# RIDGEVILLE TOWNSHIP HENRY COUNTY Regular Audit For the Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

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Board of Trustees Ridgeville Township P.O. Box 65 Ridgeville Corners, Ohio 43555

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Ridgeville Township, Henry County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. 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 Auditor's 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 Auditor's 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. The Ridgeville Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

June 19, 2013



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

May 30, 2013

Ridgeville Township Henry County P.O. Box 65 Ridgeville Corners, Ohio 43555

To the Board of Trustees:

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of **Ridgeville Township**, Henry County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Township's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinion.

#### Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1B of the financial statements, the Township prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03, which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to satisfy requirements.

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#### Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (Continued)

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1B and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

#### Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, or changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

#### Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined cash balances of Ridgeville Township, Henry County, as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 permits, described in Note 1B.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1F to the financial statements, during 2011 the Township adopted new accounting guidance in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 30, 2013, on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Perry and Associates** 

Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

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#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS) ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	(	General		Special Revenue		ebt		Totals morandum Only)
Cash Receipts	d.	41 550	Ф	111 461	¢.		¢.	152 011
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	41,550	\$	111,461	\$	-	\$	153,011
Charges for Services		-		79,793		-		79,793
Licenses, Permits and Fees		25 517		2,006		-		2,006
Intergovernmental		25,517		179,890		-		205,407
Earnings on Investments		1,125		81		-		1,206
Miscellaneous		3		944				947
Total Cash Receipts		68,195		374,175				442,370
Cash Disbursements								
Current:								
General Government		56,352		10,167		-		66,519
Public Safety		-		105,366		-		105,366
Public Works		6,169		208,312		-		214,481
Health		1,984		-		-		1,984
Capital Outlay		10,028		306,141		-		316,169
Debt Service:								
Principal Retirement		-		32,921		-		32,921
Interest and Fiscal Charges				665				665
Total Cash Disbursements		74,533		663,572				738,105
Excess of Receipts (Under) Disbursements		(6,338)		(289,397)				(295,735)
Other Financing Receipts								
Sale of Capital Assets				24,000				24,000
Total Other Financing Receipts				24,000				24,000
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances		(6,338)		(265,397)		-		(271,735)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		25,363		692,180		55		717,598
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				406 792		<i></i>		4 <b>2</b> 6 929
Restricted		10.025		426,783		55		426,838
Unassigned		19,025					-	19,025
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	19,025	\$	426,783	\$	55	\$	445,863

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

#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS) ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

Cook Bessints		General		Special Revenue		Debt Service		Totals morandum Only)
Cash Receipts	\$	41.022	ø	114501	¢		\$	155 522
Property and Other Local Taxes Charges for Services	Þ	41,032	\$	114,501	\$	-	Ф	155,533
Licenses, Permits and Fees		-		71,269 577		-		71,269 577
		21 615				-		
Intergovernmental		31,615		138,132		-		169,747
Earnings on Investments		1,999		115		-		2,114
Miscellaneous		50		2,286				2,336
Total Cash Receipts		74,696		326,880				401,576
Cash Disbursements								
Current:								
General Government		55,531		300		-		55,831
Public Safety		-		78,127		-		78,127
Public Works		5,743		94,836		-		100,579
Health		1,837		20		-		1,857
Capital Outlay		-		1,268		-		1,268
Debt Service:								
Principal Retirement		-		27,426		5,000		32,426
Interest and Fiscal Charges				1,160				1,160
Total Cash Disbursements		63,111		203,137		5,000		271,248
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		11,585		123,743		(5,000)		130,328
Other Financing Receipts								
Other Debt Proceeds				160,480				160,480
Total Other Financing Receipts				160,480				160,480
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances		11,585		284,223		(5,000)		290,808
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		13,778		407,956		5,055		426,789
Fund Cash Balances, December 31								
Restricted		-		692,180		55		692,235
Unassigned		25,363						25,363
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	25,363	\$	692,180	\$	55	\$	717,598

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

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011

#### 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 Ridgeville Township, Henry 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, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services.

The Township participates in the Ohio Township Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a public entity risk pool. Note 7 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity. The organization is a:

#### Public Entity Risk Pool:

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.

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 accounting basis 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.

#### C. Deposits 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.

#### 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 accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and recorded in another fund.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011 (Continued)

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

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

#### 2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

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

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

<u>Fire District Fund</u> - This fund receives property tax and fire and emergency medical service contract revenue for maintaining fire department services, equipment, and vehicles.

<u>State Fire Marshall Fund</u> - This fund received a state loan for the purchase of a 2012 Heavy Rescue Unit.

#### 3. Debt Service Funds

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

<u>General Bond Retirement Fund</u> - This money received property tax money for repaying an outstanding fire truck loan.

#### 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. 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.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011 (Continued)

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

#### 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 2012 and 2011 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

#### F. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Township must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

#### 1. Nonspendable

The Township classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

#### 2. Restricted

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

#### 3. Committed

Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Township must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

#### 4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by Township Trustees or a Township official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011 (Continued)

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

#### F. Fund Balance (Continued)

#### 5. Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Township applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

#### G. 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.

#### 2. EQUITY IN POOLED DEPOSITS

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

	 2012	2011
Demand Deposits	\$ 338,919	\$ 404,917
Other time deposits (savings and NOW accounts)	 106,944	312,681
Total Deposits	\$ 445,863	\$ 717,598

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, 2012 and 2011 follows:

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

2012 Budgeted vs. Hetuar Receipts										
	В	Budgeted		Actual						
Fund Type	F	Receipts		Receipts		Receipts		Receipts	V	ariance
General	\$	66,800	\$	68,195	\$	1,395				
Special Revenue		403,700		398,175		(5,525)				
Total	\$	470,500	\$	466,370	\$	(4,130)				
Total	\$	470,500	\$	466,370	\$	(4,13				

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011 (Continued)

#### 3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation		Budgetary				
Fund Type	Authority		thority Exp		V	<sup>7</sup> ariance	
General	 \$	77,423	\$	74,533	\$	2,890	
Special Revenue		765,090		663,572		101,518	
Total	\$	842,513	\$	738,105	\$	104,408	

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted		Actual					
Fund Type	Receipts		Receipts		Receipts		V	<sup>7</sup> ariance
General	\$	60,000	\$	74,696	\$	14,696		
Special Revenue		333,500		487,360		153,860		
Debt Service		2,600		-		(2,600)		
Total	\$	396,100	\$	562,056	\$	165,956		

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation		Budgetary		
Fund Type	A	uthority	_ Exp	penditures	 /ariance
General	\$	68,527	\$	63,111	\$ 5,416
Special Revenue		482,944		203,137	279,807
Debt Service		5,000		5,000	-
Total	\$	556,471	\$	271,248	\$ 285,223

#### 4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax 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.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011 (Continued)

#### 5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2012 was as follows:

P	rincipal	Interest Rate
\$	6,640	3.99%
	115,000	0.00%
	160,480	0.00%
\$	282,120	
	\$ 	115,000 160,480

The Township obtained a ten year commercial loan in 2003 for the purchase of a new maintenance garage and to pay for repairs and improvements to the building. The property collateralized the loan.

Township obtained a no interest, five year loan in 2009 thru the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal for the purchase of a new fire tanker truck. The truck collateralized the loan. The prior audit report improperly disclosed the outstanding amount of the loan as \$150,000. During the audit and review of loan activity statements obtained from the Ohio Department of Commerce, it was determined that the correct outstanding amount as of December 31, 2010 was \$155,000.

The Township obtained a no interest, five year loan in 2011 thru the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal for the purchase of a heavy duty rescue truck. The truck collateralized the loan.

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

			State Fire		State Fire			
	Mai	ntenance	Mar	shall Loan	Mar	shall Loan		
Year ending December 31:	<b>Building Loan</b>		<b>Building Loan</b>		2008			2011
2013	\$	6,793	\$	20,000	\$	16,048		
2014		-		20,000		16,048		
2015		-		20,000		16,048		
2016		-		20,000		16,048		
2017		-		20,000		16,048		
2018-2022				15,000		80,240		
Total	\$	6,793	\$	115,000	\$	160,480		

#### 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) of Ohio. 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 2012 and 2011, OPERS members contributed 10.0% of their gross salaries, and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14.0% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2012.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011 (Continued)

#### 7. 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.

#### **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. American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc. (ARPCO), 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.

#### 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, 2010, OTARMA retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$150,000 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.

#### 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, 2011 and 2010 (the latest information available):

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Assets	\$35,086,165	\$35,855,252
Liabilities	(9,718,792)	(10,664,724)
Net Assets	<u>\$25,367,373</u>	<u>\$25,190,528</u>

At December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$9.1 and \$9.9 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$8.6 and \$9.5 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 938 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2011, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$18,000.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011 (Continued)

#### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

#### Financial Position (Continued)

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.

Contributions to OTARMA		
<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	
\$24,464	\$26,022	

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

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

May 30, 2013

Ridgeville Township Henry County P.O. Box 65 Ridgeville Corners, Ohio 43555

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of **Ridgeville Township**, Henry County (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 30, 2013, wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 permits, described in Note 1, and the Township implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of audit 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 internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Government's financial statements. We consider finding 2012-01 described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings to be a material weakness.

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#### **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, opining 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 also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated May 30, 2013.

#### Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Perry and Associates** 

Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

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#### SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011

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

#### **FINDING NUMBER 2012-01**

#### **Material Weakness**

#### **Posting Receipts and Disbursements**

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

During 2012 and 2011, several receipts and disbursements were not posted into the accurate receipt and disbursement classifications based on the source of the receipt or nature of the disbursement. The following posting errors were noted:

- A Miscellaneous receipt was recorded as Other Financing Sources in the Fire District Fund in 2011.
- Intergovernmental receipts were recorded as Charges for Services in 2011 and 2012.
- Debt payments were not always recorded properly as Redemption of Principal and Interest and Other Fiscal Charges in 2011 and 2012.
- The sale of a fire truck was recorded as Intergovernmental instead of Sale of Fixed Assets in 2012.
- Rollback receipts were recorded as Property and Other Local Taxes instead of Intergovernmental in 2012.
- A disbursement for the purchase of a parking lot was recorded as a General Government disbursement instead of Capital Outlay in the General Fund in 2012.

Not posting receipts and disbursements accurately resulted in the financial statements requiring several reclassifications. The financial statements reflect all reclassifications.

We 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 disbursement accounts and posting of receipts and disbursements.

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

#### SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2010-001	ORC 5705.10	Yes	N/A
2010-002	Financial statement errors required reclassifications.	No	Repeated as Finding 2012-01



#### **RIDGEVILLE TOWNSHIP**

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

#### **CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JULY 2, 2013