



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

Village of Convoy Van Wert County Convoy, Ohio

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Village Council and Mayor, and the management of the Village of Convoy, Van Wert County, Ohio (the Village) have agreed, solely to assist the Council and Mayor in evaluating receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cashbasis 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, the Mayor, and / or the Council 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 Cash Summary by Fund Report to the December 31, 2011 balances in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2013 beginning fund balances recorded in the Cash Summary by Fund Report to the December 31, 2012 balances in the Cash Summary by Fund 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 Cash Summary by Fund Reports. The amounts agreed.
- 4. We confirmed the December 31, 2013 bank account balances with the Village'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.

# Cash and Investments (continued)

- 5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2013 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January and February bank statements. 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 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 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, 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 Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We determined whether the receipt was allocated to the proper fund(s) 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 for 2013 and 2012. We noted the Receipts Register Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
- We selected five receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2013 and five from 2012. We also selected five receipts from the County Auditor's Vendor History Report from 2013 and five from 2012.
  - 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 fund(s). We found no exceptions.
  - c. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
- 4. We confirmed the amounts paid from the Ohio Public Work Commission to the Village during 2012 and 2013 with the Commission and the amounts paid from the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) (Community Development Block Grant) (CDBG) to the Village during 2013 with the Department. We were only able to confirm \$300,000 with ODOD, but the Village had recorded \$303,933 on their ledgers. The ODOD expenditures were also overbooked by \$3,955 by the Village for the CDBG grant, therefore the net effect is zero and no fund adjustment is necessary.
  - a. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund(s). We found no exceptions.
  - b. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

# **Income Tax Receipts**

- 1. We selected five income tax returns filed during 2013 and five from 2012.
  - a. We compared the payment amount recorded on the tax return to the amount recorded on the Payment Journal for that date. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We compared the Payment Journal total from step a. to the amount recorded as income tax receipts in the Receipt Register Report for that date. The amounts agreed.
- 2. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the year received. We found no exceptions.
- 3. We selected five income tax refunds from 2013 and five from 2012.
  - a. We compared the refund paid from Payment Register Detail Report to the refund amount requested in the tax return. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We noted each of the refunds were approved by the Income Tax Administrator.
  - c. We noted the refunds were paid from the General Fund, as is required.

#### **Water and Sewer Funds**

- We haphazardly selected 10 Water and Sewer Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2013 and 10 Water and Sewer Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended 2012 recorded in the Receipt Register Report and determined whether the:
  - a. Receipt amount per the Receipt Register Report agreed to the amount recorded to the credit of the customer's account in the Daily Cash Receipt Journal. The amounts agreed.
  - b. Amount charged for the related billing period:
    - i. Agreed with the debit to accounts receivable in the Daily Cash Receipt Journal for the billing period. We found no exceptions.
    - ii. Complied with rates in force during the audit period. We found no exceptions.
  - c. Receipt was posted to the proper fund(s), and was recorded in the year received. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We read the Aged Customer Delinquent Report.
  - a. We noted this report listed \$9,074.55 of accounts receivable as of December 20, 2013. An Aged Customer Delinquent Report was not printed at the end of 2012. We recommend that the Village print and monitor aged delinquent reports at least at the end of each fiscal year.
  - b. Of the total receivables reported in the preceding step, \$3,358.49 was recorded as more than 90 days delinquent.
- 3. We read the Daily Cash Receipt Journal.
  - a. We noted this report listed a total of (\$354) and (\$1,253) non-cash receipts adjustments for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.
  - b. We selected five non-cash adjustments from 2013 and five non-cash adjustments from 2012, and noted that the Board of Public Affair approved each adjustment at the monthly Board meetings.

## Debt

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

	Principal outstanding as	
Issue	of December 31, 2011:	
Ohio Water Development Authority Loan	\$35,398	
Ohio Public Works Commission Loan - CM32E	\$48,483	
OPWC Loan – CM11I	\$8,322	
OPWC Loan – CM32M	\$26,859	
OPWC Loan – CT38K	\$249,250	
Revolving Loan	\$113,050	

- 2. We inquired of management, and scanned the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2013 or 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 loan debt activity for 2013 and 2012 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedule(s) to General, OWDA, Fire & EMS, Water Repair & Replacement, and Sewer Repair & Replacement funds payments reported in the Payment Register Detail Report. We also compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Village made the payments. We found no exceptions.
- 4. We agreed the amount of debt proceeds from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the Water Repair & Replacement and Main Street Construction funds per the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
- 5. For new debt issued during 2013 and 2012, we inspected the debt legislation, noting the Village must use the proceeds for the Waterline Replacement Project and Main Street Construction Project. All debt proceeds were sent directly to the Vendors for the respective project on behalf of the Village by the Ohio Public Works Commission.

# **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 statutorilyapproved rate or salary). We found one instance where an employees pay was approved in the Council minutes with the monthly bills, however no set rate was approved by resolution or ordinance. The Village should approve all pay rates by resolution or ordinance in the Council minutes.
  - b. We determined whether the fund and account code(s) 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.

# **Payroll Cash Disbursements (continued)**

- 2. For any new employees selected in step 1 we determined whether the following information in the employees' personnel files 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, State & Local 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 the authorized pay rate was not approved by resolution or ordinance in the Council minutes. However, the employees pay was approved by Council with the monthly bills. We recommend that Council approve all wage rates by resolution or ordinance in the Council minutes.

3. 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 if 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:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes &				
Medicare (and social security, for employees not	January	January 10,		
enrolled in pension system)	31, 2014	2014	\$3,966	\$3,966
	January	December	. ,	. ,
State income taxes	15, 2014	30, 2013	\$543	\$543
Village of Convoy	January	December		
income taxes	15, 2014	30, 2013	\$373	\$373
Ohio School District	January	December		
Income Tax	15, 2014	30, 2013	\$352	\$352
	January	January 10,		
OPERS retirement	30, 2014	2014	\$6,668	\$6,668

#### **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, State Highway and Water Operating 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 for 2013 and Water Operating Fund for 2012. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General fund of \$336,475 for 2013. However, the final Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources reflected \$336,265. And the Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the Water Operating Fund of \$115,030 for 2012. However, the final Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources reflected \$114,000. 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 Council may be using inaccurate information for budgeting and to monitor spending.
- 2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2013 and 2012 to determine whether, for the General, State Highway and Water Operating Funds, the Council 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 2013 and 2012 for the following funds: General, State Highway, and Water Operating Funds. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status report.
- 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, State Highway and Water Operating funds for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. We noted General Fund appropriations in 2012 exceeded certified resources by \$208,310 contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39. The Council should not pass appropriations exceeding certified resources. Allowing this to occur could cause the Village to incur fund balance deficits.
- 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, State Highway and Water Operating Fund, 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, 2013 and 2012. We also inquired of management regarding whether the Village received new restricted receipts. The Village established the Main Street Construction fund during 2012 to segregate CDBG receipts and disbursements, in compliance with Section 5705.09.
- 7. We scanned the 2013 and 2012 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.

# Compliance - Budgetary (continued)

- 8. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Status Reports to determine whether the Village elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.13. We noted the Village 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**

We inquired of management and scanned the Payment Register Detail Report for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 to determine if the Village proceeded by force account (i.e. used its own employees) to maintain or repair roads (cost of project exceeding \$30,000) or to construct or reconstruct Village roads (cost of project \$30,000/per mile) for which Ohio Rev. Code Sections 117.16(A) and 723.52 requires the Village engineer, or officer having a different title but the duties and functions of an engineer, to complete a force account project assessment form (i.e., cost estimate). We identified no projects requiring the completion of the force account assessment form.

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

**Dave Yost** Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

May 12, 2014





## **VILLAGE OF CONVOY**

**VAN WERT 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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JUNE 10, 2014