ALBERT TOWNSHIP BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

June 25, 2014

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, 2014, 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, 2014 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 June 25, 2014, 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 5.56% from a year ago – decreasing by \$143,346.

The slight increase in overall Township tax revenues is the result of taxable value decreases and a swamp tax increase. Taxable value in 2013 was 151.9 million while in 2014 it was \$158.1 million. The business type activity experienced a \$9,410 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.

	<u>03/31</u>	/2014	<u>03/31</u>	I <u>/2013</u>	03/31/2014	03/31/2013
	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activity	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activity	Total	Total
Current Assets Noncurrent Assets	\$ 1,043,490 1,251,930	\$	\$ 1,123,771 1,287,860	\$ (4,549) 197,974	\$ 1,044,385 1,435,223	\$ 1,119,222 1,485,834
Total Assets	2,295,420	184,188	2,411,631	193,425	2,479,608	2,605,056
Current Liabilities	43,316	223	25,591	50	43,539	25,641
Total Liabilities	43,316	223	25,591	50	43,539	25,641
Net Assets						
Net Capital Assets	1,251,930	183,293	1,287,860	197,974	1,435,223	1,485,834
Restricted Unrestricted	571,683 428,491	- 672	595,681 502,499	- (4,599)	571,683 429,163	595,681 497,900
Total Net Position	\$ 2,252,104	\$ 183,965	\$ 2,386,040	\$ 193,375	\$ 2,436,069	\$ 2,579,415

Unrestricted net position – the part of net position that can be used to finance day to day operations ended the year at \$429,163, down \$68,737 from the prior year.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

	03/31/2014			03/31/2013				0	3/31/2014	03/31/2013				
		overnmental Activities		ness Type Activity		overnmental Activities		iness Type Activity		Total		Total		Total
Program Revenues														
Charges for Services Operating Grants and	\$	280,804	\$	4,784	\$	246,230	\$	5,830	\$	285,588	\$	252,060		
contributions		18,025		-		19,255		-		18,025		19,255		
Capital Grants and contributions		-		-		-		-		-		-		
General Revenues														
Property Taxes		513,987		-		494,735		-		513,987		494,735		
State Shared Revenues Unrestricted Investment		187,783		-		184,184		-		187,783		184,184		
Earnings / Other Revenue		23,738		<u> </u>		29,563		<u> </u>		23,738		29,563		
Total Revenues		1,024,337		4,784		973,967		5,830		1,029,121		979,797		
Program Expenses														
General government		425,429		-		360,207		-		425,429		360,207		
Public Safety		590,057		-		590,465		-		590,057		590,465		
Public Works		107,609		22,194		110,043		24,661		129,803		134,704		
Recreation and Culture		27,178		-		26,237		-		27,178	—	26,237		
Total Expenses		1,150,273		22,194		1,086,952		24,661		1,172,467		1,111,613		
Transfers		(8,000)		8,000				-			_			
Change in Net Position	\$	(133,936)	<u>\$</u>	(9,410)	\$	(112,985)	\$	(18,831)	\$	(143,346)	\$	(131,816)		

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

The Township's net position continues to remain healthy. The total revenues increased by \$49,324 while expenses increased by \$60,854.

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

The Township's total governmental revenues were \$1,024,337 which was an increase of \$50,370.

Expenditures increased for the year by \$63,321, which was due to overall increases in expenses. During the fiscal year capital expenditures included new computers for \$890 fireproof files for \$3,503, assessing and zoning software for \$7,125, roof repair for \$3,350, boilers for \$19,325, a heart monitor/ defibrillator for \$21,808, and an engine overhaul for \$8,643.

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 \$9,410 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 2013/14 include the General Fund, Fire and Ambulance Fund, and Road Fund. The other funds are the Metro Act Fund and Sewer Grant 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, 2014 the Township had \$1,435,224 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 2014/15 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 increased for the year by approximately \$75,000, most of which is in capital outlay.

There may be a minimal increase in the General Fund revenues due to a slight increase in State Revenue Sharing.

The Master Plan was completed in October 2013. The Township will continue to see an increase in expenditures for maintenance and repairs on buildings and vehicles.

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, 2014

ASSETS	Governmental Activities		Business e Activities	 Total	omponent nit - DDA
Cash demand, time deposits, and investments Receivables	\$	978,514	\$ 895	\$ 979,409	\$ 25,809
Taxes		37,000	-	37,000	-
Administration Fee		3,159	-	3,159	-
Accounts		24,817	-	24,817	-
Other		-	-	-	-
Capital assets					
Land		64,700	-	64,700	-
Other capital assets, net of depreciation		1,187,230	 183,293	 1,370,523	
TOTAL ASSETS		2,295,420	 184,188	 2,479,608	 25,809
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable		17,043	129	17,172	-
Due to Other Governments		-	-	-	-
Accrued liabilities		26,273	 94	 26,367	
Total Liabilities		43,316	 223	 43,539	 <u> </u>
NET POSITION					
Invested in Capital Assets Restricted for:		1,251,930	183,293	1,435,223	-
Road Fund		291,218	-	291,218	_
Fire and Ambulance Fund		256,566	-	256,566	-
Metro Act Fund		23,899	-	23,899	-
Downtown Development Authority			-	- 20,000	25,809
Unrestricted		428,491	 672	 429,163	
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	2,252,104	\$ 183,965	\$ 2,436,069	\$ 25,809

ALBERT TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

				F	Progra	m Revenues			
					C	perating			
			С	harges for	Gr	rants and	Capital	Ne	t (Expense)
Functions / Programs		Expenses		Services	Cor	ntributions	 Grants	F	Revenue
Primary Government Governmental Activities General Government Public Safety Public Works Recreation and Culture Total Governmental Activities	\$	425,429 590,057 107,609 27,178 1,150,273	\$	62,947 137,434 80,423 	\$	- 18,025 - 18,025	\$ - - - -	\$	(362,482) (452,623) (9,161) (27,178) (851,444)
Total Governmental Activities		1,130,273		200,004		10,025	 		(031,444)
Business Type Activity									
Water Fund		22,194		4,784		-	 -		(17,410)
Total Primary Government	\$	1,172,467	\$	285,588	\$	18,025	\$ 		(868,854)
Component Unit									
Downtown Development Authority	\$	24,399	\$	-	\$	20,894	\$ <u> </u>		(3,505)
			Go	vernmental	Bus	iness Type		С	omponent
				Activities		ctivities	Total		nit - DDA
Net (expense) revenue			\$	(851,444)	\$	(17,410)	\$ (868,854)	\$	(3,505)
General revenues:									
Taxes:									
Property taxes levied for general of	perati	ng/swamp		400.005			400.005		
tax Property taxes levied for fire & amb	ulan	<u></u>		133,095 301,546		-	133,095 301,546		-
Property taxes levied for roads	Julan			79,346		-	79,346		-
State Revenue Sharing not									
restricted to specific purposes				187,783		-	187,783		-
Interest and royalty earnings Other revenue				15,867 7,871		-	15,867 7,871		30
Transfers				(8,000)		8,000	- 1,071		-
Total general revenues and taxes	6			717,508		8,000	 725,508		30
Change in Net Position				(133,936)		(9,410)	 (143,346)		(3,475)
Net Position, beginning of year				2,386,040		193,375	 2,579,415		
Net Position, end of year			\$	2,252,104	\$	183,965	\$ 2,436,069	\$	(3,475)

ALBERT TOWNSHIP BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS MARCH 31, 2014

	FIRE & GENERAL AMBULANCE FUND FUND		ROAD	NON- MAJOR	TOTAL
ASSETS Cash and Investments Receivables	\$ 439,691	\$ 228,542	\$ 286,332	\$ 23,949	\$ 978,514
Taxes Administration Fee Ambulance	8,159 3,159 -	22,833 - 24,817	6,008 - -	- -	37,000 3,159 24,817
Other Due From Other Funds Prepaid Expenses	- 1,788 -	- -		-	- 1,788 -
Due From Other Governmental Units	<u>-</u> \$ 452,797	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>-</u> \$ 23,949	<u>-</u> \$ 1,045,278
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u> </u>	<u></u>	<u>. </u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
LIABILITIES Accounts Payable Due to Other Funds Due to Other Governments Accrued Liabilities	8,541 - - 6,532	7,380 1,788 - 10,458	1,122 - - -		17,043 1,788 - 16,990
TOTAL LIABILITIES	15,073	19,626	1,122		35,821
FUND BALANCES Restricted for Fire and Ambulance Restricted for Roads/Right of Ways Unassigned	437,724	256,566	- 291,218 	- 23,899 50	256,566 315,117 437,774
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	437,724	256,566	291,218	23,949	1,009,457
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 452,797</u>	<u>\$ 276,192</u>	<u>\$ 292,340</u>	<u>\$ 23,949</u>	<u>\$ 1,045,278</u>

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, 2014

Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	1,009,457
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 Accumulated Depreciation		2,898,696 (1,646,766)
Accrued personal leave is not included as a liability in the governmental funds		(9,283)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$</u>	2,252,104

ALBERT TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

	G	ENERAL FUND	FIRE & BULANCE FUND	 ROAD		NON- IAJOR	TOTAL
REVENUES							
Taxes	\$	133,095	\$ 301,546	\$ 79,346	\$	-	\$ 513,987
Federal Sources		-	-	-		-	-
State Sources		187,783	-	-		4,558	192,341
Other Governments		13,467	-	-		-	13,467
Charges for Services		84,773	137,434	-		-	222,207
Interest Income / Royalty Income Administration Fee		11,955	2,252	1,660		-	15,867
		58,597	-	-		-	58,597
Other Revenue		3,073	 4,798	 	<u> </u>	-	7,871
TOTAL REVENUES		492,743	 446,030	 81,006		4,558	1,024,337
EXPENDITURES							
General Government		401,201	-	-		-	401,201
Public Safety		49,197	464,271	-		-	513,468
Public Works		74,790	-	30,076		-	104,866
Recreation & Culture		17,820	-	-		-	17,820
Capital Outlay		15,547	 61,245	 			76,792
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		558,555	 525,516	 30,076			1,114,147
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(65,812)	(79,486)	50,930		4,558	(89,810)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating Transfers In		-	-	-		50	50
Operating Transfers (Out)		(8,050)	 -	 	<u> </u>	-	(8,050)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		(8,050)				50	(8,000)
3001023 (0323)		(0,000)	 <u> </u>	 			(0,000)
REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOL OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND	IRCE	S					
OTHER FINANCING (USES)		(73,862)	(79,486)	50,930		4,608	(97,810)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR		511,586	 336,052	 240,288		19,341	1,107,267
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$	437,724	\$ 256,566	\$ 291,218	\$	23,949	<u>\$ 1,009,457</u>

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, 2014

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	(97,810)
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		76,792
Deduct - Depreciation Expense		(112,722)
(Increase) Decrease in Accrued Personal Leave		(196)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Funds	<u>\$</u>	(133,936)

ALBERT TOWNSHIP PROPRIETARY FUND STATEMENT OF NET POSITION MARCH 31, 2014

	ENTERPRISE
	FUND
	WATER
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and Investments	\$ 895
Capital Assets	102 202
Water System - Cost Net of Depreciation	183,293
TOTAL ASSETS	184,188
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	129
Accrued Liabilities	94
TOTAL LIABILITIES, ALL CURRENT	223
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets	183,293
Unrestricted net position	672
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 183,965</u>

ALBERT TOWNSHIP PROPRIETARY FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION MARCH 31, 2014

	ENTERPRISE FUND
	WATER
OPERATING REVENUES Charges for Services	\$ 4,784
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	4,784
OPERATING EXPENSES Wages & Fringe Benefits Supplies Services Depreciation Expense	2,127 379 5,007 14,681
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	22,194
INCOME BEFORE OPERATING TRANSFERS AND OTHER REVENUE	(17,410)
OTHER REVENUE AND TRANSFERS Transfer From Other Funds	8,000
TOTAL TRANSFERS	8,000
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(9,410)
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	193,375
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 183,965</u>

ALBERT TOWNSHIP PROPRIETARY FUND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

	ENTERPRISE FUND WATER		
Cash Flows from Operating Activities: Cash received from customers Cash payments for wages and fringe benefits Cash payments for goods and services	\$	4,784 (2,083) (5,257)	
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities		(2,556)	
Cash Flows from Non Capital Financing Activities: Transfers from other funds		8,000	
Net Cash Provided by Non Capital Financing Activities		8,000	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		5,444	
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year		(4,549)	
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$	895	
Operating Income (Loss) Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	\$	(17,410)	
Depreciation Expense Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Liabilities		14,681 129 44	
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$	(2,556)	

ALBERT TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY FUND NET ASSETS AGENCY FUNDS MARCH 31, 2014

ASSETS		
Cash	<u>\$</u>	20,361
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	20,361
LIABILITIES		
Due to Other Governmental Units	<u>\$</u>	20,361
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	20,361

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:

<u>General Fund</u> - 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 and Sewer Grant 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

Deferred Outflows of Resources - In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Township has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

Deferred Inflows of Resources- In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Township has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

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.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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.

Excess Expenditures Over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds - 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:

	Total <u>Budget</u>	Amount of <u>Expenditures</u>	Budget Variance
General Fund:			
Clerk	<u>\$ </u>	<u>\$31,216</u>	<u>\$ (118</u>)
Township Garage	<u>\$ 4,600</u>	<u>\$ 4,611</u>	<u>\$11</u>)
Police	\$ 510	\$ 547	\$ (37)
Operating Transfer Out	\$ -0-	\$ 8,050	\$ (8,050)
Special Revenue Fund:			,
Fire and Ambulance Fund			
Capital Outlay	\$ 43,125	\$ 61,245	\$ (18,120)
Utilities	\$ 10,500	<u>\$ 10,590</u>	<u>\$ (90</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:

		Cash/checking								
	<u>In</u>	Imprest		Imprest Cert of Dep		and	<u>d Savings</u>		Total	
Governmental Activities Component Unit Agency Funds	\$	250 -0- -	\$	641,535 -0- -0-	\$	337,624 25,809 20,361	\$	979,409 25,809 20,361		
	<u>\$</u>	250	\$	641,535	\$	383,794	<u>\$</u>	1,025,579		

<u>Deposits</u> - At year-end, the carrying amount of the Township's deposits was \$1,025,329 and the bank balance was \$1,033,407 was classified as to risk as follows.

Insured	\$	930,777
Uninsured – Uncollateralized		94,552
	\$ ^	.025.329

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.
- 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.

NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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 - CAPITAL ASSETS

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

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	Ma	rch 31, 2013	Additions	Disposals	Ma	March 31, 2014		
Capital assets not being depreciated: Land	\$	64,700		\$-	\$	64,700		
Capital assets being depreciated:								
Building and building improvements		919,827	-	-		919,827		
Equipment and vehicles		1,837,377	76,792			1,914,169		
Subtotal		2,757,204	76,792			2,833,996		
Accumulated depreciation		1,534,044	112,722			1,646,766		
Net capital assets being depreciated		1,223,160	(35,930)			1,187,230		
Net governmental capital assets	\$	1,287,860	<u>\$ (35,930)</u>	<u>\$</u> -	\$	1,251,930		

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

	March 31, 2013		Additions		Disposals		Mar	ch 31, 2014
Capital assets being depreciated: Building and building improvements Equipment and vehicles	\$	35,101 333,308	\$	-	\$	-	\$	35,101 333,308
Subtotal		368,409		<u> </u>				368,409
Accumulated depreciation		170,435		14,680				185,115
Net capital assets	<u>\$</u>	197,974	\$	(14,680)	<u>\$</u>	_	\$	183,294

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

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

Governmental Activities: General Government Public Safety Public Works Recreation and Culture	\$ 23,814 76,807 2,743 <u>9,358</u>
Total Business Type Activities: Water Fund	<u>\$ 112,722</u> <u>\$ 14,680</u>
Total	<u>\$ 127,402</u>

NOTE 5 - 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 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 \$9,283 at March 31, 2014.

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.

NOTE 7 - FUND BALANCE (CONTINUED)

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 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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, 2014

REVENUES	-	RIGINAL JDGET	FINAL UDGET	ACTUAL		WIT	RIANCE H FINAL JDGET
Taxes Federal Sources State Sources Other Governments Charges for Services	\$	117,721 - 181,000 12,850 88,115	\$ 123,721 - 181,000 12,850 88,115	\$	133,095 - 187,783 13,467 84,773	\$	9,374 - 6,783 617 (3,342)
Interest Income / Royalty Income		6,275	6,275		11,955		5,680
Administration Fee		63,948	63,948		58,597		(5,351)
Other		2,689	 2,689		3,073		384
TOTAL REVENUES		472,598	 478,598		492,743		14,145
EXPENDITURES							
General Government:							
Township Board		110,826	106,827		102,234		4,593
Supervisor		15,051	14,051		13,670		381
Clerk Board of Review		26,045 2,090	31,098 2,090		31,216 1,425		(118) 665
Board of Appeals		2,090 3,220	2,090 3,920		3,573		347
Treasurer		33,096	34,295		33,457		838
Assessor		96,323	91,323		89,490		1,833
Election		8,422	6,352		3,278		3,074
Township Hall		97,270	93,770		91,983		1,787
Attorney		12,000	12,000		11,162		838
Township Garage		4,600	4,600		4,611		(11)
Cemetery		15,735	 15,735		15,102		633
Total General Government		424,678	 416,061		401,201		14,860
Public Safety:							
Police		510	510		547		(37)
Planning and Zoning		61,221	 63,421		48,650		14,771
Total Public Safety		61,731	 63,931		49,197		14,734
Public Works							
Transfer Site		70 291	70 291		74 700		4 401
		79,281	 79,281		74,790		4,491
Total Public Works		79,281	 79,281		74,790		4,491

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, 2014

	ORIGINAL	FINAL		VARIANCE WITH FINAL		
	BUDGET	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET		
EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED)						
Recreation & Culture: Parks Chamber of Commerce	\$	\$	\$	\$ 162 460		
Library Total Recreation & Culture	830 15,940	1,950 18,710	1,682 17,820	268 890		
Capital Outlay:						
Capital Outlay	96,500	96,500	15,547	80,953		
Total Capital Outlay	96,500	96,500	15,547	80,953		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	678,130	674,483	558,555	115,928		
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(205,532)	(195,885)	(65,812)	130,073		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating Transfers Out	(5,000)		(8,050)	(8,050)		
REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING (USES)	(210,532)	(195,885)	(73,862)	122,023		
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	419,879	511,586	511,586			
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 209,347</u>	<u>\$ 315,701</u>	<u>\$ 437,724</u>	<u>\$ 122,023</u>		

ALBERT TOWNSHIP FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

								RIANCE
	ORIGINAL			FINAL			WIT	'H FINAL
	B	UDGET	B	UDGET	/	ACTUAL	Bl	JDGET
REVENUES								
Taxes	\$	299,619	\$	299,619	\$	301,546	\$	1,927
Intergovernmental Revenue	•	,	•	,	•	,	•	, -
Federal		-		-		-		-
State		1,550		1,550		-		(1,550)
Other Local Units		-		-		-		-
Charges for Services		138,005		138,005		137,434		(571)
Interest		400		400		2,252		1,852
Other Revenue		2,000		2,000		4,798		2,798
TOTAL REVENUES		441,574		441,574		446,030		4,456
EXPENDITURES Public Safety								
Wages		304,289		304,289		295,167		9,122
Fringes		73,224		73,224		66,152		7,072
Supplies		36,375		36,375		34,351		2,024
Contractual Services		62,410		62,410		58,011		4,399
Utilities		10,500		10,500		10,590		(90)
Capital Outlay		43,125		43,125		61,245		(18,120)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		529,923		529,923		525,516		4,407
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(88,349)		(88,349)		(79,486)		8,863
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR		303,518		336,052		336,052		<u> </u>
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$	215,169	\$	247,703	\$	256,566	\$	8,863

ALBERT TOWNSHIP ROAD FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

	ORIGINAL BUDGET																		ACTUAL		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	
REVENUES Taxes Interest Other Revenue	\$	78,634 1,500 -	\$	78,634 1,500 -	\$	79,346 1,660 -	\$	712 160 -														
TOTAL REVENUES		80,134		80,134		81,006		872														
EXPENDITURES Public Works		115,100		115,100		30,076		85,024														
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		115,100		115,100		30,076		85,024														
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(34,966)		(34,966)		50,930		85,896														
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR		301,961		240,288		240,288																
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$	266,995	\$	205,322	\$	291,218	\$	85,896														

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ALBERT TOWNSHIP COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NON MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS MARCH 31, 2014

		SPECIAL REVENUE				
	ME	METRO ACT				
		FUND SEWER FUND)	TOTAL	
ASSETS Cash and Investments Investments Receivables: Taxes Accounts Inventory Due From Other Funds Due From Other Governmental Units TOTAL ASSETS	\$	23,899 - - - - 23,899	\$ 50 <u>\$ 50</u>) \$ - -	23,949 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
LIABILITIES Accounts Payable Accrued Liabilities Due to Other Funds Due to Other Governmental Units Advances From Other Governmental Units Deferred Revenue	\$		\$	• \$ • • •		
FUND BALANCE						
Reserved Unreserved		23,899 -	50)	23,899 50	
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		23,899	50)	23,949	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	23,899	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$</u>	23,949	

ALBERT TOWNSHIP COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NON MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

	SPECIAL REVENUE				
	METRO ACT				
	FUND		SEWER FUND	TOTAL	
REVENUES					
State Sources	\$	4,558	\$-	\$	4,558
Federal Sources		-	-		-
Charges for Services Interest		-	-		-
Other		-	-		-
Other					
TOTAL REVENUES		4,558			4,558
EXPENDITURES					
Public Works		-	-		-
Capital Outlay					-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		-	-		-
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		4,558	-		4,558
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Operating Transfers In		-	50		50
REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND					
OTHER FINANCING (USES)		4,558	50		4,608
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR		19,341			19,341
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$	23,899	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$</u>	23,949

ALBERT TOWNSHIP COMPONENT UNIT LEWISTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31, 2014

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 25,809
TOTAL ASSETS	 \$ 25,809
FUND BALANCE	
Unreserved	\$ 25,809

ALBERT TOWNSHIP COMPONENT UNIT LEWISTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

	Downtown Development Authority
REVENUES	
Contributions Interest	\$ 20,894 <u>30</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	20,924
EXPENDITURES Contractual Services	24,399
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	24,399
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(3,475)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	29,284
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$ 25,809



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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

June 25, 2014

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, 2014 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 June 25, 2014.

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.

Page 2 June 25, 2014 Township Board Albert Township

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

June 25, 2014

Township Board Albert Township Lewiston, Michigan 49756

I have audited the financial statements of Albert Township for the year ended March 31, 2014, and have issued my reports thereon dated June 25, 2014. 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. Page 2 June 25, 2014 Township Board Albert Township

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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Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors

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:

	Total Budget	Amount of Expenditures	Budget Variance
General Fund:			
Clerk	<u>\$ 31,098</u>	<u>\$31,216</u>	<u>\$(118</u>)
Township Garage	\$ 4,600	<u>\$ 4,611</u>	<u>\$ 11</u>)
Police	\$ 510	\$ 547	\$ (37)
Operating Transfer Out	\$ -0-	\$ 8,050	\$ (8,050)
Special Revenue Fund:			,
Fire and Ambulance Fund			
Capital Outlay	\$ 43.125	\$ 61,245	\$ (18,120)
Utilities	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,590	<u>\$ (90</u>)

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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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 the formal board motion was passed on October 7, 2013 which is after the start of the insurance plan year or the Township fiscal year, so was not effective for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

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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