

**LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP
COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013-2012



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Board of Trustees
Liverpool Township
PO Box 1064
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Liverpool Township, Columbiana County, prepared by Escott & Company, LLC, for the audit period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. 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. Liverpool Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

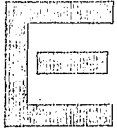
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COLUMBIANA COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Liverpool Township
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PO Box 1064
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To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of Liverpool Township, Columbiana County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

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.

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

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

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, or changes in financial position 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 Liverpool Township, Columbiana as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 13, 2014 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. 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.

Escott & Campay LLC

Kent, Ohio

June 13, 2014

Liverpool Township
Columbiana County, Ohio
Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements
and Changes in Fund Balances (Cash Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$26,067	\$624,773		\$650,840
Charges for Services	0	5,032		5,032
Licenses, Permits and Fees	51,829	0		51,829
Fines and Forfeitures	11,245	3,217		14,462
Intergovernmental	218,662	248,947	30,800	498,409
Earnings on Investments	3,074	396		3,470
Miscellaneous	3,648	27,950		31,598
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>314,525</u>	<u>910,315</u>	<u>30,800</u>	<u>1,255,640</u>
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government	150,054			150,054
Public Safety		424,408		424,408
Public Works		247,214		247,214
Health	5,690	10,822		16,512
Capital Outlay			31,903	31,903
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement		103,143		103,143
Interest and Fiscal Charges		791		791
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>155,744</u>	<u>786,378</u>	<u>31,903</u>	<u>974,025</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>158,781</u>	<u>123,937</u>	<u>(1,103)</u>	<u>281,615</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)				
Sale of Notes	0	35,956	0	35,956
Sale of Capital Assets	0	1,505	0	1,505
Transfers In	0	0	3,310	3,310
Transfers Out	(3,310)	0	0	(3,310)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(3,310)</u>	<u>37,461</u>	<u>3,310</u>	<u>37,461</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>155,471</u>	<u>161,398</u>	<u>2,207</u>	<u>319,076</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>126,663</u>	<u>241,010</u>	<u>243,463</u>	<u>611,136</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Nonspendable	0	0	0	0
Restricted	0	402,408	245,670	648,078
Committed	0	0	0	0
Assigned	0	0	0	0
Unassigned (Deficit)	282,134	0	0	282,134
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$282,134</u>	<u>\$402,408</u>	<u>\$245,670</u>	<u>\$930,212</u>

Liverpool Township
Columbiana County, Ohio
Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements
and Changes in Fund Balances (Cash Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$26,295	\$510,042		\$536,337
Charges for Services	0	7,042		7,042
Licenses, Permits and Fees	45,815	0		45,815
Fines and Forfeitures	12,424	1,235		13,659
Intergovernmental	127,212	219,033		346,245
Earnings on Investments	2,749	201		2,950
Miscellaneous	11,070	8,910		19,980
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>225,565</u>	<u>746,463</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>972,028</u>
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government	155,080			155,080
Public Safety		386,401		386,401
Public Works		315,697		315,697
Health	13,231	8,693		21,924
Capital Outlay	994		12,989	13,983
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement		31,388		31,388
Interest and Fiscal Charges		1,165		1,165
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>169,305</u>	<u>743,344</u>	<u>12,989</u>	<u>925,638</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>56,260</u>	<u>3,119</u>	<u>(12,989)</u>	<u>46,390</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)				
Sale of Notes				0
Other Debt Proceeds				0
Transfers In		5,000		5,000
Transfers Out	(5,000)			(5,000)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>51,260</u>	<u>8,119</u>	<u>(12,989)</u>	<u>46,390</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>75,403</u>	<u>232,891</u>	<u>256,452</u>	<u>564,746</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Nonspendable	0	0	0	0
Restricted	0	241,010	243,463	484,473
Committed	0	0	0	0
Assigned	0	0	0	0
Unassigned (Deficit)	126,663	0	0	126,663
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$126,663</u>	<u>\$241,010</u>	<u>\$243,463</u>	<u>\$611,136</u>

**LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP
PORTAGE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Liverpool Township, Columbiana County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Township is financially accountable.

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. 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 Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Deposits and Investments

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

D. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Township classifies its funds into the following types:

1. General Fund

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

2. 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:

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

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Gasoline Tax Fund - This fund receives gasoline tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

Police Levy Fund - This fund receives property tax money to pay for police protection.

Fire Levy Fund - This fund receives property tax money to pay for fire protection.

3. Capital Project Funds

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.. The Township had the following significant capital project funds:

Permanent Improvement Fund - The Township receives grants or transfers from the general fund to finance major capital projects.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

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

2. 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.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2013 and 2012 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP
COLUMBIANA COUNTY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012
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F. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Township must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

1. Nonspendable

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

2. Restricted

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

3. Committed

Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Township must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

4. Assigned

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

5. Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Township applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

G. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

**LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP
COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012
(Continued)**

H. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

2. Equity in Pooled Deposits and Investments

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

	2013	2012
Demand deposits	\$930,212	\$611,136

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

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2013 follows:

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$313,650	\$314,525	\$875
Special Revenue	945,326	947,776	2,450
Capital Projects	0	34,110	34,110
Total	\$1,258,976	\$1,296,411	\$37,435

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$201,330	\$159,054	\$42,276
Special Revenue	986,482	786,378	200,104
Capital Projects	69,100	31,903	37,197
Total	\$1,256,912	\$977,335	\$279,577

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COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012
(Continued)**

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$222,851	\$225,565	\$2,714
Special Revenue	747,444	751,463	4,019
Capital Projects	0	0	0
Total	<u>\$970,295</u>	<u>\$977,028</u>	<u>\$6,733</u>

2012 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$191,661	\$174,305	\$17,356
Special Revenue	845,312	743,344	101,968
Capital Projects	18,743	12,989	5,754
Total	<u>\$1,055,716</u>	<u>\$930,638</u>	<u>\$125,078</u>

4. Property Tax

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

5. Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2013 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Police Cars	\$35,956	3%
Fire Trucks	296,603	4%
Total	<u>\$332,559</u>	

The Township issued general obligation notes to finance the purchase of 2 police vehicles, and entered a lease for 2 fire trucks. The Township's taxing authority collateralized the bonds. Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

**LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP
COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

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Year ending December 31:	<u>Fire Trucks</u>	<u>Police Cars</u>
2014	\$42,534	\$18,311
2015	42,534	18,758
2016	42,534	
2017	42,534	
2018	42,534	
2019-2023	127,603	
Total	<u>\$340,273</u>	<u>\$37,069</u>

6. Retirement Systems

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

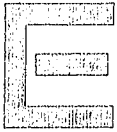
The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2013 and 2012, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries, except for law enforcement and public safety members who contributed 12.10% and 11.50% for 2012 and 12.60% and 12% for 2013, and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14%, except for law enforcement and public safety, where they contributed 18.10% respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2013.

7. Risk Management

Commercial Insurance

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.



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

Liverpool Township
Columbiana County
PO Box 1064
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the Liverpool Township, Columbiana County, (the Township) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 13, 2014 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 the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our 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.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist. We did note a certain matter not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated June 13, 2014.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*. We did note a citation not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated June 13, 2014.

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.

Escott & Company LLC

Kent, Ohio

June 13, 2014

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Dave Yost • Auditor of State

LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP

COLUMBIANA 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
JULY 10, 2014**