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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of Auburn Township, Crawford County, prepared by Holbrook & Manter, for the audit period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005. 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.

Finding for Recovery – Repaid Under Audit

On September 28, 2004, Thomas Karl, Township Trustee, was reimbursed for patch materials in the amount of \$304.29 and then again, on October 25, 2004, he was reimbursed a second time for the same patch materials.

In accordance with the foregoing facts, and pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.28, a finding for recovery in the amount of \$304.29 would have been issued against Thomas Karl in the amount of \$304.29, and in favor of the Motor Vehicle License Tax fund.

On April 30, 2007, Thomas Karl repaid \$304.29 to the Township's Motor Vehicle License Tax fund.

The financial statements in the attached report are presented in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State. Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Independent Auditors' Report* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Independent Auditors' Report* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State permits.

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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. Auburn Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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June 13, 2007

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees Auburn Township Crawford County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Auburn Township, Crawford County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Township has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State of Ohio prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Township to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2005 and 2004, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2005 and 2004. While the Township does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State of Ohio permits, but does not require, governments to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this Township does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State of Ohio permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Auburn Township, Crawford County, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Township to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. The Government has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

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MEMBERS AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS OHIO SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 3, 2007 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. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Alaebrook & Marter

Certified Public Accountants

April 3, 2007

AUBURN TOWNSHIP CRAWFORD COUNTY

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND -FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	Governmental Fund Types							Fiduciary Fund		
	_	General		Special Revenue	-	Capital Projects	No	nexpendable Trust	-	Total Memorandum Only
Cash receipts:-										
Local taxes	\$	12,672	\$	76,995	\$	0	\$	0	\$	89,667
Charges for services		0		10,000		0		0		10,000
Intergovernmental		17,476		104,511		0		0		121,987
Interest		907		0		161		7		1,075
Fines, licenses, and permits		0		552		0		0		552
Miscellaneous	_	322	_	30,029	-	0	_	0	_	30,351
Total cash receipts		31,377		222,087		161		7		253,632
Cash disbursements:- Current;-										
General government		25,181		3,216		0		0		28,397
Public health services		2,196		0		0		0		2,196
Public safety		0		25,775		0		0		25,775
Public works		0		117,530		0		0		117,530
Capital outlay	_	0		109,008	-	0		0	_	109,008
Total cash disbursements	_	27,377	_	255,529	_	0	_	0	_	282,906
Total receipts over (under) cash disbursements		4,000	(33,442)		161		7		(29,274)
Other financing receipts (disbursements):										
Sale of notes	_	0		0	-	180,000	_	0	_	180,000
Total other financing receipts (disbursements)	_	0		0	-	180,000		0	_	180,000
Excess of cash receipts and other financing receipts over (under) cash disbursements and other financing disbursements		4,000	ſ	33,442)		180,161		7		150,726
mancing disoursements		4,000	(<i>33,442)</i>		100,101		1		150,720
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2005	_	9,511	_	149,382	-	0	_	556	_	159,449
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2005	\$	13,511	\$	115,940	\$	180,161	\$	563	\$_	310,175

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

AUBURN TOWNSHIP CRAWFORD COUNTY

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND -FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

	Governmental Fund Types		_	Fiduciary Fund			
		General	-	Special Revenue	N	onexpendable Trust	Total Memorandum Only
Cash receipts:-							
Local taxes	\$	12,649	\$	74,124	\$	0 \$	86,773
Charges for services		0		15,000		0	15,000
Intergovernmental		22,551		85,472		0	108,023
Interest		260		509		8	777
Miscellaneous		146	-	120	-	0	266
Total cash receipts		35,606		175,225		8	210,839
Cash disbursements:-							
Current;-							
General government		25,231		5,235		0	30,466
Public health services		5,450		0		0	5,450
Public safety		31		33,742		0	33,773
Public works		0	-	120,254	-	0	120,254
Total cash disbursements	_	30,712	_	159,231	_	0	189,943
Total receipts over (under) cash disbursements		4,894		15,994		8	20,896
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2004	_	4,617	_	133,388	_	548	138,553
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2004	\$_	9,511	\$_	149,382	\$_	556 \$	159,449

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:-

Description of the Entity - Auburn Township, Crawford County, (the Township) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Township is directed by three publicly - elected Trustees. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection, and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Village of Plymouth to provide emergency medical services.

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

Basis of Accounting - These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State of Ohio, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized 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 prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State of Ohio.

<u>Cash and Investments</u>- Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The Township's investment in STAR Ohio is recorded at share values reported by the Ohio Treasurer of State.

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:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required by law or contract to be restricted.

Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Gasoline Tax Fund

This fund receives gasoline tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing township roads.

Road and Bridge Fund

This Fund received property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

Fire and Ambulance Fund

This fund receives property tax money to provide ambulance and fire protection services to Township residents.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:- (continued)

Capital Projects Fund

This fund is used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects (except for those financed through enterprise or trust funds).

Nonexpendable Trust Fund

This fund is used to account for resources restricted by a legally binding trust agreement for cemetery beautification.

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 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 Crawford County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year-end.

Estimated Resources

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

Encumbrances

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

A summary of 2005 and 2004 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

<u>**Property, Plant and Equipment**</u> - Acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 2 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS:-

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

	 2005	_	2004
Demand deposits	\$ 277,906		\$ 147,830
STAR Ohio	 32,269		11,619
Total deposits	\$ 310,175	_	\$ 159,449

Deposits - The Townships deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, deposits over \$100,000 were collateralized by securities specifically held by the financial institution.

Investments - Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:-

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2005 was as follows:

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	1	Budgeted Receipts	-	Actual Receipts	_	Variance
General	\$	32,065	\$	31,377	\$ (688)
Special Revenue		190,953		222,087		31,134
Capital Projects		0		180,161		180,161
Nonexpendable Trust	_	0	_	7	_	7
Total	\$	223,018	\$	433,632	\$	210,614

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	-	Appropriation Authority		Budgetary Expenditures	-	Variance
General	\$	41,578	\$	27,377	\$	14,201
Special Revenue		299,332		255,529		43,803
Capital Projects		0		0		0
Nonexpendable Trust	_	0	_	0	-	0
Total	\$	340,910	\$_	282,906	\$_	58,004

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:- (continued)

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2004 was as follows:

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	_	_1	Budgeted Receipts	-	Actual Receipts	Variance
General		\$	30,355	\$	35,606	\$ 5,251
Special Revenue			151,000		175,225	24,225
Nonexpendable Trust		_	0		8	8
	Total	\$	181,355	\$	210,839	\$ 29,484

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	_	_	Appropriation Authority	_	Budgetary Expenditures	-	Variance
General		\$	37,959	\$	30,712	\$	7,247
Special Revenue			281,224		159,231		121,993
Nonexpendable Trust		_	0	_	0	-	0
	Total	\$	319,183	\$	189,943	\$	129,240

NOTE 4 - BONDS PAYABLE:-

In 2005, the Township borrowed \$180,000 for the purchase of a new fire truck. The terms of the bonds require eight annual payments of \$27,011 plus interest at an annual interest rate of 4.25%. The balance of the bonds payable at December 31, 2005 was \$180,000. Future minimum payments on the bond are as follows:

Year		Amount
2006	\$	27,011
2007		27,011
2008		27,011
2009		27,011
2010		27,011
2011 and beyond		81,033
Total Schedule Payments		216,088
Less amount representing interest	(36,088)
Principal balance	\$	180,000

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAX:-

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the Board of Trustees. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to Crawford County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payment, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to Crawford County by each April 30.

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

NOTE 6 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS:-

The Township's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including post-retirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants, as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2005 and 2004, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2005 and 2004. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2005.

NOTE 7 - RISK POOL 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. 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 that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty Coverage

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per claim, including loss adjustment expenses. OTARMA pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Townships can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000 from the General Reinsurance Corporation.

If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP covers OTARMA losses up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

Property Coverage

OTARMA retains property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$500,000,000 per occurrence. APEEP's Guarantee Fund pays losses and loss adjustment expenses exceeding operating contributions.

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

NOTE 7 - RISK POOL MANAGEMENT:- (continued)

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) are represented to conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2005 and 2004:

Casualty Coverage	2005	2004
Assets	\$ 30,485,638 \$	28,132,620
Liabilities	(12,344,576)	(11,086,379)
Retained Earnings	\$ 18,141,062 \$	17,046,241
Property Coverage	2005	2004
Property Coverage Assets	2005 \$ 9,177,796 \$	2004 7,588,343



<u>Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an</u> <u>Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*</u>

Board of Trustees Auburn Township Crawford County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Auburn Township, Crawford County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated April 3, 2007, wherein we noted the Township had followed accounting practices the Auditor of State of Ohio prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting the internal control over financial reporting the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to the management of the Township in a separate letter dated April 3, 2007.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of 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, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance that we must report under Government Auditing Standards, which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2005-001. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated April 3, 2007, we reported other matters related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management and Board of Trustees and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Certified Public Accountants

April 3, 2007

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MEMBERS AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS OHIO SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

AUBURN TOWNSHIP CRAWFORD COUNTY SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004

Finding Number 2005-001

Noncompliance Citation – Appropriations Exceeding Estimated Resources

Ohio Revised Code, Section 5705.39, states that the total appropriation from each fund should not exceed the total estimated revenue as certified by the county budget commission. 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 official estimate or amended official estimate.

We recommend the Township Trustees and Clerk periodically review the Township's appropriations versus certified estimated resources to identify and investigate any variances and to help monitor legal compliance. The Trustees should verify that the Township has properly prepared and submitted all required budgetary documents to the county auditor. Also, each time appropriations are adopted or amended the Township should verify the certificate of the County Auditor is received indicating appropriations do not exceed certified resources.

Officials' Response

The Clerk is reviewing the Township's current policies and procedures regarding the monitoring of the appropriations and estimated resources to prevent this condition from occurring in the future. The Clerk will also implement a procedure to obtain approval by submitting the amended appropriations or estimated resources with the County as required.

AUBURN TOWNSHIP CRAWFORD COUNTY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2003-001	Finding for Adjustment - Revenue Posting	Yes	The Township uses the Auditor of State prescribed UAN system to closely monitor the posting of revenue to the appropriate funds.





AUBURN TOWNSHIP

CRAWFORD 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 JUNE 26, 2007

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