CLARIDON TOWNSHIP MARION COUNTY REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Members of Council Claridon Township 382 Caledonia - Ashley Rd. N. Caledonia, Ohio 43314

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of Claridon Township, Marion County, prepared by Holbrook & Manter, 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 *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.

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

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August 2, 2007



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees Claridon Township Marion County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Claridon Township, Marion 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 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, 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 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, 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 Claridon Township, Marion County, as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, 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, 2006 and 2005. 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.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 25, 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.

Certified Public Accountants

Ilulbrook & Master

June 25, 2007

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

		Governmental Funds					Total	
	_	General		Special Revenue		Capital Projects	(Memorandum Only)	
Cash receipts:-								
Local taxes	\$	139,864	\$	0	\$	0 \$	139,864	
Intergovernmental		37,942		87,932		0	125,874	
Interest		17,607		3,509		0	21,116	
Licenses, permits, and fees		19,978		36,771		0	56,749	
Miscellaneous	_	3,481		17,480		0	20,961	
Total cash receipts		218,872		145,692		0	364,564	
Cash disbursements:-								
Current;-								
General government		134,609		0		0	134,609	
Public health services		5,458		60,016		0	65,474	
Public works		3,957		98,247		0	102,204	
Capital outlay	_	19,691		0		0	19,691	
Total cash disbursements	_	163,715		158,263		0	321,978	
Total receipts over (under) cash disbursements		55,157		(12,571)		0	42,586	
Other financing receipts (disbursements):-								
Transfers-in		0		10,000		0	10,000	
Transfers-out	_(10,000)		0		0	(10,000)	
Total other financing receipts (disbursements)	<u>(</u>	10,000)		10,000		0	0	
Excess of cash receipts and other financing receipts over (under) cash disbursements and other								
financing disbursements		45,157		(2,571)		0	42,586	
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2006	_	557,368		134,864	. ,	0	692,232	
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2006	\$	602,525	\$	132,293	\$	0 9	\$ 734,818	

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

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

	Governmental Funds					Total		
	_	General	_	Special Revenue	_	Capital Projects	_	(Memorandum Only)
Cash receipts:-								
Local taxes	\$	133,506	\$	0	\$	0	\$	133,506
Intergovernmental		125,939		86,730		320,171		532,840
Interest		9,673		3,088		0		12,761
Licenses, permits, and fees		11,215		34,381		0		45,596
Miscellaneous	_	875	_	16,640	_	0	_	17,515
Total cash receipts		281,208		140,839		320,171		742,218
Cash disbursements:								
Current;-								
General government		131,824		0		0		131,824
Public health services		4,333		55,087		0		59,420
Public works		2,012		88,562		0		90,574
Capital outlay	_	19,431	_	0	_	491,048	_	510,479
Total cash disbursements	_	157,600	_	143,649	_	491,048	_	792,297
Total receipts over (under) cash disbursements		123,608	(2,810)	(170,877)	((50,079)
Other financing receipts (disbursements):-								
Transfers-out	(137,600)		0		0	((137,600)
Transfers-in	_	0	_	0	_	137,600	_	137,600
Total other financing receipts (disbursements)	<u>(</u>	137,600)	_	0	_	137,600	_	0
Excess of cash receipts and other financing receipts over (under) cash disbursements and other								
financing disbursements	(13,992)	(2,810)	(33,277)		(50,079)
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2005	_	571,360	_	137,674	_	33,277	-	742,311
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2005	\$_	557,368	\$_	134,864	\$_	0	\$_	692,232

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:-

<u>Description of the Entity</u> - Claridon Township, Marion 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 maintenance and repair, and cemetery maintenance.

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

<u>Basis of Accounting</u> - 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.

Cash and Investments - Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

<u>Fund Accounting</u> - 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.

Cemetery Fund

This fund receives fees for cemetery services and sales of cemetery lots.

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund

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

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). The Township had the following significant Capital Project Fund:

Brocklesby Road Fund

This fund received money from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for a road-widening project.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

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

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 Marion 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 Marion 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 cancelled and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2006 and 2005 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Property, Plant, and Equipment - 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:-

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:

	 2006	_	2005
Demand Deposits Certificates of Deposit	\$ 195,374 539,444	\$	222,151 470,081
Total deposits	\$ 734,818	\$	692,232

<u>Deposits</u> - The Township's deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. As of December 31, 2006 and 2005, deposits over \$100,000 were collateralized by securities specifically held by a financial institution.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:-

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2006 was as follows:

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type		Budg	geted Receipts	Act	tual Receipts	 Variance
General		\$	207,168	\$	218,872	\$ 11,704
Special Revenue			154,130		155,692	1,562
Capital Projects			0		0	 0
	Total	\$	361,298	\$	374,564	\$ 13,266

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	_	propriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	 Variance
General		\$ 226,393	\$ 173,715	\$ 52,678
Special Revenue		192,540	158,263	34,277
Capital Projects		 0	 0	 0
	Total	\$ 418,933	\$ 331,978	\$ 86,955

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:- (continued)

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

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	_	<u>B</u>	Budgeted Receipts	_	Actual Receipts	 Variance
General		\$	154,104	\$	281,208	\$ 127,104
Special Revenue			131,636		140,839	9,203
Capital Projects		_	433,742	_	457,771	 24,029
	Total	\$	719,482	\$_	879,818	\$ 160,336

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type		_	Appropriation Authority	_	Budgetary Expenditures	_	Variance
General		\$	314,926	\$	295,200	\$	19,726
Special Revenue			198,534		143,649		54,885
Capital Projects		_	491,048	_	491,048	_	0
	Total	\$_	1,004,508	\$	929,897	\$	74,611

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

NOTE 4 - 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 Marion County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payments, 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 Marion 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 5 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS:-

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

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2006 and 2005, PERS members contributed 9.0% and 8.5% of their gross salaries, respectively. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.70% and 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2006 and 2005, respectively. The Township has paid all current contributions required through December 31, 2006 and 2005.

Subsequent to December 31, 2006, the Township has been made aware of a possible commitment of a PERS claim from a prior employee, which was not properly enrolled into the PERS system during the time of employment. The Township estimates a liability of less then \$2,500 to properly resolve with the former employee and PERS.

NOTE 6 - RISK POOL MANAGEMENT:-

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- General liability and casualty;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.



<u>Independent Accountants' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting</u> and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

Board of Trustees Claridon Township Marion County

We have audited the financial statements of Claridon Township, Marion County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated June 25, 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control 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 audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider a significant deficiency.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in 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 its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Township's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

We consider the following deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting as item 2006-002.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Township's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

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 the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also material weaknesses. We believe none of the significant deficiencies described above are a material weakness.

We also noted certain internal control matters that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated June 25, 2007.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2006-001.

We also noted certain instances of non-compliance that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated June 25, 2007.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and the Township Trustees. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

Certified Public Accountants

Walbrook & Master

June 25, 2007

CLARIDON TOWNSHIP MARION COUNTY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

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

Finding Number	2006-001

Noncompliance Citation - Certification of Expenditures

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D) states that no orders or contracts involving the expenditure of money are to be made unless there is a certificate of the fiscal officer that the amount required for the order or contract has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. Furthermore, contracts and orders for expenditures lacking prior certification should be null and void unless, for expenditures less than \$3,000, the board of Trustees obtains from the fiscal officer a certificate stating that there was at the time of the making of the contracts or orders a sufficient sum appropriated. The board, by resolution, then may authorize the issuance of a warrant for the payments of the amount due.

Of the 45 expenditures tested, 32 instances were noted where the purchase order (PO) certification date was after the invoice date. This could result in encumbrances and expenditures in excess of appropriations, contrary to Ohio Revised Code. We recommend that the Township Clerk certify that sufficient funds are available prior to ordering goods and services.

Officials' Response

The Township is aware of the above issue and the fiscal officer is revising the current procedures of completing the purchase orders for all expenditures at one time prior to the monthly meetings.

Finding Number	2006-002

Significant Deficiency – Internal Control and Review Procedures

Although the Trustees receive and review a select number of reports from the Fiscal Officer of the Township for approval on a monthly basis, the Township has not established formal procedures to reasonably assure completeness, and accuracy of the monthly reporting. During our testing and analysis, we noted that the Township Trustees are not reviewing the numerical check sequence prior to signing the checks. In addition, they are not reviewing the bank statement for proper inclusion of authorized expenditures within the cancelled checks or electronic fund withdraws.

The Township should carefully review this information and make appropriate inquires to help determine the integrity of the financial information. When performing such review, the officials' signatures or initials and the date should be affixed to the documents examined and it should be noted in the monthly minutes that the officials' thoroughly reviewed and approved those documents. In addition, we also recommend that the numerical check sequence be noted in the minutes and signed off of by the Trustees each month.

Officials' Response

The Townships' Fiscal Officer will provide the bank reconciliations and bank statements to the Trustees for their review and approval at each months meeting. The Township will also document and approve the review of those reports and the numerical sequence of the checks within the monthly minutes.



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

CLARIDON TOWNSHIP

MARION 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 AUGUST 16, 2007