



***LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, ROSS COUNTY***

**Independent Accountant's Report on  
Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures**

**For the Years Ended  
December 31, 2013 and 2012**

**J.L. UHRIG**  
AND ASSOCIATES INC.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS







# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Liberty Township  
P.O. Box 151  
Londonderry, Ohio 45647

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of Liberty Township, Ross County, prepared by J.L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc., for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. 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. Liberty Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

April 29, 2014

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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 Liberty Township, Ross County, Ohio (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, 2013 and 2012, 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 and Investments**

1. We tested the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2012 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2011 balances in the prior year documentation in the Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2013 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2012 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, 2013 and 2012 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Report. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2013 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, 2013 bank reconciliation without exception.

5. We selected all reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2013 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January bank statement. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We traced the amounts and dates written to the check register, to determine the debits were dated prior to December 31. We noted no exceptions.
6. We tested investments held at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 to determine that they:
  - a. Were of a type authorized by Ohio Rev. Code Section 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 selected a property tax receipt from one *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes* (the Statement) for 2013 and one from 2012:
  - a. We traced the gross receipts from the Statement to the amount recorded in the Receipts 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 Receipts Register Report to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2013 and 2012. We noted the Receipts Register Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.

3. We selected five receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2013 and five from 2012. We also selected five receipts from the Ross County Auditor's YTD Trial Balance from 2013 and five from 2012.
  - a. We compared the amount from the DTL and the County report to the amount recorded in the Receipts Register Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

**Over-The-Counter Cash Receipts**

1. We haphazardly selected 10 over-the-counter cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2012 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and determined whether the (2013 receipts did not exceed the 10% of all receipts):
  - a. Receipt amount agreed to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. Receipt was posted to the proper fund, and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

**Debt**

1. From the prior agreed-upon procedures documentation, we noted the following note outstanding as of December 31, 2011. These amounts agreed to the Townships January 1, 2012 balances on the summary we used in step 3.

Issue	Principal Outstanding as Of December 31, 2011
General Obligation Note – Fire Station	\$335,000

2. We inquired of management, and scanned the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2013 and 2012 or debt payment activity during 2013 or 2012. All debt noted agreed to the summary we used in step 3.
3. We obtained a summary of note and lease debt activity for 2013 and 2012 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules to debt service and gasoline tax funds 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 no exceptions.

4. We agreed the amount of debt proceeds from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the gasoline tax fund per the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
5. For new debt issued during 2012, we inspected the debt legislation, noting the Township must use the proceeds from the notes to purchase a truck. We scanned the Payment Register Detail Report and noted the Township purchased a truck in October of 2012.

**Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2013 and one payroll check for five employees from 2012 from the Employee Detail Adjustment Report and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Employee Detail Adjustment Report to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
  - b. 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 or as required by statute. 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, 2013 to determine whether remittances were timely paid, and that the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share where applicable, during the final withholding period during 2013. We noted the following:

<b>Withholding</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Federal income taxes & Medicare	January 31, 2014	January 6, 2014	\$1,226.17	\$1,226.17
State income taxes	January 15, 2014	January 15, 2014	\$259.85	\$259.85
OPERS retirement (withholding plus employer share)	January 31, 2014	January 14, 2014	\$1,692.99	\$1,692.99

3. For the pay periods ended April 8, 2013 and October 5, 2012, we recomputed the allocation of the Board's salary amounts to the General, Road and Bridge and Cemetery Funds per the Employee Detail Adjustment Report. We found no exceptions.
4. For the pay periods described in the preceding step, we traced Boards' salaries for time or services performed to supporting certifications the Revised Code requires. We found no exceptions.
5. We inquired of management and scanned the Payment Register Detail Report for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 to determine if township employees and/or trustees were reimbursed for out-of-pocket insurance premiums. Insurance reimbursements were made in compliance with ORC 505.60 and 505.601.



### **Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2013 and ten from the year ended 2012 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. 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, Gasoline Tax, and Cemetery funds for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. The amounts on the Certificate agreed to the amount recorded in the accounting system, except for the General Fund and the Cemetery fund in 2013 and 2012. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted resources for the General Fund of \$132,107 for 2013 and \$69,902 for 2012. However, the final Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources reflected \$132,490 for 2013 and \$70,141 for 2012. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted resources for the Cemetery fund of \$52,592 for 2013 and \$52,864 for 2012. However, the final Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources reflected \$52,943 for 2013 and \$59,242 for 2012. The fiscal officer should periodically compare amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report to the amounts recorded on the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to assure they agree. If amounts do not agree, the Trustees may be using inaccurate information for budgeting and monitoring purposes.
2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2013 and 2012 to determine whether, for the General, Gasoline Tax 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 Section 5705.38 and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report for 2013 and 2012 for the following funds: General, Gasoline Tax and Cemetery funds. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report, except for the General Fund in 2013 and the Cemetery Fund for 2012. The Appropriation Status Report recorded budgeted Appropriations for the General fund of \$164,057. However, the Final Amended Appropriations reflected \$164,308. The Appropriation Status Report recorded budgeted Appropriations for the Cemetery Fund of \$68,150. However, the Final Amended Appropriations reflected \$73,150.
4. Ohio Rev. Code Section 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 Cemetery funds for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. 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, 2013 and 2012 for the General, Gasoline Tax and Cemetery funds, as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. We found 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 Receipts Register Report for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during December 31, 2013 and 2012. 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 2013 and 2012 Revenue Status Reports and Appropriation Status Reports for evidence of interfund transfers exceeding \$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.
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.
9. We scanned the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 for negative cash fund balance. 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 having a negative cash fund balance.

### **Compliance-Contracts & Expenditures**

1. We inquired of management and scanned the Payment Register Detail Report for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 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 the Auditor of State, and others within the Township, and is not intended to be, and should be not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*J. L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc.*

J. L. UHRIG AND ASSOCIATES, INC.  
Chillicothe, Ohio

April 16, 2014

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**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP**

**ROSS 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  
MAY 13, 2014**