

**BENTON TOWNSHIP  
MONROE COUNTY**

**AGREED UPON PROCEDURES**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017**

**Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc.  
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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



Township Trustee  
Benton Township  
42050 Trail Run Road  
New Matamoras, Ohio 45767

We have reviewed the *Agreed-Upon Procedures* of Benton Township, Monroe County, prepared by Wilson, Phillips & Agin, CPA's, Inc., for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. 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. Benton Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith Faber".

Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

May 2, 2019

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

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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of Benton Township, Monroe County, Ohio (the Township) and the Auditor of State, on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the Townships cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Township. The Township is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Township. 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, 2018 and December 31, 2017 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2017 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2016 balances to documentation in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2018 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2017 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, 2018 and 2017 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Reports. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2018 and 2017 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, 2018 and 2017 bank reconciliations without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2018 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. There were no exceptions.
6. We inspected investments held at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 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 2018 and one from 2017:
  - 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 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 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 2018 and 2017. The Receipts Register Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
3. We haphazardly selected all receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2018 and all from 2017. We also haphazardly selected five receipts from the County Auditor's Audit Trail Report from 2018 and five from 2017:
  - 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 that these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We inspected the Receipts Register Report to determine 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, 2016.
2. We inquired of management, and inspected the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2018 or 2017 or debt payment activity during 2018 or 2017. All debt agreed to the summary we used in procedure 3.
3. We obtained a summary of loan debt activity for 2018 and 2017 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedule to Gasoline Tax Fund payments reported in the Payment Register Detail Report. We also compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Township made the payments. We found no exceptions. We also noted the Township paid off this debt in 2018.
4. We did not agree the amount of debt proceeds from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the Gasoline Tax Fund per the Receipt Register Report. The debt documents show the loan was for \$17,007, while the Township only recorded \$16,850. The Township failed to include debt issuance costs in their number.
5. For new debt issued during 2018 and 2017, we inspected the debt legislation, which state the Township must use the proceeds to purchase a tractor. We inspected the Payment Register Detail Report and observed the Township purchases a tractor in April 2017.

### **Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2018 and one payroll check for five employees from 2017 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 code(s) to which the check was posted to determine the posing was 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, 2018 to confirm 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 2018. We observed the following:

<b>Withholding (plus employer share Where applicable)</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Amount W/H</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Federal Income Taxes	January 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	\$ 1,237.68	\$ 1,237.68
State Income Taxes	January 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	198.68	198.68
OPERS Retirement	January 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	703.29	703.29

3. For the pay period ending March 2018 and August 2017, we recomputed the allocation of the Fiscal Officer's and Boards' salaries to the General and Gasoline Tax Fund per the Wage Detail Report. We found no exceptions.
4. For the pay periods described in the preceding procedure, 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.
5. We inquired of management and inspected the Wage Detail Report for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 to determine if township employees and/or Trustees were reimbursed for out-of-pocket insurance premiums. No such reimbursements occurred.

**Non-payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2018 and ten from the year ended 2017 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. 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 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, Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, and Gasoline Tax Fund for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. The amounts agreed.
2. We inspected the appropriation measures adopted for 2018 and 2017 to determine whether, for the General Fund, Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, and Gasoline Tax 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 2018 and 2017 for the following funds: General Fund, Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, and Gasoline Tax Fund. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions plus amendments 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, Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, and Gasoline Tax Fund for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. There were no funds for which appropriations exceeded estimated 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, 2018 and 2017 for the General Fund, Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, and Gasoline Tax Fund, as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. There were 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, 2018 and 2017. We also inquired of management regarding whether the Township received new restricted receipts. The Township established the CDBG 526 Fund during 2017 to segregate Federal Emergency Management Agency receipts and disbursements, in compliance with Section 5705.09. We also observed that the Township established the FEMA 4360 Fund during 2018 to segregate Federal Emergency Management Agency receipts and disbursements, in compliance with Section 5705.09.
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 new funds for which the statutorily approved purpose was no longer valid included on the accounting records. The Township established the CDBG 526 Fund during 2017 and the FEMA 4360 Fund during 2018 to segregate Federal Emergency Management Agency receipts and disbursements; however the Township no longer has Federal Emergency Management Agency receipts and disbursements for either fund.
8. We inspected the 2018 and 2017 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 or Court of Common Pleas.
9. We inquired of management and inspected the Appropriation Status Reports to determine whether the Township elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13. The Township did not establish these reserves.
10. We inspected the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 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. No funds had a negative cash fund balances.

#### **Compliance – Contracts and Expenditures**

1. We inquired of management and inspected the Payment Register Detail Report for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 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. 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 refile complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System for December 31, 2018 and 2017 fiscal year ends included 2015-2016 or 2016-2017 agreed up on procedure engagements, subsequent to the Township's deadline where the initial filing was filed on time but incomplete. We confirmed the Township 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, 2018 and 2017 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions.

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 or conclusion, respectively, on the Township's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. 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 Township's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, 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  
February 23, 2019

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## **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  
MAY 14, 2019**