

Fruitland Township  
Muskegon County, Michigan

**REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
(with required supplementary information)

March 31, 2015



Fruitland Township  
White River Light Station Museum

Fruitland Township

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

July 20, 2015

Board of Trustees  
Fruitland Township  
Muskegon, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Fruitland Township, Michigan, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2015, and the notes to financial statements, 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.

### Auditors' 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 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 auditors' 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.

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**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 major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Fruitland Township, Michigan, as of March 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**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 schedules on pages 3 through 8 and 26 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.



Muskegon, Michigan

As management of Fruitland Township, we present to the readers of the Township's financial statements this overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Township for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015. We encourage you to consider the information presented in these financial statements along with the additional information that has been furnished in this letter.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHT**

The General Fund fund balance increased \$273,280.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Township's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the Township's finances. These statements are similar to those of a private sector business.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the Township's assets/deferred outflows of resources and liabilities/deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Township is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Township's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported when the event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Both of the government-wide financial statements mentioned above distinguish functions of the Township that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are designed to recover all or a significant part of their costs through user fees and charges for services (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the Township include general government, public safety, public works, community and economic development and culture and recreation activities. The Township does not currently have any business-type activities.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Township, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Township can be divided into two categories—governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

**Governmental Funds.** Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on current sources and uses of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. This information may be useful in evaluating a governmental entity's short-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's short-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between the two.

Fruitland Township maintains one governmental fund, the General Fund.

**Fiduciary Funds.** Fiduciary Funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the Township. Fiduciary funds are not reflected on the government-wide financial statements because the resources from those funds are not available to support the Township's programs. The accounting method used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for the government-wide financial statements.

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The reader is encouraged to include the reading of this section in any attempt to analyze and understand these statements.

### **Other Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the Township's budgetary information as it relates to the actual revenues and expenditures for the General Fund.

**Government-wide Financial Analysis**

The first table presented below is a summary of the government-wide Statement of Net Position for the Township. As stated earlier, net position may be used as an indicator of a government's financial health. As of March 31, 2015, the Township's net position from governmental activities totaled \$2,174,993.

The increase in current assets mirrors the increase in unrestricted net position and is due to no significant road improvements or other significant capital activity during the year. Capital assets decreased as depreciation expense exceeded current year capital additions. Current liabilities increased primarily due to the liability of approximately \$24,000 to the White Lake Ambulance Authority.

In examining the composition of net position, the reader should note that governmental activities include net position that is invested in capital assets (i.e., buildings, land, vehicles, equipment, etc.). These assets are used to provide services to the Township's residents, and they are not available to pay salaries, operational expenses or fund capital projects. Certain other governmental net position is shown as restricted, meaning that it is subject to external restrictions on how it may be used. The unrestricted net position for governmental activities depicts a balance of \$1,165,406. This represents the amount of discretionary resources that can be used for general governmental operations.

**Net Position**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Current assets	\$ 1,320,698	\$ 1,014,305
Capital assets	<u>900,365</u>	<u>917,643</u>
Total assets	2,221,063	1,931,948
Current liabilities	<u>46,070</u>	<u>12,957</u>
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	900,365	917,643
Restricted	109,222	105,877
Unrestricted	<u>1,165,406</u>	<u>895,471</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,174,993</u>	<u>\$ 1,918,991</u>

**Governmental Activities**

Operating grants and contributions decreased as the Township levied an assessment to residents on Murray Road to assist in funding road improvements done by the Road Commission in the prior year. Public works expenses decreased significantly as there were no major road projects this year. Culture and recreation expenses decreased due to grant funded maintenance done on the White River Light Station in the prior year. The following table depicts these occurrences.

**Change in Net Position**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Revenues:		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 167,776	\$ 178,347
Operating grants and contributions	10,751	128,017
General revenues		
Property taxes	336,607	325,067
Franchise fees	38,993	36,884
Grants and contributions not restricted	427,235	409,881
Unrestricted investments earnings	2,749	2,615
Miscellaneous	<u>7,521</u>	<u>24,875</u>
Total revenues	991,632	1,105,686
Expenses:		
General government	457,956	425,054
Public safety	109,732	108,870
Public works	96,531	530,195
Community and economic development	37,833	35,157
Culture and recreation	<u>33,578</u>	<u>56,538</u>
Total expenses	<u>735,630</u>	<u>1,155,814</u>
Change in net position	256,002	(50,128)
Net position - Beginning	<u>1,918,991</u>	<u>1,969,119</u>
Net position - Ending	<u>\$ 2,174,993</u>	<u>\$ 1,918,991</u>



### Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As stated earlier in this discussion and analysis, Fruitland Township uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Funds.** The focus of the Township governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances in spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Township's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balances or the lack thereof, may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Township. The General Fund ended the year with a fund balance of \$1,274,628, an increase of \$273,280. The health of the General Fund may be measured by the ratio of unassigned fund balance to annual expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 99% of the General Fund's expenditures (68% in the prior year).

At the end of the 2015 fiscal year, the Township's General Fund reported unassigned fund balance of \$710,004. The remainder of the fund balance is restricted for right-of-way improvements of \$47,652, public works utilities of \$55,970, White River Light Station preservation and maintenance of \$5,000, and Township capital improvements of \$600. In addition, the Township Board has committed \$440,665 for road construction and maintenance and \$13,070 for equipment replacement.

### General Fund Budget

During the current fiscal year, the Township made the following significant budget amendments:

- The property taxes revenues budget was increased by \$31,645 due to higher than anticipated property tax revenues.
- The licenses and permits budget was increased by \$25,033 due to additional building and other mechanical permit activity.
- The intergovernmental revenues – state budget was increased by \$18,895 as revenue sharing was higher than expected.
- The charges for services revenues budget was increased by \$13,564 to reflect more cemetery activity and reimbursement for special election services.
- The legislative expenditures budget was increased by \$31,688 primarily to reflect the Township's share of legal fees incurred by the White Lake Ambulance Authority.

There were no significant variations from the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures.

**Capital Assets**

Fruitland Township's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of March 31, 2015 totaled \$900,365 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements and equipment and vehicles.

During the fiscal year, the Township made various park improvements for \$8,003 and purchased a new furnace for the White River Light Station for \$2,892.

**Capital Assets**

	Governmental Activities	
	2015	2014
Land	\$ 400,520	\$ 400,520
Buildings and improvements	420,806	427,129
Equipment and vehicles	79,039	89,994
Total	<u>\$ 900,365</u>	<u>\$ 917,643</u>

Additional information on the Township's capital assets can be found in Note D of the "Notes to Financial Statements" of this report.

**General Economic Overview**

The Township's General Fund is comprised of two major revenue sources, state revenue sharing and property tax revenue. Those two sources comprise approximately 75% of the General Fund's revenue sources. In fiscal year 2016, the Township is conservatively budgeting no increase in revenue sharing or property tax revenues. No other significant changes are expected for other revenues in fiscal year 2016.

The Township expects General Fund expenditures for operations in fiscal year 2016 to remain consistent with fiscal year 2015. The Township is in the midst of a multi-year road improvement project with the Road Commission. For fiscal year 2016, improvements are budgeted for a portion of Riley-Thompson Road. The Township's share of this project is approximately \$128,000. No other significant capital improvements are anticipated in the upcoming fiscal year.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Fruitland Township's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Fruitland Township, 4545 Nestrom Road, Whitehall, MI 49461 (231) 766-3208.

Fruitland Township  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
 March 31, 2015

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets	
Cash and investments	\$ 1,244,327
Receivables	
Accounts	69
Property taxes	10,929
Due from other governmental units	63,706
Prepaid items	1,667
Total current assets	1,320,698
Noncurrent assets	
Capital assets, net	
Nondepreciable	400,520
Depreciable	499,845
Total noncurrent assets	900,365
Total assets	2,221,063
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	14,464
Due to other governmental units	28,761
Unearned revenue - rental income	2,845
Total liabilities	46,070
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	900,365
Restricted	
Right-of-way	47,652
Public works - utilities	55,970
White River Light Station preservation and maintenance	5,000
Township Hall capital improvements	600
Unrestricted	1,165,406
Total net position	\$ 2,174,993

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Fruitland Township  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
For the year ended March 31, 2015

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenue</u>		<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	
Governmental activities				
General government	\$ 457,956	\$ 13,656	\$ -	\$ (444,300)
Public safety	109,732	81,035	3,420	(25,277)
Public works	96,531	60,154	7,331	(29,046)
Community and economic development	37,833	6,850	-	(30,983)
Culture and recreation	33,578	6,081	-	(27,497)
Total governmental activities	<b><u>\$ 735,630</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 167,776</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 10,751</u></b>	(557,103)
General revenues				
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				336,607
Franchise fees				38,993
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				427,235
Unrestricted investment earnings				2,749
Miscellaneous				7,521
Total general revenues				<u>813,105</u>
Change in net position				256,002
Net position at April 1, 2014				<u>1,918,991</u>
Net position at March 31, 2015				<b><u>\$ 2,174,993</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Fruitland Township  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
 Governmental Funds  
 March 31, 2015

	<b>General Fund</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and investments	\$ 1,244,327
Receivables	
Accounts	69
Property taxes	10,929
Due from other governmental units	63,706
Prepaid items	1,667
	<b>\$ 1,320,698</b>
Total assets	<b>\$ 1,320,698</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 14,464
Due to other governmental units	28,761
Unearned revenue - rental income	2,845
	46,070
Total liabilities	46,070
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>	
Nonspendable - prepaid items	1,667
Restricted	
Right-of-way	47,652
Public works - utilities	55,970
White River Light Station preservation and maintenance	5,000
Township Hall capital improvements	600
Committed	
Road construction and maintenance	440,665
Equipment replacement	13,070
Unassigned	710,004
	1,274,628
Total fund balances	1,274,628
Total liabilities and fund balances	<b>\$ 1,320,698</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Fruitland Township  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
 TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
 March 31, 2015

Total fund balances—governmental funds \$ 1,274,628

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of  
 Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial  
 resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Cost of capital assets	\$ 1,429,786	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(529,421)</u>	<u>900,365</u>

Net position of governmental activities		<u><b>\$ 2,174,993</b></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Fruitland Township  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
 Governmental Funds  
 For the year ended March 31, 2015

	<b>General Fund</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Property taxes	\$ 336,607
Licenses and permits	109,997
Intergovernmental revenues - State	437,986
Charges for services	95,322
Fines and forfeitures	978
Investment earnings	2,749
Other	7,993
Total revenues	991,632
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Current	
General government	401,610
Public safety	127,235
Public works	94,133
Community and economic development	38,052
Culture and recreation	28,248
Other governmental functions	18,179
Capital outlay	10,895
Total expenditures	718,352
Net change in fund balance	273,280
Fund balance at April 1, 2014	1,001,348
Fund balance at March 31, 2015	<b>\$ 1,274,628</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Fruitland Township  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
For the year ended March 31, 2015

Net change in fund balance—total governmental funds \$ 273,280

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of  
Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures.  
However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of these assets  
is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as  
depreciation expense.

Depreciation expense	\$ (28,173)	
Capital outlay	<u>10,895</u>	<u>(17,278)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 256,002</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



Fruitland Township  
**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
 Fiduciary Funds  
 March 31, 2015

	<b>Escrow Fund</b>	<b>Current Tax Fund</b>	<b>Total Agency Funds</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and investments	\$ 3,020	\$ 2,253	\$ 5,273
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Deposits held for others	\$ 3,020	\$ 2,253	\$ 5,273

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Fruitland Township  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
March 31, 2015

**NOTE A—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of Fruitland Township (Township) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Township's accounting policies are described below.

**Reporting Entity**

The Township is a common law township governed by an elected seven-member board. Generally accepted accounting principles require that if the Township is considered to be financially accountable for other organizations, those organizations should be included as component units in the Township's financial statements. Since no organizations met this criterion, none are included in the financial statements.

**Basis of 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. All fiduciary activities are reported only in the fund financial statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges to external customers for support. The Township has no business-type activities.

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

The fund financial statements provide information about the Township's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental and fiduciary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The Township reports the following major governmental fund:

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

Additionally, the Township reports the following fund type:

The Agency funds account for assets held by the Township on behalf of others in a fiduciary capacity.

**Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as current financial resources or economic resources. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

Fruitland Township  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
March 31, 2015

**NOTE A—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES—Continued**

**Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting—Continued**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. 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 revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The governmental fund 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 when they are collectible 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 compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, 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. Entitlements are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end). Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

**Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance**

***Cash and Investments***

The Township's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Investments for the Township are reported at fair value (generally based on quoted market prices).

The Township has adopted an investment policy in compliance with State of Michigan statutes. Those statutes authorize the Township to invest in obligations of the United States, certificates of deposit, prime commercial paper, securities guaranteed by United States agencies or instrumentalities, United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptances, state-approved investment pools and certain mutual funds.

***Prepaid Items***

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

Fruitland Township  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
March 31, 2015

**NOTE A—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES—Continued**

**Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance—Continued**

***Capital Assets***

Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years.

As the Township constructs or acquires additional capital assets each period they are capitalized and reported at historical cost. The reported value excludes normal maintenance and repairs which are essentially amounts spent in relation to capital assets that do not increase the capacity or efficiency of the item or increase its estimated useful life. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated. The other property and equipment of the Township are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Capital Asset Classes</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	15-60
Equipment	3-10
Vehicles	5-10

***Deferred Outflows/Inflows 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/expenditures) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position 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.

***Net Position Flow Assumption***

Sometimes the government 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 of net position to report as restricted and unrestricted in the government-wide 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 Balance Flow Assumptions***

Sometimes the Township will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund 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 fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

Fruitland Township  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
March 31, 2015

**NOTE A—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES—Continued**

**Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance—Continued**

***Fund Balance Policies***

Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The Township itself can establish limitation on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Township's highest level of decision-making authority. The Township Board is the highest level of decision-making authority for the Township that can, by formal action prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by formal action remains in place until a similar action is taken (another formal action) to remove or revise the limitation.

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Township for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Township Board has by resolution authorized the Township Treasurer or Clerk to assign fund balance. The Township Board may assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

**Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses**

***Program Revenues***

Amounts reported as 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 or segment and 2) grants and contributions (including special assessments) that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

***Property Taxes***

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of allowance for uncollectibles.

The Township bills and collects its own property taxes and also collects taxes for the county, school and State of Michigan. Taxes are levied and liened on December 1 on the taxable valuation of property (as defined by state statutes) located in the Local Governmental Unit as of the preceding December 31. Uncollected real property taxes as of the following March 1 are turned over by the Township to the County for collection. The County advances the Township all of these delinquent real property taxes. The delinquent personal property taxes remain the responsibility of the Township. The Township recognizes all available revenue from the current tax levy. Available means collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period (60 days).

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**NOTE A—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES—Continued**

**Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses—Continued**

***Property Taxes—Continued***

The 2014 state taxable value for real/personal property of the Township totaled approximately \$249,561,000. The ad valorem taxes levied consisted of .9095 mills for the Township's operating purposes. This amount is recognized in the General Fund.

**NOTE B—STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Budgetary Information**

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all governmental funds.

The appropriated budget is prepared by fund, function and department. The Township's department heads may make transfers of appropriations within a department. Transfers of appropriations between departments require the approval of the Township Board. The legal level of budgetary control is the department level.

Appropriations in all budgeted funds lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

**NOTE C—DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

**Deposit and Investment Risks**

***Interest Rate Risk***

The Township investments policy limits investment maturities to three years. This policy is used as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

***Credit Risk***

State law limits investments in commercial paper and corporate bonds to the two highest classifications issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The Township has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

***Concentration of Credit Risk***

The Township does not have a concentration of credit risk policy. Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Township 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.

***Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits***

In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Township's deposits may not be returned to it. As of March 31, 2015, the Township's bank balance of \$1,041,324 was fully insured.

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**NOTE C—DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS—Continued**

**Deposit and Investment Risks—Continued**

*Custodial Credit Risk – Investments*

The Township does not have a custodial credit risk policy for investments. This is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Township will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

*Foreign Currency Risk*

The Township is not authorized to invest in investments which have this type of risk.

**NOTE D—CAPITAL ASSETS**

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

	<b>Balance April 1, 2014</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deductions</b>	<b>Balance March 31, 2015</b>
<b>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</b>				
Land	\$ 400,520	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,520
<b>Capital assets, being depreciated:</b>				
Buildings and improvements	682,916	5,801	-	688,717
Equipment and vehicles	335,455	5,094	-	340,549
Total capital assets, being depreciated	1,018,371	10,895	-	1,029,266
<b>Less accumulated depreciation:</b>				
Buildings and improvements	255,787	12,124	-	267,911
Equipment and vehicles	245,461	16,049	-	261,510
Total accumulated depreciation	501,248	28,173	-	529,421
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	517,123	(17,278)	-	499,845
Capital assets, net	<b>\$ 917,643</b>	<b>\$ (17,278)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 900,365</b>

**Depreciation**

Depreciation expense has been charged to functions as follows:

General government	\$ 14,369
Public safety	1,630
Public works	6,843
Culture and recreation	5,331
	<b>\$ 28,173</b>

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**NOTE E—OTHER INFORMATION**

**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; injuries to employees and natural disasters for which the government carries commercial insurance. Liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss in excess of insurance coverage can be reasonably estimated. There has been no loss in excess of insurance in the past three fiscal years.

**Contingent Liabilities**

Amounts received or receivable from grant agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability to the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures that may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the Township expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

The County of Muskegon issued a \$7,900,000 Water Supply System Bond in 2006 to fund improvements to the Northside Water System which included part of the Township. The Township has pledged its full faith and credit for a portion of the debt should user charges collected by the County be insufficient to make the debt payments. The Township's portion of the debt on March 31, 2015 was \$1,618,800, or 24 percent of the bonds. The Township is unaware of any circumstances that would cause a shortfall in the near future.

The County of Muskegon issued a \$9,215,000 Water Supply System Bond in 2008 to fund improvements to the Northside Water System which included part of the Township. The Township has pledged its full faith and credit for a portion of the debt should user charges collected by the County be insufficient to make the debt payments. The Township's portion of the debt on March 31, 2015 was \$1,728,750, or 25 percent of the bonds. The Township is unaware of any circumstances that would cause a shortfall in the near future.

**Jointly Governed Entities**

***White Lake Ambulance Authority***

The Township, in conjunction with seven other governmental entities, created the White Lake Ambulance Authority. The Authority was formed to jointly provide emergency medical services within the combined service area, which encompasses the participating municipalities. The administrative board of the Authority is comprised of one representative from each participating municipality. No participant has any obligation, entitlement, or residual interest. As of March 31, 2015, the Township had a liability of approximately \$24,000 to the Authority for its share of legal fees, computer equipment, building repairs, and ambulance repairs incurred by the Authority. In June of 2015, the Township gave notice that it was withdrawing from the authority as of August 1, 2015. The Township has authorized its Attorney to commence negotiations with the White Lake Ambulance Authority to determine any sums properly due to the Authority from Fruitland Township. Complete financial statements can be obtained from the Authority (119 S. Baldwin, Whitehall, MI 49461).



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**NOTE E—OTHER INFORMATION—Continued**

**Jointly Governed Entities—Continued**

***White Lake Fire Authority***

The Township, in conjunction with two other governmental entities, created the White Lake Fire Authority. The Authority was formed to jointly provide fire protection and rescue services within the combined service area, which encompasses the participating municipalities. The administrative board of the Authority is comprised of one representative from each participating municipality. No participant has any obligation, entitlement, or residual interest. During the year ended March 31, 2015, the Township made no contributions to the Authority. The Township rents certain facilities to the Authority. During the year ended March 31, 2015, the Township received \$11,247 in rental payments. The Township is unaware of any circumstances that would cause an additional benefit or burden to the participating governments in the near future. Complete financial statements can be obtained from the Authority (115 S. Baldwin, Whitehall, MI 49461).

**NOTE F—PENSION PLAN**

The Township provides pension benefits for all of its board members and full-time employees through a defined contribution plan. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. The Township utilizes Nationwide Trust Company, FSB to provide this benefit and is required to contribute an amount equal to 15 percent of the qualified employees' annual compensation each plan year. For the year ended March 31, 2015, pension expenditures were approximately \$31,000. The employees did not contribute to the plan.

**NOTE G—ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

State of Michigan shared revenues represent 43 percent of General Fund revenues.

**NOTE H—SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

In April 2015, the Township entered into an agreement with the Muskegon County Road Commission for the improvement of Riley Thompson Road. The Township's share of the estimated construction cost is \$127,782.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Fruitland Township  
Required Supplementary Information  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE**  
General Fund  
For the year ended March 31, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 305,000	\$ 336,645	\$ 336,607	\$ (38)
Licenses and permits	85,150	110,183	109,997	(186)
Intergovernmental revenues - State	417,211	436,106	437,986	1,880
Charges for services	81,052	94,616	95,322	706
Fines and forfeitures	600	1,400	978	(422)
Investment earnings	1,200	2,613	2,749	136
Other	1,450	7,992	7,993	1
Total revenues	891,663	989,555	991,632	2,077
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
General government				
Legislative	51,380	83,068	74,407	8,661
Supervisor	45,202	51,097	50,007	1,090
Election	11,086	13,156	11,165	1,991
Assessor	42,302	42,708	42,620	88
Clerk	47,763	47,764	47,402	362
Board of review	1,760	1,822	1,215	607
Treasurer	53,741	53,761	52,913	848
Hall and grounds	39,277	39,773	38,399	1,374
Community building	6,232	8,187	7,191	996
Township property	17,832	19,105	14,349	4,756
Cemetery	18,764	19,969	14,753	5,216
Professional services	45,000	48,067	47,189	878
Public safety				
Law enforcement	56,835	56,893	47,726	9,167
Building inspections	79,348	82,300	79,509	2,791
Public works				
Road construction and maintenance	13,000	13,000	6,962	6,038
Drains	2,650	2,650	2,650	-
Street lighting	17,800	17,800	16,690	1,110
Lake maintenance	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Sanitation	72,933	75,188	67,831	7,357
Community and economic development				
Planning commission	32,642	33,591	30,223	3,368
Zoning board of appeals	9,113	9,294	7,829	1,465
Culture and recreation				
Museum	13,302	17,534	14,581	2,953
Parks	19,540	20,169	13,667	6,502
Other governmental functions	25,000	25,000	18,179	6,821
Capital outlay	10,801	13,923	10,895	3,028
Total expenditures	734,303	796,819	718,352	78,467
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ 157,360</u>	<u>\$ 192,736</u>	273,280	<u>\$ 80,544</u>
Fund balance at April 1, 2014			<u>1,001,348</u>	
Fund balance at March 31, 2015			<u>\$ 1,274,628</u>	