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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Village of Lynchburg  
Highland County  
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Village of Lynchburg's (the Village) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 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 years ended December 31, 2024 and 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 years ended December 31, 2024 and 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, 2024 and December 31, 2023 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2023 beginning fund balances for each opinion recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2022 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2024 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2023 balances in the Fund Ledger Report. We found no exceptions.

3. We agreed the 2024 and 2023 bank reconciliation adjusted UAN Balances and Adjusted Bank Balances as of December 31, 2024 and 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. We found that one credit on the Village reconciliation in the amount of \$339.80 did not have any supporting documentation. We brought this to management's attention.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2024 bank account balances with the Village's financial institutions. We found no exceptions. The balances agreed. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2024 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected 5 reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2024 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced two debits to the subsequent January bank statement. We found three debits were still outstanding.
  - 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.
6. We selected 5 reconciling credits (such as deposits in transit) from the December 31, 2024 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced four credits to the subsequent January bank statement. We found that one credit on the Village reconciliation in the amount of \$339.80 did not have any supporting documentation. We brought this to management's attention.
  - b. We agreed the credit amounts to the Receipts Register and determined they were dated prior to December 31. We found no exceptions.
7. We inspected the Fund Status Report to determine whether the Findings For Adjustment identified in the prior audit report, due from the State Highway, Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax, and Enterprise Debt Service Phase I, payable to the Street Construction Maintenance. & Repair and Enterprise Debt Service Phase II funds, were properly posted to the ledgers and reflected in the fund balances in Procedure 2. We found no exceptions.

#### **Property Taxes, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable 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 DTLs for 2024 and a total of 5 from 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 funds 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 2024 and 2023. The Receipt Register Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year. We found no exceptions.
3. We confirmed the total amount paid from the Village Utility department to the Village during 2023 and 2024 with the Village. We found no exceptions.
  - a. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.

- b. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Other Receipts**

We selected 4 (all) other receipts from the year ended December 31, 2024 and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report to supporting documentation. The amounts agreed.
- b. Inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine the receipt was posted to the proper funds, and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Water, Sewer and Trash Fund**

1. We selected 10 Water, Sewer and Trash Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2024 and 10 Water, Sewer and Trash Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended 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 History Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. Amount charged for the related billing period:
    - i. Agreed with the debit to accounts receivable in the Customer History 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 AR (Accounts Receivable) Report.
  - a. This report listed \$82,148 and \$113,495 of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.
  - b. Of the total receivables reported in the preceding procedure, \$31,999 and \$62,693 were recorded as more than 90 days delinquent.
3. We observed the Adjustment Report.
  - a. This report listed a total of \$93,724,392 and \$2,210 non-cash receipts adjustments for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.
  - b. We selected 5 non-cash adjustments from 2024 and 5 non-cash adjustments from 2023, and observed that the Village Administrator approved each adjustment except for an adjustment dated November 14, 2023 in the amount of \$10.

### **Debt**

1. From the prior audit report, we observed loans were outstanding as of December 31, 2022. These outstanding balances are included in the "Summary Debt Table - Carry Forward Balance" column in the summary chart in procedure 3.
2. We inquired of management and inspected the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2024 or 2023 or debt payment activity during 2024 or 2023. There were no new debt issuances during 2024 or 2023.

3. From the summary of outstanding debt for 2024 and 2023 below:
  - a. We agreed the principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules to debt service fund payments reported in the Payment Register Detail Report and included the total principal payments for both years in the table below. Leisure Time activities in the Covered Bridge fund of \$241,101 should have been posted as principal of \$230,277 and interest of \$10,824. Transportation in the Permissive motor vehicle license tax fund of \$14,253 should have been recorded as principal and interest of \$13,613 and \$640 respectively.
  - b. We compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Village made the payments. We found no exceptions.
  - c. Based on the principal payments made, we agreed the outstanding balances to debt amortization schedule and included the outstanding balances in the summary table below. We found no exceptions.
  - d. For any outstanding debt listed in the table below, we obtained the debt agreements and confirmed the Village was in compliance with its debt covenants. We found no exceptions.

Summary Debt Table					
Debt Issued	Carry Forward Balance 1/1/2023	New Issue 2023	New Issue 2024	Total Principal Payments 2023/2024	Outstanding Balance 12/31/2024
Ohio Public Works Commission #CT43L	\$ 10,400	\$0	\$0	\$2,600	\$7,800
Ohio Public Works Commission #CO18D	2,423	0	0	2,423	0
Ohio Public Works Commission #CO06K	45,800	0	0	11,450	34,350
Ohio Water Development Authority Loan #4982	197,334	0	0	50,479	146,855
Ohio Water Development Authority Loan #5268	449,571	0	0	105,824	343,747
Southern Hills Community Bank	243,890	0	0	243,890	0

### Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 1 payroll check for 5 employees from 2024 and 1 payroll check for 5 employees from 2023 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 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 and/or minute record. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected 3 (all) new employees and Council Members from 2024 and 1 (all) new employees and Council Members from 2023 and:
  - a. We inspected the employees' and 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, 2024 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 2024. 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, 2025	January10, 2025	\$2,747.95	\$2,747.95
State income taxes	January 15, 2025	January10, 2025	\$652.54	\$652.54
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2025	January13, 2025	\$4,039.01	\$4,039.01
OP&F retirement	January 31, 2025	January13, 2025	\$2,646.41	\$2,646.41

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, 2024 and 10 from the year ended 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 4 instances in 2024 and 4 instances in 2023 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 contract 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, 2024 and 2023 for the General, Street Construction Maintenance and Repair and Sewer Debt Service funds as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. Expenditures did not exceed appropriations.
2. We inspected 4 (all) interfund transfers from 2023 Revenue Status Reports and Appropriation Status Reports for compliance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.14 - .16. The Village transferred \$16,819.80 from the Water Operating Fund to the Utility Deposit Fund to correct fund balances to agree to amount held as deposit. This transaction should have been recorded as a fund balance adjustment. The Village had no transfers for 2024.

3. We inspected the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 for negative cash fund balance. Ohio Rev. Code § 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. 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 inquired with Village management and determined that the Village did not have any completed, redacted or denied public records requests 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). No record was provided that Ken Eaglin completed a public record training. His term ended 2023.
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 Minutes and 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 § 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 determined they were made as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 731.141. We found no exceptions.

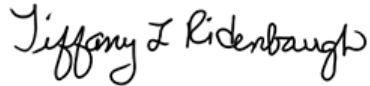
#### **Other Compliance**

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, 2024 and 2023 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.
2. We 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. Fiscal obtained the required training.

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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Chief Deputy Auditor

August 12, 2025

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**VILLAGE OF LYNCHBURG**

**HIGHLAND 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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