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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Village of St. Henry
Mercer County
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Village of St. Henry's (the Village) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the year ended December 31, 2023 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions 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 year ended December 31, 2023 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Village.

The Village Council, Mayor and the management of the Village have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the Village's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the year ended December 31, 2023, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. No other party acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in the 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.

For the purposes of performing these procedures, this report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

Cash

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2023 bank reconciliation. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2023 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2022 balances in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the 2023 bank reconciliation adjusted UAN Balances and Adjusted Bank Balances as of December 31, 2023 to the total fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Report and the financial statements filed by the Village in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.

4. We confirmed the December 31, 2023 bank account balance with the Village's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2023 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected 5 reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2023 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 and determined the debits were dated prior to December 31. We found no exceptions.

Property Taxes and Intergovernmental Cash Receipts

1. We selected a total of 5 receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Listing (DTL), and the Mercer County Audit Trail by Account for 2023:
 - a. We compared the amount from the above named reports to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper fund(s) as required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.05 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the Receipt Register Report 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 Receipt Register Report to determine whether it included 2 real estate tax receipts for 2023. The Receipt Register Report included the proper number of tax receipts for the year. We found no exceptions.

Income Tax Receipts

1. We selected 5 income tax returns filed during 2023.
 - a. We compared the payment amount recorded on the tax return to the amount recorded on the Cash Register Tape Info. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We compared the cash register tape total from procedure a. to the amount recorded as income tax receipts in the Receipt Register Report for that date. The amounts agreed.
 - c. We compared the date of the receipts to the date the receipts was posted in the Receipt Register Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the year received. We found no exceptions.
 - d. We obtained the original income tax ordinance which set the rate and effective period. The original ordinance was dated December 9, 1974. We determined there were no additional (council or voter) approved amendments to the original ordinance. We agreed the original approved rate to the rate used on the income tax return. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected 5 income tax refunds from 2023.
 - a. We compared the refund paid from Payment Register Detail Report to the refund amount requested in the tax return. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We observed the approval by Fiscal Officer on each of the refunds. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We observed the refunds were paid from the General Fund as is required.

Water and Sewer Fund

1. We selected 10 Water and Sewer Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2023 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 Customer Receipt Report. The amounts agreed.
 - b. Amount charged for the related billing period:
 - i. Agreed with the debit to accounts receivable in the Customer Receipt Report for the billing period. We found no exceptions.
 - ii. Complied with rates in force during the engagement period multiplied by the consumption amount 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 funds and was recorded in the year received. We found no exceptions.
2. We observed the Aged Customer Delinquent Report.
 - a. This report listed \$6,482 of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2023.
 - b. Of the total receivables reported in the preceding procedure, \$1,742 were recorded as more than 90 days delinquent.
3. We observed the Daily Cash Receipt Journal.
 - a. This report listed a total of \$10,241 of non-cash receipts adjustments for the years ended December 31, 2023.
 - b. We selected 5 non-cash adjustments from 2023 and observed that the Village Administrator or Fiscal Officer approved each adjustment.

Debt

1. From the prior agreed-upon procedures documentation, we observed the following loans were outstanding as of December 31, 2022.
 - a. These amounts agreed to the Village's January 1, 2023 balances on the summary we used in procedure 3.
 - b. We inspected the debt's final offering documents for all outstanding debt, and we confirmed the Village does not have any debt covenants.

Issue	Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2022:
OPWC CT70S Parkview Drive & Willow Street Reconstruction	\$287,262
Ahlers Property & Broering Land Purchase	\$24,465
OPWC CM25H WWTP Expansion	\$47,453
Reier Property Loan – St Henry Bank	\$532,878
OWDA WWTP x8961	\$138,790

2. We inquired of management and inspected the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2023 or debt payment activity during 2023. All debt agreed to the summary we used in procedure 3.
3. We obtained a summary of loans debt activity for 2023 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules to General, Water Improvement and Wastewater Improvement 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.

4. We agreed the amount of debt proceeds received for 2023 from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the Other Capital Improvements fund per the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
5. For new debt issued during 2023, we inspected the debt legislation, which stated the Village must use the proceeds to complete the reconstruction of Anthony, Bernard, Cherry, and Park Streets. We inspected the Payment Register Detail Report and observed the Village completed the reconstruction in October 2023. We found no exceptions.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 1 payroll check for 5 employees from 2023 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). We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the fund and account codes to which the check was posted to determine the posting was allowable based on the employees' duties as documented in the employees' personnel files. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected 3 new employees and Council Members from 2023 and:
 - a. We inspected the employees' personnel files for the Retirement system, Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization.
 - b. We agreed the items in a above to the Employee General Information Report.
We found no exceptions.
3. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2023 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 during 2023. 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)	January 31, 2024	December 15, 2023	\$2,011	\$2,011
State income taxes	January 15, 2024	December 27, 2023	\$1,085	\$1,085
Village of St. Henry income tax	January 31, 2024	December 27, 2023	\$574	\$574
OPERS retirement	January 31, 2024	December 28, 2023	\$10,548	\$10,548
OP&F retirement	January 31, 2024	December 28, 2023	\$4,200	\$4,200
St. Mary's CSD	January 15, 2024	December 27, 2023	\$32	\$32
Celina CSD	January 15, 2024	December 27, 2023	\$2	\$2
Coldwater EVSD	January 15, 2024	December 27, 2023	\$6	\$6

We found no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

We selected 10 disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2023 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 § 5705.41(D). We found 2 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 § 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 § 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus certified commitments including outstanding encumbrances) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total approved appropriations (Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.38 and 5705.40) plus any carryover appropriations for the year ended December 31, 2023 for the General, Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax, and Enforcement and Education fund as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. Expenditures did not exceed appropriations.
2. We inspected all interfund transfers from 2023 Revenue Status Reports and Appropriation Status Reports for compliance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 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 year ended December 31, 2023 for negative cash fund balances. Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.10(l) 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. There were no funds having negative cash fund balances.

Sunshine Law Compliance

1. We obtained and inspected the Village'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 three public records requests from the engagement period and inspected each request to determine the following:
 - a. The Village was compliant and responded to the request in accordance with their adopted policy as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(1). We found no exceptions.
 - b. The Village did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period.

- c. The Village did not have any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the Village 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 inspected the Village's policy manual and determined the public records policy was included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
6. We observed that the Village's poster describing their Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the Village as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
7. We inquired with Village management and determined that the Village did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inspected individual proof of attendance 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 no exceptions.
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the Village 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 § 121.22(G).
 - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.We found no exceptions.

Contract Compliance:

1. We inspected the Appropriation Ledger and identified the Village had expenditures subject to competitive bidding. We found no exceptions.

2. We selected 1 contract subject to competitive bidding requirements for 2023 and
 - a. We inspected the contract and other bids for the contracted expenditure and determined:
 - i. The Village accepted the lowest bid and met the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code §735.05 and §731.141.
 - ii. No bid splitting occurred.
 - iii. No deliberate attempts to evade bid limitations occurred, such as successive contracts just under the bid amount, occurred.
 - iv. No apparent interest in the contract by a public official occurred.
We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the advertisements of the proposals for bids in the newspaper and on the Village website for requirements noted in ORC §731.14 and 731.141. We found one exception. The advertisement was not ran twice and did not include the Village's website to meet the requirements to eliminate the need for a second notice. Because we did not inspect all contracts requiring bidding, our report provides no assurance whether or not additional similar errors occurred.

Other Compliance

Ohio Rev. Code § 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, regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. 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 the year ended December 31, 2023 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.

We were engaged by the Village to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Village'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.

We are required to be independent of the Village and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the ethical requirements established by the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* related to our agreed upon procedures engagement.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

June 13, 2024

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



VILLAGE OF ST. HENRY

MERCER 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.



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