



**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP  
PORTAGE COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2007 & 2006**





# Mary Taylor, CPA

Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Freedom Township  
7827 King Road  
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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report* of Freedom Township, Portage County, prepared by Canter and Company, 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. Freedom Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Mary Taylor, CPA  
Auditor of State

February 20, 2009

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Freedom Township  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Freedom Township, Portage County, (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 its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2007 and 2006. 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 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 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 Freedom Township, Portage 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 January 19, 2009, 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.



**Canter and Company**

January 19, 2009



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

	Governmental Fund Types		Totals
	General	Special Revenue	(Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$90,033	\$43,259	\$133,292
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	0	7,541	7,541
Intergovernmental	81,462	102,967	184,429
Earnings on Investments	4,444	2,057	6,501
Miscellaneous	24,287	2,328	26,615
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>200,226</b>	<b>158,152</b>	<b>358,378</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
Current:			
General Government	154,945	9,545	164,490
Public Works	4,100	107,266	111,366
Health	0	7,300	7,300
Conservation-Recreation	10,948	0	10,948
Other	0	100	100
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>169,993</b>	<b>124,211</b>	<b>294,204</b>
<b>Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</b>	<b>30,233</b>	<b>33,941</b>	<b>64,174</b>
<b>Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):</b>			
Transfers-In	0	7,000	7,000
Transfers-Out	(7,000)	0	(7,000)
Other Financing Uses	(1,618)	0	(1,618)
<b>Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)</b>	<b>(8,618)</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>(1,618)</b>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements And Other Financing Disbursements	21,615	40,941	62,556
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	116,759	106,103	222,862
<b>Fund Cash Balance, December 31</b>	<b>\$138,374</b>	<b>\$147,044</b>	<b>\$285,418</b>

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

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CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

	Governmental Fund Types		Totals
	General	Special Revenue	(Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$82,763	\$40,584	\$123,347
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	0	9,380	9,380
Intergovernmental	100,589	98,836	199,425
Earnings on Investments	2,017	1,446	3,463
Miscellaneous	15,701	4,343	20,044
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>201,070</b>	<b>154,589</b>	<b>355,659</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
Current:			
General Government	119,355	6,829	126,184
Public Works	4,000	117,992	121,992
Health	0	8,650	8,650
Conservation-Recreation	7,429	363	7,792
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>130,784</b>	<b>133,834</b>	<b>264,618</b>
<b>Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</b>	<b>70,286</b>	<b>20,755</b>	<b>91,041</b>
<b>Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):</b>			
Transfers-In	0	8,600	8,600
Transfers-Out	(8,600)	0	(8,600)
Other Financing Sources	0	40	40
<b>Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)</b>	<b>(8,600)</b>	<b>8,640</b>	<b>40</b>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements And Other Financing Disbursements	61,686	29,395	91,081
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	55,073	76,708	131,781
<b>Fund Cash Balance, December 31</b>	<b>\$116,759</b>	<b>\$106,103</b>	<b>\$222,862</b>

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FREEDOM TOWNSHIP  
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Freedom Township, Portage County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance and cemetery maintenance.

Jointly Governed Organizations and Public Entity Risk Pool

The Township provides fire protection to its residents through the Garrettsville-Freedom-Nelson Joint Fire District which is directed by an appointed three-member Board of Trustees. One Board Member is appointed by each political subdivision within the District. Those subdivisions are the village of Garrettsville, Freedom Township and Nelson Township. The District is solely funded by voter approved tax levies. There is no funding received from District members.

The Township also provides ambulance service to its residents through the Community Emergency Medical Service District which is directed by an appointed three-member Board of Trustees. One Board Member is appointed by each political subdivision within the district. Those subdivisions are the village of Garrettsville, Freedom Township and Nelson Township. The District is solely funded by voter approved tax levies. There is no funding received from District members.

The Township participates in one public entity risk pool. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity, which is;

Public Entity Risk Pool – Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) – The risk sharing pool, available to Ohio Townships provides property and casualty insurance for its members.

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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements 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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

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**C. Cash and Investments**

The Township's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively. Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

The overnight sweep account (repurchase agreement) with the Township's financial institution is valued at amounts reported by the financial institution.

**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 reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**2. Special Revenue Funds**

These funds 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:

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

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

Permissive Motor Vehicle Tax Fund - This fund receives Township and County levied tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

**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 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 County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

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**2. 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.

**3. Encumbrances**

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be re-appropriated.

A summary of 2007 and 2006 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**F. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

The Township records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

**G. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

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

	2007	2006
Demand deposits	\$243,797	\$15,000
Certificates of deposit	41,621	30,000
Total Deposits	<u>285,418</u>	<u>45,000</u>
Repurchase agreement	0	177,862
Total investments	<u>0</u>	<u>177,862</u>
Total Deposits and investments	<u>\$285,418</u>	<u>\$222,862</u>

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**Deposits:** Deposits are either insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation; or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

Certificates of Deposit are held by the Township.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

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

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$170,099	\$200,226	\$30,127
Special Revenue	150,395	165,152	14,757
Total	\$320,494	\$365,378	\$44,884

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$286,858	\$178,611	\$108,247
Special Revenue	256,480	124,211	132,269
Total	\$543,338	\$302,822	\$240,516

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$190,690	\$201,070	\$10,380
Special Revenue	145,675	163,229	17,554
Total	\$336,365	\$364,299	\$27,934

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$215,509	\$139,384	\$76,125
Special Revenue	211,923	133,834	78,089
Total	\$427,432	\$273,218	\$154,214

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**4. PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopt rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, 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 employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2007 and 2006, OPERS members contributed 9.5 and 9 percent of their gross salaries, respectively. The Township contributed an amount equaling 13.85 and 13.7 percent of participants' gross salaries, respectively. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2007.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

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 townships 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.

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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 PEP's net assets, 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).

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. This amount increased to \$300,000 in 2007. For 2007, APEEP reinsures members for specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$300,000 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 in 2006, or \$100,000 and \$300,000 in 2007, Travelers will reinsure specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to their \$600 million per occurrence limit. The aggregate stop-loss limit for 2007 was \$2,014,548.

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.

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and net assets at December 31, 2007 and 2006.

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Assets	\$43,210,703	\$42,042,275
Liabilities	<u>(13,357,837)</u>	<u>(12,120,661)</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$29,852,866</u>	<u>\$29,921,614</u>



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At December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, liabilities noted above include approximately \$12.5 million and \$11.3 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets and net assets above also include approximately \$11.6 million and \$10.8 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 950 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, 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 \$17,093. 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 charged by OTARMA 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 liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to OTARMA for each year of membership.

<u>Contributions to OTARMA</u>	
2006	9,735
2007	7,358

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 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 withdrawal.

**7. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Township is currently a defendant in one lawsuit. Although management cannot presently determine the out come of this suit, management believes that the resolution of these matters will not materially adversely affect the Township's financial position.



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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**

Freedom Township  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Freedom Township, Portage County, (the "Township") as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated January 19, 2009 wherein we noted the Township prepared its financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State established 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.

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.

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 internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

**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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated January 19, 2009.

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



Canter & Company

January 19, 2009

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

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<b>Finding Number</b>	<b>Finding Summary</b>	<b>Fully Corrected?</b>	<b>Not Corrected, Partially Corrected Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:</b>
2001-41167-002	Reportable condition caused by certain immaterial instances of noncompliance pertaining to budgetary requirements established by the Ohio Revised Code	Yes	



Mary Taylor, CPA  
Auditor of State

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP**

**PORTAGE 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  
MARCH 5, 2009**