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FARMER TOWNSHIP  
DEFIANCE COUNTY

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Farmer Township  
Defiance County  
01560 Wonderly Road  
Edgerton, Ohio 43517

To the Board of Trustees:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of Farmer Township, Defiance County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

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

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

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the Township prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section

117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Township does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

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

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, or changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

***Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined cash balances of Farmer Township, Defiance County, Ohio as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, 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 September 18, 2015, 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.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

September 18, 2015

**FARMER TOWNSHIP  
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$32,033	\$52,074		\$84,107
Charges for Services		10,963		10,963
Licenses, Permits and Fees		8,892		8,892
Intergovernmental	23,947	124,910	\$4,665	153,522
Tax Increment Financing			20,455	20,455
Earnings on Investments	175	35		210
Miscellaneous	3,373	9,495		12,868
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>59,528</u>	<u>206,369</u>	<u>25,120</u>	<u>291,017</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
General Government	59,992	1,455		61,447
Public Safety		50,041		50,041
Public Works	18,759	171,576		190,335
Health		17,580		17,580
Conservation-Recreation			307	307
Capital Outlay	21,996	5,000	4,664	31,660
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement		17,180	4,909	22,089
Interest and Fiscal Charges		1,132		1,132
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>100,747</u>	<u>263,964</u>	<u>9,880</u>	<u>374,591</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(41,219)	(57,595)	15,240	(83,574)
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>354,028</u>	<u>159,996</u>	<u>67,900</u>	<u>581,924</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>				
Restricted		102,401		102,401
Committed			83,140	83,140
Assigned	312,809			312,809
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$312,809</u></u>	<u><u>\$102,401</u></u>	<u><u>\$83,140</u></u>	<u><u>\$498,350</u></u>

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

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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)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$31,673	\$51,389		\$83,062
Charges for Services		11,196		11,196
Licenses, Permits and Fees		10,778		10,778
Intergovernmental	134,558	113,294	\$11,417	259,269
Tax Increment Financing			20,544	20,544
Earnings on Investments	215	50		265
Miscellaneous	2,285	4,512		6,797
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>168,731</u>	<u>191,219</u>	<u>31,961</u>	<u>391,911</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
General Government	55,995	1,422		57,417
Public Safety		47,543		47,543
Public Works	11,626	142,678		154,304
Health		20,303		20,303
Conservation-Recreation			1,684	1,684
Capital Outlay		1,293	13,968	15,261
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement		16,752	2,454	19,206
Interest and Fiscal Charges		1,561		1,561
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>67,621</u>	<u>231,552</u>	<u>18,106</u>	<u>317,279</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	101,110	(40,333)	13,855	74,632
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>252,918</u>	<u>200,329</u>	<u>54,045</u>	<u>507,292</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>				
Restricted		159,996		159,996
Committed			67,900	67,900
Assigned	354,028			354,028
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$354,028</u>	<u>\$159,996</u>	<u>\$67,900</u>	<u>\$581,924</u>

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



**FARMER TOWNSHIP  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

**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 the Farmer Township, Defiance 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, and fire protection. The Township contracts with the Villages of Sherwood and Hicksville to provide emergency medical services.

The Township participates in the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority a public entity risk pool. Note 7 to the financial statements provides additional information for these entities.

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 permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

**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

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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.

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

Fire District Fund - This fund receives property tax money to pay for maintaining fire and EMS protection services for the Township residents.

**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:

Farmer Park Fund – The Township receives donations from Township residents that is used for the maintenance of the Township park.

Ohio Public Works Commission Project Fund - The Township received a grant from the State of Ohio and is administered by the County Engineer to maintain and repair Township roads.

**E. Budgetary Process**

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds 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.

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A summary of 2014 and 2013 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**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**

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

**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**

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

	2014	2013
Demand deposits	\$397,419	\$481,045
Certificates of deposit	100,931	100,879
Total deposits	\$498,350	\$581,924

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation; or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township; or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

**3. Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2014 and 2013 follows:

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$59,200	\$59,528	\$328
Special Revenue	214,155	206,369	(7,786)
Capital Projects	20,500	25,120	4,620
Total	\$293,855	\$291,017	(\$2,838)

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$413,216	\$141,130	\$272,086
Special Revenue	373,087	277,410	95,677
Capital Projects	88,400	9,880	78,520
Total	\$874,703	\$428,420	\$446,283

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2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$167,200	\$168,731	\$1,531
Special Revenue	199,950	191,219	(8,731)
Capital Projects	20,500	31,961	11,461
Total	\$387,650	\$391,911	\$4,261

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$420,118	\$68,867	\$351,251
Special Revenue	393,675	243,100	150,575
Capital Projects	74,545	18,106	56,439
Total	\$888,338	\$330,073	\$558,265

**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, 2014 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Promissory Note	\$26,731	2.71%
Ohio Public Works Commission Loan	51,540	
Total	\$78,271	

In 2003, the Township obtained an interest free loan in the amount of \$98,171 from the Ohio Public Works Commission. The loan proceeds were used for reconstruction of one mile of McCavit Road. This loan has a 20 year term and will mature on January 1, 2025. In the event of default, the Ohio Public Works Commission may, at its discretion, direct the Defiance County Treasurer to pay the amount due from the funds which would otherwise be appropriated to the Township from Defiance County's undivided local government fund. The loan will be repaid from the Tax Increment

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Financing Fund.

In April 2011, the Township entered into a promissory note with a local bank to finance the purchase of a 2011 Ford brush truck to be used for fire protection. This loan will mature in April 21, 2016. The loan will be repaid from the Township's Fire District Fund.

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

Year ending December 31:	Promissory Note	Ohio Public Works Commission Loan
2015	\$18,313	\$4,909
2016	9,156	4,909
2017		4,909
2018		4,909
2019		4,909
2020-2024		24,542
2025-2029		2,453
Total	\$27,469	\$51,540

**6. Retirement System**

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 2014 and 2013, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2014.

**7. Risk Management**

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

The Township insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. York Risk Pooling Services, Inc. (formally known as American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc.) (York or Management), functions as the administrator of the Pool and provides underwriting claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for the Pool. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty and Property Coverage

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The Pool is a member of American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by York. APEEP provides the Pool with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, OTARMA retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2014, OTARMA retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$250,000 for property claims.

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

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, 2013 and 2014.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Assets	\$34,954,286	\$35,970,263
Liabilities	8,486,363	8,912,432
Net Position	\$26,467,923	\$27,057,831

At December 31, 2013 and 2014, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$7.9 and \$8.2 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$7.4 and \$7.2 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 957 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2013 and 2014, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2014, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$7,000.

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.

<u>Contributions to OTARMA</u>	
<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$13,069	\$13,900

After one year of membership, a member may withdraw on the anniversary of the date of joining OTARMA, if the member notifies OTARMA in writing 60 days prior to the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to the pool. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to the withdrawal.

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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

Farmer Township  
Defiance County  
01560 Wonderly Road  
Edgerton, Ohio 43517

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 Farmer Township, Defiance County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 18, 2015 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 opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider a material weakness.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider finding 2014-001 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a material weakness.

***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*.

***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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

September 18, 2015

**FARMER TOWNSHIP  
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

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

**FINDING NUMBER 2014-001**

**Material Weakness**

**Monitoring of Financial Statements**

Accurate financial reporting is the responsibility of the Fiscal Officer and Trustees and is essential to ensure the information provided to the readers of the financial statements is fairly stated. In addition, GASB Statement No. 54 requires fund balance be divided into one of five classifications based on the extent to which constraints are imposed upon the resources.

The Fiscal Officer is responsible for the majority of the functions related to the accounting records. Without proper separation of duties, there is a possibility errors or fraud could occur and not be detected in a timely period. The Township lacked a policy regarding financial review which contributed to material posting discrepancies such as the following, occurring without detection:

- In 2014 and 2013, Ohio Public Works Commission revenue and disbursements of \$4,665 and \$11,417, respectively, were recorded in the Road and Bridge Special Revenue Fund and not in a separate Capital Projects Fund. In addition, in 2014 the Ohio Public Works Commission Grant receipts and disbursements of \$4,665 were recorded twice in the Road and Bridge Fund, resulting in intergovernmental revenues and capital outlay being overstated by \$4,665.
- In 2014 and 2013, tax increment finance agreement revenues of \$20,455 and \$20,544, respectively, were recorded as intergovernmental revenues in the Tax Increment Financing Capital Projects Fund instead of tax increment financing revenues.
- In 2014 and 2013, unassigned fund balance was overstated and assigned fund balance was understated in the General Fund by \$312,809 and \$354,028, respectively.

As a result, the Township's financial statements did not correctly reflect the financial activity of the Township. The Township's financial statements and accounting records have been adjusted to reflect these errors noted above.

We recommend the Fiscal Officer post all transactions in accordance with the guidance established by the Uniform Accounting Network manual and GASB 54. Furthermore, the Township should adopt policies and procedures including a final review of the financial statements by the Fiscal Officer and Trustees to ensure that errors and omissions are detected and corrected.

**Officials' Response:**

We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding.

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**FARMER TOWNSHIP**

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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
OCTOBER 6, 2015**