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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Trustees and the management of Athens Township, Harrison County (the Township) 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, 2009 and 2008, 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, 2009 and December 31, 2008 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2008 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2007 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2009 and 2008 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Reports. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2009 bank account balance with the Township's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2009 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five outstanding checks haphazardly from the December 31, 2009 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each check to the debit appearing in the subsequent January bank statement. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We traced the amounts and date written to the check register, to determine the checks 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 2009 and one from 2008:
  - 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 funds 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 the proper number of tax receipts for 2009 and 2008:
  - a. Two personal property tax receipts and one for 2009
  - b. Two real estate tax receipts
  - c. Two mobile home tax receipts

We noted the Receipts Register Report included the proper number of tax settlement receipts for each year.

3. We selected all receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2009 and all from 2008. We selected five receipts from the County Auditor's confirmation for 2009 and five from 2008.
  - a. We compared the amount from the DTL to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. In 2008 and 2009 we noted errors in the amounts posted for Homestead and Rollback distributions. On April 30, the Township posted the following adjustments to their records to correct the posting errors.

Fund	Cash Increase/(Decrease)
General	(\$68.23)
Cemetery	132.06
Fire Levy	(10.78)
Police Levy	(14.42)
Road and Bridge	(38.63)

- b. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found exceptions as noted in (a) above.
- c. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

**Debt**

1. We inquired of management, and scanned the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of bonded or note debt issued during 2009 or 2008 or outstanding as of December 31, 2009 or 2008. All debt noted agreed to the summary we used in step 2 for 2008 activity. No debt activity was noted for 2009.

**Debt - (Continued)**

2. We obtained a summary of debt activity for 2008 and agreed principal and interest payment from the related lease payoff confirmation to Cemetery and Gasoline Tax Fund payments reported in the Payment Register Detail Report. We also compared the date the debt service payment was due to the date the Township made the payment. We found no exceptions, however the Township's summary of debt did not reflect the allocation of principal and interest accurately for 2008.

**Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2009 and one payroll check for five employees from 2008 from the Employee Detail Adjustment Report and determined whether the following information in the employee personnel file, the minute record and prior year audit work papers was consistent with the information used to compute gross and net pay related to this check:
  - a. Name
  - b. Authorized salary or pay rate
  - c. Department(s) and fund(s) to which the check should be charged.
  - d. Retirement system participation and payroll withholding.
  - e. Federal and State income tax withholding authorization and withholding.
  - f. Any other deduction authorizations (deferred compensation, etc.)

We found no exceptions related to steps a. – f. above, except that the Township did not maintain any withholding authorization forms, even though the payroll register included the required withholdings for each employee tested. We recommend the Township maintain all documentation to support wages paid and deductions withheld.

2. We tested the checks we selected in step 1, as follows:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary amount used in computing gross pay to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). For the two pays selected for the Fiscal Officer, we noted an underpayment of \$22.50 in each. We found no other exceptions.
  - b. We determined whether the fund and account code(s) to which the check was posted was reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the minute record or as required by statute. We also determined whether the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
3. We scanned the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2009 to determine whether remittances were timely paid, and that the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld during the final withholding period during 2009. We noted the following:

<b>Withholding</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Amount Withheld</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Federal income taxes	January 31, 2010	12/30/09	\$625.99	\$625.99
State income taxes	January 15, 2010	12/30/09	\$351.67	\$351.67
OPERS retirement (withholding plus employee share)	January 30, 2010	12/30/09	\$1,325.01	\$1,325.01

**Payroll Cash Disbursements – (Continued)**

4. For the pay periods ended November 6, 2009 and May 2, 2008, we compared documentation and the recomputation supporting the allocation of Board salaries to the Gasoline Tax Fund. We found no exceptions.

**Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2009 and ten from the year ended 2008 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 noted two instances in 2008 where the check number did not match the number recorded in the system.
  - 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 in 2008 where disbursements requiring certification were not certified. In addition, there were two instances in 2009 and three instances in 2008 where the certification date was after the vendor invoice date. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) requires certifying at the time of a commitment, which should precede the invoice date.

**Compliance – Budgetary**

1. We compared the total from the *Amended Officials 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, Road and Bridge and Police Levy funds for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. The amounts on the *Certificate* did not agree to the amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Reports for the following funds:

2009:

Fund	Certificate of Estimated Resources	Revenue Status Report	Variance
General	\$24,237	\$29,270	(\$5,033)
Road and Bridge	\$7,550	\$11,602	(\$4,052)
Police Levy	\$2,875	\$5,165	(\$2,290)

2008

Fund	Certificate of Estimated Resources	Revenue Status Report	Variance
General	\$26,020	\$31,773	(\$5,753)
Road and Bridge	\$7,700	\$12,407	(\$4,707)
Police Levy	\$3,150	\$4,777	(\$1,627)

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 Trustees may be using inaccurate information for budgeting and monitoring purposes.

### **Compliance – Budgetary - (Continued)**

2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2009 and 2008 to determine whether, for the General, Gasoline Tax and Fire Levy 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 noted that the Township approved appropriations at the Fund level.
3. We compared total appropriations required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38 and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report for 2009 and 2008 for the following funds: General, Gasoline Tax, and Cemetery. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status report with the exception of the Cemetery Fund in 2009. The Appropriation Status Report reflected \$27,758 for the Cemetery Fund; however, the approved appropriations totaled \$37,758. The fiscal officer should ensure approved appropriation amounts are posted to the accounting system.
4. Ohio Rev. Code Section 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 Fire Levy Funds for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. 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, 2009 and 2008 for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Fire Levy 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 scanned the Receipt Register Report for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during December 31, 2009 and 2008. 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 scanned the 2009 and 2008 Revenue Status Reports and Appropriation Status Reports for evidence of interfund transfers which Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.14 -- .16 restrict. We found no evidence of any transfers made by the Township.
8. We inquired of management and scanned 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.

### **Compliance – Contracts & Expenditures**

1. We inquired of management and scanned the Payment Register Detail report for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 for procurements requiring competitive bidding under the following statutes:
  - a. Materials, machinery and tools used in constructing, maintaining and repairing roads and culverts, where costs exceeded \$25,000. (Ohio Rev. Code Section 5549.21)
  - b. Construction and erection of a memorial building or monument costs exceeding \$25,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Section 511.12)

**Compliance – Contracts & Expenditures - (Continued)**

- c. Equipment for fire protection and communication costs exceeding \$50,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Sections 505.37 to 505.42)
- d. Street lighting systems or improvement costs exceeding \$25,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Section 515.07)
- e. Building modification costs exceeding \$25,000 to achieve energy savings (Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.264)
- f. Private sewage collection tile costs exceeding \$25,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Sections 521.02 to 521.05)
- g. Fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire hydrants, buildings, or fire-alarm communications equipment or service costs exceeding \$50,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.37(A))

We identified no purchases subject to the aforementioned bidding requirements.

- 2. We inquired of management and scanned the Payment Register Detail Report for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 to determine if the township had road construction projects exceeding \$45,000 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.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the Township'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 and those charged with governance and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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May 4, 2010



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**ATHENS TOWNSHIP**

**HARRISON 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 22, 2010**