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VINTON TOWNSHIP
VINTON COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Vinton Township
Vinton County
35863 Huston Road
Wilkesville, OH 45695

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of Vinton Township, Vinton 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 § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 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 Government'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 Government'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 § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 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 § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 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 of 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 Vinton Township, Vinton 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 § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 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 July 29, 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

July 29, 2015

**VINTON TOWNSHIP
VINTON 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	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$18,156	\$6,268	\$24,424
Intergovernmental	10,794	126,331	137,125
Earnings on Investments	32	90	122
Miscellaneous	1,920	0	1,920
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>30,902</u>	<u>132,689</u>	<u>163,591</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
General Government	11,297	3,054	14,351
Public Safety	0	3,300	3,300
Public Works	0	126,071	126,071
Health	1,557	511	2,068
Conservation-Recreation	0	81	81
Capital Outlay	0	46,090	46,090
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>12,854</u>	<u>179,107</u>	<u>191,961</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>18,048</u>	<u>(46,418)</u>	<u>(28,370)</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)			
Other Debt Proceeds	0	44,644	44,644
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>44,644</u>	<u>44,644</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	18,048	(1,774)	16,274
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>2,857</u>	<u>96,149</u>	<u>99,006</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted	0	94,375	94,375
Unassigned (Deficit)	20,905	0	20,905
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$20,905</u></u>	<u><u>\$94,375</u></u>	<u><u>\$115,280</u></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	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$18,652	\$25,103	\$43,755
Intergovernmental	13,785	107,213	120,998
Earnings on Investments	41	68	109
Miscellaneous	3,873	299	4,172
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>36,351</u>	<u>132,683</u>	<u>169,034</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
General Government	17,038	329	17,367
Public Safety	2,975	3,317	6,292
Public Works	0	112,898	112,898
Health	72	508	580
Conservation-Recreation	0	252	252
Capital Outlay	0	8,987	8,987
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	0	4,173	4,173
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	209	209
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>20,085</u>	<u>130,673</u>	<u>150,758</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>16,266</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>18,276</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)			
Advances In	6,000	0	6,000
Advances Out	0	(6,000)	(6,000)
Other Financing Sources	386	8,471	8,857
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>6,386</u>	<u>2,471</u>	<u>8,857</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	22,652	4,481	27,133
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1 (As Restated)</i>	<u>(19,795)</u>	<u>91,668</u>	<u>71,873</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted	0	96,149	96,149
Unassigned (Deficit)	2,857	0	2,857
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$2,857</u></u>	<u><u>\$96,149</u></u>	<u><u>\$99,006</u></u>

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

**VINTON TOWNSHIP
VINTON COUNTY**

**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 Vinton Township, Vinton County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road maintenance, cemetery maintenance, and garbage and waste disposal services. The Township contracts with the Village of Hamden to provide fire services.

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

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

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 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 § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(D) permit.

C. Deposits and Investments

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

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and 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 Fund:

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

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

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. Appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

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

F. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into two 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. 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.

2. 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

F. Fund Balance (Continued)

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

G. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

2. Equity in Pooled Deposits

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

	2014	2013
Demand deposits	\$115,280	\$99,006

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending 2014 and 2013 follows:

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$29,577	\$30,902	\$1,325
Special Revenue	117,373	177,333	59,960
Total	\$146,950	\$208,235	\$61,285

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$11,850	\$12,854	(\$1,004)
Special Revenue	103,774	179,107	(75,333)
Total	\$115,624	\$191,961	(\$76,337)

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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3. Budgetary Activity (Continued)

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$24,404	\$42,737	\$18,333
Special Revenue	109,846	141,154	31,308
Total	\$134,250	\$183,891	\$49,641

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$37,249	\$20,085	\$17,164
Special Revenue	129,188	136,673	(7,485)
Total	\$166,437	\$156,758	\$9,679

Contrary to Ohio law, budgetary expenditures exceeded appropriation authority in the Gasoline Tax Fund by \$18,502 and Garbage & Waste Fund by \$3,034 for the year ended December 31, 2013. Also contrary to Ohio law, budgetary expenditures exceeded appropriation authority in the General Fund by \$1,004, Gasoline Tax Fund by \$67,925, Garbage & Waste Fund by \$632, and Road & District Fund by \$12,038 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

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. Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2014 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
General Obligation Note - Tractor	\$44,644	3.25%
Total	\$44,644	

The Township obtained a note in 2014 in the amount of \$44,644 to finance the purchase of a tractor. The tractor collateralized the note.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
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5. Debt (Continued)

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

Year ending December 31:	Tractor Note
2015	\$8,310
2016	8,310
2017	8,310
2018	8,310
2019	8,310
2020	8,314
Total	<u>\$49,864</u>

6. Retirement Systems

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2014 and 2013, 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, 2014.

During 2014, the Township Fiscal Officer paid into Social Security instead of OPERS as his retirement contribution.

7. Risk Management

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

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

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

Casualty and Property Coverage

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

7. Risk Management (Continued)

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	<u>\$26,467,923</u>	<u>\$27,057,831</u>

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>
\$4,211	\$4,998

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
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8. Restatement of Prior Year Balances

The Township has a restatement of Fund Balance as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenue
Reported Fund Balance at December 31, 2012	(\$20,958)	\$92,831
Prior audit unadjusted error	1,163	(1,163)
Restated Fund Balance at January 1, 2013	(\$19,795)	\$91,668

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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

Vinton Township
Vinton County
35863 Huston Road
Wilkesville, OH 45695

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 Vinton Township, Vinton 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 July 29, 2015 wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 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 a material weakness and a significant deficiency.

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. We consider Finding 2014-005 described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be a material weakness.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of internal control deficiencies less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider Finding 2014-004 described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be a significant deficiency.

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 instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as items 2014-001 through 2014-004.

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

July 29, 2015

VINTON 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

FINDING NUMBER 2014-001

Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code § 505.262(A) authorizes a board of township trustees to issue notes of the township to finance installment payment purchases of equipment, buildings, and sites for any lawful township purpose. All notes issued by a township shall be done pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 133.20. Furthermore, the Attorney General has opined that Ohio Rev. Code § 505.262(A) does not grant explicitly or implicitly the authority of the township to grant a security interest in the property purchased by the installment contract. [See 1996 Op. Atty Gen. No. 1996-048]

The Township issued a promissory note in 2014 in the amount of \$44,644 that did not meet the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code § 133.20 in that it was a simple bank loan that granted a security interest in the property purchased.

The Board of Trustees should authorize only the issuance of notes pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 133.20.

FINDING NUMBER 2014-002

Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.40 states, in part, that a subdivision may amend or supplement its appropriation measure provided the entity complies with the same provisions of law as are used in making the original appropriation. In addition, Ohio courts have held that a board or officer whose judgment and discretion is required, was chosen because they were deemed fit and competent to exercise that judgment and discretion and unless power to substitute another in their place has been given, such board or officer cannot delegate these duties to another. Following such reasoning, a township would be prohibited from delegating duties statutorily assigned to it, such as the duty of amending appropriations. See C.B. Transportation, Inc. v. Butler County Board of Mental Retardation, 60 Ohio Misc. 71, 397 N.E.2d 781 (C.P. 1979); and also, Burkholder v. Lauber, 6 Ohio Misc. 152, 216 N.E.2d (C.P. 1965).

At December 31, 2013 appropriations as approved by the Board of Trustees did not agree to the Township's accounting system. The variances are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>UAN System</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General Fund	\$37,249	\$20,100	\$17,149
Motor Vehicle License	15,381	8,227	7,154
Gasoline Tax	89,907	102,835	(12,928)
Garbage & Waste	11,500	14,567	(3,067)
Road & District	9,000	2,278	6,722

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
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**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)**

FINDING NUMBER 2014-002 (Continued)

Noncompliance - Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.40 (Continued)

At December 31, 2014 appropriations as approved by the Board of Trustees did not agree to the Township's accounting system. The variances are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>UAN System</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General Fund	\$11,820	\$17,080	(\$5,260)
Motor Vehicle License	10,931	12,210	(1,279)
Gasoline Tax	71,440	119,903	(48,463)
Fire	3,372	6,372	(3,000)
Garbage & Waste	12,508	15,845	(3,337)
Road & District	5,622	20,993	(15,371)

The Board of Trustees should approve all appropriation amendments, record approval in the Board minutes, and file all appropriation amendments with the County Auditor in order to receive confirmation from the County Auditor that appropriations do not exceed estimated resources. The Fiscal Officer should only post legislatively approved amendments.

FINDING NUMBER 2014-003

Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(B) prohibits subdivisions or taxing authorities from expending money unless it has been appropriated.

At December 31, 2013 expenditures exceeded appropriations, as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Gasoline Tax	\$89,907	\$108,409	(\$18,502)
Garbage & Waste	11,500	14,534	(3,034)

At December 31, 2014, expenditures exceeded appropriations, as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General Fund	\$11,850	\$12,854	(\$1,004)
Gasoline Tax	\$71,440	\$139,365	(\$67,925)
Garbage & Waste	\$12,508	\$13,140	(\$632)
Road & District	\$5,622	\$17,660	(\$12,038)

The practice of allowing expenditures to exceed appropriations could result in negative fund balances for the Township.

The Fiscal Officer should compare expenditures to appropriations on a monthly basis. If appropriations in addition to those already adopted will be needed, the Board of Trustees should adopt additional appropriations, if possible, to prevent expenditures from exceeding appropriations or reduce spending. The Fiscal Officer should deny requests for payment when appropriations are not available.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
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FINDING NUMBER 2014-004

Noncompliance and Significant Deficiency

Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Chapter 26, §3401, §3402, §3403, §3404, §3405, and §3102(a) require the employing government to withhold federal, state, and local income and employment related taxes (such as Medicare) and pension withholdings. They also require the government to report and remit those tax matters to the appropriate tax authorities and to the recipients.

The amount of federal and state withholdings and Medicare tax due at December 31, 2014 was \$3,907. The Township failed to remit federal, State, or Medicare payroll taxes during 2014 in a timely manner. The Township should have withheld the following from the General, MVL, Gasoline Tax, Garbage & Waste, Fire, and Road & District funds: Federal Taxes of \$2,116, State Taxes of \$262, and Medicare Taxes of \$1,529.

Failure to properly remit payroll taxes can lead to significant penalties and interest against the Township.

The Fiscal Officer should properly withhold the necessary amounts as determined by the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the Fiscal Officer should report the amounts withheld and remit the amounts withheld to the proper authorities in the time frame prescribed by law.

FINDING NUMBER 2014-005

Material Weakness

Sound financial reporting is the responsibility of the Fiscal Officer and the Board of Trustees and is essential to ensure the information provided to the readers of the financial statements is complete and accurate.

The financial statements had the following errors that required adjust adjustment or reclassification:

In 2014:

- General Fund Intergovernmental receipts of \$4,978 were misposted as Taxes receipts.
- Fire Fund, Garbage & Waste Fund, and Road & District Fund Intergovernmental receipts in the amounts of \$233, \$1,020, and \$715, respectively, were incorrectly posted as General Fund Intergovernmental receipts.
- Garbage & Waste Fund Intergovernmental receipts of \$5,197 were misposted as Taxes receipts.
- Road & District Fund Intergovernmental receipts of \$3,453 were misposted as Taxes receipts.
- Fire Fund Intergovernmental receipts of \$176 were misposted as Taxes receipts.
- Gasoline Fund Proceeds of Debt and Capital Outlay in the amount of \$44,644 were not recorded in the accounting system.

The Fiscal Officer made classification errors in posting of receipts and disbursements. This resulted in the mispostings of receipts and disbursements as noted above. The audited financial statements and the Township's accounting system have been adjusted for the errors noted above.

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<p>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)</p>
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FINDING NUMBER 2014-005 (Continued)

Material Weakness (Continued)

To ensure the Township's financial statements and notes to the financial statements are complete and accurate, the Fiscal Officer should review the Township manual for guidance on the correct line item to post various receipts and disbursements of the Township.

Officials' Response: We did not receive a response from Officials to the findings reported above.

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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2012-01	Ohio Rev. Code § 505.24(C) - not allocating Trustee salaries appropriately.	Yes	
2012-02	Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.10 - not posting various receipts and expenditures correctly.	No	Not Corrected. See Finding Number 2014-005.
2012-03	Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(D)(1) - not properly certifying the availability of funds.	No	Partially Corrected. Reissued in Management Letter.
2012-04	AOS Bulletin 97-003 – unallowable advances.	Yes	
2012-05	Significant deficiency for not remitting amounts withheld from employees' and officials' payroll	No	Partially Corrected. See Finding 2014-004.
2012-06	Significant deficiency for not depositing receipts in a reasonable period of time	No	Partially Corrected. Reissued in Management Letter.

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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
AUGUST 13, 2015