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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of Perry Township (the Township), on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the Townships cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Township. The Township is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Township. 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 and Investments

1. We recalculated 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 documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. 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 either confirmed the December 31, 2016 bank account balances with the Township's financial institutions or observed the year-end bank balances on the financial institution's website. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2016 bank reconciliation without exception.
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 and February bank statement(s). 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. There were no exceptions.

6. We inspected investments held at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 to determine that they:
 - a. Were of a type authorized by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 135.13, 135.14 or 135.144. We found no exceptions
 - b. Mature within the prescribed time limits noted in Ohio Rev. Code Section 135.13 or 135.14. We noted no exceptions.

Property Taxes, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

1. We haphazardly 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 Ledger. We also traced the advances noted on the Statement to the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Receipt Ledger to confirm the receipt was allocated to the proper funds as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the Receipt Ledger to confirm whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
2. We inspected the Receipt Ledger to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts plus two advances for 2016 and 2015. The Receipts Ledger included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
3. We haphazardly selected five receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2016 and five from 2015. We also haphazardly selected five receipts from the County Auditor's DTLs from 2016 and five from 2015.
 - a. We compared the amount from the above reports to the amount recorded in the Receipt Ledger. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Receipt Ledger to determine that these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the Receipts Ledger to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Over-The-Counter Cash Receipts

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:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount to the amount recorded in the Receipt Ledger. The amounts agreed.
- b. Inspected the Receipt Ledger to determine the receipt was posted to the proper funds, and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. From the prior agreed-upon procedures documentation, we observed the following bonds and notes were outstanding as of December 31, 2014. These amounts agreed to the Townships January 1, 2015 balances on the summary we used in step 3

Issue	Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2014:
Mack Truck Promissory Note	\$101,857
Mower Promissory Note	\$4,738
Camino Property Acquisition Bonds	\$205,000
Flanigan Property Promissory Note	\$40,000

2. We inquired of management, and inspected the Receipt Ledger and Check Register for evidence of debt issued during 2016 or 2015 or debt payment activity during 2016 or 2015. All debt agreed to the summary we used in step 3.
3. We obtained a summary of bonded and note debt activity for 2016 and 2015 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules to debt service fund payments reported in the Check Register. We also compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Township made the payments. We found no exceptions.
4. For new debt issued during 2016 and 2015, we inspected the debt legislation, which stated the Township must use State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) bond proceeds to pave Township roads. We inspected the Fund Journal and noted the Township had paved various roads; and the Township refinanced the Camino Property bonds in 2015 and 2016 which stated they must be used for the purpose of acquiring property and the constructions of roads. We noted the property had been purchased and inspected the P.O. Summary of Change report in 2016 and 2015 and observed proceeds were expended to refund the prior year bonds, we also noted the refunding was posted as a Capital Outlay expenditure instead of Principal and Interest. The Fiscal Officer has corrected the accounting records.

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 Check Register and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Check Register to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the fund and account codes to which the check was posted to determine the posting was reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the employees' personnel files. We also confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2016 to confirm 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 observed the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes & Medicare	January 31, 2017	January 25, 2017	\$11,160.26	\$11,160.26
State income taxes	January 15, 2017	December 30, 2016	\$1,327.00	\$1,327.00
Local income tax	January 15, 2016	December 30, 2016	\$127.48	\$127.48
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2017	December 30, 2016	\$14,016.72	\$14,016.72

3. We inquired of management and inspected the Check Register for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 to determine if township employees and/or trustees were reimbursed for out-of-pocket insurance premiums. No such reimbursements occurred.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Check Register 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 Check Register 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 no exceptions.

Compliance – Budgetary

1. We compared the total estimated receipts from the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources, required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Revenue Ledger for the General, Gasoline Tax and Road and Bridge funds for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. The amounts agreed.
2. We inspected the appropriation measures adopted for 2016 and 2015 to determine whether, for the General, Gasoline Tax and Road and Bridge funds, the Trustees 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 Cash Reconciliation for 2016 and 2015 for the following funds: General, Gasoline Tax and Road and Bridge funds. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Cash Reconciliation 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, Gasoline Tax and Road and Bridge funds for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. There were no funds for which appropriations exceeded certified resources
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, Gasoline Tax and Road and Bridge funds, as recorded in the Cash Reconciliation. There were no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.

6. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 requires establishing separate funds to segregate externally-restricted resources. We inspected the Receipt Ledger for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during December 31, 2016 and 2015. We also inquired of management regarding whether the Township received new restricted receipts. We observed no evidence of new restricted receipts for which Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 would require the Township to establish a new fund.
7. For funds existing in prior years, inspect the fund activity to determine whether the fund is still being used for the statutorily approved purpose and that all the required funds were established. All the required funds were established and no funds for which the statutorily approved purpose was no longer valid were included on the accounting records.
8. We inspected the 2016 and 2015 Hinkle System Report for evidence of interfund transfers exceeding \$2,500 which Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.14 - .16 restrict. We found no evidence of transfers these Sections prohibit, or for which Section 5705.16 would require approval by the Tax Commissioner and Court of Common Pleas.
9. We inquired of management and inspected the Hinkle System Report to determine whether the Township elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.13. The Township did not establish these reserves.
10. We inspected 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. No funds had a negative cash fund balances.

Compliance – Contracts & Expenditures

1. We inquired of management and inspected the Check Register for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 to determine if the township proceeded by force account (i.e. used its own employees) to maintain or repair roads (cost of project \$15,000-\$45,000) or to construct or reconstruct township roads (cost of project \$5,000-\$15,000/per mile) for which Ohio Rev. Code Section 5575.01 requires the county engineer to complete a force account project assessment form (i.e., cost estimate). We identified no projects requiring the county engineer to complete a force account cost estimate.

Other Compliance

1. Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires townships to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies, in addition to filing extensions granted for extenuating circumstances, allow for refiling complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System for December 31, 2017 and 2016 fiscal year ends included in 2015-2016 or 2016-2017 agreed upon procedure engagements, subsequent to the Township's deadline where the initial filing was filed on time but incomplete. We confirmed the Township filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions.

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

This report is to provide assistance in the evaluation of the Township's 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 and is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

November 17, 2017



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PERRY TOWNSHIP

LAKE 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

CERTIFIED
DECEMBER 7, 2017