

**VILLAGE OF BOWERSTON  
HARRISON COUNTY**

**AGREED UPON PROCEDURES**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

**Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc.  
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# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Village Council  
Village of Bowerston  
205 Water Alley  
Bowerston, Ohio 44695

We have reviewed the *Independent Accounts' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Village of Bowerston, Harrison County, prepared by Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc., for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014. 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 Bowerston is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

July 17, 2015

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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 Village Council, Mayor and the management of Village of Bowerston, Harrison County, Ohio (the Village) and the Auditor of State 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, 2014 and 2013, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. Management is responsible for recording transaction; 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 Publics 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, 2014 and December 31, 2013 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2013 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2012 balances in documentation in the prior year agreed upon procedures. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2014 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2013 balances in the Fund Ledger Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliation to the total of December 31, 2014 and 2013 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Reports. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2014 and 2013 bank account balance with the Village's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2014 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2014 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 found no exceptions.
6. We tested investments held at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 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 2014 and one from 2013.
  - 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 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 four real estate tax receipts for 2014 and 2013. 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 2014 and five from 2013. We also selected five receipts from the County Auditor's DTLs from 2014 and five from 2013.
  - 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. We found no exceptions.
  - c. 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 2014 and five from 2013.
  - a. We compared the payment amount recorded on the tax return to the amount recorded on the MITS batch Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We compared the tax return 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.

### **Water and Sewer Fund**

1. We haphazardly selected 10 Water and Sewer collection cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2014 and 10 collection cash receipts from the year December 31, 2013 recorded in the Receipt Register Report and determined whether the:
  - a. Receipt amount per the Daily Cash Receipts Journal agreed to the amount recorded to the credit of the customer's account in the Billing Balance Journal. The amounts agreed.
  - b. Amount charged for the related billing period:
    - i. Agreed with the debit to accounts receivable in the Billing Balance Journal for the billing period. We found no exceptions.
    - ii. Complied with rates in force during the audit period multiplied by the consumption amount recorded for the billing period, plus any applicable late penalties, plus unpaid prior billings. We found no exceptions.
  - c. Receipt was posted to the proper fund and was recorded in the year received. We found no exceptions.
2. We read the Billing Balance Journal
  - a. We noted this report listed \$5,420 and \$4,334 of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.
  - b. Of the total receivables reported in the preceding step, \$2,626 and \$2,954 were recorded as more than 90 days delinquent.

3. We read the Monthly Billing Reports.
  - a. We noted this report listed a total of \$(87) and \$(53) non-cash receipts adjustments for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.
  - b. We selected 5 non-cash adjustments from 2014 and five from 2013 and noted the Village Council approved each adjustment.

**Debt**

1. From the prior agreed upon procedures documentation, we noted the following loans outstanding as of December 31, 2012. These amounts agreed to the Villages January 2013 balances used in step 3.

<u>Loan</u>	<u>December 31, 2012</u>
OPWC Loans	\$ 10,887
OWDA Loans	86,900
USDA Sanitary Sewer Revenue Bonds	252,000

2. We inquired of management and scanned the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2014 or 2013 or debt payment activity during 2014 or 2013. All debt noted agreed to the summary we used in step 3.
3. We obtained a summary of debt activity for 2014 and 2013 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedule to Sewer Operating Fund and Enterprise Debt Service Fund 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 Sewer Operating Fund. The amounts did not agree.
5. For new debt issued during 2014 and 2013, we inspected legislation, noting the Village must use the proceeds to proceed with a waste water treatment plant project. We scanned the Payment Register Detail Report and noted that the Village made many payments for a waste water treatment plant project in June 2014.

**Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2014 and one payroll check for five employees from 2013 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 employee's duties as documented in the minute record, timesheets 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, 2014 to determine whether remittances were timely paid, and that the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld during the final withholding period during 2014. We noted the following:

<b>Withholding</b>					
<b>(Plus employer share</b>					
<b>Where applicable)</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Amount W/H</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Federal Income Taxes	January 31, 2015	December 30, 2014	\$ 955.53	\$ 955.53	
State Income taxes	January 15, 2015	December 30, 2014	242.17	242.17	
Local	January 31, 2015	December 30, 2014	815.49	815.49	
OPERS	January 31, 2015	December 30, 2014	1,263.70	1,263.70	

### Non-payroll Cash Disbursements

We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Activity Report for the year ended December 31, 2014 and ten from the year ended December 31, 2013 and determined whether:

- a. In our opinion, the disbursements were for a public purpose. We found no exceptions.
- b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check image 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 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 one instance where the certification date was after the vendor invoice date, and there was also no evidence that a *Then and Now Certificate* was issued. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) requires certifying at the time of a commitment, which should be on or before the invoice date, unless a *Then and Now Certificate* is used. Because we did not test all disbursements requiring certification, our report provides no assurance whether or not additional similar errors occurred.

### Compliance-Budgetary

1. We compared the total from the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources, required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36 (A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report for the General Fund, Street Construction Fund, and the Sewer Operating Fund for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. The amounts on the Certificate agreed to the amounts recorded in the accounting system except for the Sewer Operating Fund in 2014. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the Sewer Operating Fund of \$88,450 for 2014. However, the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$115,450. The amounts on the Certificate agreed to the amounts recorded in the accounting system except for the General Fund, Street Construction Fund and Sewer Operating Fund in 2013. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General Fund, Street Construction Fund and Sewer Operating Fund of \$100,000, \$16,325 and \$77,000, respectively. However, the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$101,400, \$18,625 and \$81,000, respectively. 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.



### **Compliance-Budgetary**

2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2014 and 2013 to determine whether, for the General Fund, Street Construction Fund and the Sewer Operating Fund, the Council appropriated separately for "each office, department, and division, and within each, the amount appropriated for personal services," as is required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.38(C). We found no exceptions.
3. We compared total appropriations required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.38 and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report for 2014 and 2013 for the following funds: General Fund, Street Construction Fund and the Sewer Operating Fund. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status report.
4. Ohio Revised 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 Fund, Street Construction Fund and the Sewer Operating Fund for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. We noted no funds for which appropriations exceeded certified resources.
5. Ohio Revised 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, 2014 and 2013 for the General Fund, Street Construction Fund and the Sewer Operating Fund, as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. We noted no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.
6. Ohio Revised 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, 2014 and 2013. We also inquired of management regarding whether the Village received new restricted receipts. We noted no evidence of new restricted receipts for which Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.09 would require the Village to establish a new fund.
7. We scanned the 2014 and 2013 Revenue Status reports and Appropriation Status Reports for evidence of interfund transfers exceeding \$20,000 which Ohio Revised 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 Village elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Revised 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, 2014 and 2013 for negative cash fund balance. Ohio Revised 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 and Expenditures**

We inquired of management and scanned the Payment Register Detail report for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 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 estimates). We identified no projects requiring completion of the force account assessment form.

Client Response: We agree with findings in this report.

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 and those charged with governance and the Auditor of State and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

***Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc.***  
Zanesville, Ohio  
June 15, 2015



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**VILLAGE OF BOWERSTON**

**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  
JULY 30, 2015**