# VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

# AGREED UPON PROCEDURES

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016



Village Council Village of Bolivar P.O. Box 117 Bolivar, Ohio 44612

We have reviewed the *Independent Accounts' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Village of Bolivar, Tuscarawas County, prepared by Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc., for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. 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 Bolivar is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

May 9, 2018



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

Village of Bolivar P.O. Box 117 Bolivar, Ohio 44612

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Village Council, Mayor and the management of Village of Bolivar, Tuscarawas County, Ohio (the Village) and the Auditor of State on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the Village's cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 and certain compliance requirements related to those transaction and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Village. The Village is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Village. 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, 2017 and December 31, 2016 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We agreed the January 1, 2016 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2015 balances in the prior audit documentation. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2017 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2016 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, 2017 and 2016 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Reports. The amounts agreed.
- 4. We confirmed the December 31, 2017 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, 2017 bank reconciliation without exception.
- 5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2017 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 selected five reconciling credits (such as deposits in transit) haphazardly from the December 31, 2017 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each credit to the subsequent January bank statement. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We agreed the credit amounts to the Receipts Register. Each credit was recorded as a December receipt for the same amount recorded in the reconciliation.

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- 7. We inspected investments held at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 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 haphazardly selected a property tax receipt from one Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes (the Statement) for 2017 and one from 2016.
  - a. We traced the gross receipts from the Statement to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to confirm whether the receipt was allocated to the proper fund(s) as required by Ohio Rev. Code 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to confirm whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
- 2. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2017 and 2016. The Receipts Register Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
- 3. We haphazardly selected five receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2017 and five from 2016. We also haphazardly selected five receipts from the County Auditor's Cross Reference Report from 2017 and five from 2016.
  - a. We compared the amount from the above reports to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine whether that these receipts were allocated to the proper fund(s). We found no exceptions
  - c. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

#### **Income Tax Receipts**

- 1. We compared the allocation of income tax receipts for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 to the Village's funds according to the allocation requirements of Ordinance No. 27-2015. The allocation agreed with the percentages the Ordinance requires.
- 2. We haphazardly selected five income tax returns filed during 2017 and five from 2016.
  - a. We compared the payment amount recorded on the tax return to the amount recorded on the daily batch sheet. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We compared the daily batch sheet total from procedure a. to the amount recorded as income tax receipts in the Receipt Register Report for that date. The amounts agreed.
- 3. We compared the date of the receipts to the date the receipts were posted in the Receipt Register Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the year received. We found no exceptions.
- 4. We haphazardly selected five income tax refunds from 2017 and five from 2016.
  - a. We compared the refund paid from the Payment Register Detail Report to the refund amount requested in the tax return. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We observed the approval by the Fiscal Officer on each of the refunds. No exceptions were found.
  - c. We observed the refunds were paid from the Income Tax Fund as is required.

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#### **Water Operating Fund**

- 1. We haphazardly selected 10 Water collection cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2017 and 10 Water collection cash receipt from the year ended December 31, 2016 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 Utility Payment Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. Amount charged for the related billing period:
    - i. Agreed with the debit to accounts receivable in the Aged Balances Report. We found no exceptions.
    - ii. Complied with rates in force during the audit period multiplied by the consumption amount for 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 observed the Aged Balance Report.
  - a. This report listed \$13,896 and \$48,017 of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.
  - b. Of the total receivables reported in the preceding step, \$0 and \$204 were recorded as more than 90 days delinquent.
- 3. We observed the Adjustment Transaction Report.
  - a. This report listed a total of \$(326) and \$(1,701) non-cash adjustments for the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.
  - b. We haphazardly selected five non-cash adjustments from 2017 and five non-cash adjustments from 2016 and observed that the Village Council approved each adjustment.

#### Debt

- 1. The prior audit documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2015.
- 2. We inquired of management and inspected the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2017 or 2016 or debt payment activity during 2017 or 2016. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2017 or 2016.

#### **Payroll Cash Disbursements**

- 1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2017 and one payroll check for five employees from 2016 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 inspected 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 confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.

2. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2017 to confirm remittances were timely paid, and that the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share, where applicable during the final withholding period during 2017. We noted the following:

Withholding				
(plus employer share				
Where applicable)	Due Date	Date Paid	Amount W/H	Amount
Federal Income Taxes	January 31, 2018	January 4, 2018	\$ 2,330.28	\$ 2,330.28
State Income Taxes	January 31, 2018	January 5, 2018	343.12	343.12
Local Income Taxes	January 31, 2018	January 3, 2018	195.85	195.85
OPERS Retirement	January 31, 2018	January 8, 2018	3,305.33	3,305.33
OP&F Retirement	January 31, 2018	January 5, 2018	2,952.75	2,952.75

#### **Non-payroll Cash Disbursements**

- 1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Activity Report for the year ended December 31, 2017 and ten from the year ended December 31, 2016 and determined whether:
  - a. 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 no exceptions.

#### **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, Street Fund, and the Water Operating Fund for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. The amounts on the Certificate agreed to the amount recorded in the accounting system, except for the General Fund. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General Fund of \$303,199 for 2016. However, the final Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources reflected \$312,253. 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 inspected the appropriation measures adopted for 2017 and 2016 to determine whether, for the General Fund, Street Fund and the Water 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 2017 and 2016 for the following funds: General Fund, Street Fund and the Water Operating Fund. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status report.

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- 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 Fund and the Water Operating Fund for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. 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, 2017 and 2016 for the General Fund, Street Fund and the Water 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 inspected the Receipt Register Report for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during December 31, 2017 and 2016. 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. 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. 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 inspected the 2017 and 2016 Revenue Status reports and Appropriation Status Reports for evidence of interfund transfers exceeding \$10,000 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 Village elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13. We noted the Village did not establish these reserves.
- 10. We inspected the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 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 inspected the Payment Register Detail report for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 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.

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#### **Other Compliance**

- 1. Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 requires villages to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies, in addition to filing extensions granted for extenuating circumstances, allow for refiling complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System for December 31, 2017 and 2016 fiscal year ends included 2015-2016 or 2016-2017 agreed up on procedure engagements, subsequent to the Village's deadline where the initial filing was filed on time but incomplete. We confirmed the Village filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy within the allotted timeframe for years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions.
- 2. We inquired of the fiscal officer and/or inspected the Fiscal Integrity Act Portal to determine whether the fiscal officer obtained the training required by Ohio Revised Code Section 507.12 and 733.81. The fiscal officer has not yet obtained all the required training for their term.

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 or review, 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 to provide assistance in the evaluation of the Village's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, 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 April 17, 2018



#### **VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR**

### **TUSCARAWAS 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 MAY 22, 2018