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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 Somers Township, Preble County, Ohio (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, 2012 and 2011, 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, 2012 and December 31, 2011 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2011 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2010 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2012 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2011 balances in the Fund Status Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2012 and 2011 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Reports. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2012 bank account balances with the Township's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2012 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2012 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 the Fund Balance Adjustment Report to determine whether the Findings For Adjustment identified in the prior audit report, due from the General Fund payable to the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, was properly posted to the report. We found 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 2012 and one from 2011:
 - a. We traced the gross receipts from the *Statement* to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. We also traced the advances noted on the Statement to 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 two real estate tax receipts plus two advances for 2012 and 2011. We noted the Receipts Register Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
3. We selected three receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2012 and three from 2011. We also selected five receipts from the County Auditor's DTLs from 2012 and five from 2011.
 - 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. 2011 was allocated without exception. During 2012, the Township posted the June Tangible Personal Property Tax Replacement entirely to the General Fund instead of being allocated between the Road and Bridge, Cemetery, and Road Improvement Funds. \$108 should have been posted to the General Fund, \$118 to the Road and Bridge Fund; \$163 to the Cemetery Fund; and \$442 to the Road Improvement Fund. Also, during 2012, the Township posted the first half Rollback and Homestead settlement entirely to the General Fund instead of being allocated between the General, Cemetery, Road Improvement, and Road and Bridge Funds. \$1,632 should have been posted to the General Fund, \$752 to the Cemetery Fund, \$5,685 to the Road Improvement Fund, and \$3,159 to the Road and Bridge Fund. The Township posted adjustments to fund balances for these errors. However, because we did not test all receipts, our report provides no assurance regarding whether or not other similar errors occurred.
 - c. We determined 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, 2012 and 10 over-the-counter cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2011 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 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, 2010.
2. We inquired of management, and scanned the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2012 or 2011 or debt payment activity during 2012 or 2011. We noted no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2012 or 2011.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2012 and one payroll check for five employees from 2011 from the Payroll Register Detail Report and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Payroll Register Detail Report to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-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 minute record. 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, 2012 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 2012. 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, 2013	December 28, 2012	\$1,842.47	\$1,842.47
State income taxes	January 31, 2013	December 27, 2012	\$349.54	\$349.54
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2013	December 27, 2012	\$1,717.03	\$1,717.03
School District Income Tax	January 31, 2013	December 27, 2012	\$394.64	\$394.64

3. For the pay period ended March 15, 2012, we recomputed the allocation of the Boards' salaries to the General and Gasoline Tax Fund per the Payroll Register Detail Report. The Township did not provide any certifications to account for Trustee time beginning in March 2012. During 2011, all elected officials' compensation was paid exclusively from the General Fund.

For the pay period described in the preceding step, we traced the Board's salary for time or services performed to supporting certifications the Revised Code requires. The Trustees did not provide the required certifications.

Ohio Revised Code, Section 505.24(C), provides that Trustees receiving compensation by annual salary must unanimously pass a resolution to allow it. To be paid from any fund(s) other than the general fund, the resolution must also specify the proportions of the salary that are to be paid from each fund (ORC 505.24(C)). These proportions are a guide for use throughout the year; however, total payment for the fiscal year must be based on the cumulative actual service efforts during the fiscal year on restricted fund activity. If trustees use the salary method and are compensated from funds other than the general fund, they must certify the percentage of the time spent working on matters that are to be paid from funds other than the general fund. Trustees must complete a certification prior to receiving his/her pay for that pay period. The certification must be done individually, but is not required to be notarized. The certification is not required to be a time log. Rather, all that is required is a statement detailing the percentage of time that the trustee/fiscal officer spent during that pay period providing services related to each fund to be charged. If 100% of the compensation of the township trustee is to be paid from the general fund, no certification is required. Contrary to the above section, the Township paid the Trustees from the Gasoline Fund rather than the General Fund during 2012 without the required certification in the amount of \$25,719.90. We brought this to management's attention and they corrected the General Fund and Gasoline Tax Fund for this item.

4. We selected and recomputed the one termination payment (unused vacation, etc.) using the following information, and agreed the computation to the amount paid as recorded in the Payroll Register Detail Report:
 - a. Accumulated leave records
 - b. The employee's pay rate in effect as of the termination date
 - c. The Township's payout policy.

The amount paid was consistent with the information recorded in a. through c. above.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2012 and ten from the year ended 2011 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. The Township paid its third quarter 2012 UAN fees on check number 16781 in the amount of \$645 dated June 11, 2012 from the Gasoline Tax Fund rather than from the General Fund. We brought this to management's attention. They corrected the General Fund and Gasoline Fund fund balances for this item. However, because we did not test all expenditures, our report provides no assurance regarding whether or not other similar errors occurred.
 - 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, Motor Vehicle License Tax, and Gasoline Tax funds for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. For 2011, the amounts on the *Certificate* agreed to the amount recorded in the accounting system, except for the Gasoline Tax Fund. The Revenue Ledger recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the Gasoline Tax of \$86,827 for 2011. However, the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$92,269. For 2012, the amounts on the *Certificate* agreed to the amount recorded in the accounting system, except for the General Fund. The Revenue Ledger recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General Fund of \$38,760. However, the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$38,892. 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.

2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2012 and 2011 to determine whether, for the General, Road and Bridge, and Cemetery 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 Appropriations Ledger for 2012 and 2011 for the following funds: General Fund, Motor Vehicle License Tax, and Road and Bridge. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions did not always agree to the amounts recorded in the Appropriations Ledger. In 2011, total appropriations in the General Fund were \$115,200, but \$116,146 was posted to the accounting system. 2011 appropriations in the Road and Bridge fund were \$77,300, but \$77,378 was posted to the accounting system. During 2012, total appropriations in the General Fund were \$67,800 but \$66,088 was posted to the accounting system. 2012 appropriations in the Road and Bridge Fund were \$86,000 but \$88,000 was posted to the accounting system.
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, and Cemetery funds for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. 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, 2012 and 2011 for the General, Gasoline, and Cemetery Funds, as recorded in the Comparison of Disbursements/Encumbrances with Appropriation Authority 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, 2012 and 2011. 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 2012 and 2011 Combined Annual Financial Reports for evidence of interfund transfers exceeding \$5,000 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.
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

We inquired of management and scanned the Payment Register Detail Report for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 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.

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, those charged with governance, and others within the Township, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Columbus, Ohio

July 11, 2013

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SOMERS TOWNSHIP

PREBLE 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
JULY 25, 2013**