## ALBERT TOWNSHIP BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

September 12, 2013

Township Board Albert Township Lewiston, Michigan 49756

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

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Albert Township as of and for the year ended March 31, 2013, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

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

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit 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. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates make by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

#### **Opinions**

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Albert Township as of March 31, 2013 and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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#### Other Matters

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 5 and 21 through 23 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Albert Township's basic financial statements. Other supplementary information listed in the Table of Contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated September 12, 2013, on my consideration of Albert Township's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 Albert Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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#### **ALBERT TOWNSHIP**

#### **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Township as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Township's finances. Fund financial statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term, as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Township's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements.

#### THE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE

The Township's combined net position decreased 4.52% from a year ago – decreasing by \$112,985.

The slight increase in overall Township tax revenues is the result of taxable value decreases and a swamp tax increase. Taxable value in 2011 was 152.5 million while in 2012 it was \$151.9 million. The business type activity experienced an \$18,831 decrease in net position.

In a condensed format, the table below shows a calculation of the net position as of the current balance sheet date.

	03/31	/2013	03/31	<u>//2012</u>	03/31/2013	03/31/2012	
	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activity	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activity	Total	Total	
Current Assets Noncurrent Assets	\$ 1,123,771 1,287,860	\$ (4,549) 197,974	\$ 1,223,799 1,314,306	\$ 20 212,655	\$ 1,119,222 1,485,834	\$ 1,219,250 1,512,280	
Total Assets	2,411,631	193,425	2,538,105	212,675	2,605,056	2,731,530	
Current Liabilities	25,591	50	39,080	469	25,641	39,130	
Total Liabilities	25,591	50	39,080	469	25,641	39,130	
Net Assets							
Net Capital Assets	1,287,860	197,974	1,314,306	212,655	1,485,834	1,512,280	
Restricted Unrestricted	595,681 502,499	(4,599)	618,922 565,797	(449)	595,681 497,900	618,922 561,198	
Total Net Position	\$ 2,386,040	\$ 193,375	\$ 2,499,025	\$ 212,206	\$ 2,579,415	\$ 2,692,400	

Unrestricted net position – the part of net position that can be used to finance day to day operations ended the year at \$502,499, down \$63,298 from the prior year.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

The following table shows the changes in the net position as of the current year.

		03/31	/2013		03/31/2012		03/31/2013		<u>0</u> ;	3/31/2012														
		vernmental		ness Type		vernmental	Business Type		,,		,,		,,		,,		71							
	/	Activities		ctivity		Activities		Activity		Total		Total		Total										
Program Revenues																								
Charges for Services	\$	246,230	\$	5,830	\$	262,113	\$	4,769	\$	252,060	\$	267,943												
Operating Grants and																								
contributions		19,255		-		6,423		-		19,255		6,423												
Capital Grants and contributions																								
General Revenues		-		-		-		-		-		-												
Property Taxes		494,735		_		490,512		_		494,735		490,512												
State Shared Revenues		184,184		_		173,261		-		184,184		173,261												
Unrestricted Investment		- , -				-, -				- , -		-, -												
Earnings / Other Revenue		29,563				40,337		<u>-</u>		29,563		40,337												
Total Revenues		973,967		5,830		972,646		4,769		979,797		978,476												
Program Expenses																								
General government		360,207		-		335,995		-		360,207		335,995												
Public Safety		590,465		-		584,113		-		590,465		584,113												
Public Works		110,043		24,661		173,987		24,881		134,704		198,648												
Recreation and Culture		26,237				17,362	-	<u>-</u>		26,237		17,362												
Total Expenses		1,086,952		24,661		1,111,457		24,881		1,111,613		1,136,118												
Transfers				<u>-</u>		(3,000)		3,000				(3,000)												
Change in Net Position	\$	(112,985)	\$	(18,831)	\$	(141,811)	\$	(17,112)	\$	(131,816)	\$	(157,642)												

The Township's net position continues to remain healthy. The total revenues increased slightly while we were able to hold expenses with a decrease of \$24,505.

#### **GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

The Township's total governmental revenues were \$973,967 which was an increase of \$1,321.

Expenditures decreased for the year by \$24,505, which was due to overall decreases in expenses. During the fiscal year capital expenditures included new computers for \$3,476 fireproof files for \$6,798, assessing and zoning software for \$17,025, flooring for \$11,238, mowers for \$22,000 and power cots for \$11,600.

#### **BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITY**

The Township's only business type activity is a water system which provides water to only customers in the downtown area of Lewiston. This activity relies heavily on the general fund for financial support if large capital improvements are needed. It showed a decrease in net position of \$18,831 for the fiscal year.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

#### THE TOWNSHIP'S FUNDS

Our analysis of the Township's major funds begins on page 8 following the Township-wide financial statements. The fund financial statements provide detail information about the most significant funds, not the township as a whole. The township board creates funds to help manage money for specific purposes as well as to show accountability for certain activities, such as property tax millage. The Township's major funds for 2012/13 include the General Fund, Fire and Ambulance Fund, and Road Fund. The other fund is the Metro Act Fund.

The General Fund pays for most of the Township's governmental services, except for fire and ambulance services that are paid for by the Fire and Ambulance Fund. The most significant services in terms of costs incurred are assessing and transfer site which are paid by the General Fund and fire and ambulance services paid by the Fire and Ambulance Fund.

#### **GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

Over the course of the year, the Township Board amended the budget to take into account events during the year. There were only minor budget adjustments during the year. The General Fund budget decreased in total. The fire and ambulance fund budget also did not change.

#### **CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

At March 31, 2013 the Township had \$1,287,860 invested in net capital assets in a broad range of capital assets, including buildings, equipment and fire equipment, and water system. The road asset is not reported in the Township's financial statements because of Michigan law, which makes these roads the property of the County Road Commission (along with the responsibility to maintain them).

The Township has no long-term debt.

#### ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The Township's budget for 2013/14 General Fund calls for the allocated millage to continue. The Fire and Ambulance Fund extra voted millage will also continue with a slight rollback. Both millages reflect an increase in revenue due to the increase in Taxable Value.

Expenditures decreased for the year by approximately \$24,505.

The Lewiston Downtown Development Authority was created effective September 20, 2010.

There is continued reduction in the General Fund revenues due to the State not paying Statutory Revenue Sharing.

Expenditures will increase as improvements, repairs, and maintenance are conducted at the township parks and buildings. We expect the completion of the master plan to occur in 2013/14.

#### CONTACTING THE TOWNSHIP'S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is intended to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors with a general overview of the Township's finances and to show the Township's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, we welcome you to contact the supervisor's office at (989) 786-2513 or visit the Township offices located in Lewiston, Michigan.

#### ALBERT TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF NET POSITION MARCH 31, 2013

	Governmenta Activities	Governmental Business Type Activities Activities		Component Unit - DDA
ASSETS				
Cash demand, time deposits, and investments	\$ 1,072,827	\$ (4,549)	\$ 1,068,278	\$ 29,284
Receivables	00.440		00.440	
Taxes	36,446	-	36,446	-
Administration Fee	3,322	-	3,322	-
Accounts	10,805	-	10,805	-
Other	371	-	371	-
Capital assets				
Land	64,700	-	64,700	-
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	1,223,160	197,974	1,421,134	
TOTAL ASSETS	2,411,631	193,425	2,605,056	29,284
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Governments	-	-	-	-
Accrued liabilities	25,591	50	25,641	
Total Liabilities	25,591	50	25,641	
NET POSITION				
Invested in Capital Assets	1,287,860	197,974	1,485,834	-
Restricted for:				
Road Fund	240,288	-	240,288	-
Fire and Ambulance Fund	336,052	-	336,052	-
Metro Act Fund	19,341	-	19,341	-
Downtown Development Authority	-	-	-	29,284
Unrestricted	502,499	(4,599)	497,900	
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 2,386,040	\$ 193,37 <u>5</u>	\$ 2,579,415	\$ 29,284

#### ALBERT TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

				F	Progra	m Revenues				
					C	perating				
			С	harges for	Gr	ants and			Net	(Expense)
Functions / Programs		Expenses		Services	Cor	ntributions	Ca	pital Grants	F	Revenue
Primary Government Governmental Activities										
General Government	\$	360,207	\$	80,376	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(279,831)
Public Safety Public Works		590,465 110,043		97,218 68,636		14,691		-		(478,556) (36,843)
Recreation and Culture		26,237		-		4,564 -		-		(26,237)
Total Governmental Activities		1,086,952		246,230		19,255		-		(821,467)
Business Type Activity										
Water Fund		24,661		5,830				<del>-</del>		(18,831)
Total Primary Government	\$	1,111,613	\$	252,060	\$	19,255	\$	<u>-</u>		(840,298)
Component Unit										
Downtown Development Authority	<u>\$</u>	28,276	\$		\$	33,117	\$	<u>-</u>		4,841
				vernmental Activities		iness Type		Total		omponent nit - DDA
Net (expense) revenue			\$	(821,467)	\$	(18,831)	\$	(840,298)	\$	4,841
General revenues:										
Taxes:										
Property taxes levied for general op	eratir	ng/swamp		121 242				101 040		
tax  Property taxes levied for fire & amb	ulanc	· A		131,242 287,771		-		131,242 287,771		-
Property taxes levied for roads	alario			75,722		-		75,722		-
State Revenue Sharing not										
restricted to specific purposes				184,184		-		184,184		-
Interest and royalty earnings				19,068		-		19,068		33
Other revenue Transfers				10,495 <u>-</u>		<u> </u>		10,495 -		
Total general revenues and taxes	5			708,482		<u>-</u>		708,482		33
Change in Net Position				(112,985)		(18,831)		(131,816)		4,874
Net Position, beginning of year				2,499,025		212,206		2,711,231		<u> </u>
Net Position, end of year			\$	2,386,040	\$	193,375	\$	2,579,415	\$	4,874

See Notes to Financial Statements

#### ALBERT TOWNSHIP BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS MARCH 31, 2013

	FIRE & GENERAL AMBULANCE FUND FUND			ROAD	N N	TOTAL		
ASSETS								
Cash and Investments	\$ 506,172	\$	312,944	\$ 234,370	\$	19,341	\$ 1,072,827	
Receivables								
Taxes	8,037		22,491	5,918		-	36,446	
Administration Fee	3,322		-	-		-	3,322	
Ambulance	-		10,805	-		-	10,805	
Other	-		371	-		-	371	
Due From Other Funds	623		-	-		-	623	
Prepaid Expenses	-		-	-		-	-	
Due From Other Governmental Units			<del>-</del>					
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 518,154	\$	346,611	\$ 240,288	\$	19,341	\$ 1,124,394	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
LIABILITIES								
Accounts Payable	-		-	-		-	-	
Due to Other Funds	-		623	-		-	623	
Due to Other Governments	-		-	-		-	-	
Accrued Liabilities	6,568		9,936			<u>-</u>	16,504	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,568		10,559		_		17,127	
FUND BALANCES								
Restricted for Fire and Ambulance	_		336,052	_		_	336,052	
Restricted for Roads/Right of Ways			,	240,288		19,341	259,629	
Unassigned	511,586					<u>-</u>	511,586	
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	511,586		336,052	240,288		19,341	1,107,267	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND								
FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 518,154</u>	\$	346,611	\$ 240,288	\$	19,341	\$ 1,124,394	

#### **ALBERT TOWNSHIP**

#### Reconciliation of Fund Balances on the Balance Sheet for Governmental Funds to Net Position of Governmental Activities on the Statement of Net Position MARCH 31, 2013

Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	1,107,267
Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Capital Assets - at Cost	:	2,821,904
Accumulated Depreciation	(	1,534,044)
Accrued personal leave is not included as a liability in the governmental funds		(9,087)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$</u> :	2,386,040

## ALBERT TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

	G	SENERAL FUND	AM	FIRE & BULANCE FUND		ROAD		NON- MAJOR METRO ACT		TOTAL
REVENUES			_							
Taxes	\$	131,242	\$	287,771	\$	75,722	\$	_	\$	494,735
Federal Sources	•	- ,	,	- ,	•	-	•	-	·	-
State Sources		184,184		1,484		-		4,564		190,232
Other Governments		13,207		· -		-		· -		13,207
Charges for Services		99,359		97,218		-		-		196,577
Interest Income / Royalty Income		13,222		3,013		2,833		-		19,068
Administration Fee		49,653		-		-		-		49,653
Other Revenue		9,366		1,129		<u>-</u>				10,495
TOTAL REVENUES	_	500,233		390,615		78,555		4,564	_	973,967
EXPENDITURES										
General Government		343,373		-		-		-		343,373
Public Safety		64,251		448,652		-		-		512,903
Public Works		72,156		-		30,168		4,874		107,198
Recreation & Culture		16,879		-		-		-		16,879
Capital Outlay	_	64,692		13,281			_	<u>-</u>		77,973
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		561,351		461,933		30,168		4,874		1,058,326
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(61,118)		(71,318)		48,387		(310)		(84,359)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating Transfers Out		<u> </u>		<u>-</u>				<u>-</u>		<u> </u>
REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOU OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING (USES)	RCE	(61,118)		(71,318)		48,387		(310)		(84,359)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR		572,704		407,370	_	191,901		19,651		1,191,62 <u>6</u>
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$	511,586	\$	336,052	\$	240,288	\$	19,341	\$	1,107,267

#### ALBERT TOWNSHIP

## Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ (84,359)
Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.	
Add - Capital Outlay	77,973
Deduct - Depreciation Expense	(114,419)
(Increase) Decrease in Accrued Personal Leave	 (2,180)

\$ (122,985)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Funds

#### ALBERT TOWNSHIP PROPRIETARY FUND STATEMENT OF NET POSITION MARCH 31, 2013

	 TERPRISE FUND WATER
ASSETS	
Current Assets	(, = ,=)
Cash and Investments	\$ (4,549)
Capital Assets Water System - Cost Net of Depreciation	 197,974
TOTAL ASSETS	 193,425
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	-
Accrued Liabilities	 50
TOTAL LIABILITIES, ALL CURRENT	 50
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets	197,974
Unrestricted net position	 (4,599)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 193,375

#### ALBERT TOWNSHIP PROPRIETARY FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION MARCH 31, 2013

	EN	TERPRISE FUND
		WATER
OPERATING REVENUES Charges for Services	\$	5,830
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES		5,830
OPERATING EXPENSES Wages & Fringe Benefits Supplies Services Depreciation Expense		2,905 842 6,234 14,680
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		24,661
INCOME BEFORE OPERATING TRANSFERS AND OTHER REVENUE		(18,831)
OTHER REVENUE AND TRANSFERS Transfer From Other Funds		<u> </u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS		
NET INCOME (LOSS)		(18,831)
NET POSIITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR		212,206
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	\$	193,375

## ALBERT TOWNSHIP PROPRIETARY FUND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

	ERPRISE FUND
	 VATER
Cash Flows from Operating Activities: Cash received from customers Cash payments for wages and fringe benefits Cash payments for goods and services	\$ 5,830 (2,992) (7,407)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	(4,569)
Cash Flows from Non Capital Financing Activities:  Transfers from other funds	 <u>-</u>
Net Cash Provided by Non Capital Financing Activities	 
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(4,569)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	 20
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ (4,549)
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (18,831)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation Expense Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Liabilities	 14,680 (331) (88)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ (4,570)

## ALBERT TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY FUND NET ASSETS AGENCY FUNDS MARCH 31, 2013

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 11,211
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 11,211</u>
LIABILITIES	

\$ 11,211

\$ 11,211

Due to Other Governmental Units

TOTAL LIABILITIES

#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies of Albert Township conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by the Township.

#### REPORTING ENTITY

The General Law Township is located in Montmorency County, Michigan and operated under an elected Township Board consisting of a Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk, and two Trustees. This Board and its employees provide services to its residents in areas such as fire protection, ambulance service, voter registration, maintenance of township facilities, planning and zoning, and water.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity. These criteria include significant operational financial relationships that determine which of the governmental organizations are a part of the Township's reporting entity, and which organizations are legally separate, component units of the Township. The component unit discussed below is included in the Township's reporting entity because of its operational or financial relationship with the Township.

**Discretely Presented Component Unit** – The component unit columns in the government-wide financial statements include the financial data of the township's component unit. This unit is reported in a separate column to emphasize that it is legally separate from the Township. The component unit is described as follows:

**Lewiston Downtown Development Authority (DDA)** – The Township Board appoints the members of the governing board of the DDA. The Township also has the ability to significantly influence operations of the DDA.

#### TOWNSHIP-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The township-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. All of the Township's Township-wide activities are considered governmental activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenue includes (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes, intergovernmental payments, and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary fund, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the township-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

**Township-Wide Financial Statements -** The township-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants, categorical aid, and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the township-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenue include (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided; and (2) operating grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenue rather than as program revenue. Likewise, general revenue includes all taxes and unrestricted state aid/revenue sharing.

**Fund Financial Statements** – Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Township considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, unrestricted state revenue sharing, intergovernmental grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the Township.

Fiduciary fund statements are also reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. All revenue and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenue and expenses.

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

**General Fund** - The General Fund is the Township's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Township, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

<u>Fire and Ambulance Fund</u> – This is a special revenue fund used to record revenue and expenditures related to the fire and ambulance department activities.

**<u>Road Fund</u>** – This is a special revenue fund used to record the proceeds from tax levies and to record the expenditures for road improvements.

The Township reports only one business type activity fund, the Water Fund, which is an enterprise fund and is reported as a major fund.

Additionally, the Township reports the following governmental fund as non major funds: Special Revenue Metro Act Fund.

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

<u>Fiduciary Funds</u> – The Township maintains an Agency Fund to record the tax collection transactions. The funds are segregated and used to record the tax collection and distribution of taxes to the various taxing entities.

#### ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET POSITION AND EQUITY

**Cash and Investments –** Cash and investments include cash on hand, demand deposits, and savings accounts and certificates of deposit.

Receivables and Payables – In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds."

All property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts. The Township considers all receivables to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for uncollectible amounts is recorded. Property taxes are assessed as of December 31 and the related property taxes are levied and become a lien on December 1 of the following year. These taxes are due on February 14 with the final collection date of February 28 before they are added to the county delinquent tax rolls. The County operates a delinquent tax revolving fund and normally pays to the Township all current taxes annually prior to June 30.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include land, buildings, equipment, and vehicles, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the Township-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Township as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$500 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Costs of normal repair and maintenance that do not add to the value or materially extend asset life are not capitalized. The Township does not have infrastructure-type assets.

Buildings, equipment, and vehicles are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings and building additions 10-50 years
Fire trucks and other vehicles 7-15 years
Furniture and other equipment 2-20 years

**Long-Term Obligations** – In the Township-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations would be reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Albert Township has no long term debt.

#### **BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING**

All funds are under the direct supervision and budgetary control of the Township board. In accordance with PA 621 of 1978, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act as amended, the Township board adopts a budget for the general fund and the fire special revenue fund. Any budget violations are disclosed in the audits of the Township's financial statements as required by law.

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The budgets, as adopted, lapse after the close of the fiscal year, and a new budget is adopted for the ensuing year. The budget for Albert Township, as presented in the accompanying financial statements is the amended budget as well as the original adopted budget for the funds required to be budgeted under state statute.

#### NOTE 2- STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

<u>Budgetary Information</u> – Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and state law for the general and special revenue funds. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal year end.

The budget document presents information by fund and function. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body (i.e., the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is the function level. State law requires the Township to have its budget in place by April 1. Expenditures in excess of amounts budgeted are a violation of Michigan law. State law permits Townships to amend their budgets during the year.

<u>Excess Expenditures Over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds</u> - The Township is required under Public Act 621 of 1978 to adopt (pass) a budget (General Appropriations Act) for the General Fund and Individual Special Revenue Funds. The Township complied in all areas. The following items exceeded budgeted amounts:

General Fund:	Total	Amount of	Budget
	<u>Budget</u>	Expenditures	<u>Variance</u>
Township Board Treasurer Assessor	\$ 112,582	\$ 112,634	\$ (52)
	\$ 32,492	\$ 33,138	\$ (646)
	\$ 43,421	\$ 43,426	\$ (5)
Special Revenue Fund: Fire and Ambulance Fund Fringes	<u>\$ 64,644</u>	<u>\$ 66,745</u>	<u>\$ (2,101)</u>

Overall expenditures did not exceed the budgeted totals.

#### **NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

The captions on the combined balance sheet related to cash and investments are as follows:

	lm	prest	С	ert of Dep	sh/checking d Savings	Total
Government Activities Agency Funds	\$	250	\$	526,244 -0-	\$ 571,068 11,206	\$ 1,097,562 11,206
	\$	250	\$	526,244	\$ 582,274	<u>\$ 1,108,768</u>

<u>Deposits</u> - At year-end, the carrying amount of the Township's deposits was \$1,108,518 and the bank balance was \$1,125,516 was classified as to risk as follows.

Insured	\$	920,432
Uninsured – Uncollateralized		188,086
	<u>\$ 1</u>	,108,518

Investments – Act 21, PA 1982, authorized the Township to deposit and invest in the following:

a. Bonds, bills, and other direct obligations of the United States or its agencies.

#### **NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

- b. Certificates of deposit and other savings instruments issued by a federally insured bank, savings and loan or credit union maintaining an office in Michigan.
- c. Commercial paper rated prime at the time of purchase and maturing not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.
- d. Mutual Funds comprised of investments which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.
- e. U.S. Government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements.
- f. Bankers' acceptance of United States banks

The Township Board is authorized to designate depositories for Township funds, and the funds are invested in accordance with State of Michigan statutory authority.

#### Credit Risk

State law limits investments in certain types of investments to a prime or better rating issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSRO's).

#### Interest Rate Risk

The Township has not adopted a policy that indicates how the Township will minimize interest rate risk, which is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in market interest rates, by limiting the weighted average maturity of its investment portfolio to less than a given period of time.

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

The Township has not adopted a policy that indicates how the Township will minimize concentration of credit risk, which is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Township's investment in a single issuer, by diversifying the investment portfolio so that the impact of potential losses from any one type of security or issuer will be minimized, however a good diversification has occurred.

The Township Board is authorized to designate depositories for Township funds, and the funds are invested in accordance with State of Michigan statutory authority.

#### **NOTE 4 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township purchases insurance in the Michigan Township Participating Plan for its liability, property and automobile coverage.

Worker compensation is purchased through the Accident Fund Insurance Company of America.

The Michigan Township Participating Plan is an authorized Michigan Self-Insurance Association and Albert Township is accepted as a member in this plan organized under Public Act 138 of 1982. A substantial number of Michigan townships participate in this coverage.

#### **NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity of the Township's governmental activities for the current year was as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		rch 31, 2012	Additions	Disposals		March 31, 2013		
Capital assets not being depreciated: Land	<b>5</b> 1			\$	-	\$	64,700	
Capital assets being depreciated:								
Building and building improvements		907,489	12,338		-		919,827	
Equipment and vehicles		1,771,742	65,635				1,837,377	
Subtotal		2,679,231	77,973				2,757,204	
Accumulated depreciation		1,429,625	104,419				1,534,044	
Net capital assets being depreciated		1,249,606	(26,446)				1,223,160	
Net governmental capital assets	\$	1,314,306	\$ (26,446)	\$		\$	1,287,860	

Capital asset activity of the business type activities for the current year was as follows:

		ch 31, 2012	A	dditions	Dis	posals	March 31, 2013		
Capital assets being depreciated: Building and building improvements Equipment and vehicles	\$	35,101 333,308	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	- -	\$	35,101 333,308	
Subtotal		368,409		<u>-</u>				368,409	
Accumulated depreciation		155,755		14,680				170,435	
Net capital assets	\$	212,654	\$	(14,680)	\$		\$	197,974	

Depreciation expense was charged to activities of the Township as follows:

Governmental Activities: General Government Public Safety Public Works Recreation and Culture	\$ 16,507 75,709 2,845 <u>9,358</u>
Total Business Type Activities: Water Fund	<u>\$ 104,419</u> \$ 14,680
Total	\$ 119,099

#### **NOTE 6 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The Township's personnel policy provides for the payment of vacation and sick time. This accumulates up to 168 hours for township employees and 192 hours for fire and ambulance employees (24 days). Compensated absences totaled \$9,087 at March 31, 2013.

#### **NOTE 7 - FUND BALANCE**

Beginning with fiscal year 2011-12, the Township implemented GASB Statement 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the classifications of fund balance:

Nonspendable – Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not spendable in form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – Includes amounts restricted by external sources (creditors, laws of other governments, etc.) or by constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Committed – Includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes determined by a formal action by Board Resolution. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (Board Resolution) that was employed when the funds were initially committed.

Assigned – Includes amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the Board or by an official or body to which the Board delegates the authority.

*Unassigned* – Includes amounts that are available for any purpose. Positive amounts are only reported in the General Fund.

Restricted resources are used first when an expense is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned,, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Township considers amounts to have been spent first from committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally assigned funds, as needed, unless the Board has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

REQUIRED SUPPLEME	NTARY INFORMATION	J

### ALBERT TOWNSHIP GENERAL FUND

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, OTHER SOURCES (USES) AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES BUDGET AND ACTUAL

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

	ORIGINAL FINAL BUDGET BUDGET		ACTUAL		WIT	RIANCE H FINAL JDGET	
REVENUES							
Taxes Federal Sources	\$	120,380	\$ 120,380	\$	131,242	\$	10,862
State Sources		175,000	175,000		184,184		9,184
Other Governments		12,750	12,750		13,207		457
Charges for Services		88,143	88,143		99,359		11,216
Interest Income / Royalty Income		11,400	11,400		13,222		1,822
Administration Fee		48,200	48,200		49,653		1,453
Other		3,874	 3,874		9,366		5,492
TOTAL REVENUES		459,747	 459,747		500,233		40,486
EXPENDITURES							
General Government:							
Township Board		95,875	112,582		112,634		(52)
Supervisor		14,866	13,666		13,617		49
Clerk		28,595	24,095		24,092		3
Board of Review		1,758	1,538		1,530		8
Board of Appeals		2,320	2,514		2,513		1
Treasurer		38,017	32,492		33,138		(646)
Assessor		40,691	43,421		43,426		(5)
Election		14,525	10,125		9,730		395
Township Hall		70,726	86,079		79,002		7,077
Attorney		12,000	11,100		9,962		1,138
Township Garage		3,900	4,300		4,283		17
Cemetery		12,856	 9,467	_	9,446		21
Total General Government		336,129	 351,379		343,373		8,006
Public Safety:							
Police		800	800		523		277
Planning and Zoning		62,039	 66,819		63,728		3,091
Total Public Safety		62,839	 67,619		64,251		3,368
Public Works							
Transfer Site		73,038	 74,238		72,156		2,082
Total Public Works		73,038	 74,238		72,156		2,082

#### **ALBERT TOWNSHIP**

#### **GENERAL FUND**

#### STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, OTHER SOURCES (USES) AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED) **BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

	ORIGINAL FINAL BUDGET BUDGET		ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED)				
Recreation & Culture: Parks Chamber of Commerce Library Total Recreation & Culture	\$ 11,608 435 860 12,903	\$ 16,408 435 860 17,703	\$ 16,272 84 523 16,879	\$ 136 351 337 824
Capital Outlay:				
Capital Outlay	90,100	90,100	64,692	25,408
Total Capital Outlay	90,100	90,100	64,692	25,408
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	575,009	601,039	561,351	39,688
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(115,262)	(141,292)	(61,118)	80,174
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating Transfers Out	(10,000)			
REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING (USES)	(125,262)	(141,292)	(61,118)	80,174
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	543,642	572,704	572,704	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$ 418,380	\$ 431,412	<u>\$ 511,586</u>	\$ 80,174

## ALBERT TOWNSHIP FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

	ORIGINAL BUDGET		FINAL BUDGET		ACTUAL		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	
REVENUES								
Taxes	\$	296,610	\$	296,610	\$	287,771	\$	(8,839)
Intergovernmental Revenue								
Federal		4.550		4 550		4 40 4		(00)
State		1,550		1,550		1,484		(66)
Other Local Units		105.000		105.000		07.040		(7.702)
Charges for Services Interest		105,000		105,000		97,218		(7,782)
Other Revenue		4,500		4,500		3,013		(1,487)
Other Revenue		4,525	-	4,525		1,129		(3,396)
TOTAL REVENUES		412,185	_	412,185		390,615		(21,570)
EXPENDITURES Public Safety								
Wages		293,900		294,400		286,207		8,193
Fringes		70,047		64,644		66,745		(2,101)
Supplies		30,350		30,350		29,752		598
Contractual Services		61,195		61,045		56,025		5,020
Utilities		11,900		11,900		9,923		1,977
Capital Outlay		41,875		41,875		13,281		28,594
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		509,267		504,214		461,933		42,281
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REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(97,082)		(92,029)		(71,318)		20,711
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR		362,382		407,370		407,370		
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$	265,300	\$	315,341	\$	336,052	\$	20,711

# ALBERT TOWNSHIP ROAD FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

			FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET		
REVENUES Taxes Interest Other Revenue	\$	77,000 1,000 -	\$	77,000 1,000	\$	75,722 2,833 <u>-</u>	\$	(1,278) 1,833
TOTAL REVENUES		78,000		78,000		78,555		555
EXPENDITURES Public Works		118,850		118,850		30,168		88,682
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		118,850		118,850		30,168		88,682
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(40,850)		(40,850)		48,387		89,237
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	_	246,619		191,901		191,901		
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$	205,769	\$	151,051	\$	240,288	\$	89,237



# ALBERT TOWNSHIP COMPONENT UNIT LEWISTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31, 2013

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 29,284
TOTAL ASSETS	 \$ 29,284
FUND BALANCE	
Unreserved	\$ 29,284

# ALBERT TOWNSHIP COMPONENT UNIT LEWISTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

	Downtown Development Authority	
REVENUES		
Contributions Interest	\$ 33,077 40	
TOTAL REVENUES	33,117	
EXPENDITURES Contractual Services	28,276	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	28,276	
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	4,841	
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	24,443	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$ 29,284	



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED
ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

September 12, 2013

Township Board Albert Township Lewiston, Michigan 49756

#### To Albert Township Board:

I have audited, in accordance with the 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 governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Albert Township as of and for the year ended March 31, 2013 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Albert Township's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated September 12, 2013.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered Albert Township's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances fro the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Albert Township's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Albert 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 entity'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.

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My 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 were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. I did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described below that I consider to be a significant deficiency.

Establishment and maintenance of internal control over the financial reporting process requires management to prepare annual financial statements in accordance with GASB Statement Number 34. The Township's auditor prepares these statements.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Albert Township's financial statements are free from material misstatement, I 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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Albert Township's Response to Findings

Albert Township's response to the finding identified in my audit was: It is not economically feasible to prepare their own financial statements at this time.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion of the effectiveness of the entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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#### **REPORT TO MANAGEMENT / TOWNSHIP BOARD**

September 12, 2013

Township Board Albert Township Lewiston, Michigan 49756

I have audited the financial statements of Albert Township for the year ended March 31, 2013, and have issued my reports thereon dated September 12, 2013. Professional standards require that I provide you with the following information related to my audit.

#### My Responsibility Under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

My responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform my audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with U.S. Generally accepted accounting principles. Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance and because I did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by me.

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Albert Township's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements and no to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. I also considered internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Albert Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit. While my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion, it does not provide a legal determination of Albert Township's compliance with those requirements.

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#### **Significant Accounting Policies**

Management has the responsibility for selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, I will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Albert Township are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. I noted no transactions entered into by Albert Township during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, I am required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

#### **Accounting Estimates**

Some accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience and past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. My conclusions regarding the reasonableness of the estimates are based on reviewing and testing the historical data provided by management and using this data to compute the liability.

#### **Audit Adjustments**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in my judgment, may not have been detected except through my auditing procedures. An audit adjustment may or may not indicate matters that could have a significant effect on Albert Township's financial reporting process (that is, cause future financial statements to be materially misstated). All of the adjustments I proposed have been recorded by Albert Township.

#### **Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether significant or not resolved to my satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. I am pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of my audit.

#### **Consultations with Other Independent Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to Albert Township's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with me to determine that the consultant has all of the relevant facts. To my knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

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#### <u>Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors</u>

I generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as Albert Township's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and my responses were not a condition to my retention.

#### **Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit**

I encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing my audit. I encountered several difficulties in obtaining bank confirmations from depositories this year, in particular Fifth Third Bank. I also received incorrect confirmations from other institutions which had to be reconfirmed with them.

#### **COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following is a summary of my observations with suggestions for improvements I believe should be brought to your attention.

#### **BUDGETS**

The Township is required under Public Act 621 of 1978 to adopt (pass) a budget (General Appropriations Act) for the General Fund and Individual Special Revenue Funds. The Township complied in all areas. The following items exceeded the budgeted amounts:

General Fund: Township Board Treasurer Assessor	Total <u>Budget</u>	Amount of Expenditures	Budget <u>Variance</u>
	\$ 112,582 \$ 32,492 \$ 43,421	\$ 112,634 \$ 33,138 \$ 43,426	\$ (52) \$ (646) \$ (5)
Special Revenue Fund: Fire and Ambulance Fund Fringes	\$ 64,644	\$ 66,74 <u>5</u>	\$ (2,101)

Overall expenditures did not exceed the budgeted totals.

#### **TRANSFER SITE REVENUE**

The process to receive and deposit receipts from the transfer site has been improved by implementing the punch card system. Better accounting controls are in place for the receipting process, because most of the cash should be received over the counter in the treasurer's office. However, that is not happening.

I feel there needs to be a significant difference in price between the cost of punch cards and the cost to simply stop at the transfer site. This will encourage use of the cards.

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#### **NEGATIVE CASH BALANCE – WATER FUND**

At March 31, 2013 the Water Fund ended the year with a \$4,549 negative balance in their portion of the common bank account. The General Fund should transfer funds to eliminate this negative balance.

#### PUBLIC ACT 152 OF 2011 - PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTINUATION ACT

The Township Board did not comply with the provisions of this statute. Amounts paid for health insurance premiums and deductibles exceeded the statutory amounts. While the statute permits the Township, by a 2/3 vote of its governing body to exempt itself from the requirements of the statute annually no formal board motion was passed for fiscal year 2012/13.

My consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, I believe none of the matters described above are material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Albert Township Montmorency County, Michigan, management, and others on the board, and the Michigan Department of Treasury. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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