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

Village of Christiansburg Champaign County PO Box 115 Christiansburg, Ohio 45389

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Village Council, Mayor, and the management of the Village of Christiansburg (the Village) 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, 2014 and 2013, 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, 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 the documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon procedures working papers. 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 reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2014 and 2013 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Reports. The amounts agreed.
- 4. We confirmed the December 31, 2014 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, 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. Outstanding check #12737, dated 12/18/2014, remained outstanding as of April 30, 2015. Checks over 90 days old are considered stale-dated and should be moved to unclaimed funds or voided.

The Fiscal Officer should follow-up on long-outstanding reconciling items to help prevent reconciling issues.

- 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 interbank account transfers occurring in December of 2014 and 2013 to determine if they were properly recorded in the accounting records and on each bank statement. We found no exceptions.
- 7. 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 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 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 Transaction History Listing Report 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 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 Works Commission to the Village during 2014 with the Commission. We found no exceptions.
  - a. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
- 5. We confirmed the amounts paid from the Ohio Water Development Authority to the Village during 2014 and 2013 with the Authority. We found no exceptions.
  - a. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.

b. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

#### Water and Sewer Fund

- 1. We haphazardly selected 10 Water and Sewer Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2014 and 10 Water Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended 2013 per the Village's billing stubs and deposit slips and determined whether the:
  - a. Receipt amount per the billing stub and deposit slip agreed to the amount recorded to the credit of the customer's account in the Village's 2013 Quarterly Spreadsheets/2014 Invoice by Date Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. Amount charged for the related billing period:
    - i. Agreed with the amount that was billed in the Village's 2013 Quarterly Spreadsheets/2014 Invoice by Date Report for the billing period. We found no exceptions.
    - ii. Complied with rates in force during the audit period plus any applicable late penalties, plus unpaid prior billings. We found no exceptions.
  - c. Receipt was posted to the proper fund(s), and was recorded in the year received. We found one exception. The 2014 amount of sewer fees (\$1,901.25) was posted to the Sewer Fund in 2015. The Fiscal Officer should post receipts to the proper fund in the year they are received to properly reflect cash balances.
- 2. We read the Village's 2013 Delinquent List Report and 2014 Shut-Off List.
  - a. We noted this report listed \$170 and \$380 of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.
  - b. Of the total receivables reported in the preceding step, \$0 and \$380 were recorded as more than 90 days delinquent.

#### Debt

1. From the prior agreed-upon procedures documentation, we noted the following loan outstanding as of December 31, 2012. These amounts agreed to the Village's January 1, 2013 balances on the summary we used in step 3.

| Issue     | Principal outstanding as<br>of December 31, 2012: |
|-----------|---|
| OWDA Loan | \$686,598   |

- 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 invoices to the Water 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.

#### 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 Village's Employee Payroll reports and:

- a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Employee Payroll Summary sheets 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 on the payroll summary sheets. We found no exceptions.
- c. 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 employees' personnel files, minute record, or as required by statute. We also determined whether the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
- 2. For any new employees selected in step 1 we determined whether the following information in the employees' personnel files or minute record 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.

3. 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 if the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share where applicable, during the final withholding period during 2014. We noted the following:

| Withholding<br>(plus employer share,<br>where applicable) | Date Due         | Date Paid        | Amount<br>Due | Amount Paid |
|---|------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Federal income taxes & Medicare                           | January 31, 2015 | January 22, 2015 | \$879.64      | \$879.64    |
| State income taxes  | January 31, 2015 | January 22, 2015 | \$115.02      | \$115.02    |
| OPERS retirement  | January 31, 2015 | January 26, 2015 | \$640.73      | \$640.73    |

#### Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

- 1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2014 and ten from the year ended 2013 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. We found two instances 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 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, Water Operating, and Parks and Recreation funds for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. The amounts agreed.
- 2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2014 and 2013 to determine whether, for the General, Street Construction Maintenance & Repair, and Other Capital Projects-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 2014 and 2013 for the following funds: General, Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax, and Health & Safety 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 Fire/Ambulance funds for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. 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, 2014 and 2013 for the General, State Highway, and Fire/Ambulance 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, 2014 and 2013. We also inquired of management regarding whether the Village received new restricted receipts. The Village established the Sewer Fund during 2014 to segregate sewer charges and disbursements.
- 7. We scanned the 2014 and 2013 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.
- 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.

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9. We scanned the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 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, 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 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.

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Columbus, Ohio

June 8, 2015



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**CHAMPAIGN 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 Babbett

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

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