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# PERRY TOWNSHIP LOGAN COUNTY AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 - 2019



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Board of Trustees Perry Township PO Box 35 East Liberty, Ohio 43319

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of Perry Township, Logan County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. 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. Perry Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

August 24, 2021



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

June 4, 2021

Perry Township Logan County PO Box 35 East Liberty, Ohio 43319

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of Perry Township, Logan County (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, 2020 and 2019 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, 2020 and 2019 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

- 1. We recalculated the December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We agreed the January 1, 2019 beginning fund balances recorded in the Cash Summary by Fund to the December 31, 2018 balances in the documentation in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2020 beginning fund balances recorded in the Cash Summary by Fund to the December 31, 2019 balances in the Cash Summary by Fund. We noted the Township had a variance of \$162.10 due to voided checks issued in fiscal year 2019 that were voided during fiscal year 2020. We found no other exceptions.
- 3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2020 and 2019 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status and the financial statements filed by the Township in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.

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#### Cash (Continued)

- 4. We confirmed the December 31, 2020 bank account balances with the Township's financial institution. We observed a variance of \$162.10 due to the Township posting the voided checks as revenue as well as posting a fund balance adjustment. The Township has posted an adjustment to correct this. We found no other exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2020 bank reconciliation with the same variance as noted above.
- 5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2020 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January bank statement. We noted one check did not clear the bank in January or February 2021. We found no other exceptions.
  - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register, and determined the debits were dated prior to December 31. There were no exceptions.

#### **Property Taxes, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts**

- We selected a total of five receipts from the Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes, State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL), and the Vendor Expense History Report and a total of five from 2019:
  - a. We compared the amount from the above named reports to the amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper funds as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found one instance in 2020 and one instance in 2019 where Real Estate Settlement receipts were improperly posted into Intergovernmental instead of the Property Tax. We also found that the corresponding Real Estate Rollback receipts in 2019 were not always properly allocated to Intergovernmental and that an Ambulance Agreement Receipt was improperly posted to Miscellaneous instead of Intergovernmental. We found no other exceptions.
  - c. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2020 and 2019. The Revenue Ledger included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.

#### Other Receipts

We selected 10 other receipts from the year ended December 31, 2020 and 10 other receipts from the year ended 2019 and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger to supporting documentation. The amounts agreed.
- b. Confirmed the amounts charged complied with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- **c.** Inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine the receipt was posted to the proper funds and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions

#### Debt

- 1. The prior year audited statements documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2018.
- 2. We inquired of management and inspected the Revenue Ledger and Appropriation Ledger for evidence of debt issued during 2020 or 2019 or debt payment activity during 2020 or 2019. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2020 or 2019.

#### **Payroll Cash Disbursements**

- 1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2020 and one payroll check for five employees from 2019 from the Payroll Ledger and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Payroll Ledger to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary.
    - i. We inspected the minute record for the Retirement system, Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization.
    - ii. We agreed these items to the information used to compute gross and net pay related to this check.

We found no exceptions.

- b. We recomputed gross and net pay and agreed it to the amount recorded in the payroll register. We found no exceptions.
- c. We inspected the fund and account code(s) to which the check was posted to determine the posting was allowable based on the employees' duties as documented in the minute record. We found no exceptions.
- d. We 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, 2020 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 2020. We observed the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes & Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	February 1, 2021	December 31, 2020	\$7,135.20	\$7,135.20
State income taxes	February 1, 2021	January 4, 2021	\$758.34	\$758.34
School District income tax	February 1, 2021	January 4, 2021	\$63.05	\$63.05
OPERS retirement	February 1, 2021	January 4, 2021	\$3,212.57	\$3,212.57

- 3. For the pay periods ended November 30, 2020 and October 31, 2019 we
  - a. Recomputed the allocation of Fiscal Officer's and Boards' salary and Boards' ceritification amounts to the General, Fire Department, Gas, Park, Cemetery, and Road Funds per the Payroll Journal.
  - b. Traced the Fiscal Officer's and Boards' pay for time or services performed to supporting certifications the Revised Code requires. We found no exceptions.
- 4. We compared total gross pay for the fiscal officer and each board member for 2020 and 2019 to the compensation permitted by Ohio Revised Code Sections 507.09 and 505.24, respectively. We found no exceptions.
- 5. We inquired of management and inspected the Payroll Ledger for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 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 selected 10 disbursements from the Appropriation Ledger for the year ended December 31, 2020 and 10 from the year ended 2019 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 Appropriation Ledger 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 in 2020 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 inspect all disbursements requiring certification, our report provides no assurance whether or not additional similar errors occurred.

#### **Compliance – Budgetary**

- 1. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus certified commitments) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total approved appropriations (Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38 and 5705.40) plus any carryover appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2020 for the General, Gasoline Fund, and Special Levy Fund. We did the same for December 31, 2019 for the General Fund, Park Fund, and Lighting Assessment Fund. There were no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.
- 2. We inspected 2020 and 2019 Revenue Status Reports and Appropriation Status Reports for interfund transfers in compliance with Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.14 .16. We found no evidence of transfers these Sections prohibit, or for which Section 5705.16 would require approval by the Tax Commissioner.
- 3. We inspected the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 for negative cash fund<sup>2</sup> balances. 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. No funds had a negative cash fund balances.

#### **Sunshine Law Compliance**

- 1. We obtained and inspected the Township's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7(c) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We selected all public records requests from the engagement period and inspected each request to determine the following:
  - a. The Township was compliant and responded to the request in accordance with their adopted policy as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(1). Per inquiry of the Fiscal Officer, we found the Township had public records requests. However, they were unable to provide the support.

#### **Sunshine Law Compliance (Continued)**

- b. The Township did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period.
- c. Township did not have any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
- 3. We inquired whether the Township had a records retention schedule and observed that it was readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no exceptions.
- 4. We inspected written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
- 5. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have a policy manual during the engagement period therefore the public records policy could not be included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
- 6. We observed that the Township's poster describing their Public Records Policy was not displayed conspicuously in all branches of the Township as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
- 7. We selected all applications submitted to the Records Commission for one-time disposal of obsolete records, and management's review of the schedules of records retention and dispositions for the engagement period. We inspected the approval by the Records Commission for the selected and the review of the schedules. This was required by Ohio Rev. Code §109.43(B). We found no exceptions.
- 8. We inspected individual training certificates and determined whether each elected official in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(1) (or his/her designee) successfully attended a certified three-hour Public Records Training for each term of office as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 109.43(B). We found that one elected official did not receive training during the audit period, however the official still has the remainder of his term to receive the required training. We found no other exceptions.
- 9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the Township notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period were to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.
- 10. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
  - a. Prepared a file is created following the date of the meeting
  - b. Filed placed with similar documents in an organized manner
  - c. Maintained retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period
  - d. Open to public inspection available for public viewing or request.

We found no exceptions.

- 11. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
  - a. Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
  - b. The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code Section 121.22(G).
  - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.

We found no exceptions.

#### HB 481 / HB 614 Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Compliance

- 1. We inquired of management and those charged with governance and documented how the Township decided to spend their CRF allocations and how the Township evaluated and documented their compliance with the CARES Act three-prong test. We then selected all payroll, non-payroll, and subgrant/subloan transactions. and determined the Township:
  - a. Spent the CRF money (including additional distributions or redistributions) in accordance with use of funds requirements and
  - b. Maintained appropriate supporting documentation.

We found no exceptions.

2. We inquired with management and inspected the Appropriation Ledgers Report to determine the local government did not have an unencumbered balance of money to pay back to the county treasurer. We found no exceptions.

### **Other Compliance**

- 1. Ohio Rev. 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 regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. 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 the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions.
- 2. We inspected the Fiscal Integrity Act Portal (<a href="http://www.ohioauditor.gov/fiscalintegrity/default.html">http://www.ohioauditor.gov/fiscalintegrity/default.html</a>) to determine whether the fiscal officer obtained the training required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 507.12 and 733.81. Fiscal Officer did not obtain the required training.
- For all credit card accounts we obtained:
  - a list of all credit card account transactions.
  - a. We selected 1 credit card transaction from each credit card account for testing. For selected transactions we inspected documentation to determine that:
    - i. Each transaction was supported with original invoices and for a proper public purpose.

We found no exceptions.

- b. We selected 3 credit card statements from each credit card account for testing. For selected statements we inspected documentation to determine that:
  - i. No unpaid beginning balance was carried forward to the current billing cycle,
  - ii. Ending statement balance was paid in full, and
  - iii. Statement contained no interest or late fees.

We found 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, 2020 and 2019, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.

**Perry and Associates** 

Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

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#### **PERRY TOWNSHIP**

#### **LOGAN COUNTY**

#### **AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



Certified for Release 9/7/2021