#### **AUDIT REPORT**

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006 & 2005

Charles E. Harris and Associates, Inc.
Certified Public Accountants and Government Consultants



# Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Board of Trustees Bowling Green Township 11775 Macks Road Glenford, Ohio 43739

We have reviewed the *Report of Independent Accountants* of Bowling Green Township, Licking County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006. 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.

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 *Report of Independent Accountants* 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 *Report of Independent Accountants* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State permits.

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. Bowling Green Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

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### **BOWLING GREEN TOWNSHIP** LICKING COUNTY, OHIO Audit Report For the Years Ended December 31, 2006 & 2005

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

**Bowling Green Township** Licking County P.O. Box 87 Brownsville, Ohio 43721

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Bowling Green Township, Licking County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005. 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 audit.

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 the Comptroller General of the United States' Government Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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 audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Township has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State 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, 2006 and 2005. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2006 and 2005, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2006 and 2005. 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 permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to reformat its statements. Since the 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 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, 2006 and 2005, 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, 2006 and 2005, 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 Bowling Green Township, Licking County, as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements and changes in fund cash balances for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

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, 2006 and 2005. The Township 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.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 29, 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, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. October 29, 2007

### COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES

### All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

		Governmental Fund Types Total			Totals-					
	_	General		Special Revenue		Debt Service		Capital Projects	(	(Memorandum Only)
Receipts:	_		_		_		_		_	
Property and Local Taxes	\$	46,930	\$	92,462	\$	14,249	\$	-	\$	153,641
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		983		-		-		-		983
Intergovernmental		53,957		101,744		183		115,247		271,131
Earnings on Investments		114		430		-		-		544
Miscellaneous	_	575	_	140	-		_	-	_	715
Total Receipts	_	102,559	_	194,776	_	14,432	_	115,247	_	427,014
Disbursements:										
General Government		100,007		12,741		234		-		112,982
Public Safety		-		73,571		-		-		73,571
Public Works		5,127		106,379		-		-		111,506
Health		4,317		-		-		-		4,317
Capital Outlay		575		-		-		113,796		114,371
Debt Service:										
Principal		-		-		15,069		-		15,069
Interest	_	-	_	<u> </u>	-	1,070	_	<u> </u>	_	1,070
Total Disbursements	_	110,026	_	192,691	-	16,373	-	113,796	_	432,886
Total Receipts Over/(Under)										
Disbursements		(7,467)		2,085		(1,941)		1,451		(5,872)
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2006	_	27,680	_	39,152	_	3,885	-	-	_	70,717
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2006	\$_	20,213	\$_	41,237	\$_	1,944	\$_	1,451	\$_	64,845

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

### COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES

### All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Governmental Fund Types Totals-			Totals-						
	_			Special		Debt		Capital		(Memorandum
	_	General	_	Revenue	_	Service	_	Projects	-	Only)
Receipts:										
Property and Local Taxes	\$	41,496	\$	86,437	\$	14,975	\$	-	\$	142,908
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		1,538		<b>-</b>		-		- -		1,538
Intergovernmental		55,031		90,831		145		144,162		290,169
Earnings on Investments		368		217		-		-		585
Miscellaneous	-	473	-	-	-		-	-	-	473
Total Receipts	_	98,906	_	177,485	=	15,120	=	144,162	-	435,673
Disbursements:										
General Government		76,075		17,543		255		-		93,873
Public Safety		-		69,763		-		-		69,763
Public Works		12,088		93,717		-		-		105,805
Health		4,361		-		-		-		4,361
Capital Outlay		950		424		-		144,162		145,536
Debt Service:										
Principal		-		-		14,672		-		14,672
Interest	_		_		-	1,688	-		-	1,688
Total Disbursements	_	93,474	-	181,447	=	16,615	-	144,162	-	435,698
Total Receipts Over/(Under)										
Disbursements		5,432		(3,962)		(1,495)		-		(25)
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2005	_	22,248	_	43,114	-	5,380	-	-	-	70,742
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2005	\$_	27,680	\$_	39,152	\$	3,885	\$	-	\$	70,717

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. <u>DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY</u>

Bowling Green Township, Licking County (the Township) is a body corporate and politic established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Township is directed by a publicly-elected three member Board of Trustees. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services.

The Township's management believes these financial statements included in this report represent all of the funds of the Township over which the Township has the ability to exercise direct operating control.

#### B. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Township prepares its financial statements following the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, 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.)

The statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

#### C. CASH

Investments are included in the fund cash balances. 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.

#### D. FUND ACCOUNTING

The Township maintains its accounting records in accordance with the principles of "Fund" accounting. Fund accounting is a concept developed to meet the needs of governmental entities in which legal or other restraints require the recording of

#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

#### 1. <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> - (Continued)

#### D. <u>FUND ACCOUNTING</u> - (Continued)

specific receipts and disbursements. The transactions of each fund are reflected in a self-balancing group of accounts, an accounting entity, which stands separate from the activities reported in other funds. The restrictions associated with each class of funds are as follows:

#### Governmental Fund Types:

<u>General Fund</u>: The general operating fund of the Township. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required by law or contract to be accounted for in another fund.

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>: These funds are used to account for proceeds from special sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. The Township has the following significant Special Revenue funds:

- Gasoline Tax Fund-Receives gasoline excise taxes to pay for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.
- Road and Bridge Fund-Receives property taxes for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.
- Fire Levy Fund-Receives taxes levied to provide fire protection and emergency medical services to the Township.

<u>Debt Service Fund:</u> This fund is used to accumulate resources for the payment of indebtedness. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

#### General Note Retirement Fund

<u>Capital Projects</u>: This fund is used to account for resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of capital assets. The Township has the following significant Capital Projects Fund:

• Issue-2 Project Fund-Receives money for Township road projects.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

#### E. <u>BUDGETARY PROCESS</u>

A budget of estimated cash receipts and disbursements is prepared by the Clerk, approved by the Township Board of Trustees, and submitted to the county auditor, as secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20 of each year, for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year.

#### 1. Estimated Resources

The county auditor calculates the estimated revenues available to the Township. He prepares a certificate of estimated resources based upon this calculation and upon the other financial information supplied in the budget sent by the Township. The certificate is approved by the county budget commission and sent to the Township Clerk by September 1.

Prior to December 31, the Township must revise its budget so that the total budgeted expenditures for a fund will not exceed the amount of estimated resources stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure.

On or about January 1, the Clerk sends the county auditor a certificate which includes the actual unencumbered balances from the preceding year. The county auditor prepares an amended certificate, submits it to the county budget commission for approval. This amended certificate may be further amended during the year if projected revenue increases or the Clerk identifies decreases in revenue.

Budgeted receipts, as shown in Note 4, do not include the unencumbered fund balances as of January 1, 2005 and 2006. However, those fund balances are available for appropriation.

#### 2. Appropriations

A temporary appropriation measure to control cash expenditures may be passed on or about January 1 of each year for the period January 1 to March 31. An annual appropriation measure must be passed by March 31 of each year for the period January 1 to December 31. The appropriation measure may be amended or supplemented during the year as new information becomes available. Appropriations may not exceed estimated resources.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

#### E. <u>BUDGETARY PROCESS</u>- (Continued)

#### 3. <u>Encumbrances</u>

The Township is required to use the encumbrance method of accounting by virtue of Ohio law. Under this system, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. The sum of expenditures and encumbrances may not exceed appropriated totals at any level of budgetary control. The legal level of control is the object level.

Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year without being re-appropriated.

#### E. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as capital outlay disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

#### F. ACCUMULATED LEAVE

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Township's basis of accounting.

#### 2. <u>EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u>

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

2006 2005
Demand Deposits \$64,845 \$70,717

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township, or (3) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

#### 3. PROPERTY TAXES

Real property taxes are levied on assessed values, which equal 35% of appraised value. The county auditor reappraises all real property every six years with a triennial update. The last update was completed for tax year 2004.

Real property taxes become a lien on all non-exempt real property located in the county on January 1. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20 of the following year. Under certain circumstances, state statute permits later payment dates to be established.

The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts the tax rates for inflation. Real property owners' tax bills are further reduced by homestead and rollback deductions when applicable. The amount of these homestead and rollback reductions is reimbursed to the Township by the State of Ohio. The amounts reimbursed by the State of Ohio are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as intergovernmental receipts.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

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

The County Treasurer collects property tax on behalf of all taxing authorities within the county. The County Auditor periodically remits to the taxing authorities their portions of the taxes collected.

#### 4. <u>BUDGETARY ACTIVITY</u>

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2006 and 2005 follows:

#### 2006 Budgeted vs Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund:	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General Fund	\$ 87,228	\$ 102,559	\$ 15,331
Special Revenue Funds	193,730	194,776	1,046
Debt Service Funds	15,999	14,432	(1,567)
Capital Projects Funds	115,247	115,247	-

#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

#### 4. <u>BUDGETARY ACTIVITY</u> – (Continued)

#### 2006 Budgeted vs Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund:	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General Fund	\$ 114,908	\$ 110,026	\$ 4,882
Special Revenue Funds	232,882	192,691	40,191
Debt Service Funds	19,884	16,373	3,511
Capital Projects Funds	115,247	113,796	1,451

#### 2005 Budgeted vs Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund:	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General Fund	\$ 84,054	\$ 98,906	\$ 14,852
Special Revenue Funds	182,825	177,485	(5,340)
Debt Service Funds	16,731	15,120	(1,611)
Capital Projects Funds	144,162	144,162	-

#### 2005 Budgeted vs Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund:	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General Fund	\$ 106,296	\$ 93,474	\$ 12,822
Special Revenue Funds	220,244	181,447	38,797
Debt Service Funds	22,111	16,615	5,496
Capital Projects Funds	144,162	144,162	-

The Township's actual resources were less than its estimated resources for several funds and the deficiency reduced available resources below the current level of appropriation, in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36.

#### 5. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS), a state operated, cost sharing, multiple employer plan. The plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross pay in 2005 and 9.0% in 2006 while the Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of covered payroll in 2005 and 13.70% in 2006. The Township paid all required contributions through 2006.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

#### 6. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

#### RISK POOL MEMBERSHIP

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

For an occurrence prior to January 1, 2006 OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence, including claim 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 \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. For an occurrence on or subsequent to January 1, 2006, the Pool retains casualty risk up to \$350,000 per occurrence, including loss adjustment expenses. Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured with APEEP in an amount not to exceed \$2,650,000 for each claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect up to \$10,000,000 in additional coverage with the General Reinsurance Corporation, through contracts with OTARMA.

If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP provides *excess of funds available* coverage up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000 (for claims prior to January 1, 2006) or \$3,000,000 (for claims on or after January 1, 2006) as noted above.

#### Property Coverage

Through 2004, OTARMA retained property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsured losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$500 million per occurrence.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

#### 6. <u>RISK MANAGEMENT</u> – (Continued)

Beginning in 2005, Travelers reinsures specific losses exceeding \$250,000 up to \$600 million per occurrence. APEEP reinsures members for specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$250,000 per occurrence, subject to an annual aggregate loss payment. Travelers provide aggregate stop-loss coverage based upon the combined members' total insurable values. If the stop loss is reached by payment of losses between \$100,000 and \$250,000, Travelers will reinsure specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to their \$600 million per occurrence limit. The aggregate stop-loss limit for 2006 was \$1,901,127.

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 government.

Property and casualty settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

#### **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, 2006 and 2005.

Casualty Coverage	2006	2005
Assets	\$32,031,312	\$30,485,638
Liabilities	(11,443,952)	(12,344,576)
Retained earnings	\$20,587,360	<u>\$ 7,771,765</u>

Property Coverage	2006	2005
Assets	\$10,010,963	\$9,177,796
Liabilities	(676,709)	(1,406,031)
Retained Earnings	\$9,334,254	\$7,771,76 <u>5</u>

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, casualty coverage liabilities noted above include approximately \$10.8 million and \$411.6 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The Casualty Coverage assets and retained earnings above also include approximately \$10.8 million and \$11.6 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 958 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. The Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$16,790.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

#### 6. RISK MANAGEMENT – (Continued)

This payable includes the subsequent year's contribution due if the Township terminates participation as described in the last paragraph below.

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				
2004	\$6,959			
2005	\$8,204			
2006	\$8,395			

After completing one year of membership, members may withdraw on each anniversary of the date they joined OTARMA provided they give written notice to OTARMA 60 days in advance of the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's budgetary contributions. 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.

The Township insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation. The Township pays the State Worker's Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. The rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior fiscal years and settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the last three years.

#### 7. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2006 is as follows:

Description:	<u>Principal</u>	Interest Rate
Truck Loan	\$ <u>13,154</u>	3.25%

#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

#### 7. <u>DEBT- (Continued)</u>

Principal and interest requirements for debt outstanding at December 31, 2006 is as follows:

	Truck
Year Ended	Loan
2007	7,006
2008	6,792
Total	\$ 13,798

#### 8. <u>CONTINGENT LIABILITES/SUBSEQUENT EVENTS</u>

Management believes there are no pending claims or lawsuits.

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## Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. Certified Public Accountants

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Bowling Green Township Licking County P.O. Box 87 Brownsville, Ohio 43721

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Bowling Green Township, Licking County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated October 29, 2007, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State 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 standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Township's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Township's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Township's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Township's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

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, grant agreements and other matters, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on 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 such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2006-BOWLG-01.

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.

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

Charles E. Harris and Associates, Inc. October 29, 2007

#### BOWLING GREEN TOWNSHIP LICKING COUNTY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

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

Finding Number: 2006-BOWLG-01

Non-Compliance

#### Amended Certificates Not Obtained

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(3) requires obtaining an increased amended certificate if the legislative authority intends to appropriate and expend excess revenue. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(4) requires a reduced amended certificate of estimated resources to be requested whenever the fiscal officer determines that revenue collected will be less than the amount in the official certificate of estimated resources and the deficiency will reduce available resources below the current level of appropriation. Contrary to this requirement, a reduced amended certificate of estimated resources was not obtained for the following funds:

<u>2006</u>						
	Estimated	Revenue				
<u>Fund</u>	Resources	<u>Variance</u>	<b>Appropriations</b>			
Special-Road & Bridge	\$40,295	\$(15,946)	\$40,295			
Debt Service-Bond	\$19,884	\$(1,567)	\$19,884			
<u>2005</u>						
	Estimated	Revenue				
<u>Fund</u>	Resources	<u>Variance</u>	<b>Appropriations</b>			
Special-Motor Vehicle	\$19,437	\$(2,777)	\$19,437			
Special-Fire Levy	\$78,195	\$(7,238)	\$78,195			
Special-Road & Bridge	\$23,681	\$(1,681)	\$23,681			
Debt Service-Bond	\$22,111	\$(1,611)	\$22,111			

We noted that in each case, actual expenditures did not exceed the amount of available resources.

We recommend that management request a reduced amended certificate of estimated resources when they determine that receipts will be below their official certificate of estimated resources and the deficit reduces their estimated resources below the current level of appropriations.

#### Management Response:

Management will regularly compare budgetary information and obtain the proper certificates when necessary.

### **SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS**

The prior audit report, for the years ending December 31, 2004 and 2003, reported no material citations or recommendations.



# Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

### **BOWLING GREEN TOWNSHIP**

#### LICKING 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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED NOVEMBER 29, 2007