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**RUSH TOWNSHIP
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
Agreed-Upon Procedures
For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015**

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Board of Trustees
Rush Township
4235 Gledening Rd.
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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of Rush Township, Champaign County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. Based upon this review, we have accepted this report in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. Rush Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

June 14, 2017

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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

May 16, 2017

Rush Township
Champaign County
4235 Gledening Rd.
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of **Rush Township**, Champaign County (the Township) and the Auditor of State 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, 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 Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances to the December 31, 2014 balances in the documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. The beginning fund balance for the General fund and Special Revenue fund did not agree to the 2014 ending balance due to an \$82 fund balance adjustment from the General Fund to the Special Revenue Fund as a result of the prior agreed-upon procedures report in 2014. We also agreed the January 1, 2016 beginning fund balances recorded in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances to the December 31, 2015 balances in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances. 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 Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances. The amounts agreed.

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Cash and Investments (Continued)

4. We confirmed the December 31, 2016 bank account balances with the Township's financial institutions. 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 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.
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 and Intergovernmental 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 Revenue Ledger. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Revenue 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 Revenue Ledger to confirm whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
2. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2016 and 2015. The Revenue Ledger included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
3. We haphazardly selected all receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2016 and all from 2015. We also haphazardly selected five receipts from the Champaign County Auditor's Cross Reference Report by Vendor Number from 2016 and five from 2015.
 - a. We compared the amount from the above reports to the amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine that these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. The prior agreed-upon procedures documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2014.
2. We inquired of management, and inspected the Revenue Ledger and Appropriation Ledger for evidence of debt issued during 2016 or 2015 or debt payment activity during 2016 or 2015. We noted no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2016 or 2015.

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 Payroll Report and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Employee Payroll Report to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). We noted the Fiscal Officer was paid \$429 less than the statutorily approved rate in 2015. However, this rate was approved by the Fiscal Officer and board, the Fiscal Officer wanted to be paid at the same rate as the Trustees. In 2015, two Trustees were overpaid by \$1,028 to reimburse the \$514 underpayment in 2013 and \$514 in 2014. We noted a third Trustee was overpaid in 2015 by \$514 to reimburse an underpayment of \$514 in 2014. We noted no other 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 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 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 (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	\$1,895.50	\$1,895.50
State income taxes	January 15, 2017	December 31, 2016	\$395.38	\$395.38
School District Income Taxes	January 15, 2017	December 31, 2016	\$203.04	\$203.04
Local Income Tax	January 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	\$132.83	\$132.83
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	\$1,488.82	\$1,488.82

3. For the pay period ended October 31, 2015, we recomputed the allocation of the Boards' salaries to the General, Road and Bridge, and Cemetery Funds per the Wage Detail Report. We found no exceptions.

4. For the pay period described in the preceding step, we traced the Boards' salary for time or services performed to supporting certifications the Revised Code requires. We found no exceptions.

5. We inquired of management and inspected the Appropriation Ledger for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, to determine if township employees and/or officers were reimbursed for out-of-pocket insurance premiums. Insurance reimbursements made were in compliance with ORC 505.60 and 505.601 and federal regulations.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Appropriation Ledger 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 Appropriation Ledger 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 Status Report for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax 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, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax 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 Appropriation Status Report for 2016 and 2015 for the following funds: General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax Funds. The amounts agreed.
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, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax funds for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. We noted 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, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax funds, as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. We noted 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 Revenue 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 noted no evidence of new restricted receipts for which Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 would require the Township to establish a new fund.
7. We noted 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.

Compliance – Budgetary (Continued)

8. We inspected 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 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 Appropriation Status Reports to determine whether the Township elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.13. We noted 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. We noted no funds had a negative cash fund balance.

Compliance – Contracts & Expenditures

We inquired of management and inspected the Appropriation Ledger 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 within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. We confirmed the Township filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2016-007, within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 in the Hinkle system. No exceptions noted.
2. We inquired of the Fiscal Officer and/or inspected the Fiscal Integrity Act Portal (<http://www.ohioauditor.gov/fiscalintegrity/default.html>) to determine whether the Fiscal Officer obtained the training required by Ohio Rev. Code § 507.12. We noted the Fiscal Officer's term began on 4/1/16. We noted the Fiscal Officer obtained the required initial education requirement for newly elected fiscal officers. The Fiscal Officer still has the rest of her term to complete the remaining required training. No exceptions noted.

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 for the use of the Township to assist in evaluating its 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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RUSH TOWNSHIP

CHAMPAIGN 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
JUNE 27, 2017**