

**GREEN TOWNSHIP  
HARRISON COUNTY**

**AUDIT REPORT**

**JANUARY 1, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2016**





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Green Township  
P.O. Box 116  
Hopedale, Ohio 43976

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of Green Township, Harrison County, prepared by Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, 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. Green Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

May 25, 2017

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**GREEN TOWNSHIP  
HARRISON COUNTY  
JANUARY 1, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2016**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Green Township  
Harrison County  
P.O. Box 116  
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To the Township 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 Green Township, Harrison County, 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 Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

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

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

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

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

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

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonable 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 permitted is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

#### **Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Green Township, Harrison County 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 Green Township, Harrison 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 a report dated April 6, 2017, on our consideration of Green 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.

***Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc.***  
Zanesville, Ohio  
April 6, 2017

**GREEN TOWNSHIP  
HARRISON COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
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	\$ 8,905	\$ 134,644	\$ 143,549
Licenses, Permits and Fees	8,900	9,550	18,450
Intergovernmental	21,357	170,803	192,160
Earnings on Investments	19	4	23
Miscellaneous	70,920	1,869	72,789
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<u>110,101</u>	<u>316,870</u>	<u>426,971</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
Current:			
General Government	91,412	4,317	95,729
Public Safety	-	107,486	107,486
Public Works	-	165,374	165,374
Health	-	25,319	25,319
Capital Outlay	-	-	-
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	4,912	4,189	9,101
Interest and Fiscal Charges	424	-	424
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<u>96,748</u>	<u>306,685</u>	<u>403,433</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Cash Balance</b>	13,353	10,185	23,538
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</b>	<u>55,518</u>	<u>72,235</u>	<u>127,753</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Restricted	-	57,345	57,345
Committed	-	25,075	25,075
Unassigned (Deficit)	68,871	-	68,871
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u>\$ 68,871</u>	<u>\$ 82,420</u>	<u>\$ 151,291</u>

See notes to financial statements.



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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
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	\$ 8,826	\$ 112,818	\$ 121,644
Licenses, Permits and Fees	4,550	-	4,550
Intergovernmental	23,905	106,304	130,209
Earnings on Investments	10	7	17
Miscellaneous	38,230	21,567	59,797
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<u>75,521</u>	<u>240,696</u>	<u>316,217</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
Current:			
General Government	74,722	4,163	78,885
Public Safety	-	44,191	44,191
Public Works	25,774	176,753	202,527
Health	-	19,388	19,388
Capital Outlay	355	-	355
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	9,253	4,069	13,322
Interest and Fiscal Charges	579	-	579
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<u>110,683</u>	<u>248,564</u>	<u>359,247</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</b>	(35,162)	(7,868)	(43,030)
<b>Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>			
Transfer In	-	1,649	1,649
Transfer Out	(1,649)	-	(1,649)
<b>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>	<u>(1,649)</u>	<u>1,649</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Cash Balance</b>	(36,811)	(6,219)	(43,030)
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</b>	<u>92,329</u>	<u>78,454</u>	<u>170,783</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Restricted	-	51,476	51,476
Committed	-	20,759	20,759
Unassigned (Deficit)	55,518	-	55,518
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u>\$ 55,518</u>	<u>\$ 72,235</u>	<u>\$ 127,753</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (CASH BASIS)  
FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

	<b>Fiduciary Funds</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>Private Purpose Trust</b>	<b>Private Purpose Trust</b>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</b>	<u>693</u>	<u>693</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u><u>\$ 693</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 693</u></u>

See notes to financial statements

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. REPORTING ENTITY**

**Description of the Entity**

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Green Township, Harrison County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publically-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides general government services, road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance and fire protection services. The Township contracts with the Cadiz, Hopedale and Jewett Volunteer Fire Departments to provide fire services.

The Township participates in the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) public entity risk pool. Note 6 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.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The Township's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types and a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all proprietary and fiduciary fund types which are organized on a fund type basis.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The Township uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Township are presented below:

**General Fund**

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Township for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

**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:

**Gasoline Tax Fund** – This fund receives gasoline tax monies to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

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

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

**Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments which are not available to support the Township's own programs.

The Township's private purpose trust fund is for the benefit of the Miller Family cemetery.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

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

**D. Budgetary Process**

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

**Appropriations**

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function and object level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

**Estimated Resources**

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

**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 2016 and 2015 appear in Note 3.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

**E. Deposits and Investments**

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

**F. Capital Assets**

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

**G. 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.

**H. 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:

**Nonspendable**

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

**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.

**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.

**Assigned**

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

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

**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.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 is as follows:

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 89,482	\$ 110,101	\$ 20,619
Special Revenue	314,624	316,870	2,246
Total	\$ 404,106	\$ 426,971	\$ 22,865

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 117,518	\$ 96,748	\$ 20,770
Special Revenue	377,570	306,685	70,885
Permanent	192	-	192
Total	\$ 495,280	\$ 403,433	\$ 91,847

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 71,476	\$ 75,521	\$ 4,045
Special Revenue	240,964	242,345	1,381
Permanent Funds	1	-	(1)
Total	\$ 312,441	\$ 317,866	\$ 5,425

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 155,215	\$ 112,332	\$ 42,883
Special Revenue	314,185	248,564	65,621
Permanent	693	-	693
Total	\$ 470,093	\$ 360,896	\$ 109,197

Contrary to ORC 5705.39, the Township had funds with appropriations greater than estimated resources.

Contrary to ORC 5705.41(D), the Township had made expenditures prior to certification.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**4. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH**

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:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Demand Deposits	\$ 151,484	\$ 127,946
Certificate of Deposit	500	500
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 151,984</u>	<u>\$ 128,446</u>

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

**5. PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Township Trustees. 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.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

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.) 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, 2015, 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.

Commercial Insurance

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**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, 2015 and 2014 (the latest information available):

	2015	2014
Assets	\$37,313,311	\$35,970,263
Liabilities	(8,418,518)	(8,912,432)
Retained Earnings	\$28,894,793	\$27,057,831

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$7.8 and \$8.2 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$7.7 and \$7.2 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 989 members and 957 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2015 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, 2015, the Township’s share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$3,250.

Based on discussion 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	\$6,132
2015	5,920
2014	5,691

After completing 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. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

*Ohio Public Employees Retirement System*

The Township’s full-time employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) of Ohio. OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes the plan 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 10.0% of their gross wages and the Township contributed an amount equal to 14.00% of participant’s gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2016.



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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**8. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. OPERS contributes 2 percent of the employer contribution to fund these benefits.

**9. DEBT**

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2016 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest rate
G.O. Note - Building	\$ 13,734	2.55%
G.O. Note – Skid Loader	308	2.90%
Total	\$ 14,042	

The Township issued an unsecured general obligation note to finance the purchase of a cinder storage building. The original loan was dated August 15, 2014 in the amount of \$25,000 for 5 years paid from the General Fund.

The Township issued an unsecured general obligation note to finance the purchase of a skid loader. The original loan was dated January 15, 2013 in the amount of \$16,000 for 4 years paid from the Gasoline Tax Fund.

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

Year Ended December 31	G.O. Note Building	G.O Note Skid Loader
2017	\$ 5,336	\$ 355
2018	5,336	-
2019	3,558	-
Total	\$ 14,230	\$ 355

**10. PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL**

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims exceeding the member’s deductible.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS.**

Green Township  
Harrison County  
P.O. Box 116  
Hopedale, Ohio 43976-0116

To the Township Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards general accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of Green Township, Harrison County 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 April 6, 2017, 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 Green 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first 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 a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider a material weakness.

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 Finding 2016-001 and 2016-002 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be material weaknesses.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Green 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 was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2016-003.

***Entity's Response to Finding***

The Township's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the Township's response 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.

***Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc.***  
Zanesville, Ohio  
April 6, 2017

**GREEN TOWNSHIP  
HARRISON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

**FINDING NUMBER 2016-001**

**Material Weakness**

All local offices shall maintain an accounting system and accounting records sufficient to enable the public office to identify, assemble, analyze, classify, record and report its transactions, maintain accountability for the related assets, document compliance with finance-related legal and contractual requirements and prepare financial statements.

As a result of audit procedures, errors were noted that required reclassification to the financial statement as follows:

The following is related to 2015:

- Miscellaneous Receipts in the amount of \$1,500 was reclassified to Sale of Assets for selling equipment.
- Property and Other Local Taxes were overstated in the General Fund, Road & Bridge Fund, Cemetery Fund and Fire District Fund by \$852, \$4,110, \$1,931 and \$2,976, respectively. This was reclassified to Intergovernmental Receipts for Homestead and Rollback monies.

The following is related to 2016;

- Property and Other Local Taxes were overstated in the General Fund, Road & Bridge Fund, Cemetery Fund and Fire District Fund by \$851, \$4,078, \$1,934 and \$2,981, respectively. This was reclassified to Intergovernmental Receipts for Homestead and Rollback monies.
- The Road and Bridge Fund Balance of \$25,075 was reclassified from Restricted to Committed.

Sound financial reporting is the responsibility of the Township and is essential to help ensure the information provided to the readers of financial statements is complete and accurate. To help ensure the Township's financial statements and notes to the financial statements are complete and accurate, the Township should adopt policies and procedures to identify and correct errors and omissions. In addition, the Township should review the financial statements and notes prior to submission for audit. The financial statements were adjusted accordingly.

Client Response: The Township will closely monitor all transactions and post correctly.

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HARRISON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**FINDING NUMBER 2016-002**

**Material Weakness**

All local public offices should integrate the budgetary accounts, at the legal level of control or lower, into the UAN system. The UAN system should be utilized to provide ongoing and timely information on unrealized budgetary receipts.

We found estimated revenue approved by the Budget Commission did not agree to the amounts posted to the UAN accounting system as follows:

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, estimated receipts as certified by the County Budget Commission did not agree to the Township's ledgers for the following funds:

Fund	Estimated Receipts per Budget Commission	Estimated Receipts per UAN Revenue Status Report	Variance
General - 2016	\$ 89,482	\$ 93,254	\$ (3,772)
Gasoline Tax - 2016	90,465	90,534	(69)
Road & Bridge – 2016	64,368	68,244	(3,876)
Cemetery - 2016	45,100	51,101	(6,001)
Fire District - 2016	92,126	115,152	(23,026)
General – 2015	71,476	75,428	(3,952)
MVL Tax – 2015	14,650	15,564	(914)
Gasoline Tax – 2015	88,000	93,464	(5,464)
Road & Bridge – 2015	66,836	68,894	(2,058)
Cemetery – 2015	20,113	39,129	(19,016)
Fire District - 2015	43,866	47,197	(3,331)

Without information properly entered into the system, the management of the Township lost some degree of budgetary control. This also resulted in audit adjustments to the budgetary note disclosure.

We recommend the Fiscal Officer accurately post estimated receipts as approved by the County Budget Commission into the computer system. This procedure will help ensure more useful comparisons of budget versus actual activity, as well as provide management with an accurate monitoring tool throughout the year.

Client Response: We will review budgetary information.

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**FINDING NUMBER 2016-003**

**Noncompliance**

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39 provides that total appropriations from each fund shall not exceed the total of the estimated revenues available for expenditure as certified by the budget commission. In addition, no appropriation measure is to become effective until the County Auditor files a certificate that the total appropriations from each fund do not exceed the total estimate or amended official estimate.

Fund	Year	Estimated Resources	Appropriations	Variance
Fire District	2016	\$ 92,126	\$ 114,321	\$ (22,195)
Gasoline Tax	2015	104,275	106,499	(2,224)
Fire District	2015	43,866	45,548	(1,682)

We recommend the Trustees review estimated resources versus appropriations throughout the year. Also, the Trustees should not approve appropriations greater than estimated resources. This could result in the Township spending more money than it receives and could cause possible negative fund balances.

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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <b>Explain:</b>
2014-001	Material Weakness Adjustment for 2014 receipts posted in 2015	Yes	Finding No Longer Valid
2014-002	Material Weakness Incorrect posting of transactions acquiring of debt	No	Not Corrected: Cited in current report as finding 2016-001
2014-003	Material Weakness Budgetary amounts do not agree to UAN	No	Not Corrected: Cited in current report as finding 2016-002
2014-004	Noncompliance ORC 5705.38 passing appropriations	Yes	Finding No Longer Valid
2014-005	Noncompliance ORC 5705.40 amending appropriations	Yes	Finding No Longer Valid
2014-006	Noncompliance ORC 5705.41(B) expenditures exceeding appropriations	Yes	Finding No Longer Valid
2014-007	Noncompliance ORC Chapter 133 acquiring debt	Yes	Finding No Longer Valid

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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  
JUNE 6, 2017**