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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

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Belmont County
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Trustees and the management of the Bellaire Public Library, Belmont County, Ohio (the Library), agreed, solely to assist the Board in evaluating receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. Management is responsible for recording transactions; and management and the Board 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, 2016 and December 31, 2015 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2015 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2014 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found an exception with the General Fund in the amount of \$87 due to back-dating expenditures. We also agreed the January 1, 2016 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2015 balances in the Fund Status Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2016 and 2015 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Report. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2016 bank account balances with the Library's financial institutions. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2016 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2016 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, to determine the debits were dated prior to December 31. We noted no exceptions.

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Cash and Investments (Continued)

6. We tested investments held at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 to determine that they:
 - a. Were of a type authorized by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 135.13, 135.14 or 135.144. We found no exceptions.
 - b. Mature within the prescribed time limits noted in Ohio Rev. Code §§ 135.13 or 135.14. We noted no exceptions.

Public Library Fund Receipts

We selected two Public Library Fund (PLF) receipts from the Belmont County Cross Reference Report from 2016 and two from 2015.

- a. We compared the amount from the Belmont County Cross Reference Report to the amount recorded in the Audit Workbench (AWB) Payments and Receipts Report. The amounts agreed.
- b. We determined whether these receipts were posted to the General Fund. We found no exceptions.
- c. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
- d. We scanned the AWB Payments and Receipts Report to determine whether it included one PLF receipt per month for 2016 and 2015. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. The prior audit documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2014.
2. We inquired of management, and scanned the AWB Payments and Receipts Report for evidence of debt issued during 2016 or 2015 or debt payment activity during 2016 or 2015. We noted no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2016 or 2015.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2016 and one payroll check for five employees from 2015 from the AWB Payments and Receipts Report and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Wage Detail Report to supporting documentation (timecard and 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 board approved salary schedule. We also determined whether the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. For any new employees selected in step 1 we determined whether the following information in the employees' personnel file was consistent with the information used to compute gross and net pay related to this check:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Authorized salary or pay rate;
 - c. Department(s) and fund(s) to which the check should be charged;
 - d. Retirement system participation and payroll withholding;
 - e. Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization and withholding;
 - f. Any other deduction authorizations (deferred compensation, etc.).

We found no exceptions related to steps a. – f. above.

Payroll Cash Disbursements (Continued)

3. We scanned the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2016 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 of 2016. We noted the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes & Medicare	1/31/17	12/31/16	\$2,044.38	\$2,044.38
State income taxes	1/15/17	12/31/16	\$386.19	\$386.19
Local income tax	1/30/17	12/31/16	\$522.07	\$522.07
OPERS retirement	1/30/17	12/31/16	\$4,006.33	\$4,006.33

4. We haphazardly selected and recomputed one termination payment (unused vacation, etc.) using the following information, and agreed the computation to the amount paid as recorded in the Wage Detail Report:
 - a. Accumulated leave records;
 - b. The employee's pay rate in effect as of the termination date;
 - c. The Library's payout policy.

The amount paid was consistent with the information recorded in a. through c. above.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the AWB Payments and Receipts Report for the year ended December 31, 2016 and ten from the year ended 2015 and determined whether:

- a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We noted the following exceptions in 2016:
 - The Library incurred a fee and interest due to late payment of the Chase credit card in the amount of \$33.59.
 - Travel expenses (meals and lodging) were reimbursed to an employee for attending a conference in the amount of \$176.61. These reimbursements were not made in accordance with Library policy.

However, because we did not test all disbursements, our report provides no assurance regarding whether or not other similar errors occurred.

- 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 AWB Payments and Receipts 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.

Compliance – Budgetary

1. We compared total appropriations required by Ohio Admin. Code § 117-8-02, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report for 2016 and 2015 for the following funds: General and Special Gift Fund. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status report.

Compliance – Budgetary (Continued)

2. Ohio Admin. Code § 117-8-02 prohibits spending in excess of budgeted amounts. We compared total expenditures to total appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 for the General and Computer Fund Donations Fund, as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. We noted no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.

Other Compliance

Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 requires entities to file their financial information in the HINKLE system formerly known as the Annual Financial Data Reporting System (AFDRS) within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. We reviewed AFDRS to verify the Library filed their financial information within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. No exceptions noted.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the Library'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 Library, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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April 25, 2017



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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
MAY 30, 2017**