### SPENCER TOWNSHIP MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

#### **AUDIT REPORT**

For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012





Board of Trustees Spencer Township 112 North Main Street Spencer, Ohio 44275

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of Spencer Township, Medina County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. 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.

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. Spencer Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

June 24, 2014



#### **SPENCER TOWNSHIP** MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Spencer Township Medina County 112 North Main Street Spencer, Ohio 44275

To the Board of Trustees:

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of Spencer Township, Medina County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

#### 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 Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; 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 opinions.

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

As described in Note 1 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(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to satisfy requirements.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 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, 2013 and 2012, 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 cash balances of Spencer Township, Medina County as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, 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(D) permit, described in Note 1.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 11, 2014, 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.

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CHARLES E. HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

May 16, 2014

### SPENCER TOWNSHIP MEDINA COUNTY

### COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Governmental Fund Types		Total			
			;	Special	Mer	morandum
	G	eneral	R	Revenue		Only
Cash Receipts:						
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	18,868	\$	209,447	\$	228,315
Intergovernmental		20,839		129,101		149,940
Fees, Fines, Licenses & Permits		2,083		10,283		12,366
Earnings on Investments		949		550		1,499
Miscellaneous		9,536		600		10,136
Total Cash Receipts		52,275		349,981		402,256
Cash Disbursements:						
Current:						
General Government		82,308		12,009		94,317
Public Works		456		403,406		403,862
Health		-		6,629		6,629
Total Cash Disbursements	·	82,764		422,044	-	504,808
Total Receipts Over/(Under)						
Disbursements		(30,489)		(72,063)		(102,552)
Fund Cash Balance, January 1		142,081		415,975		558,056
Fund Cash Balance						
Restricted		-		343,912		343,912
Unassigned		111,592				111,592
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	\$	111,592	\$	343,912	\$	455,504

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

### SPENCER TOWNSHIP MEDINA COUNTY

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

	Governmenta	Total		
	Canaral	Special	Memorandum	
	<u>General</u>	Revenue	Only	
Cash Receipts:				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 18,836	\$ 216,977	\$ 235,813	
Intergovernmental	36,408	128,466	164,874	
Fees, Fines, Licenses & Permits	1,741	5,684	7,425	
Earnings on Investments	2,268	1,048	3,316	
Miscellaneous	1,975	4,355	6,330	
Total Cash Receipts	61,228	356,530	417,758	
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	78,287	8,488	86,775	
Public Works	20	321,842	321,862	
Health	-	13,517	13,517	
Capital Outlay	17,305		17,305	
Total Cash Disbursements	95,612	343,847	439,459	
Total Receipts Over/(Under)				
Disbursements	(34,384)	12,683	(21,701)	
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):				
Other Financing Sources	5		5	
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	5		5	
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing				
Sources Over / (Under) Cash Disbursements	(0.4.0=0)		(2.4.223)	
and Other Financing Uses	(34,379)	12,683	(21,696)	
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	176,460	403,292	579,752	
Fund Cash Balance				
Restricted	-	415,975	415,975	
Unassigned	142,081	-	142,081	
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	<b>\$ 142,081</b>	\$ 415,975	<b>\$</b> 558,056	

#### 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 Spencer Township, Medina County, Ohio, (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. The Township contracts with the Spencer Fire District to provide fire services and ambulance services.

The Township participates in the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio Townships. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity.

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

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

All funds of the Township are maintained in an interest-bearing money-market 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.

#### 1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (continued)

#### 2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

<u>Road and Bridge Fund</u> – This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

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

Road Levy Fund – This fund receives property tax money used for the improvement, construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of roads and bridges.

#### 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.

#### 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 commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2013 and 2012 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. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### 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

The Board of Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Township must adhere to these commitments unless the Board 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 the Board of Trustees or a Township official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

#### 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

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

#### H. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Township's basis for accounting.

#### 2. Equity in Pooled Deposits and Investments

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

	 2013	2012
Demand Deposits	\$ 455,504	\$ 558,056

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

#### 3. **Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 was as follows:

2013 Bud	get vs Actua	l Receipts
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	В	udgeted		Actual			
Fund Type		Receipts		Receipts		Variance	
General	\$	45,544	\$	52,275	\$	6,731	
Special Revenue		355,821		349,981		(5,840)	
Total	\$	401,365	\$	402,256	\$	891	

2013 Appropriations vs Budgetary Disbursements

2013 Appropriations to Badgetary Biobardements							
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority			udgetary oursements	Variance		
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General Special Revenue	\$	122,791 452,600	\$	82,764 422,044	\$	40,027 30,556	
Total	\$	575,391	\$	504,808	\$	70,583	

2012 Budget vs Actual Receipts

	В	Budgeted		Actual			
Fund Type	!	Receipts		Receipts		Variance	
General	\$	53,562	\$	61,233	\$	7,671	
Special Revenue		359,404		356,530		(2,874)	
Total	\$	412,966	\$	417,763	\$	4,797	
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#### 3. Budgetary Activity (continued)

**2012 Appropriations vs Budgetary Disbursements** 

	<u> </u>	ropriation	 udgetary		
Fund Type		uthority	oursements	\	/ariance
General Special Revenue	\$	165,791 469,600	\$ 95,612 343,847	\$	70,179 125,753
Total	\$	635,391	\$ 439,459	\$	195,932

#### 4. Property Taxes

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 proceeding 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. In certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility 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 System

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 2013 and 2012, OPERS members contributed 10%, of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% and of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2013.

#### 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.

#### 6. Risk Management (continued)

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. York Risk Pooling Services, Inc. (formally known as American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc.) (York or Management), functions as the administrator of the Pool and provides underwriting claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for the Pool. 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

The Pool is a member of American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by York. APEEP provides the Pool with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, OTARMA retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2013, OTARMA retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$250,000 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, 2013 and 2012:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Assets	\$34,954,286	\$34,771,270
Liabilities	8,486,363	9,355,082
Net Position	\$26,467,923	\$25,416,188

At December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$7.9 and \$8.7 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$7.4 and \$7.8 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 948 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2013, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$7,000.

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.

#### 6. Risk Management (continued)

Contributions to OTARMA			
<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>		
\$12,454	\$12,519		

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.

#### 7. Contingent Liabilities/Subsequent Events

Management believes there are no significant pending claims or lawsuits.

#### 8. Related Party Transactions

The Fiscal Officer's brother is an owner of a company from which the Township acquired construction services during the audit period. The Township paid \$31,386 and \$4,323 for these transactions in 2013 and 2012, respectively.

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

Spencer Township Medina County 112 North Main Street Spencer, Ohio 44275

#### 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 Spencer Township, Medina County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 16, 2014, wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 permit.

#### 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.

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 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 Township's financial statements. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

#### 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*.

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#### 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.

Charles Having Association

CHARLES E. HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

May 16, 2014

# SPENCER TOWNSHIP MEDINA COUNTY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

Finding	Finding	Fully	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected;
Number	Summary	Corrected?	Significantly Different Corrective
			Action Taken or Finding No Longer
			Valid; Explain
2011-001	Various accounting errors noted, several transactions recorded incorrectly.	Yes	Finding no longer valid



#### **SPENCER TOWNSHIP**

#### **MEDINA 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 8, 2014