

**BATH TOWNSHIP
ALLEN COUNTY**

**Agreed-Upon Procedures
For the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021**



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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of Bath Township, Allen County, prepared by Gueye & Associates, CPA, Inc., for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. 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. Bath Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

August 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on Bath Township's (the Township) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 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, 2022 and 2021 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Township.

The Board of Trustees and the management of the Township have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing 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, 2022 and 2021, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. Additionally, the Auditor of State has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet their purposes. No other party acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in the 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.

For the purposes of performing these procedures, this report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

Cash and Investments

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We attempted to agree the January 1, 2021 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2020 balances in the prior year documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. The balances did not agree due to a total of \$533 in outstanding checks written in the prior year and canceled in 2021, and also incorrect direct charges of \$203.74 that were previously charged to the General Fund and corrected in 2021 into the appropriate funds. We also attempted to agree the January 1, 2022 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2021 balances in the Fund Status Report. The balances did not agree due to a total of \$30,854.91 that were charged to the Fire Fund in 2021 in lieu of the Street Fund, a total of \$5,791.29 that were incorrectly receipted into the Sheriff's fund in lieu of the Fire Fund, and a total of \$118 outstanding check that was cancelled in 2022.

3. We agreed the 2022 and 2021 Bank Reconciliation adjusted UAN Balances and Adjusted Bank Balances as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 to the total fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Report and the financial statements filed by the Township in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2022 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, 2022 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2022 bank reconciliation:
 - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January bank statements. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register, and determined the debits were dated prior to December 31. We found no exceptions.
6. We inspected investments held at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 to determine that they:
 - a. Were of a type authorized by Ohio Rev. Code § 135.13, 135.14, 135.144 or 135.145. We found no exceptions.
 - b. Mature within the prescribed time limits noted in Ohio Rev. Code § 135.13 or 135.14. We found no exceptions.

Property Taxes, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

1. We selected a total of five receipts from the *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes*, State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL), and the County Auditor Vendor Invoice List Report.
 - a. We compared the amount from the above-named reports to the amount recorded in the Receipt Detail Report. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper funds as required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report to determine whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2022 and 2021. The Receipt Detail Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year. We found no exceptions.

Emergency Medical Service Receipts

1. We confirmed the amounts paid from Accumed in 2022 and Alpha Medical Billing in 2021, the service organization that performs the emergency medical billings, to the Township during 2022 and 2021 with Accumed and Alpha Medical Billing. We found no exceptions.
 - a. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Other Receipts

We selected 10 other receipts from the year ended December 31, 2022, and 10 other receipts from the year ended 2021 and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the Receipt Detail Report to supporting documentation. The amounts agreed.
- b. Confirmed the amounts charged complied with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the Receipt Detail Report to determine whether 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 notes, loans and leases were outstanding as of December 31, 2020.
 - a. These amounts agreed to the Township's January 1, 2021 balances on the summary we used in procedure 3.
 - b. We inspected the debt's final offering documents for all outstanding debt, and we confirmed the Township does not have any debt covenants.

Issue	Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2020:
OPWC Fenway Drive	116,278
OPWC – County Club Hills Phase II	\$80,346
2018 Dump Plow Truck	30,305
2017 Osage Ambulance	58,708

2. We inquired of management and inspected the Receipt Detail Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2022 or 2021 or debt payment activity during 2022 or 2021. All debt agreed to the summary we used in procedure 3.
3. We obtained a summary of notes, loans and leases debt activity for 2022 and 2021 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules to Gasoline Tax, Road and Bridge, and Bath Township Fire Department fund payments reported in the Payment Register Detail Report. We also compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Township made the payments.

We found six exceptions:

- In 2021, the amortization schedule for the OPWC Country Club Hills Phase II and the OPWC Fenway Drive indicated that the principal amounts to be paid were \$13,391, and \$6,120, respectively. The Township recorded these payments as General Government expenditures in lieu of principal payments.
- In 2021, the amortization schedule for the 2018 Dump Plow Truck indicated that the principal amount to be paid was \$28,865, and the interest was \$1,990. The payments were recorded in the Payment Register Detail Report as \$29,000 in principal and \$1,855 in interest.
- In 2021, the amortization schedule for the 2017 Osage Ambulance indicated a final payment of \$30,305 in principal and \$918 in interest. No payments were made in 2021 for this loan.

- In 2022, the amortization schedule for the OPWC Country Club Hills Phase II and the OPWC Fenway Drive indicated that the principal amounts to be paid were \$13,391, and \$6,120, respectively. The Township incorrectly made the payment from the General fund, and as general government expenditures.
- In 2022, the amortization schedule for the 2018 Dump Plow Truck indicated that the principal amount to be paid was \$29,843, and the interest was \$1,012. The Township incorrectly made the payment from the American Rescue Fund, and as General Government expenditures.
- In 2022, the amortization schedule for the 2017 Osage Ambulance indicated a final payment of \$30,305 in principal and \$918 in interest. The payments were recorded in the Payment Register Detail Report as \$29,000 in principal and \$2,223 in interest.

The Township's accounting ledgers were adjusted to correct the above entries.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2022 and one payroll check for five employees from 2021 from the Wage Detail Report and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Wage Detail Report 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 whether the posting was allowable based on the employees' duties as documented in the employees' personnel files and minute record. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.

2. We selected three new employees and Board of Trustees from 2022 and three employees and Board of Trustees from 2021 and:
 - a. We inspected the employees' and Board of Trustees' personnel files and minute record for the Retirement system, Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization.
 - b. We agreed the items above to the Employee General Information Report.
 We found no exceptions.

3. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2022, 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 2022. We observed 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, 2023	December 31, 2022	\$5,889.63	\$5,889.63
State income taxes	January 15, 2023	December 31, 2022	\$1,904.66	\$1,904.66
Lima City Income Tax	January 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	\$24.47	\$24.47
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2023	January 18, 2023	\$6,534.60	\$6,534.60
OP&F retirement	January 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	\$21,155.38	\$21,155.38
ADA Local School income tax	January 15, 2023	December 31, 2022	\$103.38	\$103.38

We found no exceptions.

4. We compared total gross pay for the fiscal officer and each board of trustee for 2022 and 2021 to the compensation permitted by Ohio Revised Code §§ 507.09 and 505.24, respectively. Their pay did not exceed the Ohio Revised Code §§ 507.09 and 505.24 permitted amounts.
5. We inquired of management and inspected the Payment Register Detail Report for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 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 selected 10 disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2022 and 10 from the year ended 2021 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 and ACH 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 § 5705.41(D). [We found no exceptions.

Compliance – Budgetary

1. Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus certified commitments) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total approved appropriations (Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.38 and 5705.40) plus any carryover appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2022, and 2021 for the General, Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services, and Belmont Street Funds as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. Expenditures did not exceed appropriations.
2. We inspected the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 for negative cash fund balances. Ohio Rev. Code § 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.

Sunshine Law Compliance

1. We obtained and inspected the Township's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7)(c) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected five public records requests from the engagement period and inspected each request to determine the following:
 - a. The Township was compliant and responded to the request in accordance with their adopted policy as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(1). We found no exceptions.
 - b. The Township provided an explanation for the denied request which included the legal authority to the requester as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(3). We found no exceptions.

- c. The Township did not have any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the Township had a records retention schedule and observed that it was readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no exceptions.
4. We inspected written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
5. We inspected the Township's policy manual and determined the public records policy was included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
6. We observed that the Township's poster describing their Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the Township as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
7. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inspected individual proof of attendance and determined whether each elected official in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(1) (or his/her designee) successfully attended a certified three-hour Public Records Training for each term of office as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 109.43(B). We found no exceptions.
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the Township notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period were to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.
10. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
 - a. Prepared – a file is created following the date of the meeting
 - b. Filed – placed with similar documents in an organized manner
 - c. Maintained - retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period
 - d. Open to public inspection – available for public viewing or request.We found no exceptions.
11. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
 - a. Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
 - b. The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G).
 - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.We found no exceptions.

HB 481 / HB 614 Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Compliance

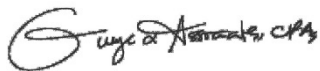
1. We inquired of management and those charged with governance and documented how the Township decided to spend their CRF allocations and how the Township documented their compliance with the CARES Act three-prong test. We then selected five transactions including payroll, non-payroll, and subgrant/subloan transactions. and determined the Township:
 - a. Spent the CRF money (including additional distributions or redistributions) in accordance with use of funds requirements, and
 - b. Maintained appropriate supporting documentation.We found no exceptions.

Other Compliance

1. Ohio Rev. Code § 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 regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. 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, 2022 and 2021 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.
2. We 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 and 733.81. The Fiscal Officer obtained the required training.

We were engaged by the Township to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, 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.

We are required to be independent of the Township and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the ethical requirements established by the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* related to our agreed upon procedures engagement.



Gueye & Associates, CPA Inc.

July 14, 2023

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



BATH TOWNSHIP

ALLEN COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



Certified for Release 9/12/2023

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