

**ALPENA TOWNSHIP
ALPENA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Audited Financial Statements and
Other Supplementary Financial Information

Year Ended March 31, 2007

STRALEY, ILSLEY & LAMP P.C.

Auditing Procedures Report

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Fiscal Year End 3-31-07	Opinion Date 9-18-07	Date Audit Report Submitted to State 9-28-07	

We affirm that:

We are certified public accountants licensed to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following material, "no" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (report of comments and recommendations).

- YES NO **Check each applicable box below.** (See instructions for further detail.)
- All required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements as necessary.
 - There are no accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets (P.A. 275 of 1980) or the local unit has not exceeded its budget for expenditures.
 - The local unit is in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts issued by the Department of Treasury.
 - The local unit has adopted a budget for all required funds.
 - A public hearing on the budget was held in accordance with State statute.
 - The local unit has not violated the Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, or other guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division.
 - The local unit has not been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.
 - The local unit only holds deposits/investments that comply with statutory requirements.
 - The local unit has no illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to our attention as defined in the *Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan*, as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin).
 - There are no indications of defalcation, fraud or embezzlement, which came to our attention during the course of our audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division (LAFD). If there is such activity that has not been communicated, please submit a separate report under separate cover.
 - The local unit is free of repeated comments from previous years.
 - The audit opinion is UNQUALIFIED.
 - The local unit has complied with GASB 34 or GASB 34 as modified by MCGAA Statement #7 and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
 - The board or council approves all invoices prior to payment as required by charter or statute.
 - To our knowledge, bank reconciliations that were reviewed were performed timely.

If a local unit of government (authorities and commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is not included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, please enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

I, the undersigned, certify that this statement is complete and accurate in all respects.

We have enclosed the following:	Enclosed	Not Required (enter a brief justification)	
Financial Statements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
The letter of Comments and Recommendations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other (Describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
Alpena Township
Alpena, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Alpena Township, Michigan** as of and for the year ended March 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of **Alpena Township, Michigan's** management. 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 includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Alpena Township, Michigan** as of March 31, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, were applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplemental Information

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and the required supplemental information identified in the Table of Contents are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Individual Fund Financial Statements and Other Supplemental Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise **Alpena Township, Michigan's** basic financial statements. The accompanying information identified in the table of contents as individual financial statements and other supplemental information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as whole.

Strahy, Ditsky & Lane P.C.

September 18, 2007

Alpena Township Management's Discussion and Analysis

The following is management's discussion and analysis of the financial position and results of operations for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements and related footnotes, which follow this section.

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Alpena Township financially as a whole. The *Government-Wide Financial Statements* provide information about the activities of the whole Township, presenting both an aggregate view of the Township's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. The fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental activities, these statements tell how services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements look at the Township's governmental funds. The remaining statement, the statement of fiduciary net assets, presents financial information about activities for which the Township acts solely as an agent for the benefit of students and parents. The annual report is arranged as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)
(Required Supplemental Information)

Basic Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Fund Financial Statements

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

(Required Supplemental Information)

Budgetary information for the General Fund

Other Supplemental Information

Individual Fund Statements

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Alpena Township exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$11,012,203 (*net assets*). Of this amount, \$3,044,443 (*unrestricted net assets*) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Alpena Township's total net assets increased by \$268,460. This was the result of a decrease in the net assets of governmental activities of \$45,471 along with an increase in the net assets of business-type activities of \$313,931.

Alpena Township Management's Discussion and Analysis

- The Alpena Township provided services of \$1,624,948 in governmental activities and \$1,881,216 of business-type activities for expenses totaling \$3,494,748 during the year ended March 31, 2007.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the general fund was \$1,166,749 or 71 percent of total general fund expenditures and operating transfers to other funds in comparison to \$1,137,817 at the close of the prior year, a increase of \$28,932.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Alpena Township's basic financial statements. The Alpena Township's basic financial statements comprise 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 readers with a broad overview of the Alpena Township's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net assets* presents information on all of the Alpena Township's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net assets*. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Alpena Township is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying 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 (e.g., uncollected taxes).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Alpena Township that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the Alpena Township include legislative, general government, public safety, public works, health and welfare and culture and recreation. The business-type activities of the Alpena Township include providing water and sewer services.

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 Alpena 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 Alpena Township can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Alpena Township Management's Discussion and Analysis

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 *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-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 near-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 *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Alpena Township maintains one governmental fund. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund which is considered to be a major fund.

Proprietary funds. The Alpena Township maintains one type of proprietary fund. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The Alpena Township uses enterprise funds to account for its Water and Sewage fund.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the Water and Sewage fund which is considered to be a major fund of Alpena Township.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the Alpena Township's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

Notes to the 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.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the general funds' budget comparisons.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Alpena Township, assets exceeded liabilities by \$11,012,203 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

**Alpena Township
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

By far the largest portion of the Alpena Township's net assets \$7,967,760 (72 percent) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Alpena Township uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the Alpena Township's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

ALPENA TOWNSHIP'S, Net Assets

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Current and other assets	\$ 1,166,749	\$ 1,137,817	\$ 5,647,992	\$ 6,756,608	\$ 6,814,741	\$ 7,894,425
Capital assets	2,543,658	2,632,102	9,323,323	8,891,298	11,866,981	11,523,400
Total assets	<u>3,710,407</u>	<u>3,769,919</u>	<u>14,971,315</u>	<u>15,647,906</u>	<u>18,681,722</u>	<u>19,417,825</u>
Current liabilities	98,444	112,485	3,961,854	4,664,293	4,060,298	4,776,778
Noncurrent liabilities	-	-	3,609,221	3,897,304	3,609,221	3,897,304
Total liabilities	<u>98,444</u>	<u>112,485</u>	<u>7,571,075</u>	<u>8,561,597</u>	<u>7,669,519</u>	<u>8,674,082</u>
Net assets:						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,543,658	2,632,102	5,424,102	4,753,994	7,967,760	7,386,096
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	<u>1,068,305</u>	<u>1,025,332</u>	<u>1,976,138</u>	<u>2,332,215</u>	<u>3,044,443</u>	<u>3,357,547</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 3,611,963</u>	<u>\$ 3,657,434</u>	<u>\$ 7,400,240</u>	<u>\$ 7,086,209</u>	<u>\$ 11,012,203</u>	<u>\$ 10,743,643</u>

The balance of unrestricted net assets \$3,044,443 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Alpena Township is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net assets, both for the government as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental and business-type activities.

The government's net assets increased by \$268,560 during the current year. This was the result of business-type activities ongoing revenues outstripping similar increases in ongoing expenses by \$313,931. Governmental activities, experienced a decrease of \$45,471 in net assets during the current fiscal year. While property tax revenue was up slightly, the substantial increase in expenditures is what attributed to the decrease in revenue over expenses.

**Alpena Township
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

ALPENA TOWNSHIP'S, Changes in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 105,749	\$ 129,472	\$ 2,156,196	\$ 2,252,670	\$ 2,261,945	\$ 2,382,142
Operating grants and Contributions	47,082	28,440	-	-	47,082	28,440
Capital grants and Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
General revenues:						
Property taxes	720,437	699,239	-	-	720,437	699,239
Other	706,209	690,789	38,951	23,334	745,160	714,123
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	1,579,477	1,547,940	2,195,147	2,276,004	3,774,624	3,823,944
Expenses:						
Legislative	9,238	13,720	-	-	9,238	13,720
General government	435,197	393,737	-	-	435,197	393,737
Public safety	684,749	636,301	-	-	684,749	636,301
Public works	160,898	224,505	-	-	160,898	224,505
Culture and recreation	26,293	78,907	-	-	26,293	78,907
Health – welfare	22,230	25,000	-	-	22,230	25,000
Water – sewage	-	-	1,881,216	1,642,260	1,881,216	1,642,260
Other	286,343	288,554	-	-	286,343	288,554
Total expenses	1,624,948	1,660,724	1,881,216	1,642,260	3,506,164	3,302,984
Change in net assets	(45,471)	(112,784)	313,931	633,744	268,460	520,960
Net assets – beginning	3,657,434	3,770,218	7,086,309	6,452,565	10,743,743	10,222,783
Net assets – end	\$ 3,611,963	\$ 3,657,434	\$ 7,400,240	\$ 7,086,309	\$ 11,012,203	\$ 10,743,743

Cost of Services - Governmental Activities

Functions/Programs:	Total Cost of Services		Program Revenues		Net Cost of Services	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Legislative	\$ 9,238	\$ 13,720	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,238)	\$ (13,720)
General government	435,197	393,737	42,210	55,622	(392,987)	(338,115)
Public safety	684,749	636,301	16,592	16,651	(668,157)	(619,650)
Public works	160,898	224,505	-	-	(160,898)	(224,505)
Culture and recreation	26,293	78,907	-	11,789	(26,293)	(67,118)
Health and welfare	22,230	25,000	-	-	(22,230)	(25,000)
Other	286,343	288,554	94,029	73,850	(192,314)	(214,704)
Total expenses	\$ 1,624,948	\$ 1,660,724	\$ 152,831	\$ 157,912	\$ (1,472,117)	\$ (1,502,812)

**Alpena Township
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

REVENUES

Though property taxes continue to be our largest source of revenue, we had only a minimal increase again this fiscal year. Total millage for the Alpena Township homestead property was 22.7547 and non-homestead property was 40.7547.

State revenue increased slightly and may continue to do so if the State's economy continues to improve.

Cost of Services - Business-type activities

	Total Cost of Services		Program Revenues		Net Cost of Services	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Functions/Programs:						
Water and sewage	\$ 1,881,216	\$ 1,642,260	\$ 2,156,196	\$ 2,252,670	\$ 274,980	\$ (610,410)
Total expenses	<u>\$ 1,881,216</u>	<u>\$ 1,642,260</u>	<u>\$ 2,156,196</u>	<u>\$ 2,252,670</u>	<u>\$ 274,980</u>	<u>\$ (610,410)</u>

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Alpena Township uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

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

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Alpena Township's governmental funds (general fund) reported ending fund balances of \$1,166,749, a increase of \$28,932 in comparison with the prior year. All of this total amount constitutes *unreserved fund balance*, which is available for spending at the government's discretion.

Proprietary funds. The Alpena Township's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net assets of the Water and Sewage fund at the end of the year amounted to \$1,976,138. The change in net assets for the funds was \$633,744. Other factors concerning, the finances of this fund have already been addressed in the discussion of the Alpena Township's business-type activities.

**Alpena Township
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Differences between the original budget and the final amended budget are as follows:

- \$ 31,432 increase in general government expenditures
- \$ 21,736 increase in public safety for fire expenditures
- \$ 190 increase in public safety for zoning and appeals board expenditures
- \$ 1,719 increase in public works expenditures
- \$10,107 increase in other expenditures

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The Alpena Township's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of March 31, 2006, amounts to \$15,862,697 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, land improvements, building and improvements, machinery and equipment and infrastructure.

ALPENA TOWNSHIP'S, Capital Assets

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Historical cost:						
Land	\$ 1,926,000	\$ 1,926,000	\$ 17,030,	\$ 17,030	\$ 1,943,030	\$ 1,943,030
Construction in progress	-	-	-	2,794,994	-	2,794,994
Buildings and improvements	1,441,472	1,441,472	199,788	199,788	1,641,260	1,641,260
Equipment	402,967	402,967	220,482	196,710	623,449	599,677
Infrastructure	-	-	12,263,984	8,883,736	12,263,984	8,883,736
	<u>3,770,439</u>	<u>3,770,439</u>	<u>12,701,284</u>	<u>12,092,258</u>	<u>16,471,723</u>	<u>15,862,697</u>
Accumulated depreciation						
Equipment	<u>(1,226,779)</u>	<u>(1,138,335)</u>	<u>(3,377,961)</u>	<u>(3,200,960)</u>	<u>(4,604,740)</u>	<u>(4,339,295)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 2,543,660</u>	<u>\$ 2,632,104</u>	<u>\$ 9,323,323</u>	<u>\$ 8,891,298</u>	<u>\$ 11,866,983</u>	<u>\$ 11,523,402</u>

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Alpena Township had total debt outstanding of \$3,935,000. All of this amount comprises general obligation bond debt backed by the full faith and credit of the government.

**Alpena Township
Management’s Discussion and Analysis**

**ALPENA TOWNSHIP'S, Outstanding Debt
Bonds and Loans**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
General Obligation Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,935,000	\$ 4,190,000	\$ 3,935,000	\$ 4,190,000
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,935,000	\$ 4,190,000	\$ 3,935,000	\$ 4,190,000

ALPENA TOWNSHIP’S OUTSTANDING DEBT

Alpena Township’s total debt was decreased by \$255,000 during the current fiscal year.

The Alpena Township and its Water and Sewer Authority both maintain an “AAA” rating from Standard & Poor’s and Fitch.

Economic Factors and Next Year’s Budgets and Rates

- The fiscal year end 2006 county wide unemployment rate is 8.1 percent compared to 6.9 percent for the state.
- The Alpena Township Board of Trustees has initiated a special assessment district for the Long Lake Park Road paving project. This project will cost an estimated \$500,000.00. The costs will be shared with 50% paid by the residents, 25% by the Alpena County Road Commission and 25% by the general fund.
- The Township is continuing to design a joint water/sewer system entitled Hamilton Road Water and Sewer Project with shared professional engineering service cost of \$44,500.00 shared with the City of Alpena.
- The Township is developing the management plan with the grant from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a Michigan Coastal Management Program for \$32,000.00 which requires a 50% match. The community will match \$5,000.00, Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan \$3,000.00 and the other \$ 8,000.00 will be in-kind from other agencies. The management plan will determine where trails, parking, etc. for the acquired 133.39 acre parcel, known as Alpena Township Nature Preserve and should be completed by March 31, 2008. This park is located on Lake Huron to provide recreational opportunities for its residents and tourists hoping to attract divers, hikers, bird viewers, etc. to the area.

Alpena Township Management's Discussion and Analysis

- The Township, in a joint venture with the City of Alpena, received the feasibility study to determine if there are any possible or potential benefits of forming a fire district in an effort to be able to provide emergency services at a cost-effective alternative. The governmental units shared in the cost of \$16,500.00 to conduct the study. The study determined that while the City of Alpena had 65.8% of the costs for department operations, Alpena Township would pay 55.1% if costs were distributed based on taxable valuation. Alpena Township's portion of total cost would increase by more than 20% irrespective of the actual budgetary amount. The City and Township of Alpena would face a number of challenges in pursuing the consolidation of the two fire services. These span a full gamut of operational issues, contractual and legal matters, financial considerations and service issues.
- The Township's request for 2 mills for providing medical first responder staffing and building additions to each fire station was turned down.
- The Township has contracted with NEMCOG to seek input from residents, businesses and community leaders to help with their Long Range Planning effort. The cost to provide this session is approximately \$ 2,500.00.
- The Township has received bids for the purchase of a new mini-pumper fire truck for the Alpena Township Fire Department Southside Station. The estimated cost of this apparatus is approximately \$150,000.00. Purchasing a mini-pumper will allow preservation of the front line engine, allow better response time for increased medical runs as well as maintaining fire suppression capability. Improvements to both stations were approved to take place. New desk to enhance the office space, micro wave ovens kitchen cupboards, painting, blinds, windows, bathroom, etc. with an estimated cost of \$7,500.00. A new garage door to create a back entrance for the Southside Station and new driveway, front and back at an estimate cost of \$8,500.00.
- Landscaping the U.S. 23 North corridor with a grant through MDOT. This project would be enhancement grant money. The planning for this project was done jointly with the City of Alpena. The cost to the Township would be \$60,000.00.
- The Township is currently in discussion with the county, city and business leaders to form an economic development partnership. The goal of the partnership would be to aggressively recruit new business to Alpena as well as to work with existing businesses to ensure their growth and success.
- The Township has new developmental projects that will have a positive impact on their economy.

The Township has submitted a grant application to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a Michigan Coastal Management Program for \$32,000 with a \$5,000 community match to be used to develop a management plan for the acquired 133.39 acre parcel that has been named Alpena Township Nature Preserve. This park is located on Lake Huron to provide recreational opportunities for its residents and tourists hoping to attract divers, hikers, bird viewers, etc. to the area. The management plan will determine where trails, parking, etc. need to be.

**Alpena Township
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

The above factors will still be affecting the financial situation of the Township for fiscal year 2007-2008 and we have budgeted accordingly.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Alpena Township's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this Report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Office of the Alpena Township Clerk, 4385 U.S. 23 North, Alpena, MI 49707.

Alpena Township

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

March 31, 2007

	Primary Government		Total
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,081,961	\$ 1,711,844	\$ 2,793,805
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts)	56,832	3,936,148	3,992,980
Internal balances	-	-	-
Due from other governmental units	-	-	-
Advance to other governmental units	27,956	-	27,956
Capital assets	3,770,438	12,701,284	16,471,722
Accumulated depreciation	(1,226,780)	(3,377,961)	(4,604,741)
Total assets	<u>3,710,407</u>	<u>14,971,315</u>	<u>18,681,722</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	-	83,255	83,255
Accrued payroll	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-
Due to other governmental units	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	-	3,585,436	3,585,436
Noncurrent liabilities			
Due within one year			
Compensated absences	98,444	3,163	101,607
Bonds and loans	-	290,000	290,000
Due in more than one year			
Compensated absences	-	-	-
Bonds and loans	-	3,609,221	3,609,221
Total liabilities	<u>98,444</u>	<u>7,571,075</u>	<u>7,669,519</u>
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,543,658	5,424,102	7,967,760
Unrestricted	1,068,305	1,976,138	3,044,443
Total net assets	<u>\$ 3,611,963</u>	<u>\$ 7,400,240</u>	<u>\$ 11,012,203</u>

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

Alpena Township

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended March 31, 2007

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>
Functions/Programs:				
Primary Government:				
Governmental activities:				
Legislative	\$ 9,238	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General government	435,197	58,085	-	-
Public safety	684,749	-	47,082	-
Public works	160,898	-	-	-
Health and welfare	22,230	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	26,293	-	-	-
Other	286,343	47,664	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>1,624,948</u>	<u>105,749</u>	<u>47,082</u>	<u>-</u>
Business-type activities:				
Water and Sewer	<u>1,881,216</u>	<u>2,156,196</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>1,881,216</u>	<u>2,156,196</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 3,506,164</u>	<u>\$ 2,261,945</u>	<u>\$ 47,082</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
General revenues:				
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				
Property taxes, levied for fire department				
State sales tax				
Investment earnings				
Total general revenues and transfers				
Change in net assets				
Net assets - beginning of the year				
Net assets - end of the year				

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
Primary Government		
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
\$ (9,238)	\$ -	\$ (9,238)
(377,112)	-	(377,112)
(637,667)	-	(637,667)
(160,898)	-	(160,898)
(22,230)	-	(22,230)
(26,293)	-	(26,293)
(238,679)	-	(238,679)
<u>(1,472,117)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,472,117)</u>
-	274,980	274,980
-	274,980	274,980
<u>\$ (1,472,117)</u>	<u>\$ 274,980</u>	<u>\$ (1,197,137)</u>
427,010	-	427,010
293,427	-	293,427
667,847	-	667,847
38,362	38,951	77,313
<u>1,426,646</u>	<u>38,951</u>	<u>1,465,597</u>
(45,471)	313,931	268,460
3,657,434	7,086,309	
<u>\$ 3,611,963</u>	<u>\$ 7,400,240</u>	<u>\$ 268,460</u>

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

Alpena Township

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

March 31, 2007

	<u>Governmental Fund Type</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,081,961
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts)	56,832
Due from other funds	-
Due from other governmental units	-
Advance to other governmental units	27,956
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Total assets	\$ 1,166,749
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ -
Accrued payroll	-
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Total liabilities	-
	<hr/>
Fund Balances:	
Unreserved	-
Undesignated	1,166,749
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Total fund balances	1,166,749
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Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 1,166,749
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Alpena Township

**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

As of March 31, 2007

Fund balances - Total governmental funds		\$ 1,166,749
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore not reported in the governmental funds.		
Governmental capital assets	\$ 3,770,438	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,226,780)</u>	
		2,543,658
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Compensated absences	<u>(98,444)</u>	<u>(98,444)</u>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 3,611,963</u>

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Alpena Township

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

For the Year Ended March 31, 2007

	<u>Governmental Fund Type</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>
REVENUES	
Taxes	\$ 720,437
Licenses and permits	43,760
State sources	714,929
Interest and rents	38,362
Other	61,989
Total revenues	<u>1,579,477</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Legislative	9,238
General government	435,197
Public safety	
Liquor control	15,607
Fire	543,849
Crossing guards	3,148
Building inspector	58,925
Zoning and appeals board	20,410
Hydrant rental	50,000
Ordinance enforcement	6,851
Public works	160,898
Health and welfare	22,230
Culture and recreation	26,293
Other	191,096
Capital outlay	6,803
Total expenditures	<u>1,550,545</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	28,932
FUND BALANCES , beginning of the year	<u>1,137,817</u>
FUND BALANCES , end of the Year	<u><u>\$ 1,166,749</u></u>

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Alpena Township

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

For the Year Ended March 31, 2007

Net change in fund balances - Total governmental funds		\$	28,932
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:			
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives.			
Expenditures for capital assets			
Less current year depreciation		<u>(88,444)</u>	(88,444)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.			
Change in long-term compensated absences		<u>14,041</u>	<u>14,041</u>
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities		<u>\$</u>	<u>(45,471)</u>

Alpena Township

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS

March 31, 2007

	<u>Business-type Activities Enterprise Funds</u>
	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,711,844
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts)	<u>3,936,148</u>
Total current assets	<u>5,647,992</u>
Noncurrent assets	
Property and equipment	12,701,284
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,377,961)</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>9,323,323</u>
Total assets	14,971,315
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	83,255
Accrued payroll	-
Other liabilities	3,163
Due to other funds	-
Due to other governmental units	-
Unearned revenue	3,585,436
Current portion of long-term debt	<u>290,000</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>3,961,854</u>
Noncurrent liabilities	
Long-term debt	<u>3,609,221</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>3,609,221</u>
Total liabilities	<u>7,571,075</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	5,424,102
Unrestricted	<u>1,976,138</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>\$ 7,400,240</u></u>

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

Alpena Township

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSE AND CHANGES IN NET FUND ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS**

For the Year Ended March 31, 2007

	<u>Business-type Activities Enterprise Funds</u>
	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>
OPERATING REVENUES	
Charges for services	\$ 1,524,734
Total operating revenues	<u>1,524,734</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Salaries and fringe benefits	212,811
Purchased water and sewer services	946,539
Supplies	10,762
Utilities	33,929
Repairs and transportation	194,803
Depreciation	177,001
Other	132,823
Total operating expenses	<u>1,708,668</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>(183,934)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Interest earned	38,951
Special assessments	521,614
Unit benefit charges	109,847
Interest expense	(172,547)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>497,865</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	313,931
NET ASSETS , beginning of the year	<u>7,086,309</u>
NET ASSETS , end of the year	<u>\$ 7,400,240</u>

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

Alpena Township

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS**

For the Year Ended March 31, 2007

	<u>Business-type Activities Enterprise Funds</u>
	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash received from customers	\$ 1,513,593
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(1,586,544)
Cash payments to employees for services	<u>(212,811)</u>
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities	<u>(285,762)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Proceeds from issuance of bonds	-
Principal paid on bonds	(240,000)
Interest paid on bonds	(170,630)
Cash received from special assessments	521,614
Cash received from unit benefit charges	109,847
Advances from General Fund	-
Acquisition of capital assets	<u>(609,027)</u>
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(388,196)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Interest on investments	<u>38,951</u>
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Investing Activities	<u>38,951</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(635,007)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of the year	<u>2,346,851</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of the year	<u><u>\$ 1,711,844</u></u>

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

Alpena Township

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS - Continued**

For the Year Ended March 31, 2007

	<u>Business-type Activities Enterprise Funds</u>
	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (183,934)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	
Depreciation	177,001
Change in assets and liabilities	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(5,241)
(Increase) decrease in accrued unbilled revenues	(5,900)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(270,851)
Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities	3,163
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Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities	\$ (285,762) <hr/> <hr/>

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

Alpena Township

**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS**

March 31, 2007

	<u>Agency Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,001
Total assets	<u>16,001</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	<u>16,001</u>
Total liabilities	<u>16,001</u>
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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

Alpena Township

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

The accounting policies of Alpena Township conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by the Township:

A. Reporting Entity.

Description of Township Operations. Alpena Township is a political entity situated within the County of Alpena which is located in the northeastern region of the lower peninsula of Michigan. The governing body of the Township is the Township Board, composed of the supervisor, the clerk, the treasurer, and four trustees. The Township supervisor acts as the chief administrative and executive officer.

The Township provides services to its citizens in general government, public safety, public works, health and welfare, and recreation and culture. Revenues for these services are provided chiefly by taxes and state shared revenues.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, 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. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. 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 that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

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

C. Basis of Presentation.

The accounts of the government are organized and operated on the basis of funds and account groups. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. Account groups are a reporting device to account for certain assets and liabilities of the governmental funds not recorded directly in those funds. The financial activities of the Township are recorded in separate funds and account groups, described as follows:

Governmental Fund Types. General Fund. This fund includes the general operations of the Township and transactions not included in other funds. The revenues of this fund are derived primarily from property taxes and state shared revenues.

Alpena Township

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES. (continued)

Proprietary Fund Types. Enterprise Fund. This fund records operations that provide services financed primarily by user fees or where periodic measurement of net income is deemed appropriate. This fund is solely the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Fund. Special assessment revenues are recorded in this fund. In addition, special assessment receivables have been recorded. Revenue from the sale of water and sewage services is recorded based on the services consumed.

Fiduciary Fund Types. Trust and Agency Fund. This fund is used to account for assets held by the Township in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, organizations, other governments, or other funds.

D. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting.

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured; basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures (expenses) are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The accounting policies of Alpena Township conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

Governmental Funds. The Governmental Fund Types (General) use a financial resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e. both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Current expenditures are generally recorded when the fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Exceptions to this general rule include principal and interest on long-term debt, which is recognized when due, and accrued vacation and sick leave, which is recorded when payable from current available financial resources.

Proprietary Funds. The Proprietary Funds Types (Enterprise) are accounted for on a cost-of-service or "capital maintenance" measurement focus, using the accrual basis of accounting. The Township applies all GASB pronouncements as well as the FASB pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

Fiduciary Funds. The Fiduciary Funds are maintained on a cash basis which is consistent with the accounting measurement objectives of the funds. Reporting these funds on a cash basis does not have an effect materially different from reporting them on the accrual or modified accrual basis as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

Cash and Cash Equivalents. For purposes of these financial statements, cash equivalents include time deposits, certificates of deposit, and all other highly liquid deposits with maturities of three months or less.

Inventories. Inventories are not considered significant and are recorded as expenditures when purchased.

Capital Assets. Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, 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 government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 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.

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

- Buildings - 50 years
- Office Equipment - 5 to 7 years
- Computer Equipment - 3 to 7 years
- Water and Sewer Lines - 50 to 75 years

Alpena Township

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES. (continued)

Interfund balances. On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." These amounts are eliminated in the governmental and business-type activities columns of the statement of net assets, except for the net residual amounts due between governmental and business-type activities, which are presented as internal balances.

Employee Vacation and Sick Leave. After one year of employment, Township employees are granted vacation leave in varying amounts based on length of service and other contractual provisions. Vacation pay is fully vested when earned. Employees, other than Firefighters, must use all vacation time in the year it is earned. Sick leave accumulates at various rates stipulated under certain contractual provisions. Upon retirement employees are paid for one-half of their unused sick leave. Firefighters may accumulate 1,800 hours of sick leave. Other employees may accumulate 800 hours of sick leave.

Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations. All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, payables and accrued liabilities that will be paid from governmental funds are reported on the governmental fund financial statements regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. In general, payments made within sixty days after year end are considered to have been made with current available financial resources. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are not recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements until due.

Net Assets. Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the School District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

Property Taxes. Properties are assessed as of December 31, and the related property taxes become a lien on December 1 of the following year. The taxes are due on February 14 with the final collection date of February 28 before they are added to the delinquent County of Alpena tax rolls. Assessed values are established annually and are equalized by the State at an estimated 50% of current market value. Property in Alpena Township for the 2006 levy was assessed at a taxable value of \$308,706,158. The Township's general operating rate is currently 1.0150 mills and 1.1514 mills for fire department operations and expenditures. On February 27, 2001, the electorate of the Township of Alpena passed an additional .21 mills (currently .2091 mills) to acquire, construct, furnish, and equip an Alpena County Community Events Center. With other governmental services, such as county, schools, and ambulance, Township residents pay a total of 22.7547 mills for homestead property and 40.7547 mills for nonhomestead property.

By agreement with the County of Alpena, delinquent real property taxes are purchased by the County of Alpena. The proceeds from the County's purchase of the delinquent taxes are used to liquidate the Township's delinquent real property taxes receivables.

Encumbrances. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation is not employed by the Township. Commitments outstanding at year end are charged against the subsequent year's appropriation once received and approved.

Use of Estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Alpena Township

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES. (continued)

Reclassification. Certain items reported in the March 31, 2006, financial statements may have been reclassified to conform with the presentation for the current year.

NOTE 2--LEGAL COMPLIANCE.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting. Prior to adoption of the operating budget, Township departments prepare and submit their proposed operating budgets commencing the following April 1. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments. Prior to March 31, the budget is adopted by the Township Board. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Township Board during the year. Unused appropriations at March 31, are not carried forward to the following year. The budget for the year ended March 31, 2007 was adopted on a functional basis.

P.A. 621 of 1978, section 18(1), as amended, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated.

In the body of the financial statements, the Local Unit's actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the budgetary funds have been shown on a functional basis. The approved budgets of the Alpena Township for these budgetary funds were adopted on a function level. Detail at the activity and departmental level is presented in the General Fund Combining Statement for the benefit of management.

During the year ended March 31, 2007, Alpena Township incurred expenditures in certain budgetary funds which were in excess of the amounts appropriated, as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total Appropriations</u>	<u>Amount of Expenditures</u>	<u>Budget Variance</u>
General Fund:			
Public safety			
Zoning and appeals board	\$ 8,500	\$ 20,410	\$ 11,720
Liquor control	15,325	15,607	282
Other	151,275	179,680	28,405

Accumulated Fund Deficits. Alpena Township had no funds with an accumulated fund balance/retained earnings deficit at March 31, 2007.

NOTE 3--DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

The Township maintains separate cash accounts for each of its funds. Cash is not pooled.

For the year ended March 31, 2007 the carrying amount of the Township's deposits with financial institutions was \$2,793,805 and the bank balance was \$3,058,243. Of the bank balance, \$200,000 was covered by federal depository insurance (FDIC), with the remaining balance of \$2,858,243 being uninsured.

Statutes authorize the Township to invest as follows:

- (a) In bonds, securities, and other obligations of the United States, or an agency or instrumentality of the United States in which the principal and interest is fully guaranteed by the United States.
- (b) In certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a bank or a savings and loan association which is a member of the federal deposit insurance corporation or a credit union which is insured by the national credit union administration, but only if the bank savings and loan association or credit union is an eligible Michigan depository.

Alpena Township

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3--DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. (continued)

- (c) In commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the 3 highest classifications established by not less than 2 standard rating services and which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase. No more than 50% of any fund may be invested in commercial paper at any time.
- (d) In United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements.
- (e) In bankers' acceptances of United States banks.
- (f) In mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

NOTE 4--CAPITAL ASSETS.

Capital asset activity of the primary government for the current year was as follows:

	Primary Government			Balances March 31, 2007
	Balances April 1, 2006	Additions	(Deletions)	
Governmental activities:				
Historical cost:				
Land	\$ 1,926,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,926,000
Buildings and improvements	1,441,472	-	-	1,441,472
Equipment	402,967	-	-	402,967
	<u>3,770,439</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,770,439</u>
Allowance for depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	(1,032,296)	(30,878)	-	(1,063,174)
Equipment	(106,039)	(57,566)	-	(163,605)
	<u>(1,138,335)</u>	<u>(88,444)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,226,779)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 2,632,104</u>	<u>\$ (88,444)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,543,660</u>
Business-type activities:				
Historical cost:				
Land	\$ 17,030	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,030
Buildings and improvements	199,788	-	-	199,788
Equipment	196710	23,772	-	220,482
Infrastructure	8,883,736	3,393,040	(12,792)	12,263,984
Construction in progress	2,794,994	-	(2,794,994)	-
	<u>12,092,258</u>	<u>3,416,812</u>	<u>(2,807,786)</u>	<u>12,701,284</u>
Allowance for depreciation:	<u>(3,200,960)</u>	<u>(177,001)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,377,961)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 8,891,298</u>	<u>\$ 3,239,811</u>	<u>\$ (2,807,786)</u>	<u>\$ 9,323,323</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6--LONG-TERM DEBT (including current portions).

Long-term debt (including current portions) of the Township is as follows:

	<u>Balances</u> April 1, 2006	<u>Additions</u>	<u>(Reductions)</u>	<u>Balances</u> March 31, 2007	<u>Due</u> Within One Year
Enterprise Fund:					
Water and sewer bonds					
Alpena County general obligation refunding bonds, dated 1989, 1989-2007 (contractual obligation)					
	\$ 155,000	\$ -	\$ (90,000)	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
Alpena Township, special assessment Bonds, dated 2005, 2006-2025	3,915,000	-	(115,000)	3,800,000	200,000
Alpena Township special assessment bonds, dated 1989, 1989-2010	<u>120,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
	4,190,000	-	(255,000)	3,935,000	290,000
Other					
Vacation and sick leave	<u>112,485</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,038)</u>	<u>103,447</u>	<u>101,607</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 4,302,485</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 264,038</u>	<u>\$ 4,038,447</u>	<u>\$ 391,607</u>

The Water and Sewer Bonds are contractual obligations between Alpena Township and the County of Alpena. These bonds are secured by special assessments levied against benefiting real property located within the Township. In 1989, the Township retired six bond issues through advance refunding. See Note 6 for a more detailed explanation.

The annual requirements to pay principal and interest on the bonds outstanding at March 31, 2007 through 2011, are as follows:

	<u>Enterprise</u> <u>Fund</u>
2008	\$ 440,838
2009	362,338
2010	347,900
2011	320,900
2012	313,900
2013 – 2017	1,458,200
2018 – 2022	1,265,800
2023 – 2027	866,800

Alpena Township

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 7—BONDS.

On July 1, 2005 Alpena Township issued \$3,915,000 of Special Assessment Water bonds an average interest rate of 3.75 percent for the construction of a water main on US 23 south to the southern line of the Township. The bonds are issued in anticipation of the collection of future due installments of special assessments for water improvements in the US south water project special assessment district in the township. The special assessments and interest and investment income thereon shall be sufficient to pay principal and interest on the bonds when due.

NOTE 8--RETIREMENT PLAN.

The Township provides pension benefits for all of its employees who are full-time 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 effective the first August after their employment. The employee and the Township contribute a combined amount equal to 10% of the employee's base salary annually. The Township's share of this contribution is 95%, while the employee is required to contribute 5%. In addition, employees may make voluntary contributions of up to 10% of their base salary. Contributions made on behalf of an employee become vested immediately.

Together the Township and the covered employees made the required 10% contribution, amounting to \$56,360 and \$56,360 as of March 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. In addition, certain employees made voluntary contributions of \$26,336 and \$26,336 as of March 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

NOTE 9--FUND EQUITY.

Reserves of \$49,676 and \$49,676 exist in the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Fund for bonds and replacement at March 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

NOTE 10--RISK MANAGEMENT.

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors, and omissions, employee injuries, unemployment benefits, as well as medical and workman's compensation benefits provided to employees. The Township has purchased commercial insurance for fleet equipment and tort claims, boiler and machinery, certain property and equipment damage and theft, employee theft, and limited tort claims for specific Township facilities or events.

Settled claims for the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of coverage in any of the past three years. There was no reduction in coverages obtained through commercial insurance during the past year.

The Township pays unemployment claims on a reimbursement basis.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11--CONTINGENT LIABILITIES.

There are various claims and legal actions pending against the Township and its various operating units. The Township is defending itself against these claims and actions. In the opinion of Township management, the ultimate amount of loss, if any at this time, will not be material to the financial position of the Township.

Water and sewer services are purchased from the City of Alpena, which charges an estimated unit charge. The Township and City annually reconcile any differences to actual costs, with gain or loss being recognized in a subsequent period. The effect on the financial statements cannot be determined at this time.

Alpena Township has been named as a defendant in appeals of personal property tax valuation by Alpena Power Company and Michigan Consolidated Gas Company. The Scope of valuation at issue is not known at this time.

In addition, the Township, along with other entities, has been identified as a contributor to waste at a landfill that is in the remedial investigation phase. As neither an owner, operator, nor generator of hazardous waste to the site, it is anticipated that the Township will be denying any responsibility for any remedial efforts at the site.

NOTE 12--BUILDING CODE ACTIVITY.

State of Michigan Construction Code Act (Public Act 245 of 1999) requires building code activity to be separated from other general fund activity effective January 1, 2000. Building code activity for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006 and 2005 is as follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Building code revenue	\$ 43,174	\$ 54,192
Building code expenditures		
Direct costs		
Inspector's wages	32,312	32,502
Secretary's wages	13,441	15,249
Fringe benefits	34,714	33,629
Travel	<u>5,913</u>	<u>3,489</u>
	86,380	84,869
Indirect overhead		
Building insurance	-	-
Utilities	1,636	2,425
Telephone	1,508	1,000
Office supplies and printing	3,182	1,682
Legal and professional	4,455	10,019
Other	<u>6,973</u>	<u>11,339</u>
	17,754	26,465
Total expenditures	<u>104,134</u>	<u>111,334</u>
Excess revenue over (under) expenditures	\$ <u>(60,960)</u>	\$ <u>(57,142)</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Alpena Township

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND**

Year ended March 31, 2007

	Budget Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 691,911	\$ 691,911	\$ 720,437	\$ 28,526
Licenses and permits	58,200	58,200	43,760	(14,440)
State sources	702,000	702,000	714,929	12,929
Interest and rents	15,000	15,000	38,362	23,362
Other	37,800	37,800	61,989	24,189
Total revenues	<u>1,504,911</u>	<u>1,504,911</u>	<u>1,579,477</u>	<u>74,566</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Legislative	14,348	14,348	9,238	5,110
General government	506,901	538,333	435,197	103,136
Public safety				
Liquor control	15,325	15,325	15,607	(282)
Fire	1,170,291	1,192,027	543,849	648,178
Crossing guards	3,500	3,500	3,148	352
Building inspector	93,773	93,773	58,925	34,848
Zoning and appeals board	8,500	8,690	20,410	(11,720)
Hydrant rental	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
Ordinance enforcement	10,000	10,000	6,851	3,149
Public works	310,000	311,719	160,898	150,821
Health and welfare	30,500	30,500	22,230	8,270
Culture and recreation	29,000	29,000	26,293	2,707
Other	141,168	151,275	191,096	(39,821)
Capital outlay	103,232	103,232	6,803	96,429
Total expenditures	<u>2,486,538</u>	<u>2,551,722</u>	<u>1,550,545</u>	<u>1,001,177</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER)				
EXPENDITURES	<u>(981,627)</u>	<u>(1,046,811)</u>	<u>28,932</u>	<u>1,075,743</u>
FUND BALANCES, April 1	<u>1,137,817</u>	<u>1,137,817</u>	<u>1,137,817</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE, March 31	<u>\$ 156,190</u>	<u>\$ 91,006</u>	<u>\$ 1,166,749</u>	<u>\$ 1,075,743</u>

INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS

Alpena Township

General Fund

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	March 31	
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 60,252	\$ 216,077
Certificates of deposit	1,021,709	880,384
Taxes receivable, current	56,832	-
Due from other governmental units	-	-
Advance to other governmental unit	27,956	29,940
Due from other funds	-	11,416
Prepaid expenses	-	-
	<u>\$ 1,166,749</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,817</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued payroll	-	-
Due to other governmental units	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances		
Unreserved	1,166,749	1,137,817
	<u>1,166,749</u>	<u>1,137,817</u>
	<u>\$ 1,166,749</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,817</u>

Alpena Township

General Fund

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

	Year Ended March 31		
	2007 Budget	2007 Actual	2006 Actual
REVENUES			
TAXES			
Property taxes	\$ 611,211	\$ 621,712	\$ 586,556
Other	80,700	98,725	112,683
	<u>691,911</u>	<u>720,437</u>	<u>699,239</u>
LICENSES AND PERMITS			
Building permits	55,000	42,210	54,192
Planning, zoning and appeals	3,200	1,550	3,000
Other	-	-	(1,570)
	<u>58,200</u>	<u>43,760</u>	<u>55,622</u>
STATE SOURCES			
Sales tax	667,000	667,847	661,065
Land tax	8,000	7,916	7,916
Liquor control	8,000	8,676	8,735
Other	19,000	30,490	11,789
	<u>702,000</u>	<u>714,929</u>	<u>689,505</u>
INTEREST AND RENTS	<u>15,000</u>	<u>38,362</u>	<u>29,724</u>
OTHER			
Miscellaneous	37,800	61,989	73,850
Total revenues	<u>1,504,911</u>	<u>1,579,477</u>	<u>1,547,940</u>
EXPENDITURES			
LEGISLATIVE			
Trustees	<u>14,348</u>	<u>9,238</u>	<u>13,720</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Supervisor	40,520	40,520	41,623
Clerical	82,500	99,176	79,597
Elections	15,000	10,025	3,013
Auditing	6,500	7,648	5,223
Assessor	32,738	32,311	33,788
Legal	25,531	22,531	28,240
Clerk	38,477	38,479	39,677
Board of review	1,500	1,680	1,561
Treasurer	38,477	38,477	39,362
Data processing	12,000	11,586	10,901

Alpena Township

General Fund

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

	Year Ended March 31		
	2007 Budget	2007 Actual	2006 Actual
EXPENDITURES (continued)			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (continued)			
Janitor	\$ 8,300	\$ 7,866	\$ 9,096
Building insurance	6,500	1,398	1,185
Snowplowing	3,000	2,342	2,032
Refuse	350	324	656
Electric	2,500	3,398	4,183
Heat	6,000	3,699	4,763
Water and sewer	1,000	500	664
Maintenance, buildings	20,000	15,245	44,463
Maintenance, grounds	75,605	727	2,037
Workers' compensation	4,359	4,359	4,833
Office supplies	11,500	11,416	8,409
Postage	15,000	20,855	9,005
Telephone	5,490	5,873	6,072
Transportation and travel	9,375	13,265	13,035
Printing and publishing	2,000	1,136	2,318
Engineering	1,800	5,555	-
Dues and memberships	8,775	8,585	8,727
Refunds and rebates	2,500	10,153	975
Planning	12,000	570	686
Miscellaneous	5,000	6,686	5,239
Computer	12,604	8,812	10,652
	<u>506,901</u>	<u>435,197</u>	<u>422,015</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY, LIQUOR CONTROL			
Salaries	14,325	13,756	14,765
Other	1,000	1,851	974
	<u>15,325</u>	<u>15,607</u>	<u>15,739</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE			
Salaries	287,000	307,057	271,505
Volunteer fees	25,000	24,035	28,950
Life insurance	1,800	1,496	3,729
Payroll taxes	24,480	25,329	18,721
Hospitalization	82,961	88,926	77,622

Alpena Township

General Fund

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

	Year Ended March 31		
	2007 Budget	2007 Actual	2006 Actual
EXPENDITURES (continued)			
PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE (continued)			
Vehicle insurance	\$ 9,000	\$ 7,001	\$ 3,382
Retirement	23,350	6,211	10,685
Volunteer insurance	2,100	2,214	1,967
Workers' compensation	20,000	15,657	26,879
Legal	8,000	481	-
Fire prevention materials	1,200	471	1,047
Operating supplies	8,500	7,079	8,617
Gas and oil	4,000	3,224	3,955
Bedding	-	-	-
Uniforms	50,000	3,976	1,352
Volunteer gear	6,000	639	5,797
Fit-out gear	-	843	1,643
Schools and conventions	11,500	664	3,919
Telephone	3,500	2,862	2,921
Electric	5,000	3,779	3,456
Heat	8,000	5,900	7,644
Water and sewer	1,200	774	1,029
Maintenance and repairs	285,000	18,021	19,054
Building and grounds	250,000	749	28,166
Dues and memberships	1,000	640	455
Physicals	6,000	1,881	5,649
Miscellaneous	45,700	13,940	5,195
	<u>1,170,291</u>	<u>543,849</u>	<u>543,339</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY, CROSSING GUARDS	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,148</u>	<u>3,682</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY, BUILDING INSPECTOR	<u>93,773</u>	<u>58,925</u>	<u>46,783</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY, ZONING AND APPEALS BOARD	<u>8,500</u>	<u>20,410</u>	<u>15,960</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY, HYDRANT RENTAL	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY, ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT	<u>10,000</u>	<u>6,851</u>	<u>16,738</u>

Alpena Township

General Fund

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

	Year Ended March 31		
	2007 Budget	2007 Actual	2006 Actual
EXPENDITURES (continued)			
PUBLIC WORKS			
Street lighting	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,912	\$ 9,209
Highways, streets and bridges	300,000	148,986	244,586
	<u>310,000</u>	<u>160,898</u>	<u>253,795</u>
HEALTH AND WELFARE	<u>30,500</u>	<u>22,230</u>	<u>25,000</u>
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Cultural grant	24,000	26,293	58,771
Recreation	5,000	-	20,136
	<u>29,000</u>	<u>26,293</u>	<u>78,907</u>
OTHER			
Hospitalization	87,011	114,678	86,536
Life insurance	-	1,825	3,463
Retirement	28,375	40,389	21,263
Social security	25,255	61	31,033
Insurance and bonds	-	7,954	-
Contingency	-	-	-
Other	527	26,189	13,215
	<u>141,168</u>	<u>191,096</u>	<u>155,510</u>
CAPITAL OUTLAY	<u>103,232</u>	<u>6,803</u>	<u>47,422</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,486,538</u>	<u>1,550,545</u>	<u>1,688,610</u>
REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(981,627)	28,932	(140,670)
FUND BALANCES, April 1	<u>1,137,817</u>	<u>1,137,817</u>	<u>1,278,487</u>
FUND BALANCES, MARCH 31	<u>\$ 156,190</u>	<u>\$ 1,166,749</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,817</u>

Alpena Township

Trust and Agency Fund

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES -
ALL AGENCY FUNDS**

	Balances, April 1, 2006	Additions	(Deductions)	Balances, March 31, 2007
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 11,416	\$ 9,149,639	\$ 9,145,054	\$ 16,001
			+	
	<u>\$ 11,416</u>	<u>\$ 9,149,639</u>	<u>\$ 9,145,054</u>	<u>\$ 16,001</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Due to other funds	\$ 11,416	\$ 754,016	\$ 765,432	\$ -
Due to other governmental units	<u>-</u>	<u>8,395,623</u>	<u>8,379,622</u>	<u>16,001</u>
	<u>\$ 11,416</u>	<u>\$ 9,149,639</u>	<u>\$ 9,145,054</u>	<u>\$ 16,001</u>

Alpena Township

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

March 31, 2007

	Interest Rate	Date of Maturity	Principal Payable	Annual Interest Payable
ENTERPRISE FUND				
Alpena County 1989 Series G.O. Refunding Bonds	7.50%	2007/08	\$ 65,000	\$ 4,875
			<u>65,000</u>	<u>4,875</u>
Date of Issue: May 4, 1989				
Amount of Issue: \$3,005,000				
Alpena Township 1989 Special Assess- ment Bonds	7.50%	2007/08	25,000	4,313
	7.50%	2008/09	25,000	2,438
	7.50%	2009/10	20,000	750
			<u>70,000</u>	<u>7,501</u>
Date of Issue: May 1, 1989				
Amount of Issue: \$870,000				
Alpena Township 2005 Special Assess- ment Water Bonds	3.25%	2007/08	200,000	141,650
	3.50%	2008/09	200,000	134,900
	3.50%	2009/10	200,000	127,900
	3.50%	2010/11	200,000	120,900
	3.50%	2011/12	200,000	113,900
	3.75%	2012/13	200,000	106,650
	3.75%	2013/14	200,000	99,150
	3.75%	2014/15	200,000	91,650
	3.75%	2015/16	200,000	84,150
	3.80%	2016/17	200,000	76,600
	3.80%	2017/18	200,000	69,000
	4.00%	2018/19	200,000	61,200
	4.00%	2019/20	200,000	53,200
	4.00%	2020/21	200,000	45,200
	4.00%	2021/22	200,000	37,200
	4.10%	2022/23	200,000	29,100
	4.10%	2023/24	200,000	20,900
	4.20%	2024/25	200,000	12,600
	4.20%	2025/26	200,000	4,200
			<u>3,800,000</u>	<u>1,430,050</u>
Totals			<u>\$ 3,935,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,442,426</u>



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September 26, 2007

To the Township Board
Alpena Township
Alpena, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of Alpena Township for the year ended March 31, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated September 18, 2007. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated June 20, 2007, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, fraud, or other illegal acts may exist and not be detected by us.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of Alpena Township. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility for selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Alpena Township 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 the year ending March 31, 2003. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the general purpose 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.

Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the general purpose financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. An audit adjustment may or may not indicate matters that could have a significant effect on the governmental unit's financial reporting process (that is, cause future financial statement to be materially misstated). In our judgment, some of the adjustments we proposed, which were recorded by the governmental unit, either individually or in the aggregate, indicate matters that could have a significant effect on the governmental unit's financial reporting process.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter 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.

Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

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

Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors

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 Alpena Township's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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

Reportable Conditions

Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention, under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operations of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose of financial statements. Following are certain reportable conditions, as well as other matters, we noted during our audit. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters that might be reportable conditions.

Other Matters

1. **Continuing Disclosure.** With the July 2005 issuance of Special Assessment Water Bonds, the Township has agreed to provide, under Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, certain annual financial information and operating data that is consistent with the information contained in the Official Statement relating to these Bonds. This information is required to be filed six months after the March 31 fiscal year end.
2. **GASB Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments.** During the year ended March 31, 2005, the Township implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. The new standard required government-wide and fund financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, 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. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. 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 that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

3. **Recent Pronouncements.** The Governmental Standards Board and Michigan Department of Treasury, in its continuing process of updating the accounting principles that all governments must adhere to, has issued the following recent pronouncements that will have an impact on the way Alpena Township maintains its financial records:
 - a. **GASB Statement No. 42 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Impairment of Capital Assets and for Insurance Recoveries.** This statement establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for impairment of capital assets. A capital asset is considered impaired when its service utility has declined significantly and unexpectedly. This statement also clarifies and establishes accounting requirements for insurance recoveries.
4. **Posting of Transactions to the General Ledger.** Accurate and consistent recording of transactions within the general ledger is necessary to provide reliable financial information. The reliable recording of transactions includes posting similar revenue and expense transactions consistently throughout the current fiscal year and between fiscal years. The accurate and consistent recording of transactions enables management to analyze financial information in the decision making process and will result in more efficient audit procedures at year end.

We wish to thank the staff of Alpena Township for their assistance during the audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Alpena Township Board of Commissioners, Michigan Department of Treasury, Management, and others within the governmental unit and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which upon acceptance by Alpena Township, is a matter of public record.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve Alpena Township. If you have any questions, or if we can be of further service, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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