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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Ashtabula Township Park Commission
Ashtabula County
1700 East 1st Street
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Park Commissioners and the management of Ashtabula Township Park Commission (the Park Commission) agreed, solely to assist the Board in evaluating receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. Management is responsible for recording transactions; and management and the Board are responsible for complying with the compliance requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards and applicable attestation engagement standards included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

Cash

1. We tested the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2015 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2014 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2016 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2015 balances in the Fund Ledger Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2016 and 2015 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Reports. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2016 bank account balances with the Park Commission's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2016 bank reconciliation without exception.

Cash (Continued)

5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2016 bank reconciliation:
 - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January bank statement. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register, to determine the debits were dated prior to December 31. We noted no exceptions.

Property Taxes, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

1. We selected a property tax receipt from one *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes* (the Statement) for 2016 and one from 2015:
 - a. We traced the gross receipts from the *Statement* to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We determined whether the receipt was allocated to the proper fund as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We determined whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
2. We scanned the Receipt Register Report to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2016 and 2015. We noted the Receipts Register Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
3. We selected all receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2016 and 2015. We also selected five receipts from the County Auditor's Payment Register.
 - a. We compared the amount from the above reports to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Over-The-Counter Cash Receipts – Miscellaneous Cash Receipts

1. We haphazardly selected 10 over-the-counter cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2016 and 10 over-the-counter cash receipts from the year ended 2015 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and determined whether the:
 - a. Receipt amount agreed to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
 - b. Amount charged complied with rates in force during the audit period. We found no exceptions.
 - c. Receipt was posted to the proper fund, and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. The prior audit documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2014.
2. We inquired of management, and scanned the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2016 or 2015 or debt payment activity during 2016 or 2015. All debt noted agreed to the summary we used in step 3.
3. We obtained a summary of note debt activity for 2016 and 2015 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules to the debt service and capital projects fund payments reported in the Payment Register Detail Report. We also compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Park Commission made the payments. We found no exceptions.
4. We agreed the amount of debt proceeds from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the capital projects fund per the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
5. For new debt issued during 2016 and 2015, we inspected the debt legislation, noting the Park Commission must use the proceeds to construct a pedestrian bridge in Indian Trails Park. We scanned the Payment Register Detail Report and noted the Park Commission completed the project in September of 2016.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2016 and one payroll check for five employees from 2015 from the Employee Detail Adjustment Report and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Employee Detail Adjustment Report to supporting documentation (timecard, or legislatively approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
 - b. We recomputed gross and net pay and agreed it to the amount recorded in the payroll register. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We determined whether the fund and account codes to which the check was posted were reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the employee's personnel files. We also determined whether the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We scanned the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2016 to determine whether remittances were timely paid, and if the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share where applicable, during the final withholding period of 2016. We noted the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes & Medicare	January 31, 2017	December 30, 2016	\$1,114.76	\$1,114.76
State income taxes	January 15, 2017	December 29, 2016	\$171.91	\$171.91
Local income tax	January 31, 2017	December 29, 2016	\$50.23	\$50.23
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2017	January 10, 2017	\$2,759.51	\$2,759.51

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2016 and ten from the year ended 2015 and determined whether:
 - a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
 - b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the Payment Register Detail Report and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
 - c. The payment was posted to a fund consistent with the restricted purpose for which the fund's cash can be used. We found no exceptions.
 - d. The fiscal officer certified disbursements requiring certification or issued a *Then and Now Certificate*, as required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D). We found three instances where the certification date was after the vendor invoice date, and there was also no evidence that a *Then and Now Certificate* was issued. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) requires certifying at the time of a commitment, which should be on or before the invoice date, unless a *Then and Now Certificate* is used. Because we did not test all disbursements requiring certification, our report provides no assurance whether or not additional similar errors occurred.

Compliance – Budgetary

1. We compared the total estimated receipts from the *Amended Certificate of the Total Amount From All Sources Available For Expenditures and Balances*, required by 5705.36(A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report for the General and Capital Projects funds for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. The amounts on the *Certificate* did not agree to the amounts recorded in the accounting system. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General and Capital Projects fund of \$419,650 and \$598,126 respectively for 2016 and \$522,042 and \$450,000 respectively for 2015. However, the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$462,145 and \$699,857 respectively for 2016 and \$527,729 and \$450,000 respectively for 2015. The fiscal officer should periodically compare amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report to amounts recorded on the *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* to assure they agree. If the amounts do not agree, the Park Commissioners may be using inaccurate information for budgeting and monitoring purposes.
2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2016 and 2015 to determine whether, for the General and Capital Projects funds, the Park Commissioners appropriated separately for “each office, department, and division, and within each, the amount appropriated for personal services,” as is required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38(C). We found no exceptions.
3. We compared total appropriations required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.38 and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report for 2016 and 2015 for the following funds: General Fund and Capital Projects Fund. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions did not agree to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status report.
4. Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.36(A)(5) and 5705.39 prohibits appropriations from exceeding the certified resources. We compared total appropriations to total certified resources for the General and Capital Projects funds for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. We noted no funds for which appropriations exceeded certified resources.

Compliance – Budgetary (Continued)

5. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus certified commitments) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 for the General and Capital Projects funds, as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. We noted no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.
6. We scanned the 2016 and 2015 Revenue Status Reports and Appropriation Status Reports for evidence of interfund transfers exceeding \$1,000 which Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.14 - .16 restrict. We noted the Park Commission in February 2015 transferred \$10,366 from the Debt Service Fund to the General Fund. We noted the fiscal officer adjusted this amount on July 20, 2015 to transfer the amount back to the Debt Service Fund.
7. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Status Reports to determine whether the Park Commission elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.13. We noted the Park Commission did not establish these reserves.
8. We scanned the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 for negative cash fund balances. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10 (I) provides that money paid into a fund must be used for the purposes for which such fund is established. As a result, a negative fund cash balance indicates that money from one fund was used to cover the expenses of another. We noted no funds having a negative cash fund balance.

Other Compliance

1. Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires entities to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. We reviewed the HINKLE system to verify the Park Commission filed their financial information within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. No exceptions noted.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the Park Commission's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, those charged with governance, and others within the Park Commission, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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April 17, 2017

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ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION

ASHTABULA COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

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MAY 4, 2017**