Township of Ada Kent County, Michigan

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended March 31, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Township Board of Trustees Township of Ada, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Ada, Michigan, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements, as listed in the 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

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Ada, Michigan, as of March 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows 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, as listed in the contents, 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. We 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 our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township of Ada, Michigan's basic financial statements. The combining statement of fiduciary assets and liabilities for the agency funds and the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - budget and actual for the Downtown Development Authority are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining statement of fiduciary assets and liabilities for the agency funds and the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - budget and actual for the Downtown Development Authority (supplementary information) are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare 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 or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Sigfried Crandoll P.C.

June 10, 2015

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the Township of Ada's (the Township) financial performance provides a narrative overview of the Township's financial activities for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015. Please read it in conjunction with the Township's financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Township's total net position increased by \$1,001,718 (4 percent) as a result of this year's activities. The net position of the governmental activities increased by \$476,302 and the net position of the business-type activities increased by \$525,416.
- Of the \$28,826,695 total net position reported, \$6,846,375 (24 percent) is unrestricted, or available to be used at the Board's discretion.
- The General Fund's unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$2,107,652, which represents 108 percent of the actual total General Fund expenditures for the current fiscal year.

Overview of the financial statements

The Township's annual report is comprised of four parts: management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, required supplementary information, and an optional section that presents combining statements and statements concerning the component unit. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Township:

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Township's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Township government, reporting the Township's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements.
 - Governmental funds statements explain how general government services, like public safety, were financed in the short-term, as well as what remains for future spending.
 - Proprietary funds statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about the activities the government operates like a business, such as the sewer and water systems and construction code inspection services.
 - o Fiduciary funds statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the Township acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others to whom the resources in question belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The financial statements are followed by sections of required supplementary information and other supplementary information that further explain and support the information in the financial statements.

A comparative analysis of the government-wide financial statements for 2015 and 2014 is also presented.

Government-wide financial statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the Township as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Position includes all of the Township's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

The two government-wide statements report the Township's net position and how it has changed. Net position (the difference between the Township's assets and liabilities) is one way to measure the Township's financial health, or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Township's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the Township, you need to consider additional nonfinancial factors, such as changes in the Township's property tax base and the condition of the Township's capital assets.

The government-wide financial statements are divided into three categories:

- Governmental activities Most of the Township's basic services are included here, such as police and fire protection and general government. Property taxes and state shared revenue finance most of these activities.
- Business-type activities The Township charges fees to customers to help it cover the costs of certain services it provides. The Township's sewer and water systems and construction code inspection operations are reported here.
- Component unit The Township includes one other entity in its report the Ada Downtown Development Authority. Although legally separate, this "component unit" is important because the Township is financially accountable for it.

Fund financial statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Township's most significant funds - not the Township as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Township uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

- Some funds are required by state law and by bond agreements.
- The Township Board establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is properly using certain taxes and other revenues (like the public safety millage).

The Township has three types of funds:

- Governmental funds. Most of the Township's basic services are included in its governmental funds, which focus on
 (1) how cash, and other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash, flows in and out, and (2) the balances left
 at year end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short term view that helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near
 future to finance the Township's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term
 focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information that explains the relationship between
 them.
- Proprietary funds. Services for which the Township charges customers a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds.
 Proprietary funds statements, like the government-wide statements, provide both long-term and short-term financial information. In fact, the Township's enterprise funds are the same as its business-type activities but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows.
- Fiduciary funds. These funds are used to account for the collection and disbursement of resources, primarily taxes, for the benefit of parties outside the Township. The Township is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in the fiduciary funds are used for their intended purposes. The Township's fiduciary balances are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities. We exclude these activities from the Township's government-wide financial statements because the Township cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE

Net position

Total net position at the end of the fiscal year was \$28,826,695. Of this total, \$19,574,817 is invested in capital assets and \$2,405,503 is restricted for various purposes. Consequently, unrestricted net position was \$6,846,375, or 24 percent of the total.

Condensed financial information Net position

	Governme	ntal activities	Business-ty	pe activities	Totals			
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014		
Current and other assets	\$ 6,556,406	\$ 6,145,791	\$ 3,433,233	\$ 3,109,672	\$ 9,989,639	\$ 9,255,463		
Capital assets	11,698,557	11,972,090	13,391,260	13,095,437	25,089,817	25,067,527		
Total assets	18,254,963	18,117,881	16,824,493	16,205,109	35,079,456	34,322,990		
Current and other liabilities	306,808	318,028	430,953	244,985	737,761	563,013		
Long-term debt outstanding	3,165,600	3,493,600	2,349,400	2,441,400	5,515,000	5,935,000		
Total liabilities	3,472,408	3,811,628	2,780,353	2,686,385	6,252,761	6,498,013		
Net position:								
Net investment in								
capital assets	8,532,957	8,478,490	11,041,860	10,654,037	19,574,817	19,132,527		
Restricted	2,405,503	2,474,146	-	-	2,405,503	2,474,146		
Unrestricted	3,844,095	3,353,617	3,002,280	2,864,687	6,846,375	6,218,304		
Total net position	\$ 14,782,555	\$ 14,306,253	\$ 14,044,140	\$ 13,518,724	\$ 28,826,695	\$ 27,824,977		

Changes in net position

The Township's total revenues for the current fiscal year amounted to \$8,140,974. Charges for services account for more than 52 percent of the Township's revenues, while property taxes account for nearly 31 percent of the revenues. State shared revenue accounts for about 13 percent of the Township's revenues.

The total cost of the Township's programs for fiscal year 2015, covering a wide range of services, totaled \$7,139,256. Nearly 47 percent of the Township's costs relates to the provision of utility services. Public safety (police and fire protection and inspections) and general government services represent 15 and 21 percent of total expenses, respectively.

Condensed financial information Changes in net position

	Governmer	ital activities	Business-ty	pe activities	Totals			
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014		
Program revenues:								
Charges for services	\$ 247,853	\$ 241,370	\$ 4,005,477	\$ 3,955,258	\$ 4,253,330	\$ 4,196,628		
Operating grants and contributions	13,882	14,215	-	-	13,882	14,215		
Capital grants and contributions	76,228	130,720	-	-	76,228	130,720		
General revenues:								
Property taxes	2,512,794	2,516,022	-	-	2,512,794	2,516,022		
State shared revenue	1,036,125	971,914	-	-	1,036,125	971,914		
Franchise fees	208,963	190,818	-	-	208,963	190,818		
Interest on investments	22,882	24,744	16,770	10,679	39,652	35,423		
Total revenues	4,118,727	4,089,803	4,022,247	3,965,937	8,140,974	8,055,740		
Expenses:								
General government	1,495,178	1,237,929	-	-	1,495,178	1,237,929		
Public safety	911,559	926,579	167,358	175,292	1,078,917	1,101,871		
Public works	228,456	200,649	-	-	228,456	200,649		
Recreation and culture	771,372	767,673	-	-	771,372	767,673		
Community and economic								
development	103,810	148,812	-	-	103,810	148,812		
Interest on long-term debt	132,050	179,399	-	-	132,050	179,399		
Sewer	-	-	1,656,368	1,625,490	1,656,368	1,625,490		
Water			1,673,105	1,819,590	1,673,105	1,819,590		
Total expenses	3,642,425	3,461,041	3,496,831	3,620,372	7,139,256	7,081,413		
Changes in net position	\$ 476,302	\$ 628,762	\$ 525,416	\$ 345,565	\$ 1,001,718	\$ 974,327		
Net position, end of year	\$ 14,782,555	\$ 14,306,253	\$ 14,044,140	\$ 13,518,724	\$ 28,826,695	\$ 27,824,977		

Governmental activities

Governmental activities increased the Township's net position by \$476,302 in the current year, compared to a \$628,762 increase in the prior year. Total revenues increased by \$28,924, while expenses increased by \$181,384, which generated a smaller increase in net position in the current year.

Two revenue categories changed significantly compared to the prior year:

- State shared revenue increased by \$64,211 in the current year, as state distributions were higher this year.
- Capital contributions decreased by \$54,492 due to significant private contributions to support park and infrastructure improvements in 2014, which were not matched in 2015.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Total expenses increased primarily because general government costs were \$257,249 higher than the prior year due to higher general administration costs and a \$120,000 increase in legal fees, which were incurred to conclude litigation that had been in process since 2001.

The following schedule shows the costs of the Township's three largest programs, as well as the net cost (total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid). The net cost shows the burden that was placed on the Township's taxpayers by each of these functions.

	-	Total cost of services	Net cost of services
General government Public safety Recreation and culture Other	\$	1,495,178 911,559 771,372 464,316	\$ 1,393,292 907,328 612,627 391,215
Totals	\$	3,642,425	\$ 3,304,462

The total cost of governmental activities this year was \$3,642,425 compared to \$3,461,041 in the prior year. However, the amount that our taxpayers paid for these activities through general revenues was \$3,304,462. Some of the cost was paid by:

- Those who directly benefited from the programs (\$247,853), or
- Other governments and individuals that subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions (\$90,110).

The Township paid for the \$3,304,462 "public benefit" portion with \$3,780,764 in general revenues, such as property taxes, state shared revenue, and interest income.

Business-type activities

Business-type activities increased the Township's net position by \$525,416 in the current year compared to an increase of \$345,565 in the prior year. Net position has increased because customer charges are sufficient to cover all operating and nonoperating costs of the utility systems, including depreciation.

Net position increased in the current year because revenues increased by \$56,310, while expenses decreased by \$123,541. Revenues increased because utility rates increased slightly. Expenses were reduced, as costs associated with water purchases and inspections services declined.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWNSHIP'S FUNDS

Governmental funds

As of March 31, 2015, the Township's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$6,354,748, which represents an increase of \$396,875 compared to last year's balances.

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Township. Its fund balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$2,191,077, though the unassigned fund balance amounted to \$2,107,652. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$350,574, but the fund also transferred \$100,000 to another fund, which caused the fund balance to increase by only \$250,574.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

In addition, these other changes in fund balances should be noted:

- The fund balance of the Public Safety Fund at the end of the fiscal year was \$1,281,070, a decrease of \$143,599, as expenditures exceeded revenues in the current year. The fund accounts for policing services, equipment, and staffing.
- The fund balance of the Trails Fund at the end of the fiscal year was \$427,374, a decrease of \$14,252, as expenditures of \$483,579 exceeded revenues of \$469,327. The fund's expenditures include debt service and trail improvement costs.
- The fund balance of the Parks and Land Preservation Fund at the end of the fiscal year was \$1,364,653, an increase of \$59,731. Though the fund transferred \$100,000 to the Parks and Recreation Fund, capital outlay and other recreation expenditures were lower than current revenues, primarily property taxes, causing the fund balance to increase.
- The fund balance of the Parks and Recreation Fund at the end of the fiscal year was \$1,090,574, an increase of \$244,421. Fund balance increased, as transfers, in the amount of \$200,000, were received from other funds. A \$500,000 fund balance assignment is related to capital acquisitions planned for the subsequent year.

Proprietary funds

The Sewer Fund generated operating income of \$359,002 and net position increased by \$286,299. The increase in net position is due to the fact that user charges were set to cover the full cost of providing services. Total net position is \$6,103,726 at year end, of which \$1,079,737 is unrestricted.

The Water Fund generated operating income of \$198,289 and net position increased by \$213,903. The increase in net position is due to the fact that user charges have been set to cover the full cost of providing services. Total net position is \$7,648,612 at year end, of which \$1,630,741 is unrestricted.

General Fund budgetary highlights

The Board amended the budget by increasing revenues by \$17,830 to reflect anticipated increases, and increased expenditures by \$237,192 to reflect an increase in legal fees and capital expenditures.

Total revenues of the General Fund were \$2,230 more than budgeted, as actual revenues approximated amounts anticipated. Total expenditures were \$434,063 less than the amounts appropriated. General government costs were \$154,145 less than anticipated, as most departments experienced lower than expected expenditures, and capital outlay costs were \$153,354 lower than appropriated, as projects were delayed.

These conditions resulted in a \$434,063 positive budget variance, with a \$250,574 increase in fund balance compared to a budgeted decrease of \$183,489.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital assets

The Township's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of March 31, 2015, amounts to \$25,089,817, net of accumulated depreciation. This investment includes a broad range of assets, including land, sewer and water facilities, buildings, and equipment.

	Governmental activities		B	usiness-type activities	 Totals		
Land	\$	2,936,749	\$	-	\$ 2,936,749		
Facilities		-		13,391,260	13,391,260		
Buildings and improvements		7,759,936		-	7,759,936		
Equipment		447,625		-	447,625		
Vehicles		554,247			554,247		
Totals	\$	11,698,557	\$	13,391,260	\$ 25,089,817		

The major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Street improvement projects costs amounted to \$198,295
- Improvements were made to the museum at a cost of \$98,844
- A fire vehicle was purchased at a cost of \$32,663
- Park improvements were made at Roselle Park at a cost of \$16,288

More detailed information about the Township's capital assets is presented in Note 5 of the notes to the basic financial statements.

Debt

At the end of the fiscal year, the Township had bonds outstanding in the amount of \$5,515,000, which represents a decrease of \$420,000 due to principal payments on bonds issued in previous years. All debt is backed by the full faith and credit of the Township.

Other noncurrent liabilities, totaling \$51,050, represent accrued compensated absences.

More detailed information about the Township's noncurrent obligations is presented in Note 7 of the notes to the basic financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The Township's 2016 fiscal year budget does not anticipate significant changes in the amounts or composition of its major revenue sources. The Township has budgeted expenditures for the upcoming year at amounts sufficient to support its ongoing programs and activities.

CONTACTING THE TOWNSHIP'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Township's finances and to demonstrate the Township's accountability for the resources it receives. Questions regarding any information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

				Component unit
	Pi	rimary government		Downtown
	Governmental activities	Business-type activities	Totals	Development Authority
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash	\$ 5,542,302	\$ 2,680,014	\$ 8,222,316	\$ 380,106
Investments	751,487	84,959	836,446	-
Receivables	258,367	662,969	921,336	-
Prepaid expenses	4,250	-	4,250	-
Inventory	-	5,291	5,291	
Total current assets	6,556,406	3,433,233	9,989,639	380,106
Noncurrent assets:				
Capital assets not being depreciated	2,955,895	364,212	3,320,107	-
Capital assets, net of depreciation	8,742,662	13,027,048	21,769,710	
Total noncurrent assets	11,698,557	13,391,260	25,089,817	
Total assets	18,254,963	16,824,493	35,079,456	380,106
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities:				
Payables	255,758	430,953	686,711	4,628
Bonds payable	353,000	97,000	450,000	
Total current liabilities	608,758	527,953	1,136,711	4,628
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Compensated absences	51,050	-	51,050	-
Bonds payable	2,812,600	2,252,400	5,065,000	
Total noncurrent liabilities	2,863,650	2,252,400	5,116,050	
Total liabilities	3,472,408	2,780,353	6,252,761	4,628
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets Restricted for:	8,532,957	11,041,860	19,574,817	-
Public safety	682,464	-	682,464	-
Public works	40,624	-	40,624	-
Recreation and culture	1,682,415	-	1,682,415	-
Unrestricted	3,844,095	3,002,280	6,846,375	375,478
Total net position	\$ 14,782,555	\$ 14,044,140	\$ 28,826,695	\$ 375,478

					Net (exp	osition		
			Program revenue	s	Pr	imary government	:	Component unit
	_	Charges for	Operating grants and	Capital grants and	Governmental	Business-type		Downtown Development
Functions/Programs	<u>Expenses</u>	services	contributions	contributions	activities	activities	Totals	Authority
Governmental activities:								
General government	\$ 1,495,178			\$ -	\$ (1,393,292)		\$ (1,393,292)	
Public safety	911,559	831	3,400	-	(907,328)		(907,328)	
Public works	228,456	54,804	10,482	-	(163,170)		(163,170)	
Recreation and culture	771,372	82,517	-	76,228	(612,627)		(612,627)	
Community and economic development	103,810	7,815	-	-	(95,995)		(95,995)	
Interest on long-term debt	132,050		-		(132,050)		(132,050)	
Total governmental activities	3,642,425	247,853	13,882	76,228	(3,304,462)		(3,304,462)	
Business-type activities:								
Sewer	1,656,368	1,936,533	-	-		\$ 280,165	280,165	
Water	1,673,105	1,877,549	-	-		204,444	204,444	
Inspections	167,358	191,395	-			24,037	24,037	
Total business-type activities	3,496,831	4,005,477				508,646	508,646	
Total primary government	\$ 7,139,256	\$ 4,253,330	\$ 13,882	\$ 76,228	(3,304,462)	508,646	(2,795,816)	
Component unit:								
Downtown Development Authority	\$ 33,355	\$ 11,546	\$ 1,650	\$ -				\$ (20,159)
		General revenue	es:					
		Property taxe	es .		2,512,794	-	2,512,794	126,521
		State shared	revenue		1,036,125	-	1,036,125	-
		Franchise fee	S		208,963	-	208,963	-
		Interest incor	me		22,882	16,770	39,652	1,134
			Total general reve	nues	3,780,764	16,770	3,797,534	127,655
		Changes in net p	osition		476,302	525,416	1,001,718	107,496
		Net position - be	ginning		14,306,253	13,518,724	27,824,977	267,982
		Net position - en	ding		\$ 14,782,555	\$ 14,044,140	\$ 28,826,695	\$ 375,478

	General	Public Safety		Trails		Parks and Land reservation		Parks and Recreation	go	Total vernmental funds
ASSETS										_
Cash	\$ 1,963,379	\$ 738,028	\$	408,560	\$	1,363,488	\$	1,068,847	\$	5,542,302
Investments	124,022	598,606		-		-		28,859		751,487
Receivables	222,995	9,160		18,814		2,631		4,767		258,367
Prepaid expenditures	4,250			-	_	-		-		4,250
Total assets	\$ 2,314,646	\$ 1,345,794	\$	427,374	\$	1,366,119	\$	1,102,473	\$	6,556,406
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES										
Liabilities - payables	\$ 123,569	\$ 64,724	\$		\$	1,466	\$	11,899	\$	201,658
Fund balances:										
Nonspendable - prepaids	4,250	-		-		_		-		4,250
Restricted for:	,									,
Public safety	-	682,464		-		-		-		682,464
Recreation and culture	38,551	-		-		1,364,653		249,431		1,652,635
Arboretum	-	-		-		-		29,780		29,780
Public works	40,624	-		-		-		-		40,624
Assigned for:										
Recreation and culture	-	-		-		-		311,363		311,363
Debt service	-	-		427,374		-		-		427,374
Capital purchases	-	598,606		-		-		500,000		1,098,606
Unassigned	2,107,652									2,107,652
Total fund balances	2,191,077	1,281,070		427,374		1,364,653		1,090,574		6,354,748
Total liabilities and										
fund balances	\$ 2,314,646	\$ 1,345,794	¢	427,374	\$	1,366,119	¢	1,102,473	\$	6,556,406
Tuna balances	\$ 2,314,646	9 1,343,734	ب	427,374	<u>۲</u>	1,300,119	<u>ې</u>	1,102,473	ب	0,330,400
Reconciliation of the balance sheet to t	he statement of I	net position:								
Total fund balance - total governmenta	l funds								\$	6,354,748
Amounts reported for <i>governmental ac</i> net position (page 13) are different bec		tement of								
Capital assets used in <i>governmental act</i> resources and, therefore, are not report		nancial								11,698,557
Expense accruals: Compensated absences Interest payable										(51,050) (54,100)
Bonds payable are not due and payable and, therefore, are not reported in the		eriod								(3,165,600)
and, and elected are not reported in the										(-,,)
Net position of governmental activities									\$	14,782,555

		Canaval		Public		Tunila		Parks and Land		Parks and	go	Total overnmental
REVENUES		General		Safety	_	Trails	Pre	eservation	<u> </u>	ecreation		funds
Property taxes	\$	821,662	\$	693,141	\$	457,910	\$	191,633	\$	368,255	\$	2,532,601
Licenses and permits	*	212,363	*	-	*	-	7	-	*	-	*	212,363
State grants		1,046,607		-		-		-		1,097		1,047,704
Charges for services		26,390		-		-		-		51,430		77,820
Interest and rentals		72,003		5,014		634		3,201		24,124		104,976
Other		114,549		830		10,783		14		5,287		131,463
Total revenues		2,293,574		698,985		469,327		194,848		450,193		4,106,927
EXPENDITURES Current:												
General government		1,354,089		_		_		_		_		1,354,089
Public safety		-		786,039		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		786,039
Public works		277,839		-		_		_		_		277,839
Recreation and culture		-		_		28,233		31,362		354,384		413,979
Community and economic development		113,620		_		-		-		-		113,620
Debt service:		113,020										113,020
Principal		13,000		-		315,000		-		-		328,000
Interest and fees		10,822		-		126,628		-		-		137,450
Capital outlay		173,630		56,545		13,718		3,755		51,388		299,036
Total expenditures		1,943,000		842,584		483,579		35,117		405,772		3,710,052
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES												
OVER EXPENDITURES		350,574		(143,599)		(14,252)	-	159,731		44,421		396,875
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in		_		_		_		_		200,000		200,000
Transfers out		(100,000)		-		-		(100,000)		-		(200,000)
Net other financing sources (uses)		(100,000)		<u>-,</u>				(100,000)		200,000		
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES		250,574		(143,599)		(14,252)		59,731		244,421		396,875
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING		1,940,503		1,424,669		441,626		1,304,922		846,153		5,957,873
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$	2,191,077	\$	1,281,070	\$	427,374	\$	1,364,653	\$	1,090,574	\$	6,354,748
Reconciliation of the statement of revenues, expenditures, ar	nd cha	nges in fund	bala	nces to the	stat	ement of act	ivitie	s:				
Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds											\$	396,875
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement	ent of a	activities (pa	ge 14	4) are differe	ent l	because:						
Capital assets:												
Assets acquired												432,345
Provision for depreciation												(705,878)
Long-term debt: Principal payment on long-term debt												328,000
Changes in other assets/liabilities:												
Net decrease in prepaid expenses												(6,000)
Net decrease in prepaid expenses Net decrease in compensated absences												25,560
Net decrease in interest payable												5,400
Change in net position of governmental activities											<u>\$</u>	476,302

		Sewer	Nonmajo Sewer Water fund		Totals		
ASSETS							
Current assets:							
Cash		\$ 914,037		\$ 289,001			
Investments		-	84,959	-	84,959		
Receivables		400,358	•	15,490	662,969		
Inventory			5,291		5,291		
	Total current assets	1,314,395	1,814,347	304,491	3,433,233		
Noncurrent asse	ets:						
Capital asset	s not being depreciated	181,739	182,473	-	364,212		
Capital asset	s, net of depreciation	6,937,250	6,089,798		13,027,048		
	Total noncurrent assets	7,118,989	6,272,271		13,391,260		
	Total assets	8,433,384	8,086,618	304,491	16,824,493		
LIABILITIES							
Current liabilitie	es:						
Payables		234,658	183,606	12,689	430,953		
Bonds payab	ole	85,000	12,000	<u>-</u>	97,000		
	Total current liabilities	319,658	195,606	12,689	527,953		
Noncurrent liab	ilities - bonds payable	2,010,000	242,400		2,252,400		
	Total liabilities	2,329,658	438,006	12,689	2,780,353		
NET POSITION							
Net investment	in capital assets	5,023,989		-	11,041,860		
Unrestricted		1,079,737	1,630,741	291,802	3,002,280		
	Total net position	\$ 6,103,726	\$ 7,648,612	\$ 291,802	\$ 14,044,140		

	Sewer Water				N	onmajor fund	Totals	
ODED ATING DELICABLIES		Sewei		vvuter	-	junu		Totals
OPERATING REVENUES								
Charges for services:	۲	1 015 440	۲	1 751 604	۲		۲	2.667.044
Utility charges	\$	1,915,440	\$	1,751,604	\$	-	\$	3,667,044
Inspection fees		-		-		191,395		191,395
Hydrant rentals			_	78,570				78,570
Total operating revenues		1,915,440		1,830,174		191,395		3,937,009
OPERATING EXPENSES								
Personnel costs		60,018		77,033		13,192		150,243
Supplies		20,480		27,469		1,000		48,949
Contracted services:								
Sewage treatment		1,236,637		-		-		1,236,637
Water purchases		-		1,241,471		-		1,241,471
Inspections		-		-		153,166		153,166
Other		-		87,111		-		87,111
Utilities		53,808		26,630		-		80,438
Repairs and maintenance		28,344		56,842		-		85,186
Depreciation		151,307		105,478		-		256,785
Miscellaneous		5,844		9,851				15,695
Total operating expenses	_	1,556,438		1,631,885		167,358		3,355,681
OPERATING INCOME		359,002		198,289		24,037		581,328
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)								
Connection fee revenue		21,093		33,875		-		54,968
Connection fees remitted to City of Grand Rapids		(18,186)		(31,318)		-		(49,504)
Tap and other fees		-		13,500		-		13,500
Interest revenue		6,134		9,459		1,177		16,770
Interest expense		(81,744)	_	(9,902)				(91,646)
Net nonoperating revenues								
		(72,703)		15,614		1,177		(55,912)
(expenses)		(72,703)	_	13,014		1,1//	_	(33,912)
CHANGES IN NET POSITION		286,299		213,903		25,214		525,416
NET POSITION - BEGINNING		5,817,427		7,434,709		266,588		13,518,724
NET POSITION - ENDING	\$	6,103,726	\$	7,648,612	\$	291,802	\$	14,044,140

	Sewer	Water	Nonmajor fund	Totals
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 1,858,949	\$ 1,823,552	\$ 181,946	\$ 3,864,447
Payments to vendors and suppliers	(1,353,978)		(148,740)	(2,969,937)
Payments to employees	(39,925)	(53,404)	(11,042)	(104,371)
Tayments to employees		(00)101)	(==/=-/-/	(== :,= :=)
Net cash provided by operating activities	465,046	302,929	22,164	790,139
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Connection fees	21,093	33,875	-	54,968
Connection fees paid to City of Grand Rapids	(18,186)	(31,318)	-	(49,504)
Tap and other fees	-	13,500	-	13,500
Acquisition of capital assets	(126,187)	(264,321)	-	(390,508)
Principal payments on capital debt	(80,000)	(12,000)	-	(92,000)
Interest payments on capital debt	(82,377)	(9,989)		(92,366)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(285,657)	(270,253)	<u> </u>	(555,910)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Net increase in investment	_	(362)	_	(362)
Interest received	6,134	9,459	1,177	16,770
Net cash provided by investing activities	6,134	9,097	1,177	16,408
NET INCREASE IN CASH	405 522	44 772	22 244	250.627
NET INCREASE IN CASH	185,523	41,773	23,341	250,637
CASH - BEGINNING	728,514	1,435,203	265,660	2,429,377
CASH - ENDING	\$ 914,037	\$ 1,476,976	\$ 289,001	\$ 2,680,014
Supplementary information Noncash capital and related financing activities: Capital assets acquired	(207,237)		-	(552,608)
Less increase in accounts payable	81,050	81,050		162,100
Net cash used	\$ (126,187)	\$ (264,321)	\$ -	\$ (390,508)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - proprietary funds (Continued)

Year ended March 31, 2015

	Sewer Water			Nonmajor fund			Totals	
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	 							
Operating income	\$ 359,002	\$	198,289	\$	24,037	\$	581,328	
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:								
Depreciation	151,307		105,478		-		256,785	
Increase in receivables	(56,491)		(6,622)		(9,449)		(72,562)	
Increase in payables	 11,228	_	5,784		7,576		24,588	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 465,046	\$	302,929	\$	22,164	\$	790,139	

Township of Ada

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - agency funds

March 31, 2015

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Cash	\$ 34,169
LIABILITIES Due to other governmental units	\$ 6,485
Escrow deposits	27,684
Total liabilities	\$ 34,169

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Township of Ada, Michigan (the Township), conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as generally accepted accounting principles) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies.

Reporting entity:

In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, these financial statements present the Township (the primary government) and the component unit described below, located in Kent County. The criteria established by the GASB for determining the reporting entity includes oversight responsibility, fiscal dependency and existence of a financial benefit or burden, and whether the financial statements would be misleading if data were not included.

Discretely presented component unit - Ada Downtown Development Authority:

The Township exercises oversight responsibility over the Authority as the component unit's governing body is appointed by the Township Supervisor and its budget must be approved by the Township Board. The component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the Township. Separate financial statements for the component unit have not been issued, as management believes that these financial statements, including disclosures, contain complete information so as to constitute a fair presentation.

Government-wide and fund financial statements:

The government-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 Township. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally 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.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include: (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 and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

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

Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation:

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary funds financial statements. Revenues are 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 revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental funds financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available if they are collected within the current period, or soon enough thereafter, to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Township generally considers property tax revenues to be available if they are expected to be 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, expenditures relating to compensated absences, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation (continued):

State grants, licenses and permits, charges for services, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Township.

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

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. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes and state shared revenue.

The Public Safety Fund, a special revenue fund, accounts for all financial resources used by the Township to provide police and fire protection services. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes.

The Trails Fund, a special revenue fund, accounts for financial resources used by the Township to construct and improve the nonmotorized pathway system. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes.

The Parks and Land Preservation Fund, a special revenue fund, accounts for financial resources used by the Township to maintain and improve recreational facilities and preserve land. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes.

The Parks and Recreation Fund, a special revenue fund, accounts for financial resources used by the Township for parks and recreation purposes, including the acquisition and maintenance of park property. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes.

The Township reports the following major proprietary funds:

The Sewer Fund accounts for the activities of the Township's sewage collection system.

The Water Fund accounts for the activities of the Township's water distribution system.

The Township reports two fiduciary funds, the Tax Collection Fund and the Escrow Fund, which account for assets held by the Township in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and other governments. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Amounts reported as program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the proprietary funds relate to charges to customers for services. Operating expenses for proprietary funds include the cost of services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, liabilities, and net position or equity:

Cash and investments - Cash consists of cash on hand, demand deposits, and highly-liquid, short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments are reported at fair value with changes in value recognized in the operating statement of each fund. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in investment income.

Receivables - Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is referred to as "due to/from other funds." No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been recorded, as the Township considers all receivables to be fully collectible.

Prepaid items - Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid items in the government-wide financial statements.

Inventory - Inventory is valued at cost, on a first-in, first-out basis, which approximates market value, which consists of expendable operating supplies.

Capital assets - Capital assets, which include property, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., sewer and water systems, shared road costs, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Township as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$3,000 (\$10,000 for infrastructure assets) and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. 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. Governments can elect to account for infrastructure assets of governmental activities either retroactively to June 15, 1980, or prospectively. The Township has elected to account for infrastructure assets prospectively, beginning April 1, 2004.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings and improvements50 yearsEquipment5 - 20 yearsVehicles5 - 10 yearsInfrastructure20 - 67 years

Compensated absences - It is the Township's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused sick and vacation pay benefits. Vested compensated absences are accrued when earned in the government-wide and proprietary funds financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only for employee terminations as of year end.

Net position - Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. The Township reports three categories of net position, as follows: (1) Net investment in capital assets consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets; (2) Restricted net position is considered restricted if its use is constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations, such as federal or state laws or donors of the Township's debt. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities related to the restricted assets; (3) Unrestricted net position consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above components and is available for general use by the Township.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, liabilities, and net position or equity (continued):

Net position flow assumption - Sometimes, the Township will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted - net position and unrestricted - net position in the government-wide and proprietary funds financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Township's policy to consider restricted - net position to have been depleted before unrestricted - net position is applied.

Fund equity - Governmental funds report nonspendable fund balance for amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form. Restricted fund balance is reported when externally imposed constraints are placed on the use of resources by grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments. The Township Board retains the authority to assign fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. When the Township incurs an expenditure for purposes for which various fund balance classifications can be used, it is the Township's policy to use restricted fund balance first, followed by assigned fund balance, and, finally, unassigned fund balance.

Property tax revenue recognition - Property taxes are levied each December 1 (lien date) on the taxable valuation of property as of the preceding December 31. Property taxes are considered delinquent on March 1 of the following year, at which time interest and penalties are assessed. It is the Township's policy to recognize revenue from the tax levy in the current year, when the proceeds are budgeted and made available for the financing of operations.

Use of estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary information - Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the general and special revenue funds. The budget document presents information by fund, function, department, and lineitem. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body is the function level. All annual appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

Excess of expenditures over appropriations - The following schedule sets forth the reportable budget variance:

				Final					
Fund		Function	b	budget		Actual		Variance	
Tı	rails	Recreation and culture	\$	18,536	\$	28,233	\$	9,697	

NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The components of cash and investments of the Township's funds and component unit consist of the following:

	Go	vernmental funds	Proprietary funds		Agency funds		Component unit		Totals
Per financial statements:									
Cash	\$	5,542,302	\$	2,680,014	\$	34,169	\$	380,106	\$ 8,636,591
Investments		751,487		84,959				-	 836,446
Totals	<u>\$</u>	6,293,789	\$	2,764,973	\$	34,169	\$	380,106	\$ 9,473,037
Composition:									
Cash on hand	\$	200	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 200
Deposits		5,542,102		2,680,014		34,169		380,106	8,636,391
Investments	-	751,487		84,959		-			 836,446
Totals	\$	6,293,789	\$	2,764,973	\$	34,169	\$	380,106	\$ 9,473,037

Deposits - Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91 (Public Act 20 of 1943, as amended) and the Township's investment policy authorize the Township to make deposits in the accounts of federally-insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations that have an office in Michigan. The Township's deposits are in accordance with statutory authority.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the Township will not be able to recover its deposits. The Township's investment policy does not specifically address custodial credit risk for deposits. At March 31, 2015, \$8,346,857 of the Township's bank balances of \$8,846,857 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Investments - State statutes and the Township's investment policy authorize the Township to invest in a) obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies, and instrumentalities; b) commercial paper, with three (3) highest rate classifications by at least two (2) rating services, maturing not later than 270 days; c) repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. governmental securities; d) bankers' acceptances; e) mutual funds that invest in investments allowed by state statute; and f) investment pools organized under the local government investment pool act. The Township's investments consist of holdings, in the amount of \$836,446, in the Kent County Investment Pool, a non-risk categorized, qualifying investment pool. This pool is not subject to regulatory oversight, is not registered with the SEC, and does not issue a separate report. The fair value of the Township's position in the pool is the same as the value of its pool shares.

NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of March 31, 2015, for the Township's funds were as follows:

<u> </u>	Property taxes		' '		 ntergovern- mental	 Totals
Governmental:						
General	\$	11,367	\$	54,790	\$ 156,838	\$ 222,995
Public Safety		9,160		-	-	9,160
Trails		5,699		2,334	10,781	18,814
Parks and Land Preservation		4,767		-	-	4,767
Parks and Recreation		2,631			 -	 2,631
Total governmental funds	\$	33,624	\$	57,124	\$ 167,619	\$ 258,367
Proprietary:						
Sewer	\$	-	\$	400,358	\$ -	\$ 400,358
Water		-		247,121	-	247,121
Nonmajor					 15,490	 15,490
Total proprietary funds	\$	-	\$	647,479	\$ 15,490	\$ 662,969

All receivables are due within one year and are considered fully collectible.

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended March 31, 2015, was as follows:

	Beginning balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending balance
Governmental activities:	<u></u>	e. cases		<u> </u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 2,936,749	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,936,749
Construction in progress	83,926		(64,780)	19,146
Total capital assets not being depreciated	3,020,675	-	(64,780)	2,955,895
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	10,776,797	426,945	-	11,203,742
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	1,585,886	37,517	-	1,623,403
Vehicles	1,256,964	32,663		1,289,627
Subtotal	13,619,647	497,125		14,116,772
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(2,889,665)	(573,286)	-	(3,462,951)
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	(1,112,450)	(63,330)	-	(1,175,780)
Vehicles	(666,117)	(69,262)		(735,379)
Subtotal	(4,668,232)	(705,878)		(5,374,110)
Total capital assets being depreciated	8,951,415	(208,753)		8,742,662
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 11,972,090	\$ (208,753)	\$ (64,780)	\$ 11,698,557
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated -				
construction in progress	\$ -	\$ 364,212	\$ -	\$ 364,212
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Facilities	19,380,207	137,400	-	19,517,607
Buildings	41,090	-	-	41,090
Equipment	46,327	50,996		97,323
Subtotal	19,467,624	188,396		19,656,020
Loss accumulated depreciation for				
Less accumulated depreciation for: Facilities	(6.202.025)	(245.247)		/C F20 242\
	(6,293,025)	(245,217)	-	(6,538,242)
Buildings	(31,467)	(1,368)	-	(32,835)
Equipment	(47,695)	(10,200)		(57,895)
Subtotal	(6,372,187)	(256,785)		(6,628,972)
Total capital assets being depreciated	13,095,437	(68,389)		13,027,048
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 13,095,437	\$ 295,823	\$ -	\$ 13,391,260

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to the Township's governmental functions as follows:

Governmental activities:

General government	\$ 31,906
Public safety	113,318
Public works	148,762
Recreation and culture	411,892
Total governmental activities	\$ 705,878

NOTE 6 - PAYABLES

Payables as of March 31, 2015, for the Township's funds, were as follows:

Fund	Accounts		Payroll		Interest		 Totals
Primary government:							
Governmental funds:							
General	\$	106,569	\$	17,000	\$	-	\$ 123,569
Public Safety		55,594		9,130		-	64,724
Parks and Land Preservation		1,266		200		-	1,466
Parks and Recreation		8,159		3,740			 11,899
Total governmental funds	\$	171,588	\$	30,070	\$	-	\$ 201,658
Proprietary funds:							
Sewer	\$	199,893	\$	1,070	\$	33,695	\$ 234,658
Water		178,427		1,210		3,969	183,606
Nonmajor		12,449		240			 12,689
Total proprietary funds	\$	390,769	\$	2,520	\$	37,664	\$ 430,953
Component unit:							
Downtown Development Authority	\$	4,128	\$	500	\$	-	\$ 4,628

NOTE 7 - NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

At March 31, 2015, noncurrent liabilities consist of the following individual items:

Governmental	activities

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\$4,575,000 2007 Capital improvement bonds - payable in annual installments ranging from \$170,000 to \$480,000, plus interest at 4.10% to 4.20%; final payment due May 2021

\$ 2,890,000

\$314,600 2011 Capital improvement bonds - payable in annual installments of \$13,000 to \$26,000, plus interest at 1.50% to 4.50%; final payment due May 2028

275,600

Total bonds

3,165,600

Accrued compensated absences

51,050

Total governmental activities noncurrent liabilities

3,216,650

Business-type activities:

Bonds:

\$290,400 2011 Capital improvement bonds - payable in annual installments ranging from \$12,000 to \$24,000, plus interest at 1.50% to 4.50%; final payment due May 2028

254,400

\$

\$2,325,000 2011 Capital improvement bonds - payable in annual installments ranging from \$75,000 to \$170,000, plus interest at 1.70% to 4.65%; final payment due May 2031

2,095,000

Total business-type activities noncurrent liabilities

\$ 2,349,400

NOTE 7 - NONCURRENT LIABILITIES (Continued)

Noncurrent liability activity for the year ended March 31, 2015, is as follows:

	Beginning balance	Additions Reduction		Ending balance	Amounts due within one year
Governmental activities: Bonds:					
2007 Capital improvement bonds	\$ 3,205,000	\$ -	\$ (315,000)	\$ 2,890,000	\$ 340,000
2011 CIP Bonds Series A (52%)	288,600		(13,000)		13,000
Total bonds	3,493,600	-	(328,000)	3,165,600	353,000
Compensated absences	76,610	48,6	70 (74,230)	51,050	
Total governmental					
activities	\$ 3,570,210	\$ 48,6	70 \$ (402,230)	\$ 3,216,650	\$ 353,000
Business-type activities: Bonds:					
2011 CIP Bonds Series A (48%)	\$ 266,400	\$ -	\$ (12,000)	\$ 254,400	\$ 12,000
2011 CIP Bonds Series B	2,175,000		(80,000)	2,095,000	85,000
Total business-type					
activities	\$ 2,441,400	\$ -	\$ (92,000)	\$ 2,349,400	\$ 97,000

At March 31, 2015, debt service requirements, excluding compensated absences, were as follows:

Year ended		Governmental activities				Business-type activities			
March 31:	Principal		Interest		Principal		Interest		
2016	\$	353,000	\$	122,628	\$	97,000	\$	89,392	
2017		380,600		107,845		104,400		87,158	
2018		405,600		91,966		104,400		84,559	
2019		430,600		75,023		109,400		81,629	
2020		458,200		56,864		116,800		78,244	
2021 - 2024		1,038,800		71,881		666,200		325,124	
2025 - 2029		98,800		9,035		816,200		170,229	
2030 - 2032						335,000		15,653	
Totals	\$	3,165,600	\$	535,242	\$	2,349,400	\$	931,988	

All debt is secured by the full faith and credit of the Township.

NOTE 8 - PROPERTY TAXES

The 2014 taxable valuation of the Township approximated \$935,947,000, on which ad valorem taxes levied consisted of 0.8927 mills for operating purposes, 0.7792 mills for fire/police protection, .2435 mills for parks, .3859 mills for parks/land preservation, and .4848 mills for trails, raising approximately \$786,000 for operating purposes, \$686,000 for fire/police protection, \$216,000 for parks, \$340,000 for parks/land preservation parks, and \$454,000 for trails. These amounts are recognized in the fund financial statements as property tax revenue.

NOTE 9 - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN

The Township provides pension benefits for all elected officials, full-time employees, and paid on-call firefighters through a defined contribution plan. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan, plus investment earnings. Employees are eligible to participate from the date of employment. The Township contributes an amount equal to 5% of compensation for paid on-call firefighters and 10% of compensation for all other eligible employees. Paid on-call firefighters are required to contribute 6.2% of compensation and all other covered employees may voluntarily contribute up to 10% of their compensation to the plan. The Township's contributions for each employee (and interest allocated to the employee's account) are vested after 90 days. The Township and eligible employees made the required contributions of \$90,130 and \$21,063, respectively, for the year ended March 31, 2015. The Township is not a trustee of the plan, nor is the Township responsible for investment management of plan assets. Accordingly, plan assets, and changes therein, are not reported in these financial statements.

NOTE 10 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The interfund transfers for the year ended March 31, 2015, were as follows:

Fund	Transfers in		Fund	Transfers out		
			General Land Preservation	\$	100,000 100,000	
Parks and Recreation	\$	200,000	Total	\$	200,000	

The General Fund and the Land Preservation Fund each transferred \$100,000 to the Parks and Recreation Fund for the future construction of park buildings.

NOTE 11 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The Township offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code, Section 457. The assets of the plan were held in trust (custodial account or annuity contract), as described in IRC Section 457(g), for the exclusive benefit of the participants (employees) and their beneficiaries. The custodian thereof, for the exclusive benefit of the participants, holds the custodial account for the beneficiaries of this Section 457 plan, and the assets may not be diverted to any other use. The administrators are agents of the employer for purposes of providing direction to the custodian of the custodial account from time to time for the investment of the funds held in the account, transfer of assets to or from the account, and all other matters. In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement 32, plan balances and activities are not reflected in the Township's financial statements.

NOTE 12 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, the Township received approximately 19% of its property tax revenue and 35% percent of its sewer and water utility revenue from one industrial property owner.

NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; employee health and medical claims; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The risks of loss arising from general liability, building contents, employees' health insurance, workers' compensation, and casualty are managed through purchased commercial insurance. For all risks of loss, there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage provided in prior years. Also, in the past three years, settlements did not exceed insurance coverage.

In the normal course of its activities, the Township becomes a party in various legal actions. The Township is currently involved in several Michigan Tax Tribunal cases, filed by property owners, which could have a significant financial impact. Because the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, the possible range of the potential cost cannot be reasonably predicted; therefore, no accrual has been made for these amounts in the financial statements. The Township intends to vigorously defend its position in each case.

NOTE 14 - COMMITMENT

At March 31, 2015, the Township had the following contractual construction commitment:

	Project authorization			Expended through March 31, 2015	Committed	
SCADA System	\$	341,000	\$	275,500	\$	65,500

The SCADA System will be paid with funds available in the sewer and water funds, with each paying half of the costs.

NOTE 15 - PENDING ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

In June 2012, the GASB issued Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2014. This Statement generally carries forward the requirements of Statement No. 27 for employer accounting and financial reporting for defined contribution plans. In this Statement, the definition of defined contribution pensions, as well as the accounting requirements for such pensions, includes provisions to accommodate circumstances in which the timing of payments into individual accounts does not coincide with the period of employee service to which defined contributions pertain (as when a nonvested employee accumulates credits for which the employer delays payment into the employee's account until vesting provisions have been satisfied). This Statement also establishes requirements to address accounting for forfeitures. The Statement also enhances accountability and transparency through revised note disclosures. The Township is currently evaluating the impact this standard will have on the financial statements when adopted during the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2015.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

	Original Final budget budget		Actual	Variance with final budget positive (negative)		
REVENUES						
Property taxes	\$ 846,979	\$ 846,979	\$ 821,662	\$ (25,317)		
Licenses and permits	191,235	194,563	212,363	17,800		
State grants	1,018,229	1,024,027	1,046,607	22,580		
Charges for services	17,200	22,025	26,390	4,365		
Interest and rentals	69,560	69,560	72,003	2,443		
Other:						
Special assessments	57,111	57,111	54,804	(2,307)		
Miscellaneous	73,200	77,079	59,745	(17,334)		
Total revenues	2,273,514	2,291,344	2,293,574	2,230		
EXPENDITURES						
General government:						
Legislative	34,685	34,685	30,940	3,745		
Supervisor	52,454	52,454	51,593	861		
Elections	39,900	39,900	26,870	13,030		
Assessor	193,493	213,179	190,087	23,092		
Clerk	150,377	150,377	148,319	2,058		
Board of review	2,065	2,065	1,392	673		
Treasurer	145,626	145,626	145,727	(101)		
Building and grounds	181,971	184,511	112,520	71,991		
Cemeteries	43,028	44,988	19,520	25,468		
General administration	483,117	640,449	627,121	13,328		
Total general government	1,326,716	1,508,234	1,354,089	154,145		
Public works:						
Road maintenance and improvements	281,056	281,056	216,209	64,847		
Street lighting	55,124	55,124	61,630	(6,506)		
Total public works	336,180	336,180	277,839	58,341		
Community and economic development	179,613	179,613	113,620	65,993		

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - General Fund (Continued)

Year ended March 31, 2015

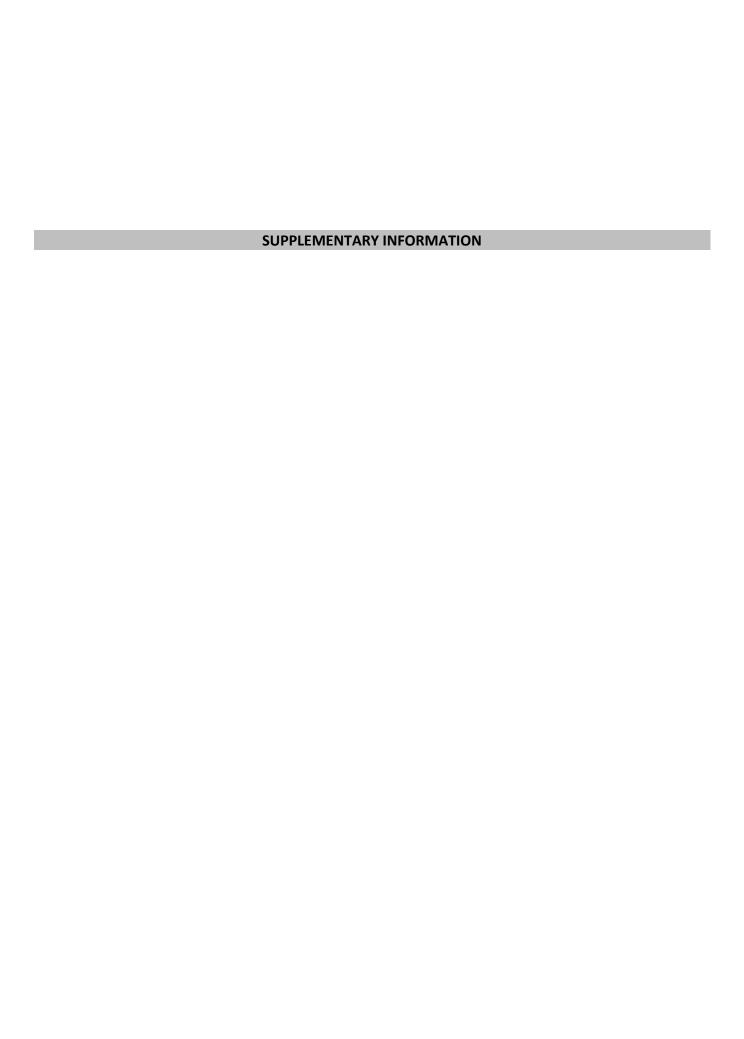
	Original budget	Final budget	Actual	Variance with final budget positive (negative)		
EXPENDITURES (Continued)	·					
Debt service:						
Principal	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ -		
Interest	10,432	10,822	10,822			
Capital outlay	271,700	326,984	173,630	153,354		
Total expenditures	2,137,641	2,374,833	1,943,000	431,833		
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	135,873	(83,489)	350,574	434,063		
OTHER FINANCING USES Transfers out	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	<u> </u>		
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	35,873	(183,489)	250,574	434,063		
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	1,940,503	1,940,503	1,940,503			
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 1,976,376	\$ 1,757,014	\$ 2,191,077	\$ 434,063		

	Original budget	Final budget	Actual	Variance with final budget positive (negative)	
REVENUES					
Property taxes	\$ 717,423	\$ 717,423	\$ 693,141	\$ (24,282)	
Interest	5,408	5,408	5,014	(394)	
Other	1,000	1,000	830	(170)	
Total revenues	723,831	723,831	698,985	(24,846)	
EXPENDITURES Public safety:					
Police protection	325,000	325,000	300,629	24,371	
Fire protection	500,499	502,226	485,410	16,816	
Total public safety	825,499	827,226	786,039	41,187	
Capital outlay	211,500	243,266	56,545	186,721	
Total expenditures	1,036,999	1,070,492	842,584	227,908	
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	(313,168)	(346,661)	(143,599)	203,062	
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	1,424,669	1,424,669	1,424,669		
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 1,111,501	\$ 1,078,008	\$ 1,281,070	\$ 203,062	

	Original Final budget budget		Actual	Variance with final budget positive (negative)		
REVENUES						
Property taxes	\$ 464,781	\$ 464,781	\$ 457,910	\$ (6,871)		
Interest and rentals	1,000	1,000	634	(366)		
Other			10,783	10,783		
Total revenues	465,781	465,781	469,327	3,546		
EXPENDITURES						
Recreation and culture	16,840	18,536	28,233	(9,697)		
Debt service:						
Principal	315,000	315,000	315,000	-		
Interest and fees	126,202	126,627	126,628	(1)		
Capital outlay	155,000	155,000	13,718	141,282		
Total expenditures	613,042	615,163	483,579	131,584		
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	(147,261)	(149,382)	(14,252)	135,130		
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	441,626	441,626	441,626			
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 294,365	\$ 292,244	\$ 427,374	\$ 135,130		

	Original budget	Final budget	Actual	Variance with final budget positive (negative)		
REVENUES						
Property taxes	\$ 206,127	\$ 206,127	\$ 191,633	\$ (14,494)		
Interest and rentals	3,100	3,100	3,201	101		
Other - private contributions			14	14		
Total revenues	209,227	209,227	194,848	(14,379)		
EXPENDITURES						
Recreation and culture	70,752	70,752	31,362	39,390		
Capital outlay	509,000	509,000	3,755	505,245		
Total expenditures	579,752	579,752	35,117	544,635		
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(370,525)	(370,525)	159,731	530,256		
OTHER FINANCING USES Transfers out	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)			
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	(470,525)	(470,525)	59,731	530,256		
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	1,304,922	1,304,922	1,304,922			
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 834,397	\$ 834,397	\$ 1,364,653	\$ 530,256		

	Original Final budget budget		Actual	Variance with final budget positive (negative)		
REVENUES						
Property taxes	\$ 373,460	\$ 373,460	\$ 368,255	\$ (5,205)		
State grants	-	1,096	1,097	1		
Charges for services	48,400	49,462	51,430	1,968		
Interest and rentals	26,020	26,020	24,124	(1,896)		
Other	2,500	5,134	5,287	153		
Total revenues	450,380	455,172	450,193	(4,979)		
EXPENDITURES						
Recreation and culture	357,828	376,850	354,384	22,466		
Capital outlay	140,500	150,084	51,388	98,696		
Total expenditures	498,328	526,934	405,772	121,162		
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(47,948)	(71,762)	44,421	116,183		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES Transfers in	200,000	200,000	200,000			
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	152,052	128,238	244,421	116,183		
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	846,153	846,153	846,153			
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 998,205	\$ 974,391	\$ 1,090,574	\$ 116,183		



COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - agency funds

March 31, 2015

		Tax Collection		Escrow		Totals	
ASSETS Cash	Ś	6,485	\$	27,684	\$	34,169	
LIABILITIES		<u> </u>	<u>-</u>				
Due to other governmental units Escrow deposits	\$ 	6,485 -	\$ —	- 27,684	\$ —	6,485 27,684	
Total liabilities	\$	6,485	\$	27,684	\$	34,169	

Township of Ada

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - Downtown Development Authority

Year ended March 31, 2015

		Original budget		Final budget		Actual		Variance with final budget positive (negative)		
REVENUES										
Tax increment financing	\$	102,134	\$	126,521	\$	126,521	\$	-		
Charges for services		11,700		11,700		11,546		(154)		
Interest		700		700		1,134		434		
Other		-				1,650		1,650		
Total revenues		114,534		138,921		140,851		1,930		
EXPENDITURES Community and economic development	_	28,313		28,313		33,355		(5,042)		
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES		86,221		110,608		107,496		(3,112)		
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING		267,982		267,982		267,982	_	<u>-</u>		
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$	354,203	\$	378,590	\$	375,478	\$	(3,112)		



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June 10, 2015

To the Board of Trustees Township of Ada

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Ada for the year ended March 31, 2015. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated February 24, 2015. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Township of Ada are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during fiscal year 2015. We noted no transactions entered into by the Township of Ada during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about 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. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements were fair value of investments and capital asset depreciation.

Management's estimate of the fair value of investments was based on the sum of deposits placed with Kent County Investment Pool (the Pool), plus allocated net investment return as determined by management of the Pool; capital asset depreciation was based on the estimated useful lives of the Township's capital assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the fair value of investments and capital asset depreciation in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

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Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. Management has recorded all of our proposed audit adjustments.

Disagreements with Management

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

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 10, 2015.

Other Issues

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

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison schedules, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the combining statement of fiduciary assets and liabilities - agency funds and the budgetary comparison schedule of the Downtown Development Authority, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

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Communication Regarding Internal Control

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Ada as of and for the year ended March 31, 2015, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Township of Ada's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. In addition, because of the inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls. However, as discussed below, we identified a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the following deficiency in the Township of Ada's internal control to be a material weakness:

Material audit adjustments and financial statement preparation:

Criteria: All governmental units in Michigan are required to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This is the responsibility of management. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires internal controls over both (1) recording, processing, and summarizing accounting data (i.e. maintaining internal accounting records), and (2) reporting government-wide and fund financial statements, including the related notes to the financial statements (i.e. external financial reporting).

Condition: We identified and proposed several material audit adjustments that management reviewed and approved. Adjustments were recorded to:

- Accrue receivables in the governmental funds
- Accrue additional payables
- Correct accrued payroll
- Correct the classification of debt service payments
- Correct the liability balances of the Tax Fund
- Convert the fund-based data necessary to prepare the government-wide financial statements.

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As is the case with many small and medium-sized governmental units, the Township has historically relied on its independent external auditor to assist with the preparation of the financial statements, the related notes, and the management's discussion and analysis as part of its external financial reporting process. Accordingly, the Township's ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP is based, in part, on its reliance on its external auditor, who cannot, by definition, be considered part of the Township's internal controls. Having the auditor draft the annual financial statements is allowable under current auditing standards and ethical guidelines and may be the most efficient and effective method for preparation of the Township's financial statements. However, when an entity (on its own) lacks the ability to produce financial statements that conform to GAAP, or when material audit adjustments are identified by the auditor, auditing standards require that such conditions be communicated in writing as material weaknesses. This is a repeat finding.

Cause: This condition was caused by the Township's decision to outsource the preparation of its annual financial statements to the external auditor rather than incur the costs of obtaining the necessary training and expertise required for the Township to perform this task internally because outsourcing the task is considered more cost effective.

Effect: The Township's accounting records were initially misstated by amounts material to the financial statements. In addition, the Township lacks complete internal controls over the preparation of its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and, instead, relies, at least in part, on assistance from its external auditor for assistance with this task.

Auditor's Recommendation: We recommend that management continue to monitor the relative costs and benefits of securing the internal or other external resources necessary to develop material adjustments and prepare a draft of the Township's annual financial statements versus contracting with its auditor for these services.

Management Response: Management has made an ongoing evaluation of the respective costs and benefits of obtaining internal or external resources, specifically for the preparation of financial statements, and has determined that the additional benefits derived from implementing such a system would not outweigh the costs incurred to do so. Management will continue to review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their content and presentation.

We did not audit the Township of Ada's response to the internal control finding described above and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Ada and the State of Michigan Department of Treasury and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sigfried Crandoll P.C.