HARRISON TOWNSHIP VINTON COUNTY Regular Audit December 31, 2009 and 2008

*Perry & Associates* Certified Public Accountants, A.C.



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Board of Trustees Harrison Township 33754 Nichols Road Londonderry, Ohio 45647

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report* of Harrison Township, Vinton County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. 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. Harrison Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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June 9, 2010

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

June 3, 2010

Harrison Township Vinton County 33754 Nichols Road Londonderry, Ohio 45647

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Harrison Township**, Vinton County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. 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.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, 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 GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of the State permits, but does not require Townships to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. 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.

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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, 2009 and 2008 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, 2009 and 2008 or their 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 Harrison Township, Vinton County, as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

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 June 3, 2010, 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,

Very amountes CAAJ A. C.

**Perry and Associates** Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

|   | Governmen |                    |                                |
|---|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
|   | General   | Special<br>Revenue | Totals<br>(Memorandum<br>Only) |
| Cash Receipts:                                      |           |                    |                                |
| Property and Local Taxes                            | \$ 28,814 |                    | \$ 84,120                      |
| Intergovernmental                                   | 10,695    | ,                  | 125,449                        |
| Earnings on Investments                             | 492       |                    | 1,325                          |
| Miscellaneous                                       | 250       | 1,627              | 1,877                          |
| Total Cash Receipts                                 | 40,251    | 172,520            | 212,771                        |
| Cash Disbursements:                                 |           |                    |                                |
| General Government                                  | 38,533    | -                  | 38,533                         |
| Public Safety                                       | -         | 16,438             | 16,438                         |
| Public Works  | -         | 121,696            | 121,696                        |
| Health  | -         | 8,448              | 8,448                          |
| Capital Outlay                                      | 1,070     | 2,001              | 3,071                          |
| Debt Service:                                       |           |                    |                                |
| Redemption of Principal                             | -         | 4,810              | 4,810                          |
| Interest and Other Fiscal Charges                   |           | 912                | 912                            |
| Total Cash Disbursements                            | 39,603    | 154,305            | 193,908                        |
| Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements | 648       | 18,215             | 18,863                         |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1                       | 18,489    | 269,751            | 288,240                        |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31                     | \$ 19,137 | \$ 287,966         | \$ 307,103                     |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the financial statements

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

|   | <b>Governmental Fund Types</b> |         |    |                    |     |                             |
|---|--------------------------------|---------|----|--------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
|   | G                              | eneral  |    | Special<br>Revenue | (Me | Totals<br>morandum<br>Only) |
| Cash Receipts:                                      |                                |         |    |                    |     |                             |
| Property and Local Taxes                            | \$                             | 30,754  | \$ | 59,072             | \$  | 89,826                      |
| Intergovernmental                                   |                                | 14,757  |    | 108,863            |     | 123,620                     |
| Licenses, Permits, and Fees                         |                                | -       |    | 250                |     | 250                         |
| Earnings on Investments                             |                                | 878     |    | 2,646              |     | 3,524                       |
| Miscellaneous                                       |                                | 317     |    | 2,443              |     | 2,760                       |
| Total Cash Receipts                                 |                                | 46,706  |    | 173,274            |     | 219,980                     |
| Cash Disbursements:                                 |                                |         |    |                    |     |                             |
| Current:  |                                |         |    |                    |     |                             |
| General Government                                  |                                | 49,206  |    | -                  |     | 49,206                      |
| Public Safety                                       |                                | -       |    | 26,097             |     | 26,097                      |
| Public Works  |                                | -       |    | 112,412            |     | 112,412                     |
| Health  |                                | -       |    | 14,328             |     | 14,328                      |
| Capital Outlay                                      |                                | -       |    | 37,127             |     | 37,127                      |
| Debt Service:                                       |                                |         |    |                    |     |                             |
| Redemption of Principal                             |                                |         |    | 4,588              |     | 4,588                       |
| Interest and Other Fiscal Charges                   |                                |         |    | 1,134              |     | 1,134                       |
| Total Cash Disbursements                            |                                | 49,206  |    | 195,686            |     | 244,892                     |
| Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements |                                | (2,500) |    | (22,412)           |     | (24,912)                    |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1                       |                                | 20,989  |    | 292,163            |     | 313,152                     |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31                     | \$                             | 18,489  | \$ | 269,751            | \$  | 288,240                     |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the financial statements

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Description of the Entity

Harrison Township, Vinton 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 Fiscal Officer direct the Township. The Township provides general governmental services, including road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection, and emergency medical services. The Vinton County Sheriff's Department provides the Township with protection at no cost to the Township.

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

#### **B.** Accounting Basis

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. Deposits

The Township Fiscal Officer invests all available funds of the Township in an interest-bearing checking account.

#### **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.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008 (Continued)

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **D.** Fund Accounting (Continued)

#### 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:

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

<u>Fire and Emergency Medical Services Fund</u> – The fund receives property tax money for emergency services including fire protection and emergency medical services.

#### 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. 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.

#### 3. Encumbrances

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

A summary of 2009 and 2008 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008** (Continued)

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 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 DEPOSITS

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

|                       | 2009          | 2008          |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Demand Deposits | \$<br>307,103 | \$<br>288,240 |

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

#### 3. **BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 follows:

| 2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts |                 |         |                   |         |          |        |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------|-------------------|---------|----------|--------|--|
|                                   | Budgeted Actual |         |                   |         |          |        |  |
| Fund Type                         | Receipts        |         | Receipts Receipts |         | Variance |        |  |
| General                           | \$              | 35,711  | \$                | 40,251  | \$       | 4,540  |  |
| Special Revenue                   |                 | 159,126 |                   | 172,520 |          | 13,394 |  |
| Total                             | \$              | 194,837 | \$                | 212,771 | \$       | 17,934 |  |

| 2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures |           |         |                        |         |          |         |  |
|---|-----------|---------|------------------------|---------|----------|---------|--|
| Appropriation Budgetary                               |           |         |                        |         |          |         |  |
| Fund Type   | Authority |         | Authority Expenditures |         | Variance |         |  |
| General   | \$        | 54,200  | \$                     | 39,603  | \$       | 14,597  |  |
| Special Revenue                                       |           | 425,943 |                        | 154,305 |          | 271,638 |  |
| Total   | \$        | 480,143 | \$                     | 193,908 | \$       | 286,235 |  |

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008 (Continued)

#### 3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

| 2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts |                 |         |                |         |          |        |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|---------|----------|--------|
|                                   | Budgeted Actual |         |                |         |          |        |
| Fund Type                         | Receipts        |         | eipts Receipts |         | Variance |        |
| General                           | \$              | 40,265  | \$             | 46,706  | \$       | 6,441  |
| Special Revenue                   |                 | 166,923 |                | 173,274 |          | 6,351  |
| Total                             | \$              | 207,188 | \$             | 219,980 | \$       | 12,792 |

| 2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures |           |         |                        |         |          |         |  |
|---|-----------|---------|------------------------|---------|----------|---------|--|
| Appropriation Budgetary                               |           |         |                        |         |          |         |  |
| Fund Type   | Authority |         | Authority Expenditures |         | Variance |         |  |
| General   | \$        | 61,254  | \$                     | 49,206  | \$       | 12,048  |  |
| Special Revenue                                       |           | 457,467 |                        | 195,686 |          | 261,781 |  |
| Total   | \$        | 518,721 | \$                     | 244,892 | \$       | 273,829 |  |

#### 4. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2009 was as follows:

PrincipalInterest RateTractor Note\$ 10,4296.00%

The Township entered into a general obligation note on May 10, 2006 to finance the purchase of a new tractor. The purchase was made through the Vinton County National Bank with payments made annually of \$5,722.

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

| Year Ending  | Tractor   |
|--------------|-----------|
| December 31: | Payments  |
| 2010         | \$ 5,722  |
| 2011         | 5,722     |
| Total        | \$ 11,444 |

#### 5. **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.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008 (Continued)

#### 5. **PROPERTY TAX (Continued)**

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

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.

# 6. **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.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2009 and 2008, members of PERS contributed 10% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 14% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2009.

# 7. 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. American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc. (APRCO), a division of York Insurance Services Group, Inc. (York), functions as the administrator of OTARMA and provides underwriting, claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for OTARMA. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by ARPCO. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008 (Continued)

#### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

#### **Casualty and Property Coverage**

APEEP provides OTARMA with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, OTARMA retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2008, OTARMA retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$100,000 for property claims.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreement does not discharge OTARMA's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

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 retained earnings at December 31, 2008 and 2007 (the latest information available):

|             | <u>2008</u>         | <u>2007</u>         |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Assets      | \$40,737,740        | \$43,210,703        |
| Liabilities | <u>(12,981,818)</u> | <u>(13,357,837)</u> |
| Net Assets  | <u>\$27,755,922</u> | <u>\$29,852,866</u> |

At December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, liabilities above include approximately \$12.1 and \$12.5 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets and retained earnings above also include approximately \$10.9 and \$11.6 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 950 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, 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 \$2,643.

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.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008 (Continued

# 8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES/SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

### **Pending Litigation**

Harrison Township is currently involved in ongoing litigation pertaining to a Civil Case filed against the Township. The Township denies any wrongdoing, and management believes any result would not materially affect the Townships financial statements. The case filed is currently ongoing and a hearing is scheduled for sometime later this year.

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

June 3, 2010

Harrison Township Vinton County 33754 Nichols Road Londonderry, Ohio 45647

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of **Harrison Township**, Vinton County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2010, 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 the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining 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 was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Therefore, we cannot assure that we have identified all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider a material weakness.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected. We consider finding 2009-001 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a material weakness.

Harrison Township Vinton County Independent Accountants' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

#### **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 that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated June 3, 2010.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Very & associates CPAJ A. C.

**Perry and Associates** Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

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

#### FINDING NUMBER 2009-001

### **Material Weakness**

#### **Posting Receipts and Expenditures**

Receipts and expenditures should be posted to the fund and line item accounts as established by Ohio Administrative Code.

Receipts and expenditures were not always posted correctly. For example;

- Homestead and Rollback tax receipts were posted as Property and Local Tax instead of Intergovernmental in the General, Cemetery, and Fire Funds in 2009 & 2008.
- Debt payments were posted as principal only, instead of principal and interest in the Gasoline Tax Fund in 2009 and 2008.
- Down payment expenditure for the purchase of a fire truck was recorded as a Public Safety disbursement, instead of as Capital Outlay in the Fire and Emergency Service Fund in 2008.
- Property Tax receipt was recorded in the General Fund, instead of the Gasoline Tax Fund in 2009.

This resulted in several adjustments and reclassification being made to the Township's financial statements. The financial statements reflect all reclassifications and adjustments.

To help ensure accuracy and reliability in the financial reporting process, we recommend that management perform a detailed review of its draft financial statements. Such review should include procedures to ensure that all sources of revenues and expenditures are properly identified and classified on the financial statements. We also recommend the Fiscal Officer refer to Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-7-01 and/or the Ohio Township Handbook for guidance to determine the proper establishment of receipt and expenditure accounts and posting of receipts and expenditures.

Management's Response – We did not receive a response from officials to this finding.

# SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

| Finding<br>Number | Finding<br>Summary  | Fully<br>Corrected? | Not Corrected, Partially<br>Corrected; Significantly<br>Different Corrective Action<br>Taken; or Finding No Longer<br>Valid; <i>Explain</i> |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| 2007-001          | ORC Section 5705.36 –<br>Amended Certificates and<br>Estimated Resources. | No                  | Repeated as Recommendation<br>in the Management Letter.   |
| 2007-002          | ORC Section 5705.39 –<br>Appropriations Exceeded<br>Estimated Resources.  | Yes                 |   |
| 2007-003          | ORC Section 5705.41 (B)<br>– Disbursements<br>Exceeding Appropriations    | Yes                 |   |
| 2007-004          | Posting Receipts and<br>Expenditures                                      | No                  | Repeated in Finding 2009-001  |





HARRISON TOWNSHIP

VINTON COUNTY

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION** 

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbett

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

CERTIFIED JUNE 22, 2010

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