



**VILLAGE OF CARROLL
FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023-2022

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Village of Carroll's (the Village) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 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 years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 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 years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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 and December 31, 2022 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2022 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2021 balances in the prior year documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2023 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2022 balances in the Fund Ledger Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the 2023 and 2022 bank reconciliation adjusted UAN Balances and Adjusted Bank Balances as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 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.

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4. We observed the year-end bank balance on the financial institution's website. The balance agreed. 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 *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes*, State Distribution Transaction Listing (DTL), and the County Auditor DLTs for 2023 and a total of 5 from 2022:
 - 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 and 2022. The Receipt Register Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year. We found no exceptions.

Income Tax Receipts

1. We obtained the December 31, 2023 and 2022 Monthly Distribution Reports reports submitted by the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA, the agency responsible for collecting income taxes on behalf of the Village. We agreed the total gross income taxes per year to the Village's Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
2. We obtained the original income tax ordinance which set the rate and effective period. The original ordinance was dated November 10, 2015. We determined there were no additional (council or voter) approved amendments to the original ordinance. We agreed the most recent approved rate to the rate on RITA's supporting documentation. We found no exceptions.

Water and Sewer Fund

1. We selected 10 Water Operating and Sewer Operating Funds collection cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2023 and 10 Water Operating and Sewer Operating Funds collection cash receipts from the year ended 2022 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 Cash Receipts/Write-Off Journal. The amounts agreed.
 - b. Amount charged for the related billing period:
 - i. Agreed with the debit to accounts receivable in the Cash Receipts/Write-Off Journal 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 Trial Report.
 - a. This report listed \$5,149 and \$4,002 of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.
 - b. Of the total receivables reported in the preceding procedure, \$449 and \$0 were recorded as more than 90 days delinquent.
- 3. We observed the Aged Trial Report.
 - a. This report listed a total of \$868 and \$185 non-cash receipts adjustments for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.
 - b. We selected 5 non-cash adjustments from 2023 and 5 non-cash adjustments from 2022, and noted the village does not have a formal approval process for non-cash adjustments. Neither the Mayor or Village Council approved any non-cash adjustments in fiscal year 203 or 2022.

Debt

- 1. From the prior agreed-upon procedures] documentation, we observed the following loans were outstanding as of December 31, 2021.
 - a. These amounts agreed to the Village's January 1, 2022 balances on the summary we used in procedure 3.
 - b. We inspected the OWDA and OPWC Debt Agreements for all outstanding debt, and we confirmed the Village does not have any debt covenants.

| Issue | Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2021: |
|-------------|--|
| OWDA #4980 | \$178,181 |
| OWDA #8728 | 29,310 |
| OPWC #CQ14L | 255,284 |
| OPWC #CQ31V | 11,579 |
| OPWC #CQ20W | 873,964 |
| OPWC #CQ26Y | 31,540 |
| OWDA #8748 | 188,007 |

- 2. We inquired of management and inspected the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2023 or 2022 or debt payment activity during 2023 or 2022. All debt agreed to the summary we used in procedure 3.
- 3. We obtained a summary of loans debt activity for 2023 and 2022 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules to debt service 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 2022 from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the Sewer Operating fund per the Receipt Register Report. We found no exceptions.

5. For new debt issued during 2022, we inspected the debt agreement with OWDA and noted payments for sewer improvements were made directly from OWDA as required in the debt agreement. We found no exceptions.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 1 payroll check for 5 employees from 2023 and 1 payroll check for 5 employees from 2022 from the Wage Withholdings 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 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 all new employees and Council Members from 2023 and 3 new employees from 2022 and:
 - a. We inspected the employees'/Council Members' 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) | December 14, 2023 | December 29, 2023 | \$1,857.43 | \$1,857.43 |
| State income taxes | January 21, 2024 | December 22, 2023 | \$308.44 | \$308.44 |
| Village of Carroll income tax | April 7, 2024 | January 11, 2024 | \$432.98 | \$432.98 |
| OPERS retirement | January 31, 2024 | January 11, 2024 | \$5,611.71 | \$5,611.71 |
| Carroll School Income Tax | January 21, 2024 | December 29, 2023 | \$112 | \$112 |
| Fairfield Union Local Schools Tax | January 21, 2024 | December 29, 2023 | \$47.17 | \$47.17 |
| Lancaster School District Tax | January 21, 2024 | December 29, 2023 | \$39.60 | \$39.60 |
| Pickerington School District Tax | January 21, 2024 | December 29, 2023 | \$3.04 | \$3.04 |

We found no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 10 from the year ended 2022 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 no exceptions

Mayor's Court Transactions

1. We selected 5 cases from the court cash book and agreed the payee and amount posted to the:
 - a. Duplicate receipt book.
 - b. Docket, including comparing the total fine paid to the judgment issued by the judge (i.e. mayor)
 - c. Case file.

The amounts recorded in the cash book, receipts book, docket and case file agreed.

2. From the cash book, we selected 1 month from the year ended December 31, 2023 and 1 month from the year ended 2022 and determined whether:
 - a. The monthly sum of fines and costs collected for those months agreed to the amounts reported as remitted to the Village, State, or other applicable government in the following month. We found no exceptions.
 - b. The totals remitted for these 2 months per the cash book agreed to the returned canceled checks. 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 cash book.

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 years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 for the General, Drug Law Enforcement and Water Operating Funds as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. Expenditures did not exceed appropriations.
2. We inspected the 5 largest interfund transfers from 2023 and the 5 largest from 2022 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.

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 5 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 not included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
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.

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

1. For fiscal year 2022, we inquired of management and those charged with governance and documented how the Village decided to spend their CRF allocations and how the Village documented their compliance with the CARES Act three-prong test. We then selected all transactions including payroll, non-payroll, and subgrant/subloan transactions. and determined the Village:
 - 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

Contract Compliance:

1. We inspected the Minutes and identified the Village had expenditures subject to competitive bidding. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected the Village's only contract subject to competitive bidding requirements for 2022 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
 - 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 determined they were made as required by Ohio Rev. Code §731.14 and 7.16. We found no exceptions.

Other Compliance

1. 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 years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.
2. We inquired of the fiscal officer and inspected the Fiscal Integrity Act Portal (<http://www.ohioauditor.gov/fiscalintegrity/default.html>) to determine whether the fiscal officer obtained the training required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 507.12 and 733.81. The Fiscal Officer did not obtain any of the required training hours during their term of office.

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.



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Columbus, Ohio

June 13, 2024

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VILLAGE OF CARROLL

FAIRFIELD 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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