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**ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

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Ashtabula Township
Ashtabula County
2718 North Ridge Road East
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To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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March 14, 2007

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Ashtabula Township
Ashtabula County
2718 North Ridge Road East
Ashtabula, OH 44004

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Ashtabula Township, Ashtabula County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The Township uses the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) to process its financial transactions. *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the Auditor of State's independence to audit the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code §§ 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Township has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Township to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2005 and 2004, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2005 and 2004. While the Township does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements.

The Township has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this Township does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserve for encumbrances of Ashtabula Township, Ashtabula County, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Township to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. The Township has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 14, 2007, on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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March 14, 2007

**ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

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

	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$89,093	\$2,980,059		\$3,069,152
Intergovernmental	203,625	408,987	\$64,340	676,952
Special Assessments		44,661		44,661
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	8,284	255,788		264,072
Earnings on Investments	29,072	61		29,133
Other Revenue	32,893	168,982		201,875
Total Cash Receipts	362,967	3,858,538	64,340	4,285,845
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	332,876			332,876
Public Safety		2,161,631		2,161,631
Public Works	33,000	903,698		936,698
Health		293,001		293,001
Conservation - Recreation	1,291			1,291
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal and Interest		20,764		20,764
Capital Outlay		30,615	64,340	94,955
Total Cash Disbursements	367,167	3,409,709	64,340	3,841,216
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(4,200)	448,829	0	444,629
Fund Cash Balances, January 1 (Restated Note 9)	331,209	1,076,721	0	1,407,930
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$327,009	\$1,525,550	\$0	\$1,852,559
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$536	\$16,410		\$16,946

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

**ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

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

	Fiduciary Funds	
	Private Purpose Trust	Agency
Operating Cash Receipts:		
Earnings on Investments	\$6,718	\$0
Total Operating Cash Receipts	<u>6,718</u>	<u>0</u>
Operating Cash Disbursements:		
Supplies and Materials	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Operating Income/(Loss)	6,718	0
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>152,343</u>	<u>1,190</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$159,061</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,190</u></u>

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**ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$85,234	\$2,829,813		\$2,915,047
Intergovernmental	333,784	392,072	\$34,510	760,366
Special Assessments		37,940		37,940
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	20,453	241,247		261,700
Earnings on Investments	10,517	766		11,283
Other Revenue	43,121	417,299		460,420
Total Cash Receipts	493,109	3,919,137	34,510	4,446,756
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	351,960			351,960
Public Safety		2,114,714		2,114,714
Public Works	31,711	997,542		1,029,253
Health		301,762		301,762
Conservation - Recreation	1,745			1,745
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal and Interest		14,912		14,912
Capital Outlay		395,037	34,510	429,547
Total Cash Disbursements	385,416	3,823,967	34,510	4,243,893
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	107,693	95,170	0	202,863
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	223,516	971,746	0	1,195,262
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$331,209	\$1,066,916	\$0	\$1,398,125
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$582	\$14,788		\$15,370

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	Fiduciary Funds	
	Non-Expendable Trust	Agency
Operating Cash Receipts:		
Earnings on Investment	\$0	0
Total Operating Cash Receipts	0	0
Operating Cash Disbursements:		
Supplies and Materials	0	0
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	0	0
Operating Income/(Loss)	0	0
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	152,343	1,190
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$152,343</u>	<u>\$1,190</u>

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

**ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005-2004**

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 Ashtabula Township, Ashtabula County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Cash and Investments

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

Certificate of deposits and repurchase agreements 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 reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

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

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005-2004
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

Fire Levy Fund – This fund receives property tax money for covering costs for providing fire protection services.

Ambulance Levy Fund - This fund's receipts are generated from a restricted Township levy and are only to be utilized to assist in providing the necessary equipment and emergency medical services for Township residents.

Cemetery Fund – This fund receives property tax money for maintaining township cemeteries and purchasing equipment associated with same. In addition, monies are received by this fund for the sale of cemetery lots and grave openings/closings.

3. Capital Project Fund

These funds account for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant capital project fund:

Issue II Fund – This fund received a State grant for the emergency repair (due to weather) of Stevens Hill Road.

4. Fiduciary Funds (Trust and Agency Funds)

Trust funds are used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements. If the agreement requires the Township to maintain the corpus of the trust, the fund was classified as a nonexpendable trust in 2004 and as a private purpose trust in 2005. Funds for which the Township is acting in an agency capacity are classified as agency funds. The Township had the following significant fiduciary funds:

Cemetery Bequest Funds - The Township had various non-expendable trust funds that hold cemetery bequests and are used for gravesite maintenance and cemetery upkeep. In 2005, this fund is now called a Private Purpose Trust Fund.

Unclaimed Monies Fund – An agency fund that accounts for stale-dated warrants that were removed from the reconciliation by the Fiscal Officer.

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 function level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005-2004
(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 also 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 2005 and 2004 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. 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.

G. 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 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2005	2004
Demand deposits	\$648,460	\$556,222
Certificate of Deposit	153,795	147,077
Passbooks	1,736	1,075
Total Deposits	\$803,991	\$704,374
Investments - Repurchase Agreements	1,208,819	847,284
Total Deposits and Investments	\$2,012,810	\$1,551,658

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

Investments: The Township's financial institution transfers securities to the Township's agent to collateralize repurchase agreements. The securities are not in the Township's name.

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ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005-2004
(Continued)**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2005 and 2004 follows:

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$437,874	\$362,967	(\$74,907)
Special Revenue	3,964,823	3,858,538	(106,285)
Capital Projects	0	64,340	64,340
Fiduciary	3,090	6,718	3,628
Total	<u>\$4,405,787</u>	<u>\$4,292,563</u>	<u>(\$113,224)</u>

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$579,374	\$367,703	\$211,671
Special Revenue	4,254,142	3,426,119	828,023
Capital Projects	64,340	64,340	0
Fiduciary	0	0	0
Total	<u>\$4,897,856</u>	<u>\$3,858,162</u>	<u>\$1,039,694</u>

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$522,187	\$493,109	(\$29,078)
Special Revenue	3,940,479	3,919,137	(21,342)
Capital Projects	0	34,510	34,510
Fiduciary	5,000	0	(5,000)
Total	<u>\$4,467,666</u>	<u>\$4,446,756</u>	<u>(\$20,910)</u>

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$725,616	\$385,998	\$339,618
Special Revenue	4,121,362	3,838,755	282,607
Capital Projects	0	34,510	(34,510)
Fiduciary	0	0	0
Total	<u>\$4,846,978</u>	<u>\$4,259,263</u>	<u>\$587,715</u>

**ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005-2004
(Continued)**

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopt rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

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

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's certified Fire Fighters belong to the Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). Other employees 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 2005 and 2004, members of OP&F participants contributed 10 percent of their wages. The Township contributed an amount equal to 24 percent of their wages to OP&F. OPERS members contributed 8.5 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equaling 13.55 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2005.

6. 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. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member townships pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty Coverage

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence, including claim adjustment expenses. OTARMA pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Townships can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$12,000,000 with the General Reinsurance Corporation, through contracts with OTARMA.

**ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005-2004
(Continued)**

6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP provides *excess of funds available* coverage up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

Property Coverage

Through 2004, OTARMA retained property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsured losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$500 million per occurrence. APEEP's Guarantee Fund was responsible for losses and loss adjustment expenses exceeding operating contributions.

Beginning in 2005, Travelers reinsures specific losses exceeding \$250,000 up to \$600 million per occurrence. APEEP reinsures members for specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$250,000 per occurrence, subject to an annual aggregate loss payment. Travelers provide aggregate stop-loss coverage based upon the combined members' total insurable value. If the stop loss is reached by payment of losses between \$100,000 and \$250,000, Travelers will reinsure specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to their \$600 million per occurrence limit. The aggregate stop-loss limit for 2005 was \$1,682,589.

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

Property and casualty settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

Members may withdraw on each anniversary of the date they joined OTARMA. They must provide written notice to OTARMA 60 days in advance of the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contribution, minus the subsequent year's premium. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all property and casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to the withdrawal.

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, 2005 and 2004.

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Assets	\$30,485,638	\$28,132,620
Liabilities	(12,344,576)	(11,086,379)
Retained earnings	\$18,141,062	\$17,046,241

<u>Property Coverage</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Assets	\$9,177,796	\$7,588,343
Liabilities	(1,406,031)	(543,176)
Retained earnings	\$7,771,765	\$7,045,167

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005-2004
(Continued)**

6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

The Casualty Coverage assets and retained earnings above include approximately \$11.6 million and \$10.3 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 950 member townships in the future, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. OTARMA will collect these amounts in future annual premium billings when OTARMA's related liabilities are due for payment. The Township's share of these unpaid claims is approximately \$88,904.

7. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2005 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Ohio Public Works Commission Loan	\$28,500	0%

The Township received a loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the rehabilitation of Blake Road. The loan was issued May 14, 1999 for \$95,000 at zero interest and is too repaid over a ten year period. The Township's taxing authority collateralizes the loan.

Amortization of the above debt is scheduled as follows:

Year Ending December 31:	<u>OPWC Loan</u>
2006	\$ 9,500
2007	9,500
2008	9,500
Total	<u>\$28,500</u>

8. CAPITAL LEASE

The Township entered into a capital lease agreement with Kansas State Bank of Manhattan for the lease of 2 Scag Wildcat Commercial mowers on April 14, 2004, in the amount of \$26,993.60. The lease agreement is a 5 year lease with monthly payments of \$541.22, at an interest rate of 7.525%. (Note – the Township has applied extra payments on the lease in 2005 which will reduce the time frame of the lease agreement.)

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2005:

<u>Year Ending December 31, 2005:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2006	\$ 2,706
2007	6,495
2008	6,495
2009	<u>1,624</u>
<i>Total</i>	\$17,320
Less Amount Representing Interest	<u>1,728</u>
<i>Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments</i>	<u>\$15,592</u>

**ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005-2004
(Continued)**

9. RESTATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES

The January 1, 2005 fund balances for the following funds were restated due to voided warrants and lost checks from prior years being re-entered onto the books of the Township in 2005:

Fund Type/ Fund	Balance as of 12/31/04	Adjustment	Restated Fund Balance as of 1/1/05
Special Revenue:			
Road and Bridge	\$198,386	\$ 193	\$198,579
Cemetery	88,327	125	88,452
Fire District	597,894	8,878	516,772
Fire and EMS	194,083	609	194,692



Mary Taylor, CPA

Auditor of State

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

Ashtabula Township
Ashtabula County
2718 North Ridge Road East
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Ashtabula Township, Ashtabula County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated March 14, 2007, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We also noted that the Township uses the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) to process its financial transactions. *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the Auditor of State's independence to audit the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated March 14, 2007, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated March 14, 2007, we reported other matters related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

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We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Taylor". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Mary" and last name "Taylor" clearly distinguishable.

Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

March 14, 2007



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ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
APRIL 10, 2007**