

***VILLAGE OF SOUTH SALEM***

***ROSS COUNTY, OHIO***

**AGREED UPON PROCEDURES**

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







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Village Council  
Village Of South Salem  
PO Box 29  
South Salem, Ohio 45681

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Village Of South Salem, Ross County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & 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. The Village Of South Salem is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

August 20, 2014

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

Village of South Salem  
Ross County  
PO Box 29  
South Salem, Ohio 45681

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Village Council and Mayor, and the management of the Village of South Salem, Ross County, Ohio (the Village) and the Auditor of State have agreed, solely to assist the Council and Mayor 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, 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**

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 audited statements. 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 institution. 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 the five outstanding checks listed as reconciling items from the December 31, 2013 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced three outstanding checks to the subsequent January bank statement. The two remaining checks listed were written and outstanding from 2011 and have not cleared.
  - 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.

### 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 Revenue Ledger. 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 Revenue Ledger to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2013 and 2012. We noted the Revenue Ledger 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 County Auditor's DTLs from 2013 and five from 2012.
  - a. We compared the amount from the above reports to the amounts recorded in the Revenue Ledger. 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.

### Sewer Fund

1. We haphazardly selected 10 Sewer Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2013 and 10 Sewer Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2012 recorded in the Sewer Deposit report and determined whether the:
  - a. Receipt amount per the Sewer Deposit Report agreed to the amount recorded to the credit of the customer's account in the Sewer Accounts Receivable report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. Amount charged for the related billing period:
    - i. Agreed with the debit to accounts receivable in the Sewer Accounts Receivable report 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 funds and was recorded in the year received. We found no exceptions.
2. We read the Sewer Accounts Receivable Report.
  - a. We noted this report listed \$8,864.19 and \$10,457.42 of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.
  - b. Of the total receivables reported in the preceding step, \$5,533.01 and \$7,060.42 were recorded as more than 90 days delinquent for 2013 and 2012, respectively.

**Debt**

1. From the prior audit documentation, we noted the following bonds outstanding as of December 31, 2011. These amounts agreed to the Village's January 1, 2012 balances on the summary we used in step 3.

Issue	Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2011:
Sanitary Sewer System Mortgage Revenue Bonds	\$ 494,500

2. We inquired of management, and scanned the Revenue Ledger and Cash Journal for evidence of debt issued during 2013 or 2012 or debt payment activity during 2013 or 2012. All debt payment activity noted agreed to the summary we used in step 3.
3. We obtained a summary of bonded debt for 2013 and 2012 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules to the Enterprise Debt Service fund payments reported in the Cash Journal. We also compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Village made the payments. We found no exceptions.

**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 Payroll Register report and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Payroll Register 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 employees' payroll files. 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 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 enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2014	December 8, 2013	\$ 2,336.13	\$ 2,336.13
State income taxes	January 31, 2014	December 16, 2013	\$ 284.48	\$ 284.48
OPERS retirement	January 31, 2014	December 16, 2013	\$ 1,601.88	\$ 1,601.88
School District Income Tax	January 31, 2014	December 8, 2013	\$ 117.90	\$ 117.90



### Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Cash Journal for the year ended December 31, 2013 and ten from the year ended December 31, 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 Cash Journal 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 Certificate of the Total Amount From All Sources Available For Expenditures and Balances*, required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report for the General, Street and Sewer 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 in 2013. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General fund of \$17,380 for 2013. However, the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$17,259. 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, Street and Sewer 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, Street and Sewer. 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, Street and Sewer 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, Street and Sewer 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 Revenue Ledger 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. We noted no evidence of new restricted receipts for which Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 would require the Village 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 \$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 Report 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 Cash Journal 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, the Auditor of State and others within the Village and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



**Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.**  
July 28, 2014



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**VILLAGE OF SOUTH SALEM**

**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  
SEPTEMBER 02, 2014**