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HOLMES COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015  
Fiscal Years Audited Under GAGAS: 2016 and 2015

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# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Berlin Township  
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Berlin Township, Holmes County, prepared by BHM CPA Group, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

August 14, 2017

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**Holmes County, Ohio**  
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### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Berlin Township  
Holmes County  
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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 Berlin Township, Holmes County, (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

#### **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 of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D); this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fair presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

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

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

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

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the Township prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting 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, 2016 and 2015, 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 Berlin Township, Holmes County, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, 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 May 23, 2017, on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe 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 Standard* in considering the Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



BHM CPA Group Inc.  
Columbus, Ohio  
May 23, 2017



**Berlin Township, Holmes County**  
*Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances*  
*Governmental Funds*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2016*

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 557,570	\$ 251,760	\$ 809,330
Licenses, Permits and Fees	5,299	-	5,299
Intergovernmental	38,807	147,778	186,585
Earnings on Investments	1,229	223	1,452
Miscellaneous	16,265	15,067	31,332
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>619,170</u>	<u>414,828</u>	<u>1,033,998</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Current:			
General Government	188,500	-	188,500
Public Works	52,664	427,896	480,560
Health	45,115	-	45,115
Conservation/Recreation	10,142	-	10,142
Other	4,000	-	4,000
Capital Outlay	199,429	23,206	222,635
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>499,850</u>	<u>451,102</u>	<u>950,952</u>
<i>Excess of Cash Receipts Over /(Under) Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>119,320</u>	<u>(36,274)</u>	<u>83,046</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Sale of Capital Assets	30,000	-	30,000
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	149,320	(36,274)	113,046
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>343,016</u>	<u>253,489</u>	<u>596,505</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Restricted	-	217,215	217,215
Unassigned (Deficit)	492,336	-	492,336
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 492,336</u>	<u>\$ 217,215</u>	<u>\$ 709,551</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**Berlin Township, Holmes County**  
*Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances*  
*Governmental Funds*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2015*

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 537,060	\$ 214,266	\$ 751,326
Licenses, Permits and Fees	5,550	-	5,550
Intergovernmental	45,724	148,093	193,817
Earnings on Investments	1,350	286	1,636
Miscellaneous	73,452	21,506	94,958
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>663,136</u>	<u>384,151</u>	<u>1,047,287</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Current:			
General Government	164,061	-	164,061
Public Works	274,617	423,790	698,407
Health	43,105	-	43,105
Conservation/Recreation	10,021	-	10,021
Capital Outlay	356,263	1,678	357,941
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>848,067</u>	<u>425,468</u>	<u>1,273,535</u>
<i>Excess of Cash Receipts Over /(Under) Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>(184,931)</u>	<u>(41,317)</u>	<u>(226,248)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>527,947</u>	<u>294,806</u>	<u>822,753</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Restricted	-	253,489	253,489
Unassigned (Deficit)	343,016	-	343,016
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 343,016</u>	<u>\$ 253,489</u>	<u>\$ 596,505</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**BERLIN TOWNSHIP  
HOLMES COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

**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 Berlin Township, Holmes 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 contracts with the East Holmes Fire and EMS District to provide fire services and ambulance services.

The Township participates in a jointly governed organization and the Ohio Township Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) public entity risk pool. Note 6 and Note 7 to the financial statements provide additional information for these entities. These organizations are:

Jointly Governed Organizations:

East Holmes Joint Fire and EMS District

Public Entity Risk Pool:

Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA)

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 Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the 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. The basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. The 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**D. Fund Accounting (Continued)**

**2. Special Revenue Funds**

These funds account for the proceeds from specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specific 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.

Road District Fund – This fund receives property tax levy money to pay for 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. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered 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 also 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 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.

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

**F. Fund Balance (continued)**

**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.

**G. Property, Plant and Equipment**

The Township records disbursements for acquisition of property, plant and equipments 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:

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

	2016	2015
Demand Deposits	\$ 709,551	\$ 596,505

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation; or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2016 and 2015 follows:

**2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts**

	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 515,000	\$ 649,170	\$ 134,170
Special Revenue	372,730	414,828	42,098
Total	\$ 887,730	\$ 1,063,998	\$ 176,268

**2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures**

	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 779,000	\$ 499,850	\$ 279,150
Special Revenue	589,000	451,102	137,898
Total	\$ 1,368,000	\$ 950,952	\$ 417,048

**2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts**

	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 498,300	\$ 663,136	\$ 164,836
Special Revenue	367,350	384,151	16,801
Total	\$ 865,650	\$ 1,047,287	\$ 181,637

**2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures**

	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 996,500	\$ 848,067	\$ 148,433
Special Revenue	615,000	425,468	189,532
Total	\$ 1,611,500	\$ 1,273,535	\$ 337,965

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**4. PROPERTY TAX**

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

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 these plans' benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2016 and 2015, 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, 2016.

**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 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, 2016, 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.

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HOLMES COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

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, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Assets	\$38,473,283	\$37,313,311
Liabilities	8,244,140	8,418,518
Net Assets	\$30,229,143	\$28,894,793

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$7.4 and \$7.8 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$6.9 and \$7.7 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 1,010 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2016, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$7,000.

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.

Contributions to OTARMA	
2016	\$14,638
2015	\$12,331

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**

East Holmes Joint Fire and EMS District of Holmes County is a body corporate and political established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is directed by an appointed five-member Board of Trustees. One board member is appointed by each of the four political subdivisions within the District. The fifth board member is a member at large whose appointment is made by an individual subdivision within the District on a two-year rotational basis. The District provides fire protection and emergency medical assistance (EMS) services within the District and by contract to areas outside the District. The Townships participating in the District include: Berlin, Clark, Salt Creek and Walnut Creek.



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

**8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through May 23, 2017 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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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***

Berlin Township  
Holmes County  
PO Box 425  
Berlin, Ohio 44610-0425

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of Berlin Township, Holmes County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 23, 2017, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting and financial reporting provisions of 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.

*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.

### **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 testing and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "BHM CPA Group". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

BHM CPA Group Inc.  
Columbus, Ohio  
May 23, 2017



# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

**BERLIN TOWNSHIP**

**HOLMES COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
AUGUST 24, 2017**