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VILLAGE OF GRAND RIVER  
LAKE COUNTY

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

Village of Grand River  
Lake County  
205 Singer Avenue  
Grand River, Ohio 44045

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Village Council and Mayor, and the management of the Village of Grand River (the Village) have agreed, solely to assist the Council and Mayor in evaluating receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, including mayor's court receipts, disbursements and balances, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. Management is responsible for recording transactions; and management, the Mayor, and / or the Council are responsible for complying with the compliance requirements. 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*. 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 tested the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2011 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Journal Report to the December 31, 2010 balances in the documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2012 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Journal Report to the December 31, 2011 balances in the Fund Journal Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2012 and 2011 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Journal Reports. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2012 bank account balances with the Village's financial institution. We found no exceptions. The balances agreed. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2012 bank reconciliation without exception.

5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2012 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January and February bank statements. 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. We noted no exceptions.
6. We tested investments held at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 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 and Intergovernmental Receipts**

1. We selected a property tax receipt from one *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes* (the Statement) for 2012 and one from 2011:
  - a. We traced the gross receipts from the Statement to the amount recorded in the Receipt Journal Report. We also traced the advances noted on the Statement to the Receipt Journal Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We determined whether the receipt was allocated to the proper fund as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We determined whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
2. We scanned the Receipt Journal Report to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts plus 2 advances for 2012 and 2011. We noted the Receipts Journal Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
3. We selected five receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2012 and five from 2011. We also selected five receipts from the County Auditor's Local Government Fund Distribution Report from 2012 and five from 2011.
  - a. We compared the amount from the above report to the amount recorded in the Receipt Journal Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Income Tax Receipts**

1. We obtained the December 31, 2012 and 2011 Statement of Income and Expenditures reports submitted by the Central Collection Agency, 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 Journal Report. The amounts agreed.

## Debt

1. From the prior agreed-upon procedures documentation, we noted the following loan outstanding as of December 31, 2010. These amounts agreed to the Villages January 1, 2011 balances on the summary we used in step 3.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2010:</b>
OPWC River Street Improvement Project	\$6,684.81

2. We inquired of management, and scanned the Receipt Journal Report and Appropriation Ledger Report for evidence of debt issued during 2012 or 2011 or debt payment activity during 2012 or 2011. All debt noted agreed to the summary we used in step 3.
3. We obtained a summary of loan debt activity for 2012 and 2011 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules to Street Construction Maintenance and Repair fund payments reported in the Appropriation Ledger 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 from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the Capital Projects – School property – 512 River Street fund per the Receipt Journal Report. The amounts agreed. The Village properly recorded the proceeds in a bond fund (i.e. capital projects fund) as required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09(E).
5. For new debt issued during 2012, we inspected the debt legislation, noting the Village must use the proceeds to acquire property for parks and recreation purposes. We scanned the Appropriation Ledger Report and noted the Village purchased a school building and land in April 2012, legal fees associated with the debt issuance in May 2012 and a riding lawn mower in June 2012. The Village has an unspent balance of \$17,662.50 as of December 31, 2012.

## Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2012 and one payroll check for five employees from 2011 from the Employee Detail Adjustment Report and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Employee Detail Adjustment Report to supporting documentation (timecard or legislatively approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
  - b. We determined whether the fund and account codes to which the check was posted were reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the minute record. We also determined whether the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We scanned the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2012 to determine whether 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 2012. We noted the following:

<b>Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Federal income taxes & Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2013	December 26, 2012	\$2,602.14	\$2,602.14
State income taxes	January 15, 2013	December 21, 2012	\$414.06	\$414.06
Village of Grand River income taxes	January 20, 2013	December 21, 2012	\$393.82	\$393.82
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2013	December 5, 2012	\$2,573.50	\$2,573.50
OP&F retirement	January 31, 2013	December 21, 2012	\$870.40	\$870.40

### **Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Check Register Report for the year ended December 31, 2012 and ten from the year ended 2011 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 Check Register 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 no exceptions.

### **Mayors Court Transactions and Cash Balances**

1. We tested the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We compared the reconciled cash totals as of December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 to the Mayor's Court Fund balance reported in the Fund Status Reports. The balances agreed.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of December 31, 2012 and 2011 listing of outstanding checks as of each December 31. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2012 bank account balance with the Mayor's Court financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balance to the amount appearing in the December 31, 2012 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We haphazardly selected five 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.



6. From the cash book, we haphazardly selected one month from the year ended December 31, 2012 and one month from the year ended 2011 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 two 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. We compared the total estimated receipts from the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources, required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Comparison of Budgeted and Actual Receipts for the General, Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair and Mayor's Court funds for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. The amounts agreed.
2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2012 and 2011 to determine whether, for the General, Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair and Mayor's Court funds, the Council appropriated separately for "each office, department, and division, and within each, the amount appropriated for personal services," as is required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38(C). We found no exceptions.
3. We compared total appropriations required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.38 and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Comparison of Disbursements and Encumbrances with Expenditure Authority Report for 2012 and 2011 for the following funds: General, Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair and Mayor's Court. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Comparison of Disbursements and Encumbrances with Expenditure Authority Report.
4. Ohio Rev. Code Sections 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, Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair and Mayor's Court funds for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. We noted no funds for which appropriations exceeded certified resources.
5. Ohio Rev. 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, 2012 and 2011 for the General, Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair and Mayor's Court funds, as recorded in the Comparison of Disbursements and Encumbrances with Expenditure Authority Report. We noted no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.
6. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 requires establishing separate funds to segregate externally-restricted resources. We scanned the Receipt Journal Report for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during December 31, 2012 and 2011. We also inquired of management regarding whether the Village received new restricted receipts. We noted no evidence of new restricted receipts for which Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 would require the Village to establish a new fund.

7. We scanned the 2012 and 2011 Receipt Journal Reports and Appropriation Ledger Reports for evidence of interfund transfers which Ohio Rev. 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 and Court of Common Pleas.
8. We inquired of management and scanned the Comparison of Disbursements and Encumbrances with Expenditure Authority Reports to determine whether the Village elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.13. We noted the Village did not establish these reserves.

#### **Compliance – Contracts & Expenditures**

We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Ledger Report for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 to determine if the Village proceeded by force account (i.e. used its own employees) to maintain or repair roads (cost of project exceeding \$30,000) or to construct or reconstruct Village roads (cost of project \$30,000/per mile) for which Ohio Rev. Code Sections 117.16(A) and 723.52 requires the Village engineer, or officer having a different title but the duties and functions of an engineer, to complete a force account project assessment form (i.e., cost estimate). We identified no projects requiring the completion of the force account assessment form.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the Village's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, those charged with governance, and others within the Village, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

September 5, 2013



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**LAKE COUNTY**

**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  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2013**