

MCKEAN TOWNSHIP

LICKING COUNTY, OHIO

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022





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McKean Township
1260 Sportman Club Road
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of McKean Township, Licking County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. 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. McKean Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

January 23, 2025

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**MCKEAN TOWNSHIP
LICKING COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

McKean Township
Licking County
1260 Sportsman Club Road NW
Newark, Ohio 43055

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of McKean Township, Licking County, Ohio (the Township), which comprise the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

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* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements 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, 2023 and 2022, or the changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Township, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

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

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Township's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

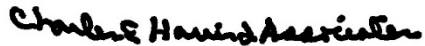
In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Township's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 29, 2024, 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. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of the Township's 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles E. Harris".

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
November 29, 2024

**MCKEAN TOWNSHIP
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
All Governmental Fund Types
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	Governmental Fund Types			Totals- (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Permanent	
Cash Receipts:				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 57,730	\$ 564,546	\$ -	\$ 622,276
Charges for Services	-	3,925	-	3,925
Intergovernmental	34,069	194,530	-	228,599
Licenses, Permits and Fees	9,938	-	-	9,938
Earnings on Investments	15,644	-	-	15,644
Miscellaneous	561	2,775	-	3,336
Total Cash Receipts	117,942	765,776	-	883,718
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	107,545	9,820	-	117,365
Public Safety	-	325,496	-	325,496
Public Works	502	263,418	-	263,920
Health	-	10,133	-	10,133
Capital Outlay	-	54,660	-	54,660
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	-	45,579	-	45,579
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	3,283	-	3,283
Total Cash Disbursements	108,047	712,389	-	820,436
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	9,895	53,387	-	63,282
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2023 (Restated)	40,598	504,835	279	545,712
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 50,493	\$ 558,222	\$ 279	\$ 608,994

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

McKean Township
Licking County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

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Public Entity Risk Pool

The Township participates in the Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc., a public entity risk pool. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity.

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

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Township's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types, which is organized on a fund type basis.

Fund Accounting

The Township uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Township are presented below:

General Fund The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Township for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

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:

Gas Tax Fund The gas tax fund accounts for and reports that portion of the State gasoline tax restricted for maintenance and repair of roads within the Township.

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund The motor vehicle license tax fund accounts for and reports that portion of motor vehicle license registration fees restricted for maintenance and repair of roads within the Township.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Accounting (Continued)

Permanent Funds These funds account for and report resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the reporting government's programs (for the benefit of the government or its citizenry). The Township had the following significant permanent fund:

Cemetery Endowment Fund – This fund receives interest which may only be used for general maintenance and upkeep of the Township's cemetery.

Basis of Accounting

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 (C). 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 (C) permit.

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 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.

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.

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 2023 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Deposits and Investments

The Township's accounting basis does not include 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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Capital Assets

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

SBITAs

The Township has entered into noncancelable Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) contracts (as defined by GASB 96) for several types of software including contracts related to financial systems. Subscription disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

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:

Nonspendable – The Township classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Township and the nonspendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

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.

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.

Assigned – Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

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.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 10.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2023 follows:

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 91,252	\$ 117,942	\$ 26,690
Special Revenue	751,281	765,776	14,495

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Disbursements	Variance
General	\$ 131,096	\$ 109,153	\$ 21,943
Special Revenue	801,989	723,878	78,111

Contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B), the Township had budgetary expenditures exceeding appropriations in several funds.

Note 4 – Deposits

To improve cash management, cash received by the Township is pooled. Monies for all fund are maintained in this pool. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. A summary of the Township's deposit accounts are as follows:

	2023
<i>Cash Management Pool:</i>	
Demand deposits	\$ 608,994
Total deposits	<u>\$ 608,994</u>

The Township does not use a separate payroll clearing account. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statements reflect net payroll plus all remitted payroll withholdings. At December 31, 2023, the Township is holding \$3,360 in unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

Deposits - Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

Note 5 – Property Taxes

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 non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction 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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Note 5 – Property Taxes (Continued)

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

Note 6 – Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

The Township belongs to the Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. (OPRM) (the "Plan"), a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments ("Members"). The Plan is legally separate from its member governments.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages to its members sold through fourteen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio.

Effective November 1, 2016, the OPRM elected to participate in a property loss corridor deductible. The property corridor includes losses paid between 70% and 75%. In 2018, the casualty loss corridor was eliminated and the property corridor was adjusted to losses paid between 65% and 70%. Effective November 1, 2019, the property loss corridor was adjusted to losses between 60% and 67.5% and has remain unchanged. OPRM had 801 members as of December 31, 2023.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and equity at December 31, 2023.

Assets	\$ 23,113,696
Liabilities	<u>(16,078,587)</u>
Members' Equity	<u>\$ 7,035,109</u>

You can read the complete audited financial statements for OPRM at the Plan's website, www.ohioplan.org.

Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

All Township 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 health care and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2023.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans. OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents. For calendar year 2023, the portion of OPERS employer contributions allocated to health care was 0 percent for members in the traditional pension plan and 2 percent for members in the combined plan. For 2023, the portion of employer contributions OPERS allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent; however, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

Note 9 – Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2023, was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
OPWC Sunnyside Road Resurfacing	\$ 29,612	0.00%
2021 Equipment Bonds	58,210	3.28%
2021 Equipment Bonds	17,251	3.27%
Total	<u>\$ 105,073</u>	

In 2015, the Township entered into a loan agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the Sunnyside Road Resurfacing project totaling \$44,416. The loan is 0% interest for a term of 24 years payable in semi-annual payments of \$925.

In 2021, the Township issued \$123,935 Township Equipment Bonds to acquire a tractor and mower. The bonds bear interest of 3.28% and are payable in monthly installments of \$2,243.

In 2021, the Township also issued \$60,000 Township Equipment bonds to acquire a road grader. The bonds bear interest at 3.27% and are payable in monthly installments of \$1,752.

Amortization

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

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Licking County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Note 9 – Debt (Continued)

Year Ending December 31:	OPWC	2021 Equipment Bonds	2021 Equipment Bonds
2024	\$ 2,774	\$ 26,912	\$ 17,520
2025	1,850	26,912	-
2026	1,850	6,728	-
2027	1,850	-	-
2028	1,850	-	-
2029-2033	9,250	-	-
2034-2038	9,250	-	-
2038	938	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 29,612</u>	<u>\$ 60,552</u>	<u>\$ 17,520</u>

Note 10 – Fund Balances

Included in fund balance are amounts the Township cannot spend, including the unexpendable corpus of the permanent funds. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end the balances of these amounts were as follows:

Fund Balances	General	Special Revenue	Permanent	Total
Nonspendable:				
Corpus	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100
Outstanding Encumbrances	<u>1,106</u>	<u>11,489</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,595</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,106</u>	<u>\$ 11,489</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ 12,695</u>

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of permanent funds that is not part of the nonspendable corpus is either restricted or committed. These restricted or committed amounts in the special revenue and permanent funds include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

Note 11 – Restated Fund Balance

The Township voided a check in 2023 that was written prior to 2023. Therefore, the beginning fund balance for 2023 is restated as follows:

	General Fund
Fund Balance as previously reported	\$ 40,473
Check voided in 2023 for a check written prior to 2023	<u>125</u>
Restated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 40,598</u>

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LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Totals- (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 55,533	\$ 413,614	\$ -	\$ 469,147
Charges for Services	-	725	-	725
Intergovernmental	33,004	271,416	-	304,420
Licenses, Permits and Fees	8,644	-	-	8,644
Earnings on Investments	3,853	-	-	3,853
Miscellaneous	860	17,480	-	18,340
	<u>101,894</u>	<u>703,235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>805,129</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	131,130	13,236	-	144,366
Public Safety	-	213,359	-	213,359
Public Works	-	219,394	-	219,394
Health	-	1,803	-	1,803
Human Services	-	1,062	-	1,062
Capital Outlay	-	171,943	-	171,943
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	-	70,161	-	70,161
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	5,100	-	5,100
	<u>131,130</u>	<u>696,058</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>827,188</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	(29,236)	7,177	-	(22,059)
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2022 (Restated)	69,709	497,658	279	567,646
Fund Cash Balance, December 31, 2022	\$ <u>40,473</u>	\$ <u>504,835</u>	\$ <u>279</u>	\$ <u>545,587</u>

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Road and Bridge The road and bridge fund accounts for and reports that portion of voted real estate taxes and intergovernmental revenue restricted for the maintenance and repair of roads within the Township.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Continued)

Fund Accounting – (Continued)

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Continued)

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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.

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:

Nonspendable – The Township classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Township and the nonspendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

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.

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.

Assigned – Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

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.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 10.

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Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2022 follows:

2022 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 91,252	\$ 101,894	\$ 10,642
Special Revenue	690,749	703,235	12,486

2022 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Disbursements	Variance
General	\$ 140,750	\$ 132,225	\$ 8,525
Special Revenue	731,423	698,341	33,082

Contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B), the Township had budgetary expenditures exceeding appropriations in several funds.

Note 4 – Deposits

To improve cash management, cash received by the Township is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. A summary of the Township's deposit accounts are as follows:

	2022
<i>Cash Management Pool:</i>	
Demand deposits	\$ 545,587
Total deposits	\$ 545,587

The Township does not use a separate payroll clearing account. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statements reflect net payroll plus all remitted payroll withholdings. At December 31, 2022, the Township is holding \$3,575 in unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

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Note 5 – Property Taxes

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 non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction 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.

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

Note 6 – Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

The Township belongs to the Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. (OPRM) (the "Plan"), a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to Ohio governments ("Members"). The Plan is legally separate from its member governments.

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages to its members sold through fourteen appointed independent agents in the State of Ohio.

Effective November 1, 2016, the OPRM elected to participate in a property loss corridor deductible. The property corridor includes losses paid between 70% and 75%. In 2018, the casualty loss corridor was eliminated and the property corridor was adjusted to losses paid between 65% and 70%. Effective November 1, 2019, the property loss corridor was adjusted to losses between 60% and 67.5% and has remain unchanged. OPRM had 773 members as of December 31, 2022.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and equity at December 31, 2022.

Assets	\$ 21,662,291
Liabilities	<u>(18,158,351)</u>
Members' Equity	<u>\$ 3,503,940</u>

You can read the complete audited financial statements for OPRM at the Plan's website, www.ohioplan.org.

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Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

All Township 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 health care and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2022.

Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0.0 percent during calendar year 2022. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2022.

Effective January 1, 2022, OPERS discontinued the group plans currently offered to non-Medicare retirees and re-employed retirees. Instead, eligible non-Medicare retirees will select an individual medical plan. OPERS will provide a subsidy or allowance via an HRA allowance to those retirees who meet health care eligibility requirements. Retirees will be able to seek reimbursement for plan premiums and other qualified medical expenses.

Note 9 – Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2022, was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
OPWC Sunnyside Road Resurfacing	\$ 30,538	0.00%
2021 Equipment Bonds	82,762	3.28%
2021 Equipment Bonds	37,352	3.27%
Total	<u>\$ 150,652</u>	

In 2015, the Township entered into a loan agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the Sunnyside Road Resurfacing project totaling \$44,416. The loan is 0% interest for a term of 24 years payable in semi-annual payments of \$925.33.

In 2021, the Township issued \$123,935 Township Equipment Bonds to acquire a tractor and mower. The bonds bear interest of 3.28% and are payable in monthly installments of \$2,243.

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Note 9 – Debt – (Continued)

In 2021, the Township also issued \$60,000 Township Equipment bonds to acquire a road grader. The bonds bear interest at 3.27% and are payable in monthly installments of \$1,752.

The Township debt is supported by the full faith and credit of the Township and is payable from unvoted property tax receipts and intergovernmental receipts from the Road and Bridge and Gasoline Tax funds to the extent that other resources are not available to meet annual principal payments.

Amortization

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

Year Ending December 31:	OPWC	2021 Equipment Bonds	2021 Equipment Bonds
2023	\$ 1,850	\$ 26,912	\$ 21,025
2024	1,850	26,912	17,520
2025	1,850	26,912	-
2026	1,850	6,728	-
2027	1,850	-	-
2028-2032	9,250	-	-
2033-2037	9,250	-	-
2038	2,788	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 30,538</u>	<u>\$ 87,464</u>	<u>\$ 38,545</u>

Note 10 – Fund Balances

Included in fund balance are amounts the Township cannot spend, including the unexpendable corpus of the permanent funds. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end the balances of these amounts were as follows:

Fund Balances	General	Special Revenue	Permanent	Total
Nonspendable:				
Corpus	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100
Outstanding Encumbrances	<u>1,095</u>	<u>2,283</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,378</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,095</u>	<u>\$ 2,283</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ 3,478</u>

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of permanent funds that is not part of the nonspendable corpus is either restricted or committed. These restricted or committed amounts in the special revenue and permanent funds include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

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Note 11 – Restated Fund Balance

The Township recorded a fund balance adjustment entry for the correction of an error in a prior year. Therefore, the beginning fund balances for 2022 are restated as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund
Fund Balance as previously reported	\$ 67,010	\$ 500,357
Adjustment for correction of fund balance adjustment	2,699	(2,699)
Restated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 69,709</u>	<u>\$ 497,658</u>

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

McKean Township
Licking County
1260 Sportsman Club Road NW
Newark, Ohio 43055

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements of McKean Township, Licking County, (the Township) and have issued our report thereon dated November 29, 2024, wherein we noted that the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purposes of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* 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 and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. 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 deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2023-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2023-002.

We also noted matters not requiring inclusion in this report that were reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated November 29, 2024.

Township's Responses to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Township's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The Township's responses was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
November 29, 2024

**MCKEAN TOWNSHIP
LICKING COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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FINDING 2023-001 - Material Weakness

Financial Reporting - Posting Receipts and Disbursements

During 2023 and 2022, errors were noted in the Township's financial statements that required audit adjustments, reclassifications, and changes to the notes to the financial statements, the most significant of which are as follows:

- Rollback and homestead receipts were recorded as real estate taxes instead of intergovernmental receipts in the amount of \$44,403 and \$23,777 for 2022 and 2023, respectively.
- In 2023, rollback and homestead receipts of \$20,359 were erroneously recorded in the general fund rather than the special revenue fund.
- In 2022 and 2023, local government distributions totaling \$7,977 and \$2,299 respectively were erroneously recorded as property and local taxes rather than intergovernmental receipts.
- In 2022, permissive motor vehicle taxes totaling \$7,388 were erroneously recorded as intergovernmental receipts rather than property and other local taxes.
- In 2022 and 2023, the cost of road resurfacing projects of \$154,844 and \$54,660, respectively were reclassified from public works and general government to capital outlay.
- In 2022, the cost of a salt barn was reclassified from general government to capital outlay.
- In 2022, an elected official was to be paid 100% from the general fund. However, \$4,511 was paid from the gasoline tax fund instead of the general fund.
- In 2022, disbursements totaling \$5,741 were erroneously recorded as other financing uses and were reclassified to general government.
- In 2023 general government costs were reduced and the beginning general fund balance was increased by \$1,515 for the reversal of a fund balance adjustment recorded in error.
- In 2023, principal payments in the amount of \$100 were recorded to public safety instead of principal retirement.
- In 2022, hotel tax receipts totaling \$199 were erroneously recorded in the permanent fund rather than the general fund.

The accompanying financial statements and the Township's records have been adjusted to properly reflect these transactions.

Also, during 2023 and 2022 aspects of the notes to the financial statements were corrected from the Hinkle filing to agree to the financial statements in the audit report and to include all necessary note disclosures. We made corrections to the following note disclosures:

- Reporting Entity
- Summary of Significant Accounting Policies
- Deposits
- Risk Management
- Fund Balances
- Debt
- Post Employment Benefits

**MCKEAN TOWNSHIP
LICKING COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)
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FINDING 2023-001 - Material Weakness (Continued)

Sound financial reporting is the responsibility of the Township and is essential to ensure the information provided to the readers of the financial statements is complete and accurate. We recommend the Township adopt policies and procedures to identify and correct errors and omissions in a timely manner. Management can use the Ohio Township Handbook, the Uniform Accounting Network Manual, and other Auditor of State guidance to aid in properly identifying account classifications and preparing annual financial statements. Also, management can use the Auditor of State footnote templates at <https://ohioauditor.gov/references/shells/regulatory>.

Management's Response - See Corrective Action Plan.

Finding Number 2023-002 – Material Noncompliance

Budgetary Expenditures Exceeded Appropriations

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(B) prohibits a subdivision or taxing authority from expending money unless it has been appropriated. We noted the following funds had expenditures plus encumbrances that exceeded appropriations at December 31, 2022 and 2023:

2022

Fund	Approved Appropriations	Budgetary Disbursements	Variance
Road and Bridge	\$294,500	\$319,441	\$(29,941)
Fire District	210,000	213,360	(3,360)

2023

Fund	Approved Appropriations	Budgetary Disbursements	Variance
Fire District	\$233,000	\$380,056	\$(147,056)
Cemetery	9,000	10,133	(1,133)

Expenditures for each fund should not exceed appropriations. Failure to follow approved budgets could lead to overspending and the possibility of negative fund balances. To ensure expenditures do not exceed appropriations, the Township should monitor its financial activity periodically and amend its approved budgets accordingly.

Management's Response – See Corrective Action Plan.

**MCKEAN TOWNSHIP
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**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR FINDINGS –
PREPARED BY MANGEMENT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2021-001	Material Weakness– Notes to the Financial Statements	Not Corrected	None
2021-002	Material Weakness - Audit Adjustments and Reclassifications	Not Corrected	None
2021-003	Material Weakness - Bank Reconciliations	Corrected	None
2021-004	Noncompliance - Payroll Taxes and Tax Filings	Partially Corrected	None

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT

Finding Number	Planned Corrective Action	Anticipated Completion Date	Responsible Contact Person
2023-001	The Fiscal Officer will review the Township Handbook and other Auditor of State guidance as references when recording transactions and preparing the notes to the financial statements.	December 31, 2024	Lindsey Hoskinson, Fiscal Officer
2023-002	The Fiscal Officer will submit all supplemental appropriations to the county auditor prior to entering them into UAN.	Immediately	Lindsey Hoskinson, Fiscal Officer Board members

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



MCKEAN TOWNSHIP

LICKING COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



Certified for Release 2/4/2025

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