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**SENECA TOWNSHIP
SENECA COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Seneca Township
Seneca County
4098 South County Road 47
New Riegel, Ohio 44853-9771

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of Seneca Township, Seneca County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

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 to 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 (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are 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 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, 2014 and 2013, 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 Seneca Township, Seneca County, Ohio as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, 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 September 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.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

September 15, 2015

**SENECA TOWNSHIP
SENECA COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Permanent	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$43,682	\$64,520			\$108,202
Licenses, Permits and Fees	31				31
Intergovernmental	26,096	108,366	\$28,463		162,925
Special Assessments		4,043			4,043
Earnings on Investments	57	90		\$8	155
Miscellaneous	18,325				18,325
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>88,191</u>	<u>177,019</u>	<u>28,463</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>293,681</u>
Cash Disbursements					
Current:					
General Government	95,259	16,405			111,664
Public Works		223,094			223,094
Health	3,500	971			4,471
Capital Outlay	10,170		28,463		38,633
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>108,929</u>	<u>240,470</u>	<u>\$28,463</u>		<u>377,862</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(20,738)	(63,451)		8	(84,181)
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>65,922</u>	<u>203,837</u>		<u>3,100</u>	<u>272,859</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31					
Nonspendable				2,933	2,933
Restricted		30,960		175	31,135
Committed		109,426			109,426
Assigned	45,184				45,184
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$45,184</u>	<u>\$140,386</u>		<u>\$3,108</u>	<u>\$188,678</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, 2013**

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Permanent	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$41,382	\$61,732			\$103,114
Intergovernmental	20,630	106,847	\$30,977		158,454
Special Assessments		3,757			3,757
Earnings on Investments	65	89		\$5	159
Miscellaneous	16,660				16,660
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>78,737</u>	<u>172,425</u>	<u>30,977</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>282,144</u>
Cash Disbursements					
Current:					
General Government	87,271	13,189			100,460
Public Works	62	110,705			110,767
Health	4,530				4,530
Capital Outlay			30,977		30,977
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement		11,788			11,788
Interest and Fiscal Charges					
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>91,863</u>	<u>135,682</u>	<u>\$30,977</u>		<u>258,522</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>(13,126)</u>	<u>36,743</u>		<u>5</u>	<u>23,622</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)					
Advances In	2,000	2,000			4,000
Advances Out	(2,000)	(2,000)			(4,000)
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(13,126)</u>	<u>36,743</u>		<u>5</u>	<u>23,622</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>79,048</u>	<u>167,094</u>		<u>3,095</u>	<u>249,237</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31					
Nonspendable				2,933	2,933
Restricted		97,935		167	98,102
Committed		105,902			105,902
Assigned	64,718				64,718
Unassigned	1,204				1,204
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$65,922</u>	<u>\$203,837</u>		<u>\$3,100</u>	<u>\$272,859</u>

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

**SENECA TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

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 Seneca Township, Seneca County, Ohio (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services.

The Township participates in jointly governed organizations and a public entity risk pool. Notes 6 and 7 to the financial statements provides additional information for these entities. These organizations are:

Public Entity Risk Pool:

Ohio Township Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) – A risk sharing pool available to Ohio townships that provides property and casualty coverage for its members.

Jointly Governed Organizations:

NBS Joint Ambulance District – A joint ambulance district formed by the Village of New Riegel, Big Springs Township, and Seneca Township to provide EMS services.

NBS Joint Fire District – A joint fire district formed by the Village of New Riegel, Big Springs Township, and Seneca Township 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 permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board 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 financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

C. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is restricted as to use. The Township classifies its funds into the following types:

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1. General Fund

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

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

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

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

3. Capital Project Funds

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Township had the following significant Capital Project Fund:

Issue I Fund - The Township received Issue I monies from the County and Ohio Public Works Commission for repairing and maintaining Township roads.

4. Permanent Funds

These funds account for and report resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the reporting government's programs (for the benefit of the government or its citizenry). The Township had the following significant Permanent Fund:

Cemetery 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.

D. Budgetary Process

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. Appropriations lapse at year end.

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2. Estimated Resources

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

3. Encumbrances

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

A summary of 2014 and 2013 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

E. 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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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.

F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

2. Equity in Pooled Deposits

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

	2014	2013
Demand deposits	\$185,745	\$269,926
Certificates of deposit	2,933	2,933
Total deposits	\$188,678	\$272,859

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

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2014 and 2013 follows:

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$74,678	\$88,191	\$13,513
Special Revenue	169,943	177,019	7,076
Capital Projects	33,000	28,463	(4,537)
Permanent	10	8	(2)
Total	\$277,631	\$293,681	\$16,050

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2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$139,396	\$108,929	\$30,467
Special Revenue	337,400	240,470	96,930
Capital Projects	33,000	28,463	4,537
Permanent	100	100	100
Total	<u>\$509,896</u>	<u>\$377,862</u>	<u>\$132,034</u>

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$78,532	\$78,737	\$205
Special Revenue	178,501	172,425	(6,076)
Capital Projects	35,000	30,977	(4,023)
Permanent	200	5	(195)
Total	<u>\$292,233</u>	<u>\$282,144</u>	<u>(\$10,089)</u>

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$168,121	\$91,863	\$76,258
Special Revenue	330,914	135,682	195,232
Capital Projects	35,000	30,977	4,023
Permanent	10	10	10
Total	<u>\$534,045</u>	<u>\$258,522</u>	<u>\$275,523</u>

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.

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

5. Retirement System

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

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The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2014 and 2013, OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2014.

6. Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

The Township is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The Township insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. York Risk Pooling Services, Inc. (formally known as American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc.) (York or Management), functions as the administrator of the Pool and provides underwriting claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for the Pool. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty and Property Coverage

The Pool is a member of American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by York. APEEP provides the Pool with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, OTARMA retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2014, OTARMA retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$250,000 for property claims.

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

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2013 and 2014:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Assets	\$34,954,286	\$35,970,263
Liabilities	8,486,363	8,912,432
Net Position	\$26,467,923	\$27,057,831

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At December 31, 2013 and 2014, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$7.9 and \$8.2 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$7.4 and \$7.2 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 957 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2013 and 2014, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2014, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$3,000.

Based on discussions with OTARMA, the expected rates OTARMA charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to OTARMA for each year of membership.

<u>Contributions to OTARMA</u>	
<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$6,417	\$6,429

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

7. Jointly Governed Organizations

The NBS Joint Fire District is a jointly governed organization. The Village of New Riegel, Big Spring Township, and Seneca Township each appoint members to sit on the Fire District Board. The Fire District provides fire protection services within the District.

The NBS Joint Ambulance District is a jointly governed organization. The Village of New Riegel, Big Spring Township, and Seneca Township each appoint members to sit on the Ambulance District Board. The Ambulance District provides EMS services within the District.

8. Miscellaneous Receipts

In 2014 and 2013, miscellaneous receipts in the General fund consisted mostly of Insurance and other reimbursements.

9. Compliance

Contrary to Ohio law, the Township improperly recorded some receipts into the General fund, rather than the Road and Bridge fund.

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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

Seneca Township
Seneca County
4098 South County Road 47
New Riegel, Ohio 44853-9771

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 Seneca Township, Seneca County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 15, 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 opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider material weaknesses.

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. We consider findings 2014-001 and 2014-002 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be material weaknesses.

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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2014-001.

Entity's Response to Findings

The Township's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the Township's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

September 15, 2015

**SENECA TOWNSHIP
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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FINDING NUMBER 2014-001

Noncompliance Citation and Material Weakness

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.10 (C) provides that all revenue derived from a special levy shall be credited to a special fund for the purpose for which the levy was made. Homestead and Rollback receipts of \$7,234 in 2013 and \$3,664 in 2014 were incorrectly posted as property taxes in the General fund when they should have been posted to the Road and Bridge fund as intergovernmental receipts.

These errors were a result of inadequate policies and procedures in reviewing the financial statements. The accompanying financial statements and accounting records have been adjusted to correct these errors. To ensure the Township's financial statements and notes to the statements are complete and accurate, the Township should adopt policies and procedures, including a final review of the annual report by the Board to identify and correct errors, omissions, and misclassifications.

FINDING NUMBER 2014-002

Material Weakness

Financial Reporting

The Township's management is responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements. In addition, GASB Statement No. 54 requires fund balance be divided into one of five classifications based on the extent to which constraints are imposed upon the resources. Errors were noted in the financial statements resulting audit adjustments such as the following:

- Principal retirement in the Special Revenue funds of \$11,788 in 2013 was recorded as interest and fiscal charges.
- Assigned fund balance in the General fund of \$64,718 in 2013 and \$45,184 in 2014 was improperly classified as unassigned.
- Restricted fund balance in the Special Revenue funds of \$80,907 in 2013 and \$24,404 in 2013 was incorrectly classified as committed.

Additional errors were noted in smaller relative amounts. These errors were a result of inadequate policies and procedures in reviewing the financial statements. The accompanying financial statements have been adjusted to correct these errors. To help ensure the Township's financial statements and notes to the statements are complete and accurate, the Township should adopt policies and procedures, including a final review of the annual report by the Board of Trustees to identify and correct errors, omissions, and misclassifications. The Township should also review AoS Bulletin 2011-004 for guidance on GASB Statement No. 54 requirements.

Officials' Response:

We have acknowledged errors were made and will post transactions correctly in the future.

SENECA TOWNSHIP
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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
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Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2012-001	Material weakness over financial reporting due to errors in financial statements.	No	Not corrected and repeated as Finding Number 2014-002 in this report.



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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
OCTOBER 6, 2015**