Hamilton TownshipWarren County, Ohio

Financial Statements December 31, 2014



Board of Trustees Hamilton Township 7780 South State Route 48 Hamilton Township, OH 45039

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of the Hamilton Township, Warren County, prepared by Bastin & Company, LLC, for the audit period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. 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. The Hamilton Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

June 11, 2015



Hamilton Township Warren County, Ohio

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Hamilton Township Warren County 7780 South State Route 48 Hamilton Township, Ohio 45039

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the cash accounting basis Note 2 describes. This responsibility includes determining that the cash accounting basis is acceptable for the circumstances. Management is also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are 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.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in cash financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting basis described in Note 2.

Accounting Basis

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the accounting basis. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which differs from generally accepted accounting principles. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, during 2014, the Township has elected to change its financial presentation to a cash basis comparable to the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Matters

Supplemental and Other Information

We audited to opine on the Township's financial statements that collectively comprise its basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison schedules for the General, Police, Fire and EMS, Ambulance and EMS and TIF Funds are not a required part of the financial statements.

These budgetary comparison schedules are management's responsibility, and derive from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected these schedules to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling these schedules directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, these schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

We applied no procedures to the Management's Discussion & Analysis presented on pages 3-9 of the report, and accordingly, we express no opinion or any other assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

Bastin & Company, LLC

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 15, 2015, 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.

Cincinnati, Ohio

May 15, 2015

Warren County, Ohio Management's Discussion and Analysis

This discussion and analysis of Hamilton Township (the Township's) financial performance provides an overall review of the Township's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2014, (within the limitations of the Township's cash basis of accounting) which is the Township's initial financial reporting period on the cash basis of accounting.

The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Township's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Township's financial performance.

Since this is the Township's initial financial reporting period on the cash basis of accounting, comparative financial information is not presented in this discussion and analysis. In future periods when comparative cash basis financial information is available, such comparative financial information will be included and discussed as part of the Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Highlights

Key highlights for 2014 are as follows:

- The Township's total general receipts are primarily property taxes, other local taxes, and payments in lieu of taxes. These receipts represent \$8,626,089, or 87 percent, of the total cash received for governmental activities during the year.
- The Township had \$8,707,403 in disbursements; only \$1,343,318 of these disbursements were offset by program specific charges for services and sales, grants and contributions.
- Net position of governmental activities increased \$1,262,004, or 17 percent.
- As the Township's financial condition improved during 2014 with the ongoing reduction of expenses, fund deficit balances in four funds were eliminated by year end.

Using the Basic Financial Statements

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASB) No. 34, as applicable to the Township's cash basis of accounting.

Report Components

The statement of net position and the statement of activities provide information about the cash activities of the Township as a whole.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. Funds are created and maintained in the financial records of the Township as a way to segregate money whose use is restricted to a particular or specified purpose. These statements present financial information by fund, presenting funds with the largest balances, or most activity, in separate columns.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

Warren County, Ohio Management's Discussion and Analysis

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. The Township has elected to present its financial statements on a cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than what is required by generally accepted accounting principles. Under the Township's cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid.

As a result of using the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related receipts (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related disbursements (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

Reporting the Township as a Whole

The statement of net position and the statement of activities reflect how the Township did financially during 2014, within the limitations of the cash basis of accounting. The statement of net position presents the cash balances and investments of the governmental activities of the Township at year-end. The statement of activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each governmental program. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function draws from the Township's general receipts.

These statements report the Township's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the cash basis of accounting, you can think of these changes as one way to measure the Township's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the Township's cash position is one indicator of whether the Township's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the Township's financial condition, you should also consider other non-financial factors as well such as the Township's property tax base, the condition of the Township's capital assets and infrastructure, the extent of the Township's debt obligations, the reliance on non-local financial resources for operations and the need for continued growth in the major local receipt sources such as property taxes.

The statement of net position and the statement of activities are comprised of governmental activities only.

Reporting the Township's Most Significant Funds

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the Township's major funds — not the Township as a whole. The Township establishes separate funds to better manage its many activities and to help demonstrate that money that is restricted as to how it may be used is being spent for the intended purpose. The funds of the Township are split into two categories: governmental and fiduciary.

Warren County, Ohio Management's Discussion and Analysis

Governmental Funds - Most of the Township's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the Township's governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the Township's programs. The Township's significant governmental funds are presented in the financial statements in separate columns. The information for nonmajor funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) is combined and presented in total in a single column. The Township's major governmental funds are the General Fund, Police Fund, Fire and EMS Fund, Ambulance and EMS Fund, TIF Fund and Bond Retirement Fund. The programs reported in governmental funds are closely related to those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements.

Fiduciary Funds - Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the Township. Fiduciary funds are not reflected on the government-wide financial statements because the resources of these funds are not available to support the Township's programs.

The Township as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the Township's net position for 2014 on the cash basis:

(Table 1) **Net Position**

	Governn	nental Activities 2014
Assets	-	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	8,394,494
Net Position		
Restricted for:		
Roads and Bridges	\$	276,373
Cemeteries		21,766
Police Protection		1,603,784
Fire and EMS Services		3,836,465
Street Lighting		113,063
Purposes of TIF Agreement		1,923,609
Unrestricted		619,434
Total Net Position	\$	8,394,494

As mentioned previously, net position of governmental activities increased \$1,262,004, or 17 percent, during 2014. The increase is net position is primarily due to management's continuing efforts to reduce expenditures and to increase the efficiency with which the Township provides services.

Hamilton Township Warren County, Ohio Management's Discussion and Analysis

Table 2 reflects the changes in net position on a cash basis in 2014.

(Table 2) Change in Net Position

	Governmental Activities 2014
Receipts:	
Program Receipts:	
Charges for Services and Sales	\$ 1,043,994
Operating Grants and Contributions	267,256
Capital Grants and Contributions	32,068
Total Program Receipts	1,343,318
General Revenues:	
Property and Other Local Taxes	5,944,388
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1,033,892
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted	
to Specific Programs	1,282,991
Earnings on Investments	6,366
Miscellaneous	358,452
Total General Receipts	8,626,089
Total Receipts	9,969,407
Disbursements:	
General Government	829,664
Public Safety	5,542,273
Public Works	1,344,421
Public Health	36,940
Human Services	541
Conservation-Recreation	156,999
Service Payments to Schools	540,370
Debt Service	
Principal	203,070
Interest and Fiscal Charges	53,125
Total Disbursements	8,707,403
Change in Net Position	1,262,004
Net Position at Beginning of Year	7,132,490
Net Position at End of Year	\$ 8,394,494

Warren County, Ohio Management's Discussion and Analysis

Program receipts represent only 13 percent of total receipts and are primarily comprised of restricted intergovernmental receipts such as state grants, zoning permits and inspection fees, cell tower fees, fines and forfeitures and charges for emergency medical services provided by the fire department.

General receipts represent 87 percent of the Township's total receipts, and of this amount 81 percent are property, other local taxes and payments in lieu of taxes. Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs make up 13 percent of total receipts, and include revenue from the State of Ohio (i.e., Local Government Funds, Estate Tax, Homestead and Rollback allocation, etc.). Other receipts are insignificant and somewhat unpredictable receipt sources.

Disbursements for general government represent the overhead costs of running the Township and the support services provided for other government activities. These include the costs associated with providing Township administration, accounting, and planning & zoning.

Public safety represents the costs of police and fire protection and emergency medical services, which makes up 64 percent of the total disbursements. Public Works includes the costs for the Road & Bridge Fund as well as the lighting districts, and makes up 16 percent of the total disbursements. Public health includes the cost to maintain the Township's Cemetery, and Conservation-Recreation includes the personnel and maintenance costs for all of the Township's parks. Service payments to schools reports payments made to local school districts in accordance with the Township's TIF agreement.

Governmental Activities

If you look at the Statement of Activities, you will see that the first column lists the major services provided by the Township. The next column identifies the costs of providing these services. The major program disbursements for governmental activities are for the protection and safety of the residents, both police and fire, which account for \$5,542,273 or 64 percent of all governmental disbursements. The next three columns of the Statement entitled Program Receipts identify amounts paid by people who are directly charged for the service and grants received by the Township that must be used to provide a specific service. The Net (Disbursements) Receipts column compares the program receipts to the cost of the service. This "net cost" amount represents the cost of the service which ends up being paid from money provided by local taxpayers. These net costs are paid from the general receipts which are presented at the bottom of the Statement.

Warren County, Ohio Management's Discussion and Analysis

A comparison between the total cost of services and the net cost is presented in Table 3.

(Table 3) Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services 2014	Net Cost of Services 2014		
Current			-	
General Government	\$ 829,664	\$	458,718	
Public Safety	5,542,273		5,170,330	
Public Works	1,344,421		784,023	
Public Health	36,940		6,030	
Human Services	541		541	
Conservation-Recreation	156,999		147,878	
Service Payments to Schools	540,370		540,370	
Debt Service				
Principal	203,070		203,070	
Interest and Fiscal Charges	 53,125		53,125	
Total Disbursements	\$ 8,707,403	\$	7,364,085	

The dependence upon property tax and intergovernmental receipts is apparent as over 85 percent of governmental activities are supported through these general receipts. Further, with a constant focus on reducing expenses, in 2014 the Township's total disbursements of \$8,707,403 were slightly more than total general receipts of \$8,626,089.

The Government's Funds

Information about the Township's major funds is reported on the Statement of Assets and Fund Balances – Cash Basis and the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances – Cash Basis. Total governmental funds had receipts of \$9,969,407. Total disbursements were \$8,707,403.

The fund balance of the General Fund increased \$584,734 from the prior year. This was primarily due to management's continuing efforts to reduce expenditures.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The Township's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

The General Fund's final budgeted disbursements were \$991,949 while actual disbursements came in at \$947,965, which put the Township's disbursements under budget by 4 percent.

The General Fund's final budgeted receipts were \$1,468,998 while actual receipts came in at \$1,589,829, which resulted in a positive budget variance of 8%.

Warren County, Ohio Management's Discussion and Analysis

Overall, the Township ended the year with \$164,819 more in the General Fund than what was estimated in the final budget.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets - The Township maintains inventory records on the Township's capital equipment and performs routine updates. The Township does not report non-cash assets on the financial statements.

Debt - At December 31, 2014, the Township's outstanding debt totaled \$1,998,691. For further information regarding the Township's debt, refer to Note 9 to the basic financial statements.

Current Issues

The challenge for all townships is to provide quality services to the public while staying within the restrictions imposed by limited funding. The Township's financial condition significantly improved during 2014 as evidenced by the positive change in net position of \$1,262,004. The Township intends to continue this positive financial momentum by carefully monitoring the activity in all of the Township's funds and by taking actions necessary to keep our funds, and the Township as a whole, on stable financial ground.

Contacting the Government's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Township's finances and to reflect the Township's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to the Fiscal Office at 7780 South State Route 48, Hamilton Township, Ohio 45039.

Warren County, Ohio Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis December, 31, 2014

	-	overnmental Activities
Assets		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	8,394,494
Total Assets	\$	8,394,494
Net Position		
Restricted for:		
Roads and Bridges	\$	276,373
Cemeteries		21,766
Police Protection		1,603,784
Fire and EMS Services		3,836,465
Street Lighting		113,063
Purposes of TIF Agreement		1,923,609
Unrestricted		619,434
Total Net Position	\$	8,394,494

Warren County, Ohio Statement of Activities - Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

				P	Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position					
	Dis	Cash sbursements	Charges for Services and Sales		Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions			Total overnmental Activities
Governmental Activities										
Current: General Government Public Safety Public Works Public Health Human Services Conservation-Recreation	\$	829,664 5,542,273 1,344,421 36,940 541 156,999	\$	370,946 330,718 303,629 30,910 - 7,791	\$	41,225 224,701 - - 1,330	\$	32,068	\$	(458,718) (5,170,330) (784,023) (6,030) (541) (147,878)
Service Payments to Schools Debt Service: Principal Retirement Interest and Fiscal Charges		540,370 203,070 53,125				- - -		- - -		(540,370) (540,370) (203,070) (53,125)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	8,707,403	\$	1,043,994	\$	267,256	\$	32,068		(7,364,085)
General Receipts: Property and Other Taxes Levied for: General Purposes Public Safety Public Works Payments in Lieu of Taxes Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs Earnings on Investments Miscellaneous										579,042 4,536,400 828,946 1,033,892 1,282,991 6,366 358,452
		Total Gene	ral Re	eceipts						8,626,089
		Change in I	Net P	osition						1,262,004
		Net Positio	n Beg	inning of Year						7,132,490
		Net Positio	n End	of Year					\$	8,394,494

Warren County, Ohio

Statement of Assets and Fund Balances - Cash Basis

Governmental Funds December 31, 2014

	 General Fund		Police Fund	Fi	re and EMS Fund	nbulance nd EMS Fund	 TIF Fund	Ret	Bond tirement Fund	Go	Other vernmental Funds	Go	Total overnmental Funds
Assets													
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 619,434	\$	1,494,367	\$	3,636,423	\$ -	\$ 1,923,609	\$	-	\$	720,661	\$	8,394,494
Total Assets	\$ 619,434	\$	1,494,367	\$	3,636,423	\$ -	\$ 1,923,609	\$	-	\$	720,661	\$	8,394,494
Fund Balances													
Restricted													
Roads and Bridges	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$	276,373	\$	276,373
Cemeteries	-		-		-	-	-		-		21,766		21,766
Police Protection	-		1,494,367		-	-	-		-		109,417		1,603,784
Fire and EMS Services	-		-		3,636,423	-	-		-		200,042		3,836,465
Street Lighting	-		-		-	-	-		-		113,063		113,063
Purposes of TIF Agreement	 -		-		-	-	1,923,609		-		-		1,923,609
Total Restricted	-		1,494,367		3,636,423	-	1,923,609		-		720,661		7,775,060
Committed													
Purchase Commitments	5,069	_				 -	 		-				5,069
Unassigned (Deficit)	 614,365					 -	 		-		-		614,365
Total Fund Balances	\$ 619,434	\$	1,494,367	\$	3,636,423	\$ -	\$ 1,923,609	\$	_	\$	720,661	\$	8,394,494

Warren County, Ohio

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances - Cash Basis Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	General Fund	Police Fund	Fire and EMS Fund	Ambulance and EMS Fund	TIF Fund	Bond Retirement Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Receipts		4 4006 605	A					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 579,042	\$ 1,906,695	\$ 2,629,705	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 828,946	\$ 5,944,388
Payments in Lieu of Taxes		-	-	-	1,033,892	-	-	1,033,892
Charges for Services	392,909	14,970	15,763	208,420	-	-	20,912	652,974
Licenses, Permits and Fees	145,121	-	-	-	-	-	12,800	157,921
Fines and Forfeitures		20,145		-	-	-	-	20,145
Intergovernmental	322,678	313,173	444,798	3,000	-	-	371,238	1,454,887
Special Assessments	-	-	-	-	-	-	300,827	300,827
Earnings on Investments	4,683	-	-	-	-	-	1,683	6,366
Miscellaneous	145,396	96,080	112,950	225			43,356	398,007
Total Receipts	1,589,829	2,351,063	3,203,216	211,645	1,033,892		1,579,762	9,969,407
Disbursements								
Current:								
General Government	811,299	-	-	-	18,365	-	-	829,664
Public Safety	-	2,076,152	2,519,290	77,208	-	-	629,526	5,302,176
Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,312,353	1,312,353
Health	21,126	-	-	-	-	-	15,814	36,940
Human Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	541	541
Conservation-Recreation	87,401	-	-	-	-	-	69,598	156,999
Service Payments to Schools	-	-	-	-	540,370	-	-	540,370
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	240,097	-	-	32,068	272,165
Debt Service:								
Principal Retirement	23,070	-	-	-	-	180,000	-	203,070
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	-	53,125	-	53,125
Total Disbursements	942,896	2,076,152	2,519,290	317,305	558,735	233,125	2,059,900	8,707,403
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	646,933	274,911	683,926	(105,660)	475,157	(233,125)	(480,138)	1,262,004
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Transfers In	2,208,199	_	_	_	_	2,368,040	238,764	4,815,003
Transfers Out	(2,270,398)	(336,406)	_	(2,208,199)	_	_,= -,,		(4,815,003)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(62,199)	(336,406)		(2,208,199)		2,368,040	238,764	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	584,734	(61,495)	683,926	(2,313,859)	475,157	2,134,915	(241,374)	1,262,004
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	34,700	1,555,862	2,952,497	2,313,859	1,448,452	(2,134,915)	962,035	7,132,490
Fund Balances End of Year	\$ 619,434	\$ 1,494,367	\$ 3,636,423	\$ -	\$ 1,923,609	\$ -	\$ 720,661	\$ 8,394,494

Warren County, Ohio Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Cash Basis Fiduciary Fund December 31, 2014

	Aş	gency
Assets Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	811
Total Assets	\$	811
Liabilities Due to Other Individuals	\$	811
Total Liabilities	\$	811

Warren County, Ohio Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio (the Township), is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Township is directed by a publicly elected three-member Board of Trustees. The Township also has an elected Township Fiscal Officer.

Primary Government

The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Township. The Township provides general government services, maintenance of Township roads and bridges, police and fire protection, emergency medical services, and cemetery maintenance.

Component Units

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Township is financially accountable. The Township is financially accountable for an organization if the Township appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board; and (1) the Township is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Township is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Township is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide support to, the organization; or the Township is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations for which the Township authorizes the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes or determines the budget if there is also the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the Township. Component units also include legally separate, tax-exempt entities whose resources are for the direct benefit of the Township, accessible to the Township, and significant in amount to the Township. The Township has no component units.

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

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the Township's accounting policies.

Basis of Presentation

The Township's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Warren County, Ohio Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Township as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements report the governmental activities of the Township. Governmental activities are activities that generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of net position presents the cash balances of the governmental activities of the Township at year end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each of the Township's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the Township is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services, grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and receipts of interest earned on grants that are required to be used to support a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on a cash basis or draws from the Township's general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the Township segregates transactions related to certain Township functions or activities in separate funds to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Township at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds are used to segregate resources that are restricted as to use. The funds of the Township are divided into two categories, governmental and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds

The Township classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The following are the Township's major governmental funds:

General Fund: This fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Township for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Police Fund: This fund accounts for proceeds from property taxes and other cash receipts restricted for police department operations and protection services.

Fire and EMS Fund: This fund accounts for proceeds from property taxes and other cash receipts restricted for fire department and life squad protection and emergency services.

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Ambulance and EMS Fund: This fund accounts for charges for services collected in connection with providing life squad protection services. This fund was closed during 2014.

TIF Fund: This fund accounts for and reports resources that are restricted in accordance with the Township's tax increment financing (TIF) agreement.

Bond Retirement Fund: This fund accounts for and reports resources committed for the retirement of debt issued to finance the Township's administration building.

The other governmental funds of the Township account for and report grants and other resources, whose use is restricted, committed or assigned to a particular purpose.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds include an agency fund. An agency fund is purely custodial in nature and is used to hold resources for individuals, organizations or other governments. The Township's agency fund accounts for resources withheld from payroll that have not yet been remitted for the particular purpose for which such amounts were withheld.

Basis of Accounting

The Township's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Except for modifications having substantial support, receipts are recorded in the Township's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Any such modifications made by the Township are described in the appropriate section in this note.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued liabilities and the related expenses) are not recorded in these financial statements.

Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, cash received by the Township is pooled and invested. Individual fund integrity is maintained through Township records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents."

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 negative receipts, respectively.

During 2014, the Township invested pooled funds in certificates of deposit. The certificates of deposit are reported at cost.

Interest earnings are allocated to Township funds according to State statutes, grant requirements, or debt related restrictions. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during 2014 were \$4,683.

Warren County, Ohio Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Inventory and Prepaid Items

The Township reports disbursements for inventories and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

Capital Assets

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

Accumulated Leave

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

Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The Township recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 7 and 8, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement healthcare benefits.

Long-Term Obligations

The Township's cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds or other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when the cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid. Since recording a capital asset when entering into a capital lease is not the result of a cash transaction, neither an other financing source nor a capital outlay expenditure is reported at inception. Lease payments are reported when paid.

Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes includes resources restricted for maintaining roads and bridges, cemeteries, police, fire and EMS, street lighting and TIF-related services. The Township's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an obligation is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

Fund Balance

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

Nonspendable: The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of interfund loans.

Restricted: Fund balance is reported as 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.

Warren County, Ohio Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Committed: The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by formal action (resolution) of Township Trustees. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Township Trustees remove or change the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned: Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Township for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not 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.

Unassigned: Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes amounts not contained 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.

Interfund Transactions

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

Note 3 – Change in Basis of Accounting and Restatement of Net Position/Fund Equity

Last year the Township reported fund financial statements by fund type using the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed by the State Auditor's Office. This year the Township has implemented the cash basis of accounting described in Note 2. The fund financial statements now present each major fund in a separate column with nonmajor funds aggregated and presented in a single column, rather than a column for each fund type.

Warren County, Ohio Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

Monies held by the Township are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the Township treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the Township treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Trustees have identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

Interim monies held by the Township can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

- 1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- 3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- 4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or Ohio local governments;
- 5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
- 6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in items 1 and 2 above.
- 7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).

Warren County, Ohio Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Township, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the clerk/treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

Deposits

The Township has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the Township or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured.

As of December 31, 2014, the Township had the following investments:

		Investment Maturities (in Years)								
	Carrying	Less			More					
Investment Type	Value	than 1	1-2	3-5	than 5					
Bank Certificates of Deposit	\$3,106,164	\$3,106,164	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					

Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The Township's investment policy addresses interest rate risk by requiring that the Township's investment portfolio be structured so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and/or long-term debt payments, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity, and by investing operating funds primarily in short term investments.

Custodial Credit Risk – For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Township will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Township has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirements in ORC 135.14(M)(2) which states, "Payment for investments shall be made only upon the delivery of securities representing such investments to the treasurer, investing authority, or qualified trustee. If the securities transferred are not represented by a certificate, payment shall be made only upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian by the treasurer, governing board, or qualified trustee."

Concentration of Credit Risk – The Township places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. At December 31, 2014, no investments held represented ten percent or more of total investments.

Warren County, Ohio Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Reconciliation of Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents

The following is a reconciliation of pooled cash and cash equivalents to the statement of net position as of the year ended December, 31, 2014:

Bank Certificates of Deposit	\$ 3,106,164
Carrying Amount of Township's Deposits	5,288,330
	\$ 8,394,494

Note 5 – Property Taxes

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the Township. Property tax revenue received during 2014 for real and public utility property taxes represents collections of 2013 taxes.

2014 real property taxes are levied after October 1, 2014, on the assessed value as of January 1, 2014, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. 2014 real property taxes are collected in and intended to finance 2015.

Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

Public utility personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2014 public utility property taxes which became a lien December 31, 2013, are levied after October 1, 2014, and are collected in 2015 with real property taxes.

The full tax rate for all Township operations for the year ended December 31, 2014, was \$6.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property and public utility tangible property upon which 2014 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

Real Property Tax Assessed Valuation	\$ 541,518,930
Public Utility Personal Property Assessed Valuation	15,044,660
Total	\$ 556,563,590

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the county, including the Township. The County Auditor periodically remits to the Township its portion of the taxes collected.

Warren County, Ohio Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Note 6 – Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During 2014, the Township contracted for various types of insurance coverage including general liability, property, vehicles and errors and omissions.

Settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the last three years and there was no significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

The Township pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs. The System administers and pays all claims.

Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The Township participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The Traditional Pension Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The Member-Directed Plan is a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20.00% per year). Under the Member-Directed Plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of the member and vested employer contributions plus any investment earnings. The Combined Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. Under the Combined Plan, OPERS invests employer contributions to provide a formula retirement benefit similar in nature to, but less than, the Traditional Pension Plan benefit. Member contributions, the investment of which is self-directed by the members, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to members of the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 614-222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. For 2014, member and employer contribution rates were consistent across all three plans. While members in the state and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the Traditional Pension Plan. The 2014 member contribution rates were 10.00% of covered payroll for members in state and local classifications. Public safety and law enforcement members contributed 12.00% and 13.00%, respectively.

Warren County, Ohio Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

The Township's 2014 contribution rate was 14.00% percent of covered payroll. The law enforcement and public safety division employer contribution rate was 18.10% of covered payroll. The portion of employer contributions used to fund pension benefits is net of post-employment health care benefits. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in both the Traditional and Combined Plans was 2.00% during calendar year 2014.

The Township's required contributions for pension obligations to the traditional pension and combined plans for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, were \$316,371, \$313,764 and \$321,888, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for 2014, 2013 and 2012.

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

The Township contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. OP&F provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by the Ohio State Legislature and are codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code. OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information for the plan. That report may be obtained by writing to OP&F, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164. That report is also available on OP&F's website at www.op-f.org.

From January 1, 2014 through July 1, 2014, plan members were required to contribute 10.75% of their annual covered salary. From July 2, 2014 through December 31, 2014, plan members were required to contribute 11.50% of their annual covered salary. Throughout 2014, employers were required to contribute 19.50% and 24.00%, respectively, for police officers and firefighters.

The Township's contributions to OP&F for the years ending December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$223,812, \$182,277 and \$170,639, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for 2014, 2013 and 2012.

In June 2012, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. This accounting standard replaces GASB Statement No. 27, and it is effective for employer fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014.

Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System Plan Description

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: The Traditional Pension Plan – a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the Member-Directed Plan – a defined contribution plan; and the Combined Plan – a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care plan, which includes a medical plan, a prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, to qualifying members of both the Traditional Pension and the Combined Plans. Members of the Member - Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care coverage.

Warren County, Ohio Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

In order to qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have 10 or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 45.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide OPEB benefits to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Funding Policy

The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring employers to fund post-retirement health care through their contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside for the funding of post-retirement health care coverage.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active members. In 2014, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.00% of covered payroll, and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.10%. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB plan.

OPERS' Post Employment Health Care plan was established under, and administered in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code 401(h). Each year, the OPERS Board of Trustees determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for funding of post-employment health care benefits.

The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in both the Traditional and Combined Plans was 2.00% during calendar year 2014. The OPERS Board of Trustees is also authorized to established rules for the retirees or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care benefits provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

The Township's contributions allocated to fund post-employment health care benefits for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, were \$40,163, \$19,861 and \$81,550, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for 2014, 2013 and 2012.

Changes to the Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) were adopted by the OPERS Board of Trustees on September 19, 2012, with a transition plan commencing January 1, 2014. With the recent passage of pension legislation under SB 343 and the approved health care changes, OPERS expects to be able to consistently allocate 4.00% of the employer contributions toward the health care fund after the end of the transition period.

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Plan Description

The Township contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F) sponsored health care program, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined post-employment health care plan administered by OP&F. OP&F provides health care benefits including coverage for medical, prescription drugs, dental, vision, Medicare Part B Premium and long-term care to retirees, qualifying benefit recipients and their eligible dependents.

Warren County, Ohio Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

OP&F provides access to post-retirement health care coverage for any person who receives or is eligible to receive a monthly service, disability, or survivor benefit check or is a spouse or eligible dependent child of such person. The health care coverage provided by OP&F meets the definition of an Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement No. 45.

The Ohio Revised Code allows, but does not mandate, OP&F to provide OPEB benefits. Authority for the OP&F Board of Trustees to provide health care coverage to eligible participants and to establish and amend benefits is codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Funding Policy

The Ohio Revised Code provides for contribution requirements of the participating employers and of plan members to the OP&F defined benefit pension plan. Participating employers are required to contribute to the pension plan at rates expressed as percentages of the payroll of active pension plan members, currently, 19.50% and 24.00% of covered payroll for police and fire employers, respectively.

The Ohio Revised Code states that the employer contribution may not exceed 19.50% of covered payroll for police employer units and 24.00% of covered payroll for fire employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

OP&F maintains funds for health care in two separate accounts. One for health care benefits under an IRS Code Section 115 trust and one for Medicare Part B reimbursements administrated as an Internal Revenue Code 401(h) account, both of which are within the defined benefit pension plan, under the authority granted by the Ohio Revised Code to the OP&F Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions made into the pension plan to the Section 115 trust and the Section 401(h) account as the employer contribution for retiree health care benefits.

The portion of employer contribution allocated to the health care plan was 0.5% of covered payroll from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The amount of employer contributions allocated to the health care plan each year is subject to the Trustees' primary responsibility to ensure that pension benefits are adequately funded and is limited by the provisions of Sections 115 and 401(h).

The OP&F Board of Trustees also is authorized to establish requirements for contributions to the health care plan by retirees and their eligible dependents, or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

The Township's contributions to OP&F which were allocated to fund postemployment healthcare benefits for firefighters were \$4,700, \$28,617 and \$47,950 for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for 2014, 2013 and 2012.

Warren County, Ohio Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Note 9 – Debt

A summary of the Township's long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2014, was as follows:

	Beginning			Ending	Due Within
	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance	One Year
Governmental Activities:					
General Obligation:					
Series 2011 Bonds - 2% to 4%	\$ 1,625,000	\$ -	\$ (180,000)	\$1,445,000	\$ 180,000
OPWC Loan Payable - 0%	576,761		(23,070)	553,691	23,070
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 2,201,761	\$ -	\$ (203,070)	\$1,998,691	\$ 203,070

The general obligation bonds and OPWC loan payable are supported by the full faith and credit of the Township and are payable from unvoted property tax receipts to the extent that other resources are not available to meet annual principal and interest payments.

The following is a summary of the Township's future annual debt service requirements:

	Series 2011 Bonds				OPWC Lo	an P	ayable	
		Principal		Interest	P	rincipal		Interest
2015	\$	180,000	\$	49,525	\$	23,070	\$	-
2016		180,000		45,925		23,070		-
2017		110,000		38,725		23,070		-
2018		110,000		34,325		23,070		-
2019		105,000		31,025		23,070		-
2020-2024		495,000		105,950		115,350		-
2025-2029		265,000		21,000		115,350		-
2030-2034		-		-		115,350		-
2035-2038						92,291		
Total	\$	1,445,000	\$	326,475	\$	553,691	\$	-

The Ohio Revised Code provides that net general obligation debt of the Township, exclusive of certain exempt debt, issued without a vote of the electors shall never exceed 5.5 percent of the tax valuation of the Township. The Revised Code further provides that total voted and unvoted net debt of the Township less the same exempt debt shall never exceed amount equal to 10.5 percent of its tax valuation. The effects of the debt limitations at December 31, 2014, were an overall debt margin of approximately \$58,000,000 and an unvoted debt margin of approximately \$30,000,000.

Warren County, Ohio Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Note 10 – Interfund Transfers

During 2014, the following transfers were made:

Transfer from Fund	Transfer to Fund		Amount
General Fund	Bond Retirement Fund	\$	2,031,634
	Other Bond Retirement Fund		238,764
Police Fund	Bond Retirement Fund		336,406
Ambulance and EMS Fund	General Fund	_	2,208,199
		\$ _	4,815,003

The General Fund transferred \$2,031,634 and \$238,764 to the Bond Retirement Fund and the Other Bond Retirement Fund, respectively, to provide resources for current year debt service and to eliminate legacy deficit balances.

The Police Fund transferred \$336,406 to the Bond Retirement Fund for current and prior year debt service related to the police department's pro-rata use of the Township's administration Building.

The Ambulance and EMS Fund transferred \$2,208,199 to the General Fund in connection with the Board of Trustees' resolution to close the Ambulance and EMS Fund.

Note 11 – Contingent Liabilities

The Township is defendant in several lawsuits. Although management cannot presently determine the outcome of these suits, they believe the resolution of these matters will not materially adversely affect the Township's financial condition.

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Township are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal, state and local governments. Grantors may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

Warren County, Ohio Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Note 12 – Financial Condition

On April 9, 2014 the Ohio Auditor of State performed a fiscal analysis of Hamilton Township and placed the Township in Fiscal Emergency. This declaration was based on the determination that certain Township funds contained deficit balances and that such deficit balances exceeded the aggregate unassigned fund balance in the General Fund.

A financial planning and supervision commission was formed and approved a financial recovery plan containing actions necessary to eliminate the fiscal emergency condition. As of December 31, 2014, management believes the Township has completed all the actions set forth in the financial recovery plan.

Accordingly, management believes that a declaration releasing the Township from fiscal emergency to be forthcoming from the Ohio Auditor of State.

Note 13 - Subsequent Events

On April 15, 2015 the Board of Trustees approved Resolution #15-0415, authorizing the termination of the Tax Increment Financing Exemption (TIF) Established in Resolution #01-1212. After termination and payment of all obligations of the TIF, the Township anticipates transferring the remaining funds to the General Fund for future use on Township related road and bridge projects. As of December 31, 2014 the Township's TIF Fund maintained a cash balance of \$1,923,609.

Supplementary Information

Warren County, Ohio

Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budget Basis

General Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

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	Budgeted Amounts				Final Budget Favorable			
		Original	Final			Actual	(Unfavorable)	
Receipts								
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	557,000	\$	557,000	\$	579,042	\$	22,042
Charges for Services		75,400		384,400		392,909		8,509
Licenses, Permits and Fees		139,300		192,300		145,121		(47,179)
Intergovernmental		261,250		331,698		322,678		(9,020)
Interest		1,600		1,600		4,683		3,083
Other		2,000		2,000		145,396		143,396
Total Receipts		1,036,550		1,468,998		1,589,829		120,831
Disbursements								
Current								
General Government								
Administration								
Personal Services		330,963		330,681		328,310		2,371
Other		340,600		438,545		409,886		28,659
Zoning								
Personal Services		42,000		42,155		42,152		3
Other		47,071		44,913		35,801		9,112
Health								
Other		15,000		21,126		21,126		_
Conservation and Recreation		•		,				
Personal Services		22,800		30,705		30,685		20
Other		49,800		60,753		56,935		3,818
Capital Outlay		47,000		-		-		-
Debt Service		,						
Principal Retirement		23,071		23,071		23,070		1
Total Disbursements		918,305		991,949		947,965		43,984
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		118,245		477,049		641,864		164,815
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Transfers In		-		2,208,195		2,208,199		4
Transfers Out		(116,563)		(2,270,398)		(2,270,398)		-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(116,563)		(62,203)		(62,199)		4
Net Change in Fund Balance		1,682		414,846		579,665		164,819
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		34,700		34,700		34,700		-
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	36,382	\$	449,546	\$	614,365	\$	164,819

Warren County, Ohio

Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budget Basis

Police Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Budgeted	l Amounts		Variance with Final Budget Favorable	
	Original	Final	Actual	(Unfavorable)	
Receipts Property and Other Local Taxes Charges for Services Fines and Forfeitures Intergovernmental Other	\$ 1,750,000 65,000 5,000 250,000 100	\$ 1,750,000 65,000 5,000 250,000 100	\$ 1,906,695 14,970 20,145 313,173 96,080	\$ 156,695 (50,030) 15,145 63,173 95,980	
Total Receipts	2,070,100	2,070,100	2,351,063	280,963	
Disbursements Current Public Safety Police Protection Personal Services Other Capital Outlay	1,219,000 891,700 	1,211,460 1,008,102 4,100	1,177,960 910,608 -	33,500 97,494 4,100	
Total Disbursements	2,110,700	2,223,662	2,088,568	135,094	
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(40,600)	(153,562)	262,495	416,057	
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfers Out	(116,563)	(349,688)	(336,406)	13,282	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(116,563)	(349,688)	(336,406)	13,282	
Net Change in Fund Balance	(157,163)	(503,250)	(73,911)	429,339	
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	1,555,862	1,555,862	1,555,862		
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 1,398,699	\$ 1,052,612	\$ 1,481,951	\$ 429,339	

Warren County, Ohio Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budget Basis Fire and EMS Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Budgete	d Amounts		Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)	
	Original	Final	Actual		
Receipts Property and Other Local Taxes Charges for Services Intergovernmental Other	\$ 2,537,500 - 362,500	\$ 2,537,500 - 362,500	\$ 2,629,705 15,763 444,798 112,950	\$ 92,205 15,763 82,298 112,950	
Total Receipts	2,900,000	2,900,000	3,203,216	303,216	
Disbursements Current Public Safety Fire and EMS Services Personal Services Other	1,479,954 1,661,881	1,470,517 1,833,204	1,322,844 1,259,334	147,673 573,870	
Total Disbursements	3,141,835	3,303,721	2,582,178	721,543	
Net Change in Fund Balance	(241,835)	(403,721)	621,038	1,024,759	
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	2,952,497	2,952,497	2,952,497		
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 2,710,662	\$ 2,548,776	\$ 3,573,535	\$ 1,024,759	

Warren County, Ohio

Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budget Basis Ambulance and EMS Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Budgeted Amounts Original Final		Actual		Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)		
Receipts Charges for Services Intergovernmental Other Total Receipts		,000 \$ - - -,000	340,000	\$	208,420 3,000 225 211,645	\$	(131,580) 3,000 225 (128,355)
Disbursements Current Public Safety Fire and EMS Services Personal Services Other Capital Outlay		- - - -	10,000 130,278 250,000		77,208 240,097		10,000 53,070 9,903
Total Disbursements		,000	390,278		317,305		72,973
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfers Out		<u>-</u> _	(50,278)		(2,208,199)		(55,382)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		<u>-</u>	(2,208,199)		(2,208,199)		
Net Change in Fund Balance Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	2,313	,859	(2,258,477) 2,313,859		(2,313,859) 2,313,859		(55,382)
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 2,313	,859 \$	55,382	\$	-	\$	(55,382)

Hamilton Township
Warren County, Ohio
Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes
In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budget Basis
TIF Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Budgeted	Budgeted Amounts				
	Original	Final	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)		
Receipts Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 1,224,528	\$ 1,224,528	\$ 1,033,892	\$ (190,636)		
Total Receipts	1,224,528	1,224,528	1,033,892	(190,636)		
Disbursements Current General Government Administration Other Service Payments to Schools	10,000 600,000	26,000 600,000	18,365 540,370	7,635 59,630		
Total Disbursements	610,000	626,000	558,735	67,265		
Net Change in Fund Balance	614,528	598,528	475,157	(123,371)		
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	1,448,452	1,448,452	1,448,452			
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 2,062,980	\$ 2,046,980	\$ 1,923,609	\$ (123,371)		

Warren County, Ohio Notes to Supplementary Information December 31, 2014

Note 1 – Budgetary Process

All funds, except agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations ordinance, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Township may appropriate.

The appropriations ordinance is the Township's authorization to spend resources and sets limits on disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Township. The legal level of control has been established at the fund, function, department, and object level for all funds.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Township Fiscal Officer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Township Trustees.

The appropriations ordinance is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation ordinance for that fund that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Township Trustees during the year.

Note 2 – Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budget Basis presented for the General, Police, Fire and EMS, Ambulance and EMS, and TIF Funds are prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The differences between the budgetary basis and the cash basis are outstanding year-end encumbrances, which are treated as disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (cash basis). The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the cash basis statements to the budgetary basis schedules.

	General	Police	Fire & EMS	Ambulance and EMS	TIF
Change in Fund Balance - Cash Basis Encumbrances	\$ 584,734 (5,069)	\$ (61,495) (12,416)	\$ 683,926 (62,888)	\$(2,313,859)	\$ 475,157 -
Change in Fund Balance - Budgetary Basis	\$ 579,665	\$ (73,911)	\$621,038	\$(2,313,859)	\$475,157

Bastin & Company, LLC

Certified Public Accountants

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

Hamilton Township Warren County 7780 South State Route 48 Hamilton Township, Ohio 45039

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 the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hamilton Township, Warren County, (the Township) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 15, 2015, wherein we noted the Township uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles. In addition, for 2014, the Township has elected to change its financial presentation to a cash basis comparable to the requirements of *Governmental Accounting Standards*.

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 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 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*.

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.

Cincinnati, Ohio

Bastin & Company, L&C

May 15, 2015

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP WARREN COUNTY, OHIO SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2014

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Status Explanation
2013-001	Audit adjustments Ohio Admin. Code Section 117-2-02 (A).	Yes	Condition not detected for current audit period.
2013-002	Expenditures exceeded appropriations ORC Section 5705.41B.	Yes	Condition not detected for current audit period.
2013-003	Certification of expenditures ORC Section 5705.41(D)(1).	Yes	Condition not detected for current audit period.
2013-004	Posting budgetary data to accounts Ohio Admin. Code, Section 117-2-02 (C)(1).	Yes	Condition not detected for current audit period.
2013-005	Appropriations exceeded actual resources ORC Section 5705.36(A)	Yes	Condition not detected for current audit period.
2013-006	Appropriations in excess of estimated resources ORC Section 5705.39.	Yes	Condition not detected for current audit period.
2013-007	Funds with negative cash balances ORC Section 5705.10.	Yes	Condition not detected for current audit period.
2013-008	Timely depositing of funds ORC Section 9.38.	Yes	Condition not detected for current audit period.
2013-009	Payroll processing errors and controls Ohio Admin. Code Sections 117-2-01 and 117-2-02.	Yes	Condition not detected for current audit period.
2013-010	Finance Department errors and controls Ohio Admin. Code Sections 117-2-01 and 117-2-02.	Yes	Condition not detected for current audit period.
2013-011	Finding for Recovery Repaid Under Audit ORC Section 507.09.	Yes	Condition not detected for current audit period.
2013-012	Controls over EMS Billings	Yes	Condition not detected for current audit period.





HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

WARREN 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 JUNE 23, 2015