

**CHESTER TOWNSHIP  
WAYNE COUNTY**

**AGREED UPON PROCEDURES**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

**Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc.  
1100 Brandywine Blvd. Building G  
Zanesville, Ohio 43701**





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Chester Township  
P.O. Box 461  
Wooster, Ohio 44691

We have reviewed the *Independent Accounts' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of Chester Township, Wyandot County, prepared by Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc., for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. 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. Chester Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

August 17, 2017

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**WILSON, PHILLIPS & AGIN, CPA'S, INC.  
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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 Chester Township, Wayne 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, 2016 and 2015, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. Management is responsible for recording transaction; 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 recalculated the December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2015 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2014 balances to documentation in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2016 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2015 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, 2016 and 2015 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Reports. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2016 and 2015 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, 2016 and 2015 bank reconciliations without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2016 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.

**Property taxes, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash receipts**

1. We haphazardly selected a property tax receipt from one Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes (the Statement) for 2016 and one from 2015:
  - 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 two real estate tax receipts for 2016 and 2015. 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 2016 and all from 2015. We also haphazardly selected five receipts from the County Auditor's Audit Trail Report from 2016 and five from 2015:
  - 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.

**Debt**

1. The prior audit documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2014.
2. We inquired of management, and scanned the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2016 or 2015 or debt payment activity during 2016 or 2015. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2016 and 2015.

**Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2016 and one payroll check for five employees from 2015 from the Wage Detail Report and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Wage Detail 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. For any new employees selected in step 1 we inspected the employees' personnel files for the following information and compared it 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 and State 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, 2016 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 of 2016. We noted the following:

| <b>Withholding<br/>(plus employer share<br/>Where applicable)</b> | <b>Due Date</b>  | <b>Date Paid</b> | <b>Amount W/H</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Federal Income Taxes  | January 31, 2017 | January 16, 2017 | \$ 324.91         | \$ 324.91     |
| State Income Taxes  | January 31, 2017 | January 16, 2017 | 101.31            | 101.31        |
| School District Tax   | January 31, 2017 | January 16, 2017 | 74.09             | 74.09         |
| OPERS Retirement  | January 31, 2017 | January 16, 2017 | 1,872.08          | 1,872.08      |

4. For the pay period ending March 6, 2016 and August 17, 2015, we recomputed the allocation of the Fiscal Officer's and Boards' salaries to the General and Gasoline Tax Fund. We found no exceptions.
5. For the pay periods described in the preceding step, we traced the Fiscal Officer's and Boards' salary for time or services performed to supporting certifications the Revised Code Requires. We found no exceptions.
6. We inquired of management and scanned the Wage Detail Report for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 to determine if township employees and/or Trustees were reimbursed for out-of-pocket insurance premiums. We noted no such reimbursements.

### Non-payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2016 and ten from the year ended 2015 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 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 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 have one instance where disbursements requiring certification were not certified, 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 inspect 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 Revised Code Section 5705.36 (A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report for the General Fund, Road & Bridge Fund, and the Fire District Fund for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. The amounts on the *Certificate* agreed to the amount recorded in the accounting system, except for General Fund, Road & Bridge Fund and Fire Fund, The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources of \$147,411, \$161,600 and \$102,000, respectively for 2016. However, the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$116,344, \$165,540 and \$96,979, 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 Trustees may be using inaccurate information for budgeting and monitoring purposes.
2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2016 and 2015 to determine whether, for the General Fund, Road & Bridge Fund and the Fire District Fund, the Trustees 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 2016 and 2015 for the following funds: General Fund, Road & Bridge Fund and the Fire District 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, Road & Bridge Fund and the Fire District Fund for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. General Fund appropriations for 2016 exceeded certified resources by \$31,067 and Fire District Fund appropriations for 2016 exceeded certified resources by \$5,020, contrary to Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39. The Trustees should not pass appropriations exceeding certified resources. Allowing this to occur could cause the Township to incur fund balance deficits.
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, 2016 and 2015 for the General Fund, Road & Bridge Fund and the Fire District 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, 2016 and 2015. We also inquired of management regarding whether the Township received new restricted receipts. We noted no evidence of new restricted receipts for which Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.09 would require the Township to establish a new fund.
7. For funds existing in prior years, inspect the fund activity to determine whether the fund is still being used for the statutorily approved purpose and that all the required funds were established. We noted all the required funds were established and no funds for which the statutorily approved purpose was no longer valid included on the accounting records.
8. We scanned the 2016 and 2015 Revenue Status Reports and Appropriation Status Reports for evidence of interfund transfers exceeding \$5,000 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.

9. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Status Reports to determine whether the Township elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13. We noted the Township did not establish these reserves.
10. We scanned the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 for negative cash fund balance. Ohio Revised Code Section 5701.10(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**

1. We inquired of management and scanned the Payment Register Detail Report for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 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 Revised 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.

#### **Other Compliance**

1. Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 requires townships to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. We confirmed the Township filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2016-007, within the allocated timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 in the Hinkle system. No exceptions noted.
2. We inquired of the fiscal officer and/or inspected the Fiscal Integrity Act Portal (<http://ohioauditor.gov/fiscalintegrity/default.html>) to determine whether the fiscal officer obtained the training required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 507.12 and 733.81. The Fiscal Officer has not yet obtained per the Fiscal Integrity Act.

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*. 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 for the use of the Township to assist in evaluating its receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.

***Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc.***  
Zanesville, Ohio  
July 22, 2017

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**CHESTER TOWNSHIP**

**WAYNE 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  
AUGUST 29, 2017**