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**KNOX TOWNSHIP  
COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Knox Township  
Columbiana County  
PO Box 73  
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To the Board of Trustees:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of Knox Township, Columbiana 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 opinion.

***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 these 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.

Though the Township does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis permitted is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

***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 combined cash balances of Knox Township, Columbiana 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 February 5, 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.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

February 5, 2015

**KNOX TOWNSHIP  
COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

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

	General	Special Revenue	Permanent	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$55,924	\$318,263		\$374,187
Licenses, Permits and Fees	18,919	1,710		20,629
Intergovernmental	213,227	200,233		413,460
Special Assessments		5,633		5,633
Earnings on Investments	86	25	2	113
Miscellaneous	7,785	11,822		19,607
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>295,941</u>	<u>537,686</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>833,629</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
General Government	116,983			116,983
Public Safety		175,864		175,864
Public Works	115,236	346,909		462,145
Health	26,232	9,505		35,737
Capital Outlay	230			230
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	24,960	21,964		46,924
Interest and Fiscal Charges	3,098	2,726		5,824
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>286,739</u>	<u>556,968</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>843,707</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>9,202</u>	<u>(19,282)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>(10,078)</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	9,202	(19,282)	2	(10,078)
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>140,099</u>	<u>179,732</u>	<u>2,946</u>	<u>322,777</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>				
Nonspendable	-	-	2,943	2,943
Assigned	141,163	-	-	141,163
Unassigned (Deficit)	8,138	-	5	8,143
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$149,301</u>	<u>\$160,450</u>	<u>\$2,948</u>	<u>\$312,699</u>

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

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

	General	Special Revenue	Permanent	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$56,359	\$320,782		\$377,141
Licenses, Permits and Fees	18,795	5,775		24,570
Fines and Forfeitures	23			23
Intergovernmental	77,853	201,902		279,755
Special Assessments		6,207		6,207
Earnings on Investments	186	61	2	249
Miscellaneous	77,500	6,872		84,372
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>230,715</u>	<u>541,599</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>772,316</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
General Government	131,319	2,000		133,319
Public Safety		175,831		175,831
Public Works	20,600	345,777		366,377
Health	28,794	6,397		35,191
Capital Outlay		2,800		2,800
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	23,913	21,035		44,948
Interest and Fiscal Charges	4,154	3,655		7,809
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>208,780</u>	<u>557,495</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>766,275</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>21,935</u>	<u>(15,896)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6,041</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	21,935	(15,896)	2	6,041
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1, (restated note 8)</i>	<u>118,164</u>	<u>195,628</u>	<u>2,944</u>	<u>316,736</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>				
Nonspendable	-	-	2,943	2,943
Restricted	-	179,732	-	179,732
Unassigned (Deficit)	140,099	0	3	140,103
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$140,099</u>	<u>\$179,732</u>	<u>\$2,946</u>	<u>\$322,777</u>

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



**KNOX TOWNSHIP  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Knox Township, Columbiana County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides general government services as well as road and bridge maintenance and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the Homeworth Volunteer Fire Company and the North Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department to provide fire protection services.

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

**B. Accounting Basis**

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

**C. Deposits and Investments**

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

The Township maintains an interest bearing checking account used by all funds. Certificates of Deposit and the Sweep account are valued at cost. No other investments are held by the Township.

**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 account. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**D. Fund Accounting (Continued)**

**2. Special Revenue Funds**

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

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

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

Homeworth Fire District Fund - This fund receives levied tax money for providing fire protection services.

North Georgetown Fire District Fund – This fund receives levied tax money for providing fire protection services.

**3. Permanent Funds**

These funds account for assets held under a trust agreement that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, are available to support the Township's programs. The Township had the following significant permanent funds:

Bethel Cemetery Bequest Fund – This fund receives interest earned on the nonexpendable corpus from a trust agreement. These earnings are used for the general maintenance and upkeep of the Township's cemetery.

Bennett Cemetery Bequest Fund – This fund receives interest earned on the nonexpendable corpus from a trust agreement. These earnings are used for the general maintenance and upkeep of the Township's cemetery.

**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. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**E. Budgetary Process (Continued)**

**2. Estimated Resources**

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1st. The County Budget Commission must approve estimated resources.

**3. Encumbrances**

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

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. Nonspendable**

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

**2. Restricted**

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

**3. Committed**

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

**4. Assigned**

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**F. Fund Balance (Continued)**

**5. Unassigned**

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

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

**G. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

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

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

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

	2013	2012
Demand deposits	\$25,500	\$25,500
Certificates of deposit	3,336	3,335
Total deposits	28,836	28,835
 Sweep Account	 283,863	 293,942
Total investments	283,863	293,942
Total deposits and investments	312,699	322,777

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

**Investments:** The Township invests in a Sweep Account, which is valued at cost.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012  
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**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 2013 and 2012 follows:

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$297,579	\$295,941	(\$1,638)
Special Revenue	549,090	537,686	(11,404)
Permanent	20	2	(18)
Total	\$846,689	\$833,629	(\$13,060)

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$266,191	\$286,739	(\$20,548)
Special Revenue	701,682	556,968	144,714
Permanent	0	0	0
Total	\$967,873	\$843,707	\$124,166

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$236,247	\$230,715	(\$5,532)
Special Revenue	561,141	541,599	(19,542)
Permanent	125	2	(123)
Fiduciary			0
Total	\$797,513	\$772,316	(\$25,197)

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$258,916	\$208,780	\$50,136
Special Revenue	701,752	557,495	144,257
Permanent	0	0	0
Total	\$960,668	\$766,275	\$194,393

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**4. PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

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

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Township.

**5. DEBT**

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2013 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
General Obligation Note - Salt Building	\$53,222	4.25%
General Obligation Note - Tractor/Mower	46,835	4.25%
Total	\$100,057	

A promissory note was issued in 2010 in the amount of \$ 125,000 to finance the construction of a salt storage building on Township property. The note is collateralized by the building. The Township is to make ten semi-annual payments on the note.

A promissory note was issued in 2010 in the amount of \$110,000 to finance the purchase of a tractor/mower. The note is collateralized by the tractor/mower. The Township is to make ten semi-annual payments on the note.

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

	Salt Building Note	Tractor/ Mower Note	General Obligation Notes
Year ending December 31:			
2014	\$28,057	\$24,690	\$52,747
2015	28,057	24,690	52,747
Total	\$56,114	\$49,380	\$105,494

Debt principal outstanding at December 31, 2013 was \$100,057. This disclosure does not include the related defeased debt or assets, since trustee assets should provide sufficient resources to retire the debt.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012  
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**6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The Township's elected officials and employees belong to the Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multi-employer plan. The plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

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% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2013.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Risk Pool Membership**

The Township belongs to the Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. (OPRM) - formerly known as the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan, (the "Plan"), a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments ("Members"). The Plan is legally separate from its member governments.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages to its members sold through fourteen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio.

OPRM coverage programs are developed specific to each member's risk management needs and the related premiums for coverage are determined through the application of uniform underwriting criteria addressing the member's exposure to loss, except OPRM retains 41.5% (effective November 1, 2011) of the premium and losses on the first \$250,000 casualty treaty and 10% of the first \$1,000,000 property treaty. Effective November 1, 2012 the plan increased its retention to 50% of the first \$250,000 casualty treaty. The Plan's property retention remained unchanged from prior years. This change was made to balance the reinsurance market conditions. Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member. OPRM had 767 and 765 members as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 respectively.

Plan members are responsible to notify the Plan of their intent to renew coverage by their renewal date. If a member chooses not to renew with the Plan, they have no other financial obligation to the Plan, but still need to promptly notify the Plan of any potential claims occurring during their membership period. The former member's covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of the Plan.

Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2013 and 2012.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Assets	\$13,100,381	\$13,774,304
Liabilities	(6,687,193)	(7,968,395)
Members' Equity	\$6,413,188	\$5,805,909

You can read the complete audited financial statements for OPRM at the Plan's website, [www.ohioplan.org](http://www.ohioplan.org).

**8. RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR'S FUND BALANCE**

In fiscal year 2012 seven checks totaling \$91 that were issued in previous fiscal years were voided. The adjustment made to void these expenditures had the following effect on the general fund balance:

	<b>General Fund</b>
Ending Fund Balance 2011	\$118,073
Adjustment	91
Beginning Fund Balance 2012	\$118,164





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

Knox Township  
Columbiana County  
PO Box 73  
Homeworth, OH 44634

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 and the aggregate remaining fund information of Knox Township, Columbiana 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 February 5, 2015 wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) 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 Government'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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

February 5, 2015



# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

**KNOX TOWNSHIP**

**COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
MARCH 12, 2015**