REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015-2014



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Board of Trustees Liverpool Township PO Box 1064 East Liverpool, OH 43920

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Liverpool Township, Columbiana County, prepared by Escott & Company, LLC, for the audit period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. Liverpool Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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August 19, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Liverpool Township Columbiana County PO Box 1064 East Liverpool, OH 43920

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of Liverpool Township, Columbiana County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Township's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

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

As described in Note 1B of the financial statements, the Government 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, 2015 and 2014, 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 Liverpool Township, Columbiana County as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, 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 **1B**.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 24, 2016 on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Escott and Company Kent, Ohio

June 24, 2016

Liverpool Township

Columbiana County, Ohio Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Cash Basis) All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

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\$				Totals
		Special	Capital	(Memorandum
	General	-	-	•
Cash Bassints	General	Revenue	Projects	Only)
Cash Receipts	#0 (020	AT01 001	\$ \$	
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$26,238	\$791,901	\$0	\$818,139
Charges for Services	0	8,862	0	8,862
Licenses, Permits and Fees	47,985	0	0	47,985
Fines and Forfeitures	11,814	2,076	0	13,890
Intergovernmental	61,884	245,843	0	307,727
Earnings on Investments	4,671	298	0	4,969
Miscellaneous	12,400	8,162	0	20,562
Total Cash Receipts	164,992	1,057,142	0	1,222,134
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government	156,766	. 0	0	156,766
Public Safety	0	422,823	0	422,823
Public Works	0	505,457	0	505,457
Health	11,381	12,243	0	23,624
Other	0	0	0 0	0
Capital Outlay	0	Õ	89,352	89,352
Debt Service:	v	Ū	09,552	69,552
Principal Retirement	0	63,927	0	(2.007
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0		0	63,927
Interest and Fiscal Charges	<u>U</u>	8,403	0	8,403
Total Cash Disbursements	168,147	1,012,853	89,352	1,270,352
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(3,155)	44,289	(89,352)	(48,218)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)				
Debt Proceeds	2,750	0	107,251	110,001
Sale of Capital Assets	0	400	0	400
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	2,750	400	107,251	110,401
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	(405)	44,689	17,899	62,183
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	250,708	478,071	214,008	942,787
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Nonspendable	0	0	0	0
Restricted	Ő	522,760	231,907	754,667
Committed	0	0	251,907	754,007
Assigned	0	0	0	0
Unassigned (Deficit)	-	0		÷
	250,303	U	0	250,303
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$250,303	\$522,760	\$231,907	\$1,004,970

Liverpool Township

Columbiana County, Ohio Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Cash Basis) All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

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		Succial	Osuital	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	(Memorandum
Cash Receipts			FIOJECIS	Only)
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$25,651	\$625,491	\$0	\$651,142
Charges for Services	0	8,586	0	8,586
Licenses, Permits and Fees	47,124	0	ů 0	47,124
Fines and Forfeitures	9,016	4,665	ů 0	13,681
Intergovernmental	46,286	238,306	ů	284,592
Earnings on Investments	4,151	350	0	4,501
Miscellaneous	1,787	13,552	0	15,339
Total Cash Receipts	134,015	890,950	0	1,024,965
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government	153,729	0	0	153,729
Public Safety	0	431,371	0	431,371
Public Works	0	368,829	0	368,829
Health	11,712	11,367	0	23,079
Capital Outlay	0	27,985	31,662	59,647
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	0	49,147	0	49,147
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	12,196	0	12,196
Total Cash Disbursements	165,441	900,895	31,662	1,097,998
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(31,426)	(9,945)	(31,662)	(73,033)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)				
Debt Proceeds	0	49,700	0	49,700
Sale of Capital Assets	0	35,908	0	35,908
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	0	85,608	0	85,608
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	(31,426)	75,663	(31,662)	12,575
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	282,134	402,408	245,670	930,212
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Nonspendable	0	0	0	0
Restricted	0	478,071	214,008	692,079
Committed	0	0	0	0
Assigned	0	0	0	0
Unassigned (Deficit)	250,708	0	0	250,708
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$250,708	\$478,071	\$214,008	\$942,787

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

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 Liverpool 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 road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical 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. 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 Funds:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014 (Continued)

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

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

Motor Vehicle License Tax – This fund accounts for intergovernmental motor vehicle revenues used for road repair and upkeep.

<u>Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax</u> – This fund accounts for intergovernmental permissive motor vehicle revenues used for road repair and upkeep.

<u>Police Levy Fund</u> – This fund receives property tax money to pay for police protection.

Fire Levy Fund – This fund receives property tax money to pay for fire protection.

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 funds:

<u>Permanent Improvement Fund</u> — The Township receives grants or transfers from the general fund to finance major capital projects.

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 2015 and 2014 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014 (Continued)

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.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014 (Continued)

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.

H. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2015	2014
Demand deposits	\$1,004,970	\$942,787
Total deposits	1,004,970	942,787

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 2015 and 2014 follows:

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts					
	Budgeted	Budgeted Actual			
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance		
General	\$135,038	\$167,742	\$32,704		
Special Revenue	1,014,430	1,057,542	43,112		
Capital Projects	107,250	107,251	1		
Total	\$1,256,718	\$1,332,535	\$75,817		
2015 Budgete	d vs. Actual Budgetary Appropriation	Basis Expenditure Budgetary	es		
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance		
General	\$191,952	\$168,147	\$23,805		
Special Revenue	1,160,756	1,012,853	147,903		
Capital Projects	157,250	89,352	67,898		
Total	\$1,509,958	\$1,270,352	\$239,606		
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014 (Continued)

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts					
	Budgeted				
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance		
General	\$131,725	\$134,015	\$2,290		
Special Revenue	875,451	976,558	101,107		
Total	\$1,007,176	\$1,110,573	\$103,397		
2014 Budgeted vs.	X	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·) S		
,	Appropriation	Budgetary	ý , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
2014 Budgeted vs. Fund Type General	X	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	es Variance \$38,803		
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance		
Fund Type General	Appropriation Authority \$204,244	Budgetary Expenditures \$165,441	Variance \$38,803		

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, 2015 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
General Obligation Notes:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Police Car	\$9,481	3.0%
Backhoe	\$14,156	3.0%
Building Note	\$110,000	3.5%
Leases:		
Firetrucks	\$230,623	4.0%
Tractor	\$60,574	7.5%
Boom Mower	46,619	4.5%
Total	\$471,453	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014 (Continued)

In 2014 the Township issued general obligation notes to finance the purchase of a backhoe. A building note was issued in 2015 for a period of 10 years for \$110,000 at an interest rate of 3.5% for a roof replacement project. The Township's taxing authority collateralized the bonds. All of the notes will be repaid in annual payments. In 2015, the Township entered lease agreements for a tractor and boom mower attachment.

Also, in prior years, the Township entered into general obligation notes for a police car and a lease for 2 firetrucks.

Year Ending				Firetrucks	Tractor	Boom
December 31:	Police Car	Backhoe	Building Roof	(Lease)	(Lease)	Mower
2016	\$10,619	\$15,844	\$13,191	\$42,534	\$17,409	\$12,989
2017			13,191	42,534	17,409	12,989
2018			13,191	42,534	17,409	12,989
2019			13,191	42,534	17,409	12,989
2020			13,191	42,534	0	0
2021-2025	·		65,955	42,534	. 0	0
Total	\$10,619	\$15,844	\$131,910	\$255,204	\$69,636	\$51,956

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

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 2015 and 2014, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries, except for law enforcement members who contributed 13%, and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14%, except for law enforcement members, where they contributed 18.1% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2015.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.



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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*

Liverpool Township Columbiana County 3956 State Route 225 Diamond, Ohio 44412

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 Liverpool Township, Columbiana County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 24,2016 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 Township's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

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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.

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Escott and Company Kent, Ohio

June 24, 2016



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LIVERPOOL 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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

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