

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

**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>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$ 16,522	\$ 57,416	\$ -	\$ 73,938
Intergovernmental	48,550	102,301	20,909	171,760
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	-	750	-	750
Special Assessments	-	1,148	-	1,148
Earnings on Investments	277	-	-	277
Other Revenue	365	1,230	-	1,595
	<u>65,714</u>	<u>162,845</u>	<u>20,909</u>	<u>249,468</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
	<u>65,714</u>	<u>162,845</u>	<u>20,909</u>	<u>249,468</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	55,178	750	-	55,928
Public Safety	2,873	-	-	2,873
Public Works	-	139,909	-	139,909
Health	5,446	-	-	5,446
Capital Outlay	6,000	79,508	20,909	106,417
	<u>69,497</u>	<u>220,167</u>	<u>20,909</u>	<u>310,573</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
	<u>69,497</u>	<u>220,167</u>	<u>20,909</u>	<u>310,573</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(3,783)</u>	<u>(57,322)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(61,105)</u>
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):				
Sale of Fixed Assets	-	6,800	-	6,800
Note Proceeds	-	72,508	-	72,508
	<u>-</u>	<u>79,308</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,308</u>
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)				
	<u>-</u>	<u>79,308</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,308</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	<u>(3,783)</u>	<u>21,986</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,203</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>7,960</u>	<u>26,834</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,794</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 4,177</u>	<u>\$ 48,820</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 52,997</u>

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

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Recovery Township, Mercer 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. A publicly elected three-member Board of Trustees and a publicly elected Clerk direct the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with Mercer County Emergency Services to provide ambulance services.

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

B. 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.

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are included in the fund cash balances. 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.

The money market account is valued at cost.

D. 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:

1. 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.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township has the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

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

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

3. Capital Projects Funds

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant Capital Projects Fund:

Public Works Commission Fund - The Township received grants during 2006 from the State of Ohio for use in road repair and construction.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. 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. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end.

2. Estimated Resources

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

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process (Continued)

3. 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 2007 and 2006 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. 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.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

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:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Total deposits	<u>\$ 38,627</u>	<u>\$ 52,997</u>

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006
(Continued)**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 follows:

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 68,203	\$ 66,774	\$ (1,429)
Special Revenue	\$ 148,444	\$ 170,609	\$ 22,165
Total	<u>\$ 216,647</u>	<u>\$ 237,383</u>	<u>\$ 20,736</u>

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 72,355	\$ 67,809	\$ 4,546
Special Revenue	\$ 197,265	\$ 183,943	\$ 13,322
Total	<u>\$ 269,620</u>	<u>\$ 251,753</u>	<u>\$ 17,867</u>

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 64,762	\$ 65,714	\$ 952
Special Revenue	\$ 138,209	\$ 242,153	\$ 103,944
Capital Projects	\$ 20,909	\$ 20,909	\$ -
Total	<u>\$ 223,880</u>	<u>\$ 328,776</u>	<u>\$ 104,896</u>

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 74,595	\$ 69,497	\$ 5,098
Special Revenue	\$ 163,171	\$ 220,167	\$ (56,996)
Capital Projects	\$ 20,909	\$ 20,909	\$ -
Total	<u>\$ 258,675</u>	<u>\$ 310,573</u>	<u>\$ (51,898)</u>

Note: Contrary to ORC 5705.41(B), expenditures in the Gasoline Tax Fund exceeded appropriations in 2006. This is cited in this report's Schedule of Findings.

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006
(Continued)**

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date, for which rates are adopted by 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 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 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.

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's elected officials and employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multi-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.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2007 and 2006, members of PERS contributed 9.5% (2007) and 9% (2006) of their gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2007.

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

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. Townships can elect up to \$10,000,000 in additional coverage with the General Reinsurance Corporation, through contracts with OTARMA.

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006
(Continued)**

6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Risk Pool Membership (Continued)

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 (for claims prior to January 1, 2006) or \$3,000,000 (for claims on or after January 1, 2006) 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. It provides aggregate stop-loss coverage based upon the combined members' total insurable value. 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.

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.

Property and casualty settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006
(Continued)**

6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Risk Pool Membership (Continued)

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2006 and 2005 (the latest information available).

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Assets	\$32,031,312	\$30,485,638
Liabilities	(11,443,952)	(12,344,576)
Retained earnings	<u>\$20,587,360</u>	<u>\$18,141,062</u>

<u>Property Coverage</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Assets	\$10,010,963	\$9,177,796
Liabilities	(676,709)	(1,406,031)
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 townships in the future, as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

7. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2007 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Promissory Note	\$59,778	4.99 %

The promissory note was obtained in 2006 in the amount of \$72,500, for the purchase of a 2007 International Dump Truck to be used for Township road maintenance. The Township makes semi-annual payments of \$8,336. The truck serves as collateral for the note.

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006
(Continued)**

7. DEBT (Continued)

Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

Year Ending December 31:	<u>Promissory Note</u>
2008	16,671
2009	16,671
2010	16,671
2011	<u>16,671</u>
Total	\$66,684

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

March 28, 2008

Recovery Township, Mercer County
P.O. Box 597
Fort Recovery, OH 45846

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of **Recovery Township, Mercer County, Ohio** (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2008, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State 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 opinions 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 the 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 considered significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (Continued)

We consider the following deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting: 2007-001 through 2007-003.

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 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 material weaknesses. We believe none of the significant deficiencies described above are material weaknesses.

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 one instance of noncompliance or other matters that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2007-003.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry and Associates
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

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

FINDING NUMBER 2007-001

Significant Deficiency

Proper Posting of Receipts and Expenditures

Receipts and expenditures should be posted to the fund and line item accounts as established by Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-7-01.

During 2007, two loan principal payments for the 2007 Dump Truck were posted as Capital Outlay, instead of Redemption of Principal. It was also determined that the Township obtained note proceeds in the amount of \$72,508 to finance the purchase of a dump truck. The payment for the dump truck was made directly by the lending institution to the vendor; however, the Township did not post the note proceeds or the expenditure to the financial system. These inaccurate postings resulted in several reclassification entries being made to the financial statements.

By misposting and not properly allocating the receipts and expenditures, the Township could present inaccurate financial statements, causing a false image of the Township's financial position.

We recommend the Clerk refer to Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-7-01 and/or the Ohio Township Handbook for guidance to determine the proper establishment of expenditure accounts and posting of and expenditures.

Management's Response – Management understands the item.

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (CONTINUED)**

FINDING NUMBER 2007-002

Significant Deficiency

Posting Estimated Revenues and Appropriations

The Township did not have a control procedure in place to ensure that appropriations and estimated receipts, as authorized by the Board of Trustees and approved by the County Budget Commission, were reconciled to the appropriations and estimated receipts posted to the accounting system.

This resulted in incorrect amounts posted to the accounting system and information available to Township officials to monitor year-to-date total comparison of budgeted amounts versus actual amounts was not accurate. Adjustments were made to the budgetary activity reported in Note 3 to the financial statements in order to accurately present estimated receipts as Certified by the County Budget Commission.

We recommend the Township implement procedures to ensure appropriations and estimated receipts are accurately posted to the accounting system and reconciled to the amounts approved by the budget commission after each amendment.

Management's Response – Management has addressed the issue for the year 2008.

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (CONTINUED)**

FINDING NUMBER 2007-003

Noncompliance Citation/Significant Deficiency

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41 (B) states that no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any expenditure of money unless the same has been properly appropriated.

Actual disbursements exceeded appropriations in 2006 in the Gasoline Tax Fund to account for the purchase of the 2007 International Dump Truck.

We recommend the Township Clerk modify appropriations with the Board of Township Trustees and County Budget Commission before incurring obligations that would cause expenditures to exceed appropriations. The Township Clerk should deny any payments until the legislative authority has passed the necessary changes to the appropriation measure.

Management's Response – Management understands the item.

**RECOVERY TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2005-001	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10 - Money paid into any fund shall be used only for the purposes for which such fund is established.	Yes	Fully Corrected
2005-002	Proper Posting of Receipts and Expenditures	No	No; repeated as Finding 2007-001



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

RECOVERY TOWNSHIP

MERCER 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
MAY 29, 2008**