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**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
GREENE COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Sugarcreek Township
Greene County
2090 Ferry Road
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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 Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, (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 opinions.

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 (GAAP), 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 Sugarcreek Township, Greene County 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.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 9 to the financial statements, the January 1, 2013 fund balances were restated. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Matters

Our audit was conducted to opine on the financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Federal Award Expenditures presents additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations* and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The schedule is management's responsibility, and derives from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 29, 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.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

September 29, 2015

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**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
GREENE COUNTY**

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

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts:					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$182,863	\$4,500,197			\$4,683,060
Charges for Services		179,122			179,122
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	103,252	6,991			110,243
Fines and Forfeitures	11,873	1,397			13,270
Intergovernmental	65,192	1,611,010			1,676,202
Earnings on Investments	3,771	244		\$446	4,461
Miscellaneous	27,704	155,304			183,008
Total Cash Receipts	<u>394,655</u>	<u>6,454,265</u>		<u>446</u>	<u>6,849,366</u>
Cash Disbursements:					
Current:					
General Government	426,875	31,677			458,552
Public Safety		4,507,542			4,507,542
Public Works		904,068			904,068
Health	30,175				30,175
Capital Outlay		1,247,240			1,247,240
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement			\$265,000		265,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges			72,375		72,375
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>457,050</u>	<u>6,690,527</u>	<u>337,375</u>		<u>7,484,952</u>
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(62,395)	(236,262)	(337,375)	446	(635,586)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)					
Sale of Capital Assets	11,854	26,477			38,331
Transfers In			337,375		337,375
Transfers Out		(337,375)			(337,375)
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	<u>11,854</u>	<u>(310,898)</u>	<u>337,375</u>		<u>38,331</u>
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	(50,541)	(547,160)		446	(597,255)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>238,972</u>	<u>2,480,715</u>		<u>308,816</u>	<u>3,028,503</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31:					
Restricted		1,839,194		309,262	2,148,456
Committed		94,361			94,361
Assigned	107,851				107,851
Unassigned (Deficit)	80,580				80,580
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$188,431</u>	<u>\$1,933,555</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$309,262</u>	<u>\$2,431,248</u>

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

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GREENE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts:					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$183,181	\$4,499,843			\$4,683,024
Charges for Services		177,624			177,624
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	145,948	1,573			147,521
Fines and Forfeitures	10,149	860			11,009
Intergovernmental	168,334	732,892			901,226
Earnings on Investments	1,640	234		\$78	1,952
Miscellaneous	72,536	167,110			239,646
Total Cash Receipts	<u>581,788</u>	<u>5,580,136</u>		<u>78</u>	<u>6,162,002</u>
Cash Disbursements					
Current:					
General Government	504,381	31,721			536,102
Public Safety		4,466,751			4,466,751
Public Works		984,688			984,688
Health	29,956	800			30,756
Other		168,001			168,001
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement			\$260,000		260,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges			82,675		82,675
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>534,337</u>	<u>5,651,961</u>	<u>342,675</u>		<u>6,528,973</u>
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	47,451	(71,825)	(342,675)	78	(366,971)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)					
Sale of Capital Assets		15,179			15,179
Transfers In			342,675		342,675
Transfers Out		(342,675)			(342,675)
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)		<u>(327,496)</u>	<u>342,675</u>		<u>15,179</u>
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	47,451	(399,321)		78	(351,792)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1 (Restated)	<u>191,521</u>	<u>2,880,036</u>		<u>308,738</u>	<u>3,380,295</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31:					
Restricted		2,379,778		308,816	2,688,594
Committed		100,937			100,937
Assigned	100,316				100,316
Unassigned (Deficit)	138,656				138,656
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$238,972</u>	<u>\$2,480,715</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$308,816</u>	<u>\$3,028,503</u>

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

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
GREENE COUNTY**

**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 Sugarcreek Township, Greene 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, fire protection and emergency medical services.

The Township participates in the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. Note 7 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.

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

The Township maintains only demand deposit accounts, which are valued at cost.

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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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund - This fund receives license tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

Permissive Motor Vehicle License Fund - This fund receives tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

Police District Fund - This fund receives property tax money to provide law enforcement services to the Township.

Fire District Fund - This fund receives property tax money to provide fire and rescue services to the Township.

3. Debt Service Funds

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

Bond Anticipation Note Fund - This fund is utilized for payment of short term notes for road projects in the Township.

General Bond Retirement Fund - This fund is utilized for long term bond debt for the Township's Public Safety Building.

4. 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:

Clyo Road Capital Project Fund - This fund is utilized to record receipts and payments of monies received for a project loan for the Clyo Road Project.

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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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 re-appropriated.

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. Non-spendable

The Township classifies assets as *non-spendable* 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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.

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:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Demand deposits	<u>\$2,431,248</u>	<u>\$3,028,503</u>

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, 2014 and 2013 follows:

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$364,019	\$406,509	\$42,490
Special Revenue	6,521,900	6,480,742	(41,158)
Debt Service	343,338	337,375	(5,963)
Capital Projects	1,544,938	446	(1,544,492)
Total	<u>\$8,774,195</u>	<u>\$7,225,072</u>	<u>(\$1,549,123)</u>

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$468,587	\$458,732	\$9,855
Special Revenue	7,633,848	7,064,115	569,733
Debt Service	343,338	337,375	5,963
Capital Projects	1,853,676	1,853,676	
Total	<u>\$10,299,449</u>	<u>\$7,860,222</u>	<u>\$2,439,227</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$356,319	\$581,788	\$225,469
Special Revenue	5,377,312	5,595,315	218,003
Debt Service	346,338	342,675	(3,663)
Capital Projects	1,549,838	78	(1,549,760)
Total	\$7,629,807	\$6,519,856	(\$1,109,951)

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$562,524	\$536,319	\$26,205
Special Revenue	6,799,604	6,028,927	770,677
Debt Service	346,338	342,675	3,663
Capital Projects	1,858,576		1,858,576
Total	\$9,567,042	\$6,907,921	\$2,659,121

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.

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
General Obligation Bonds	\$1,210,000	3-5%
Certificates of Participation	195,000	4%
Total	\$1,405,000	

In August of 2005, the Township issued General Purpose Refunding and Improvement Bonds in the amount of \$1,865,000. The bonds were used to retire Bond Anticipation Notes issued in 2004. The bonds mature on December 1, 2025.

In May of 2012, the Township issued Certificates of Participation in the amount of \$560,000. The bonds were used in part to refund the Certificates of Participation issued in 2010 and in part to fund the Clio Road project. The certificates mature on June 1, 2015.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

5. DEBT (Continued)

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

Year ending December 31:	General Obligation Bonds	Certificates of Participation
2015	\$142,675	\$198,900
2016	149,275	
2017	145,000	
2018	145,725	
2019	146,225	
2020-2024	712,500	
2025	152,250	
Total	\$1,593,650	\$198,900

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's certified Fire Fighters belong to the Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). Other employees, including Police Officers, belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OP&F and OPERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes these plans' benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013, OP&F participants contributed 10% of their wages. For July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, OP&F participants contributed 10.75% of their wages. For July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, OP&F participants contributed 11.5% of their wages. For 2014 and 2013, the Township contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 24% of full-time fire fighters' wages. For 2014 and 2013, OPERS local members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. For 2014 and 2013, OPERS law enforcement members contributed 12.6 and 13%, respectively, of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 18.1% 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

A. Casualty and Property Coverage

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.

B. 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.

	2013	2014
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 \$21,000.

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.

Contributions to OTARMA	
2013	2014
\$41,104	\$40,464

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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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Township is defendant one lawsuit. Although management cannot presently determine the outcome of this suit, management believes that the resolution will not materially adversely affect the Township's financial condition.

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the township are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

9. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

The Township restated its January 1, 2013 beginning balance to properly classify Zoning fund into the general fund instead of special revenue funds. The effect on governmental funds at December 31, 2012 was as follows:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>
Ending Fund Balances December 31, 2012	\$181,007	\$2,890,550
Restatement - Reclassify Zoning Fund	10,514	(10,514)
Fund Balances December 31, 2012, Restated	<u>\$191,521</u>	<u>\$2,880,036</u>

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
GREENE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Pass-Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Transportation</i>			
Highway Planning and Construction	96356	20.205	<u>\$19,680</u>
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			<u>19,680</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			
<i>Direct Assistance</i>			
Assistance to Firefighters Grant		97.044	<u>850,250</u>
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			<u>850,250</u>
Total Federal Awards Expenditures			<u><u>\$869,930</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
GREENE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures (the Schedule) reports the Sugarcreek Township's (the Township's) federal award programs' disbursements. The schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

NOTE B - MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Certain Federal programs require the Township to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The Township has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.



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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

Sugarcreek Township
Greene County
2090 Ferry Road
Bellbrook, Ohio 45305

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 Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, (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 29, 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. We also noted that the Township restated its January 1, 2013 fund balances.

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, appearing to read "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

September 29, 2015



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Sugarcreek Township
Greene County
2090 Ferry Road
Bellbrook, Ohio 45305

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Sugarcreek Township's (the Township) compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect the Sugarcreek Township's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2014. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the Township's major federal program.

Management's Responsibility

The Township's Management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the Township's compliance for the Township's major federal program based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. These standards and OMB Circular A-133 require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Township's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our compliance opinion on the Township's major program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Township's compliance.

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Sugarcreek Township complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2014.

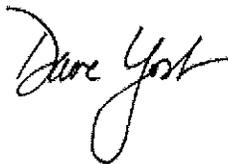
Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The Township's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the Township's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on the major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with federal program's applicable compliance requirement that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

This report only describes the scope of our internal control over compliance tests and the results of this testing based on OMB Circular A-133 requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

September 29, 2015

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
GREENE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	Are there any reportable findings under § .510(a)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	Major Programs (list):	Assistance to Firefighters Grant CFDA 97.044
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	Low Risk Auditee?	No

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

FINDING NUMBER 2014-001

MATERIAL WEAKNESS

The Township presented its 2014 and 2013 financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(D) permit. The following errors noted in the Township's financial statements were determined to be qualitatively or quantitatively material and required audit adjustments to properly present the Township's financial activity:

- The Township understated Assigned balance and overstated Un-assigned balance by \$107,851 and \$100,316 in the General fund at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.
- The Township reported the Zoning fund as a part of Special Revenue funds rather than a component of General fund unassigned balance. This led to an understatement of ending balance, disbursements, revenues, and opening balance in the General fund and an overstatement of ending balance, disbursements, revenue, and opening balance in the Special Revenue funds of \$11,722, \$25,849, \$29,006, and \$8,565, respectively, at December 31, 2014 and \$8,565, \$21,808, \$19,859, and \$10,514, respectively, at December 31, 2013.

The following error noted in the Township's financial statements was determined to be immaterial and did not require adjustments to properly present the Township's financial activity:

- During 2014, the Township was involved in a construction project with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). ODOT made contract payments on-behalf of the Township directly to the project contractor. On-behalf payments related to the project with ODOT totaled \$19,680 in 2014. These transactions were not reported on the Township's financial statements; therefore, Public Works Disbursements and Intergovernmental Receipts were understated by \$19,680 in the general fund. Further, the Township did not report the \$19,680 on the Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures (the Schedule). The Schedule was adjusted to include these disbursements.
- The Township understated Debt Service: Principal and Debt Service: Interest by \$14,470 and \$1,283, respectively, and overstated Capital Outlay by \$15,753 in the Special Revenue funds in 2014. The Township understated Debt Service: Principal and Debt Service: Interest by \$13,868 and \$1,885, respectively, and overstated Capital Outlay by \$15,753 in the Special Revenue funds in 2013.
- The Township understated restricted balance and overstated committed balance by \$94,359 and \$100,936 in the Special Revenue funds at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Policies and procedures should be established and implemented to verify the accuracy of amounts reported in the financial statements in accordance with applicable accounting standards. Failure to do so could result in the users of the financial statements basing their conclusions on materially misstated financial data.

Official's Response:

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

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
GREENE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2012-001	Noncompliance and Material Weakness – Ohio Rev. Code §505.24(C) - Trustee Compensation	Yes	
2012-002	Material Weakness – Financial Statement Errors – Debt	No	Partially Corrected, Repeated as Finding 2014-001
2012-003	Material Weakness – GASB 54 Misclassifications	No	Partially Corrected, Repeated as Finding 2014-001

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GREENE 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
NOVEMBER 5, 2015**